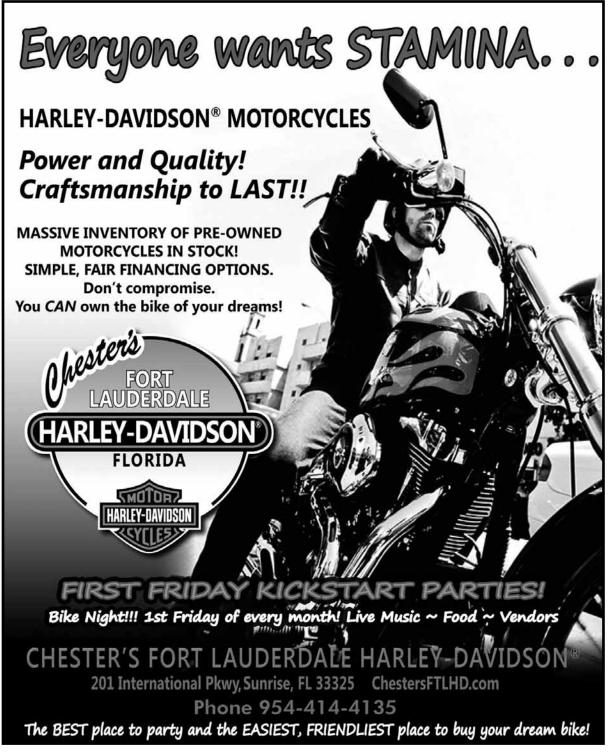
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# President's Message

In Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> after our Chapter meeting we rode to the Wings of Gold party at the Quarterdeck in Davie. As always Tattoo Dave and his club put on a great party. The Southeast Chapter of ABATE won a trophy for the largest organization attending. There were plenty of vendors for you to look at. Even though it was raining on and off it was still a great day.

On June 29<sup>th</sup> Alice and I took a ride up to the Palm Beach Chapter of ABATE Freedom Rights Rally at Renegades in West Palm Beach. Again the rain forced us to take the cage. Nighthawk and his chapter threw another great party with lots of door prizes. We won the grand prize of a bottle of Bulleit Bourbon. When Alice was returning to our table with our prize a guy offered her \$50.00 for the bottle but knowing my fondness for bourbon she turned it down. We popped the cork when we got home (it actually has a cork) and enjoyed a taste.

On Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> the US Military Vets MC Chapter Two held their party at Goal Line Sports Bar in Hollywood. Sparks and the rest of his group had an awesome party even though it rained on and off all day. Even with all the rain the parking lot was filled with bikes and vendors.

Usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July we put up a ladder and climb up on our roof to watch the fireworks from a half a dozen cities. This year we went to the States MC Clubhouse in Pompano Beach. There was so much food including a roast pig that we ate like there was no tomorrow. When it was dark enough they set off the fireworks display which lasted about an hour. It was like going to a city fireworks display but without the crowds and traffic.

On Friday July 12<sup>th</sup> Alice and myself attended the ABATE of Florida, Inc Leadership Seminars in Clermont. Frank T., our Treasurer and his wife Lisa, our Safety Director Gambler and our Products Trustees Joel and Cathy also attended. Again the rain made travel difficult. We drove through forty miles of downpour before the weather finally cleared. At about 8PM we decided to go out for dinner. Unfortunately, no one told us that they roll the sidewalks up early in Central Florida. We drove from place to place trying to find an open restaurant. I made so many u-turns that I lost count. We finally found a pizza place called Napoli Pizzeria which is owned by two guys who were originally from Hollywood. They fixed us up with a couple of awesome subs.

On Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> I attended the Products class with Joel & Cathy and the Safety class with Gambler. I also went to the Delegates, Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Newsletter and finally Membership classes. All from 8AM to 2PM with lunch in between. Frank T attended the Treasurers class by himself which lasted for four hours. Thank you Frank for doing that. Saturday night we went early to dinner at a rib joint called Jack Benny's which has been in business for over sixty years. The food was pretty good.

On Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> I attended a three hour President's seminar. Every year I attend I learn more about being a president and about what ABATE does do for the biker community.

After the President's meeting we continued on to Ocala to the National Museum of Drag Racing which is owned by NHRA legend "Big Daddy" Don Garlits. I have been a huge fan of the sport for more than forty

years and have created a library of drag racing tapes which I donated to the Museum. We were unable to see "Big Daddy" in person on this trip, but we were able to tour the Museum which houses his collection of Top Fuel and Funny cars as well as his amazing collection of antique cars.

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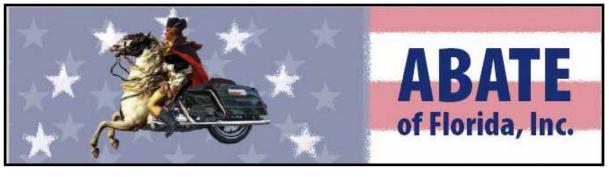
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We need your help. When you receive your renewal it is in your best interest if you fill out the renewal portion. I know this sounds stupid, but it does happen, more often than not, so please fill in the information SO WE CAN READ IT. You cannot believe the renewals we receive which are not filled out at all. So PLEASE take the time to fill out the renewal. Also make sure you renew in the month you joined and before the 30 day grace period ends.

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### Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes July 21, 2013

Sgt @ Arms, Jimmy "Les" Lesniak called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. There were 48 members and 1 guest in attendance. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer by our Chaplain "Poppi" with thoughts and prayers for one of our long time members, Jim "Kickstart" Lippy who was involved in a serious accident.

### President's Report

BARS thanked all members for coming, there were no new members today. A special thanks for support from our brother MC's and Associations with representation today from Keltics MC, American Legion Riders, Scurvy Few MC Stateside Chapter, VVA 23, Legion Post 321, Der Krieger MC & Masonic Riders. BARS, Poppi, Gambler, Cathy and Joel attended the State Leadership Seminars and learned a lot. We have drawing tickets for the 10,000.00 First Prize to be given away at next year's bike week in Daytona. Whenever we go to an event, it is very important to sign in. At last month's Wings of Gold event, we were awarded a trophy for Largest Organization. It makes a difference. Cigar Charlie gave us an update on Jim Lippy. He hit a curb, his bike flipped over landed on him, flipped again Jim hit his head on the road. He was wearing a helmet and is currently in Hollywood Memorial Hospital, the intensive care unit and was placed in an induced coma. They take him out of the coma from time to time to do testing. So far he has been responsive. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

### Vice-President's Report

Poppi thanked all our members for the help and support of our chapter last year. We are looking forward to another great year. Your board and chapter are only as good as they are because of our members support and dedication.

### Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of June's meeting as printed in the newsletter. All in favor, motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

Frank was excused. He was in Amsterdam but do not worry, he left the checkbook with BARS. Paul read the financial report for June. A motion was made to accept the financial report for June, all in favor motion passed.

### Sergeant at Arms Report

Jimmy Les thanked all our members for their support at our Memorial Day Event. We were very organized and plan to continue keeping our events organized. Both Stretch and Tank have stepped up to help as Assistance Sgt @ Arms. Thank you very much.

### **Road Captain's Report**

Postal reported weather has played a big part in not setting up any group rides. If you have any suggestions, please let him know. His phone number was omitted in error in this month's newsletter but will be in next month's. Right after today's meeting we will be having a group ride over to the 6th Annual Bike Bash.

### Safety Directors Report

Gambler reported he went to the State Seminars and attended a number of seminars,

not just the Safety Directors. If you know of any organization, association, condo board, or company where we can give our safety course, please let him know.

### **Products Report**

Cathy and Joel also attended the leadership seminars and we do have products. If you need anything, feel free to give them a call at 954-818-4481. Just a reminder,

we have the ability to accept credit cards.

### **Events Coordinator**

Shaky reported we are having an issue on where to have our October event. It seems

there are now of number of local city's who will require a permit in order to have

Vendors at an event. Permit costs are between 400.00 and 600.00 just to have

Vendors. If you know of any place in a city who does not require a permit,

please let him know. In the past we have had our event up in Deerfield Beach area.

We will look into this but we need to address this issue and find a local establishment.

### State Reps Report

There was no state meeting. Next month's state meeting will be held at Cape Coral.

Both BARS and Poppie will be going, if you want to go, please give BARS a call.

### **Membership Report**

George was excused. BARS reported we have 644 members on the books. We are still the largest chapter in the state. In addition we have the largest number of registered voters and are number 3 with the amount of Life Members. Reminder, when you get your renewal in the mail, PLEASE take the time to fill out completely, send it in timely and when you fill it out, please do it in a way that we can read it.

### **Newsletter Editor**

Wildcat reported all board members and trustees must keep a professional appearance by using their

assigned chapter email address. Get with our web-master for your password access. If you do not have

Outlook or Outlook Express, Rogue can link your ABATE email to your personal email. Reminder all articles, pictures etc must be submitted no later than our monthly meeting.

### Legislative Report

Brad reported not much going on. First date to start filing bills is 8/8/13. BARS reported Michigan now has Freedom of Choice. This has turned into a huge revenue producer for the state. It seems the states which border Michigan have had freedom of choice while Michigan has not. Now that they do, motorcycle sales and registrations have increased. For those heading up to the lake, the Tiki Hut in Clewiston has always been a favorite stop for a good burger and cold refreshments. Well times have changed. Reports are if you are wearing MC Colors, Motorcycle Association or Organization Patches etc on your vest, you are no longer welcomed. Discussion followed. There have been bars and restaurants in Ft. Lauderdale who have tried this in the past. We hope the Tiki Bar realizes those who have tried this in the past are no longer in business. We will set up a group ride to see what their issues are. If they won't serve us, it won't be a total loss as we understand there are a number of establishments in Clewiston who will welcome us with open arms. We will keep our members posted. Discussion followed on public parking garage access.

### **Public Relations**

Fern was excused. You can always find her at an event promoting ABATE.

### Advertising

Pixie reported all advertising was up-to-date. A special thanks to BARS in assisting to get our advertising in order.

Support our advertisers, they support us.

### **Social Directors Report**

Wildcat reported next month's birthday party will be held at Shank's. This will be a combination party for our members born in July and August. Come on out to meet, greet and enjoy. The party will be on Aug. 24, 2013 starting at 7:00 pm.

### **Newsletter Distribution**

Debbie reported all is going well. Our deliverers are doing a great job.

**Quartermaster's Report** 

Bob was excused. No report.

Photographer's Report

No report

### Web-Master's Report

Rogue reported web is up and running.

### Legal Council

Brad reported if any member needs any legal help to please give him a call. If your issue is not one which he specializes in, he can refer you to an attorney who does.

### **Old Business**

None New Business

None

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Steve reported starting this Monday, BSO and numerous city motor units will be calibrating radar units in the different school zones. School starts in 3 weeks. If you are caught speeding, the fine will be doubled. Plan to give them at least \$350.00 if caught.

Right after the meeting – Group ride to the 6th Annual Summer Bike Bash

8/4/13 – Davida's Memorial Service. Meeting here at the legion between 800am and 900am. KSU @ 0930am. 8/9 to 8/11/13 – 18th Annual South Florida Tattoo Expo.

Patty asked for all our members to sign a birthday card for her brother John.

Cowboy wanted to say Thank You to Shaky for all his help and support.

Check the hotline for updates. All Southeast Chapter Group Rides start at our American Legion Post 321 unless otherwise advised.

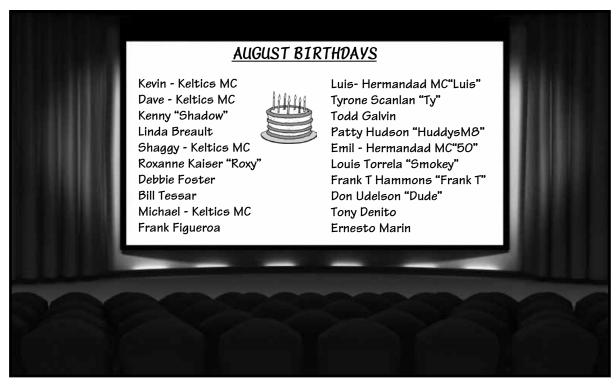
A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned 11:03am

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

Paul A Molcer Paul A. Melcer Secretary



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# BldHippy's Corner



was going over some of my "old" college history stuff and came upon a lecture that was done on the 12<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution.

The Twelfth Amendment (Amendment XII) to the United States Constitution provides the procedure for electing the President and Vice President. It replaced Article II, Section 1, Clause 3, which provided the original procedure by which the Electoral College functioned. Problems with the original procedure arose in the elections of 1796 and 1800. The Twelfth Amendment was proposed by the Congress on December 9, 1803, and was ratified by the required number of state legislatures on June 15, 1804

Under the original procedure for the Electoral College, each elector could vote for two persons. The two people chosen by the elector could not both inhabit the same state as the elector. This prohibition was designed to keep electors from voting for two "favorite sons" of their respective states. The person receiving the greatest number of votes, provided that number equaled a majority of the electors, was elected President.

Selecting the Vice President was a simpler process. Whichever candidate received the greatest number of votes, except for the one elected President, became Vice President. The Vice President, unlike the President, did not require the votes of a majority of electors. In the event of a tie for second place among multiple candidates, the Senate would choose one of them to be Vice President, with each Senator casting one vote. It was not specified in the Constitution whether the sitting Vice President could cast a tie-breaking vote for Vice President under the original formula

The First Two Vice Presidents: Adams and Jefferson were men of extraordinary ability. Both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson gained the office as runners-up in presidential contests, with the support of those who believed they were amply qualified to hold the top office. Each recognized, in assuming this new and as yet loosely defined position, that his actions would set precedents for future vice presidents. But one precedent established by Adams and Jefferson would not be repeated for over three decades; although both men won election as president immediately following their terms as vice president, no sitting vice president would repeat this pattern until 1836, when Martin Van Buren succeeded Andrew Jackson. The gap thereafter was even longer. More than 150 years elapsed before George H.W. Bush won the presidency in 1988 at the conclusion of his eight years as Ronald Reagan's vice president. In the election of 1800, however, the constitutional system for electing presidents broke down, as both Jefferson and Aaron Burr received the same number of electoral votes. This impasse threw the contest into the House of Representatives, where for thirty-five separate ballots; neither candidate was able to gain a majority. When the stalemate was finally broken, the House elected Jefferson president, thus making Aaron Burr our third vice president. Within four years of this deadlocked election, Congress had passed, and the necessary number of states had ratified, the Twelfth Amendment to the Constitution,

instituting the present system wherein electors cast separate ballots for president and for vice president. Well, I'm Out of time, and in closing...

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# First off all thanks to all our membership of the SE Chapter for your turn out for our June election meeting, we had almost 100 members attending, that was one of the biggest turnouts I've ever seen. The elections went off without a hitch, thanks to Steve who ran our election very smoothly, thanks Steve.

Vice Prez

The board hasn't changed much except for a few positions. I think the new members will do, very well. The main board has stayed the same as last year, and I think we can do as good as last year, if not better, especially with all the help and support of you all, we can only do a good job when everybody pitches in.

We started last year a little down, but we ended on a high note, a lot of that can be contributed to our President "Bars", and his dedication to his position. The rest of us on the Board are only as good as our leadership. I'm really looking forward to this new year, and I think it's going to be a good one.

Remember that we all will need each other's participation, and help to move forward in the right direction. Any suggestions and ideas are always welcome, and will be considered, just let one of us

know, we will look at them seriously.

Once again I say thank you, and we are, really looking forward to this next year.

Let's all be proud of Abate South East Chapter, and let everybody know that we are, and we believe in what we are doing for the motorcycling community.



Your V.P. Poppie































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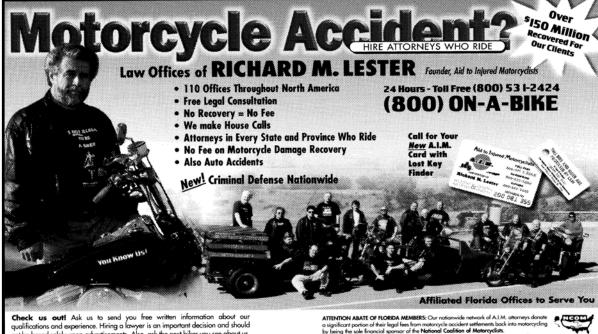
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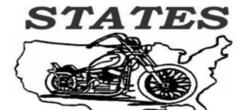
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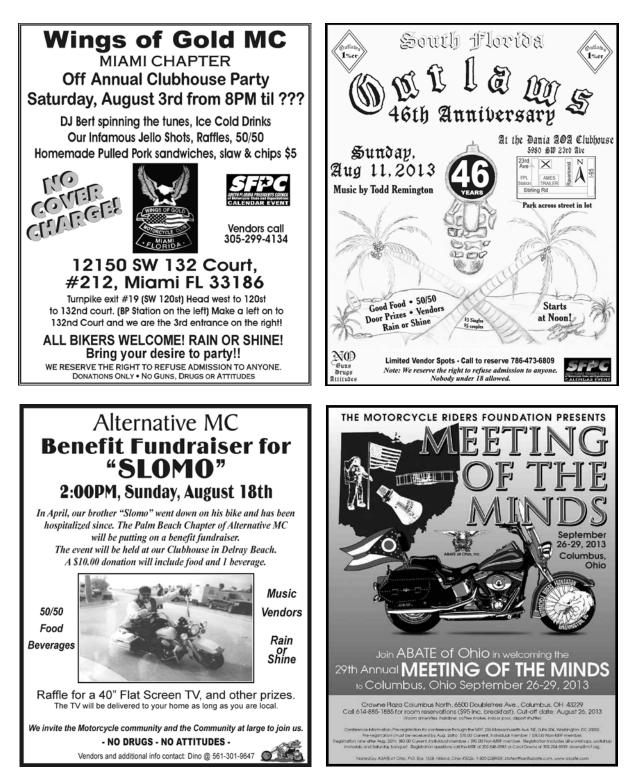


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## In Some Ways We Are Like Gold

When gold is refined, it takes up to seven times to have it refined to complete purity. The way gold is refined reminds me that we are the gold and God is the Refiner. Gold is heated up to extreme temperatures which allow all impurities to be burned away. The closer gold is to being purified, the more the refiner sees his reflection. The refiner knows when the gold is completely refined when the refiner sees his reflection perfectly. Do you see the implications? When the gold (us) have had all the impurities burned away (by suffering), then the gold (us) reflects the Refiner (God).

So suffering makes us reflect God in our lives and we are growing in perfection although not yet perfect. God's sovereign hand is always leading us, guiding us, directing us to something better, whether we see it or not. Sometimes He is directing us to our knees. At other times He directs us to repent. Yet other times He directs us to depend upon Him. And sometimes He directs us away from something that would hurt us. He will not leave us to ourselves...He loves us to much to do that.

As God tries to see His reflection in us, He can't, we all fall short we can not reach perfection. There is nothing we can do on our own. That's why God sent His only son, Jesus Christ, the only sinless person to ever walk on earth to live, suffer, and die, to take away all the sins of the world past, present, and future.

When we believe that fact, The Father in Heaven (God), looks at us He sees the perfect reflection of His Son Jesus Christ in us. As long as we believe that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ did die for all our sins, (imperfections),to give us everlasting life in Heaven. We do that by admitting we all are sinners, ask for forgiveness, repent, and ask Jesus into our lives as our Lord and Savior, and we will reap these benefits.

It's worth it, so don't miss out.

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## A Message From Your Newsletter Editor

Hello everyone, I'm BACK! :) First I'd like to apologize for this newsletter getting out a little late. My first problem was starting from scratch, and learning a little more about using this software I need to have on my computer in order to do page layouts. So that was part of my delay. Plus not having much to go on either. Plus I also work a full-time job as well. So, if anyone thinks that this is easy? Let me know, I may be able to show you how to do this!

This is my 1<sup>st</sup> issue starting out for the month of August, after taking over from "OldHippy" Bob, which he had taken over from me a year ago. And I had my work cut out for me for someone who was

starting over fresh. There was a lot of work I had to do. Some old ads had to be taken out from the old issue that I left off from a year ago. And also adding some new ones as well.

We understand that things are tough due to the economy these days, but any kind of ad will do if you want customers to be informed of what's happening at a place of business. We really need more advertisers, and I alone can not do that all by myself. We need our members to make whatever effort they can to try and get more advertisers in this newsletter or we will be forced make some cutbacks on some pages and slow the distribution down to every other month. No ad, no customers. Then eventually no newsletter.

We should also show our appreciation for these businesses, the ones who are already our advertisers by going to their establishments and showing them our support. Found out from a couple of them that no one is visiting them. Our pages will be getting smaller if there aren't any advertisers. ABATE is a <u>non-profit</u> organization and needs some source of funding to keep it published for our readers. It doesn't happen by itself! And the newsletter won't make itself either!! Not only just for ads, but also to keep everyone informed on important information from the state, or any new laws that will affect our motorcyclists rights or safety and awareness pro-



grams. Our events are only 3 times a year, and the money from that only goes so far. We do have some of our own expenses that do need to be paid too. So please, let's go get 'em...and look for ones that look like fun too!!

And in closing...I would like to give a very special Thank you to Miami Mike for helping me out by sending me a lot of ads, flyers, and so on for getting the newsletter off to a good start for this month. And Axman, Thank you so much for the effort you put in for sending me pictures too. Mike "Rogue" Hager, thank you for some of the pictures you sent to me as well. You are also doing an outstanding job with our Chapter's Website.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to ask, or you can email me at: *news@abatese.us.* I also have two other jobs that I took on as the Social Director, and as the Photographer. Please use the same email that I mentioned above. Thank you for having me again as your Newsletter Editor, and please help out our Chapter as much as possible and it will prosper. As busy as I am making this Newsletter looking it's best, being a Social Director, and a Photographer, I will drop in an Article every once in awhile for you avid readers. Until next time...Enjoy! :)

Take Care All and Be Safe

Lee Ann "Wildcat" Lewis Newsletter Editor Social Director/Photographer









# From Your Safety Director



OMG! What are the outside degrees? Is it in the 90's, but the heat index is in the 100's? All I know is, its **HOT, HOT, HOT!** This is the time of year we love to go on long rides, and go to all the Rallies and Parties both locally and throughout Florida. But it's not easy keeping cool and comfortable when it's so hot outside. Have you ever been riding and discovered you stopped sweating, had dry mouth, felt a little dizzy? All signs of dehydration. Other signs of dehydration are fatigue, headache, confusion and little or no urine. It is important to keep our bodies hydrated at all times, especially during these hot summer months. Your body depends on water for survival. Did you know that water makes up more than half your body weight? Every cell, tissue and organ in your body uses water to maintain its temperature, remove waste and lubricate joints.

Some of the complications of dehydration are decreased blood flow to vital organs. This could result in kidney failure, coma, shock, heat exhaustion, heat stroke and even death if not treated. The best way to keep hydrated is drink plenty of water during the day. Water is the best remedy. If you don't like plain water add lemon or lime, or another flavor. There are plenty of water flavored additives to choose from at the grocery store. Sport drinks like Gatorade or Powerade are also good because they contain carbohydrates that can prevent low blood sugar and can also help replace electrolytes that are lost with body fluids. But don't confuse sport drinks with energy drinks that may contain high doses of caffeine and sugar.

Stay away from caffeinated beverages like coffee, tea and some sodas. These are diuretic which means they will cause your body to eliminate more water and fluids than it takes in. You should also know that beer and other alcoholic beverages are also diuretic and should be avoided. While it may seem like they are rehydrating your body, it is only temporary. They in fact will also cause an increase in the output of bodily fluids.

It all comes down to this, stay hydrated, stay safe, stay healthy, and have fun.

Until next time, ride safe.

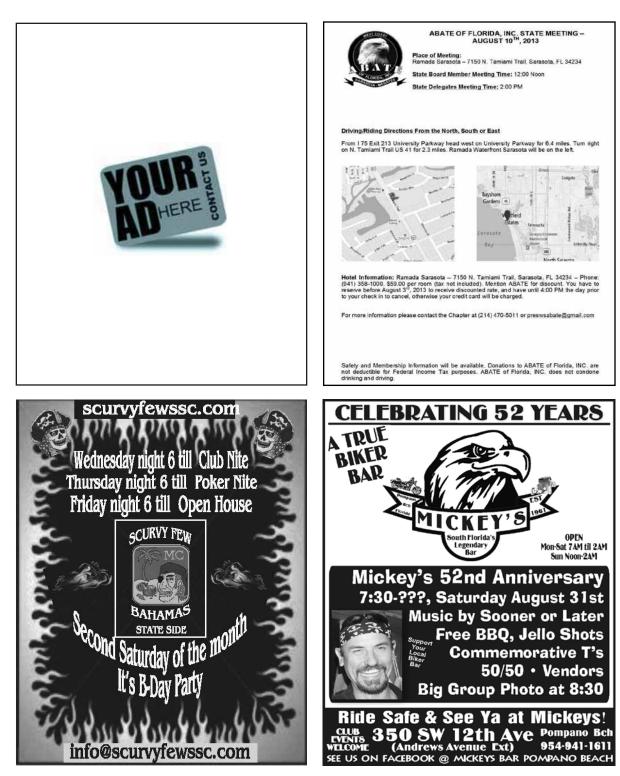
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## EMISSIONS TESTING NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR MOTORCYCLES

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has dropped its requirement that Phoenix-area motorcycles undergo annual emissions inspections, the last place in the country to require such testing. The federal agency has approved a request from state environmental officials in Arizona that motorcycle tests be discontinued, effective immediately.

The request to drop the testing requirement came in response to a 2008 state law requiring the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to do an analysis of pollutants emitted by motorcycles and make a proposal to the federal agency. "Our analysis has determined that the cost and inconvenience is not providing a significant environmental benefit," said Trevor Baggiore, deputy director of air quality at ADEQ.

Even though motorcycles account for 3.5% of vehicles on the area's roads, the department's analysis determined that they emit "insignificant" amounts of pollution, accounting for less than 1% of total emissions in the Phoenix metro area.

Pima County (Tucson) and Maricopa County (Phoenix) were the only areas in the United States that required motorcycles to pass yearly emissions inspections at a cost of \$19 per test, and Pima County halted motorcycle testing in 2007.

Congratulations to ABATE of Arizona, the MMA of Arizona and the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (ACMC) for their years of stalwart efforts to relieve Grand Canyon State riders of these unnecessary costs and burdensome time wasted in long lines.

## ANTI-ABORTION MEASURE RIDES MOTORCYCLE BILL THROUGH N.C. HOUSE

In controversial political maneuvering, the Republicancontrolled North Carolina House recently pushed through anti-abortion legislation, using as their vehicle a motorcycle safety bill that lawmakers had stealthily gutted and turned into a measure to further regulate abortion clinics.

Republicans introduced the legislation (S.B. 353) in the House Judiciary Committee the previous morning by attaching the abortion provisions to a motorcycle safety bill -- without first

notifying either the public or their Democratic colleagues. "This bill came hurriedly through the Senate, rerouted through the House on a motorcycle," lamented state Rep. Alma Adams (D). "No input from stakeholders, no public scrutiny, no transparency, no fiscal note."

The final vote was 74-41 on July 13; the bill now heads back to the GOP-led state Senate for approval, then on to Governor Pat McCrory (R) who says he will sign the measure into law if it reaches his desk.

#### GUAM ENACTS "LIMITED HELMET LAW"

Originally, Senator Tommy Morrison's bill called for universal helmet use for all motorcycle riders in the U.S. protectorate of Guam, but the revised version of his proposed helmet law makes it mandatory only for riders under the age of 18 and for those with less than 3 years riding experience.

After a lengthy public hearing and receiving input from the community, Bill No. 87 "Limited Helmet Law" passed unanimously, and also requires new riders to first complete a defensive driving/motorcycle safety education course prior to being licensed and prohibits licensees from operating a motorcycle or scooter of larger engine size than that which they take the motorcycle exam on. In order to operate a motorcycle with a larger engine, the operator must apply and test for a new license under that engine size.

#### AMENDED HELMET LAW HAS POSITIVE ECONOMIC BEN-EFIT IN MICHIGAN

Changes last year in Michigan's mandatory helmet law have had a positive effect on motorcycle riding in Michigan, according to ABATE of Michigan. There has been an increase in motorcycle travel in Michigan since April of 2012, said ABATE in a recent press release.

"Motorcycle tourism is up. Motorcyclists across the country are coming to Michigan in droves. Very few out-of-state motorcyclists were seen in Michigan before the adult helmet requirement was modified," according to ABATE. "Cyclists from across the country are discovering the beauty of the lower and upper peninsulas of Michigan. There is an increase of out-ofstate participation in Michigan motorcycle events by as much as five times during the summer of 2012."

"Our members have reported an increase in motorcycle tourism since the enactment of the rider choice law," added Scott Ellis, executive director of the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association, which represents more than 1,800 restaurant, bar,

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party store, hotel and casino establishments across the state. "From Monroe to Muskegon to the Keweenaw Peninsula, more out-of-state motorcyclists are stopping, staying and spending money at our restaurants, hotels and attractions," he told the Midland Daily News.

Motorcycle sales also are up in Michigan, and ABATE says that 2012 was the safest riding season in 10 years for licensed motorcyclists in the state.

# MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINTS IN NEW YORK NET NEARLY A HUNDRED TICKETS

More than 80 motorcyclists and their vehicles were checked by specially-trained State Police motorcycle inspectors near Buffalo, NY in mid-June, with two checkpoints resulting in the issuance of 92 traffic tickets for offenses that included helmet and equipment violations.

New York has been the epicenter for the Motorcycle-Only Checkpoint debate, which has resulted in four states; New Hampshire, North Carolina, Virginia and California, passing laws to prohibit law enforcement agencies from establishing motorcycle-only checkpoints.

In addition, on the federal level Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) has introduced H.R. 1861 "To stop motorcycle checkpoint funding," and also contains language "to force the DOT to focus motorcycle safety efforts on crash prevention programs, not national helmet mandates."

#### MOTORCYCLE CLUB SUES CITY OVER DISCRIMINATION

A local motorcycle club said it was just doing things by the book when it filed a permit to hold a BBQ fundraiser at a local park in Rio Vista, California, but the city and the police chief turned that simple request down. Now, the motorcycle club is filing suit, claiming it was discriminated against.

"No one other than us has ever tried to put in a permit," Saxon Creed MC President Rob Anderson told News 10/KXTV. "We thought we were doing the right thing."

Last July, the club wanted to hold its fundraising pig roast at Blackwelder Park, the same park where dozens of other community events have been held. So, the group filed for a permit with the city. But, the request was declined by the police chief and the city.

The group held their pig roast this year without problems at a Veteran's Hall, right next door to the park they applied to last

year.

Members of Saxon Creed MC say they feel like the request was denied because they are bikers. The group has filed a discrimination lawsuit, claiming its civil rights were violated. They're suing for \$250,000 in damages on behalf of their 15 members. "It makes me very angry," Anderson said. "This is America. We all have rights. I don't like seeing anyone's rights trampled on."

#### MAN ON A MISSION

"This will be the most important thing I have ever done." says Tim King, founder and news editor of Salem-News.com, in regard to his scheduled 48-state motorcycle ride for Veterans. "I am riding 48 states this summer to educate Vets through talks and media appearances about health issues that are taking lives; we're talking about PTSD/TBI, Agent Orange and the effects of serving aboard toxic military bases."

A former Marine who has covered the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, Tim and his wife Bonnie received the NCOM Silver Spoke Award for Media in 2011 for advocating on behalf of motorcycle clubs and riders and their civil rights, and they have also been recognized by the Oregon Confederation of Clubs for Excellence in Journalism.

Tim is riding thousands of miles to share the information he has accumulated over his journalism career and nine specific years reporting for Salem-News.com and he's doing it by himself, so your help can make Tim's trip safer and more effective.

Tim's covering an ongoing war here at home where Veterans are fighting for their rights, and he'll be checking in with motorcycle riders who are busy defending their civil rights in regard to club membership and other issues, so he's enlisting the support of the motorcycle community to publicize and help fund his mission. Along the way he'll be writing stories and posting photos and videos of the places and people he visits, and you'll be able to track his progress at Salem-News.com and also via this dedicated Facebook page at www.facebook.com/tim. king.146612?ref=tn\_tmm.

#### VERTICAL MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE BILL CLEARS PA HOUSE

Legislation allowing the vertical display of registration plates on motorcycles was recently passed by the state House and now heads to the Senate for consideration.

House Bill 1060 is sponsored by state Rep. Mark Keller (R-86).

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"This legislation is specific to motorcycles," explained Rep. Keller. "Currently, the state vehicle code does not specify how a vehicle registration plate may be mounted. However, regulations in Title 67 of the Pennsylvania Code require horizontal mounting of vehicle registration plates and do not give the option for vertical mounting."

HB 1060 would also "authorize the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to produce, upon request, registration plates for motorcycles which display the identifying characters in a vertical alignment."

"Owners of custom-made or vintage motorcycles are sometimes reluctant to mount the registration plate horizontally on the rear fender because doing so interferes with the custom paint job or other custom work done on the cycle," according to Keller. "Many of these owners have approached ABATE of Pennsylvania, the motorcycle advocacy group, about making this legislative change, and ABATE supports my legislation."

#### MORE RULES PROPOSED FOR CANADIAN RIDERS

Saskatchewan is considering more requirements for new motorcycle licensees, supervision for new riders and the possibility of mandatory gear. The ideas are among more than a dozen changes to motorcycle safety, training and insurance rules proposed by Saskatchewan Government Insurance as it looks for ways to reduce claims, save money and quell the roar of angry riders.

One suggestion is for potential riders to pass a basic skills test or complete a motorcycle training program before they're issued a learner's license. New riders who don't take the training courses could see an additional \$500 a year fee or be restricted on the size of the bike they use.

Helmets and eye protection are currently the law in Saskatchewan and similar rules apply across the country, but no other jurisdiction in Canada has mandatory rules for wearing gloves, ankle-covering boots or clothing that cover arms and legs, according to SGI.

The review was launched earlier this year after a proposed rate increase which would have seen insurance costs for motor-cycles go up by an average of 73% to cover a \$9 million gap between what SGI takes in from motorcyclists in fees versus what is paid out for collisions.

The public has until the end of July to comment on the proposals and SGI is to report to the government in the fall. The goal is to have the new rules in place for next year's riding season.

#### MOTORCYCLE BAN LIFTED IN PAKISTAN

After five years, Pakistani authorities have lifted ban on motorcycle riding in Bajaur tribal region. The ban on motorcycle riding was imposed in 2008 when the Taliban stepped up their activities in the region, and the ban was aimed at controlling insurgency and preventing targeted killings because motorcycles were being used for attacks against anti-Taliban forces.

The announcement about lifting the ban was made by Brig Ghulam Haidar, a sector army commander, during his speech through the security forces-run FM radio channel (Radio Aman FM 88). "The lifting of ban on motorcycle riding is a gift for the tribesmen on the eve of the holy month of Ramadan. This good news may enhance happiness of Ramadan," he said.

Brig Ghulam said that imposing the ban on motorcycle riding was a difficult decision but it was taken only in the larger interest of people of the tribal agency.

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