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From Your President



On Saturday June 28th the Palm Beach Chapter of ABATE held their Annual Freedom Rights Rally at the Brass Monkey Tavern in Lake Worth. At least ten of our members showed up to support Nighthawk and all the Palm Beach Chapter members. When we got there the parking lot was starting to fill up and the tavern was getting packed. They set up their Safety & Membership Booth for the crowd to look at and get the word out about ABATE and motorcycle safety. The music was by Scar of the Tropics (AKA as Elegant Mess) and there were plenty of vendors to look at.

On Sunday June 29th our chapter met at the American Legion Post 321 in Cooper City for a ride to the Elks Lodge 2365 in Hollywood for the US Military Vets MC Deuces Wild Chapter's 16th Annual Party. They had so many chapters of the Military Vets show up that if I tried to mention them all I would be afraid that I would miss some of them and I wouldn't want to do that. There was a huge buffet to choose from. The parking lot was full of bikes and there were plenty of vendors to look at. You could sit outside at the Tiki Bar or sit inside in the air conditioning while listening to the Hoodoo Blues Band.

On June 30th at 5:30 AM I checked myself into Broward General Hospital for a lumbar laminectomy. Dr Amos Stoll operated on me. The procedure involves removal of bone spurs from the spine to relieve pressure on the nerve roots. They had me up and walking the same day and I started to feel better right away. The next day they released me and I am improving every day. In about 5 or 6 weeks I should be able to take the bike out for a ride.

On July 5th the Fly In Wheels had their Christmas in July Party at Mickey's Bar. From what I heard the place was packed with great food and music by Sucker Punch. I would have loved to be there but just being out of the hospital for only a few days it was best that I stayed home.

On July 12th & 13th ABATE of Florida, Inc. held the annual Leadership Seminars in Clermont. On the 12th we started going to seminars. The first was Products with me, Bev, Gambler, Shakie Bob and Princess Sharon. Next was Delegate with myself and Bev sitting in, then on to Secretary and Insurance which lasted for two hours. We had a lunch break then Newsletter with Cesar and then Sergeant at Arms. Our Treasurer Frank T was in class for 4 hours and that's a lot to sit through. Gambler, Bev, Shakie Bob & Sharon also attend the Safety seminar. After all the seminars were done on Saturday we went to the Tiki Bar for some liquid refreshment but with our luck it started to rain so we moved inside and kept on partying. On Sunday Bev, myself and Vice-President Poppie attended the President's meeting. If you think that we just go to party ask anyone who attended and they will tell you differently. It was good to see 'Doc' Reichenbach back as our state President and I know that our new state Vice-President "Mudder" will do a great job as well.

Unfortunately, because I was in Clermont for the weekend I had to miss a couple of parties. Alice was able to fill in for me and tells me that the Los Coquis Party at Mickey's Bar on the 12th was



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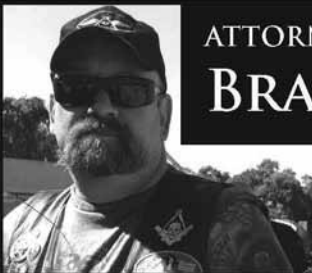
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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes July 20, 2014

President BARS called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. There were 38 members and 2 guests signed in. Total sign in: 40. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by Suzanne.

Presidents Report

President BARS thanked all members for coming. Welcomed our guests Terry and Jeanette. Another great show of support from our members and our brother MC's and Associations with representation today from the Brothers of the Third Wheel, American Legion Riders Post 321 & Post 180, American Freedom Riders Post 36, VVA23, Masonic Riders Association, Keltic's MC. We attended the Wings of Gold MC party last month and for the second year in a row, received the trophy for the largest association present. In addition Der Krieger MC received the trophy for the largest club present. We have drawing tickets for next year's Bike Week. First prize 7000.00 Second prize 2000.00 and Third place 1000.00 total given away 10,000.00

Vice-Presidents Report

Poppi was excused. No report

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of June's meeting as printed in the newsletter, motion was seconded all in favor motion passed. Paul also thanked the membership in having the confidence in the current Executive Board, for reelecting them for another year.

Treasurer's Report

Frank read the financial report for June. A motion was made to accept the financial report, the

motion was seconded, all in favor motion passed. Frank also Thanked Suzanne and Jimmy Les. It is not a reprint from last month as Jimmy set up his huge American Flag at the 4th of July event here at the legion. and again has donated all the proceeds to the chapter. Jimmy also wanted to thank Suzanne, Gambler, Shaky and Sharon for their help in the set up. Frank has the tickets for next year's Bike Week drawing. If you need any or even better yet, want to take a couple of books to sell, please contact him. His info is printed in the newsletter. Frank participated in the Leadership Seminars in Clermont. A lot of changes going on with the upcoming nonprofit status change. We will keep you updated.

Sergeant at Arms Report

Steve reported school starts on Aug. 18th. For the next 3 weeks the flashing school lights will be flashing at their normal times even though there is no school. The purpose is to get you used to the school zones. After school starts there will be a 2 week grace period before being ticketed for speeding in the school zone. After that tickets will be issued. So get used to it and slowdown in the school zones.

Road Captain's Report

Postal reported right after the meeting we will be heading out to support the States MC Lake Worth Chapter. Upcoming group rides and events will be listed after good of the order.

Safety Directors Report

Gambler reported he is now a Certified MSAP Safety Instructor with Thanks due to Jimmy Les to have Gambler teach the program at one of Jimmy's driving classes. We will have our safety and membership booth at this year's Tattoo Expo on Aug 8 to 10. He has enough help for Sun but

will need volunteers for Fri and Sat. Gambler is in need of a laptop in order to show the safety program. If you have one that he can use please contact him, his number is in the newsletter

Products Report

Cathy reported we will be putting in a product order, if you want anything special please see them by the end of the meeting. If you need anything, fell free to give them a call at 954-818-4481.

Events Coordinator

Shaky reported we are working on our October event. We will have more information by next month's meeting. As always, no matter where you go, please ask for door prizes.

State Reps Report

There was no state meeting. Bev attended the Leadership Seminars in Clermont and reported on what the delegate's duties are. This was very informative. New State Vice President Mudder requested the delegates bring back to the chapter the following question?

What can we do as a chapter to make ABATE better?

Membership Trustee

George reported we have 593 members on the books. 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. If you receive a card from the Post Office where the return addresses is our chapter, go sign for it. It is being sent from the chapter. Thank you

Newsletter Editor

Cesar reported he attended the seminars in Clermont and learned a lot. The deadline for all articles is the day of the chapter monthly meeting. The only exceptions are the President's report and the minutes of the meeting. Due to increased costs, most if not all chapters do not mail a newsletter anymore. If insisted upon a member may have his newsletter mailed to them. The newsletter is available on our web-site even before the printed copies are done. If you want a copy emailed to you, please provide him with your email address. He would be happy to

send you a copy. Remember printed copies are available at a number of locations around the county and are available at the chapter meeting. The state recommended each ad we print have an expiration date printed in the lower right corner of the ad. This will make it easier to delete unpaid advertisers. Pixie will be advised.

Legislative Report

Brad reported the legislature is not in session. However discussion followed and he provided handouts on the following legislative issues that we are all concerned about: Strategic Safety Study on Accidental Statistics, Helmet Laws by state, Concealed Weapons Laws and reciprocity agreements with other states and Harley Davidson's recall of over 66000 2014 Touring and CVO Touring motorcycles for possible brake issues. If you own one of these motorcycles, for your own safety please contact your local H/D dealership for repairs.

Public Relations

Fern was excused. She has done a great job with the hotline and is always out and about supporting ABATE.

Billing and Invoicing

Pixie was excused. BARS reported all billing is up to date.

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Social Directors Report

Jimmy Les reported a great time was had by all at last month's birthday party. This was piggybacked with Los Coqui MC annual at Mickey's. Thank you to Smokey, President of Los Coqui MC and their members for allowing a joint venture and a great time..

Newsletter Distribution

Debbie thanked all our members who deliver the newsletter for all their hard work. We received the newsletters later than usual and had a lot of our members who deliver the newsletter out of town. A special thank you for all our members who went above and beyond to help.

Quartermaster's Report

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Bob reported there was nothing to report.

Photographer's Report

BARS reported if you take any pictures please send them in to Rogue for posting on the web-site

Web-Master's Report

Rogue reported the web is up and running. If you send him any pictures, PLEASE describe the who what and where the pictures were taken. Also if you can send the pictures full size, he will crop, resize

etc what is needed to make them work. If you are new to your position, please contact Rogue for your password to your email account.

Discussion followed on communication with the web-master.

The board will work on this so it not an issue.

Legal Council

Brad reported there was nothing to report.

Old Business

None

New Business

Barbara Kelleher not only is a member but is the District Director for the State of Florida DOT District 4 and is a proponent of all vehicle safety including motorcycle safety. She is here to help us in getting motorcycle safety out to the public. She will be an asset to our Safety Director Gambler. Her office number is 954-777-4090.

Good of the Order

After next month's meeting on Aug. 17th we will be having a Chapter Appreciation Party right here at the Legion. This is in thanks for all the members who go above and beyond in everything to help our chapter Food will be served, however if you want to bring a covered dish, please do so.

Upcoming Events

Right after the meeting, group ride to the support the States MC event

7/25/14 - Billy the Kid Party at mystic 7's Clubhouse

7/26/14 - SLFCOC event. Hosted by States MC 800pm. group ride meeting at the legion between 630 and 700pm. KSU at 730pm

7/26/14 - Chrome Angels Summer Bash at

O'Malley's in Margate.

8/10/14 - AOA party. Information to follow.

?????? - Keltic's MC Fundraiser for Wrench. Who is also an ABATE member. Date and times will be announced when they are confirmed. Please check the hotline for updates.

REMEMBER - THOSE WHO SUPPORT US, NEED TO BE SUPPORTED BY US.

Please check the hotline for updates and any changes. 954-310-4626

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 11:15am

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

Paul A. Melcer
Secretary

Paul A Melcer



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a complete blow out with bikes parked on both sides of the street. The food was a Latino feast and music by four different bands. We also celebrated our June/July ABATE birthdays and people are still talking about the delicious birthday cake.

On Sunday Alice attended the Alternative MC 20th Off-Annual at their clubhouse in Fort Lauderdale. Even though some people got rain on the ride over the afternoon was clear and sunny. Everyone took advantage of the now closed in and air conditioned clubhouse. Plenty of good food and friendship.

On Saturday the 19th of July the Wheels of Man MC held their 14th Annual Chili Cook-Off at their clubhouse in Deerfield Beach. Alice & I have been talking about entering for a long time and this year we finally did. I counted at least 10 different chili's. Needless to say the food was great and we had a wonderful time even though we didn't win. It was also Ghost and Smiley's Birthdays as well as Miami Mikes'. The music was by the Everglades Blues Band.

On Sunday the 20th the Southeast Chapter of ABATE held our monthly meeting at the American Legion in Cooper City. I would like to thank all the members of the Southeast Chapter of ABATE for reelecting myself and the rest of the executive board to a 3rd term.

After the meeting we rode to the States MC Lake Worth Chapter for their Off –Annual. By the time we got there the parking lot was full of bikes & cages. It was good to see all the different MC's from Palm Beach all partying together. The food they were cooking on the grill looked and tasted great. The music was by Elegant Mess who played all day.

Bars

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Vice-President



Very sorry I missed last meeting, but had something come up I couldn't get out of.

I understand there are a lot of things we are dealing with right now that we're going to need help to get corrected. We're working on the newsletter, trying to make the transformation to a new

Newsletter Editor, Cesar and make it as easy for him as possible. WE are dealing with some problems that will be corrected as soon as possible, we can use all the help we can get, so let's pull together and get it done.

I did get the opportunity to attend the President and Vice President seminar, which was very informative. Glad I attended. It was also very wet, glad I took the cage. If you ever get a chance to go you should, it's a good learning experience.

I guess that's all for now, and remember I'm always available, if you need me.

Your V.P.
Poppie

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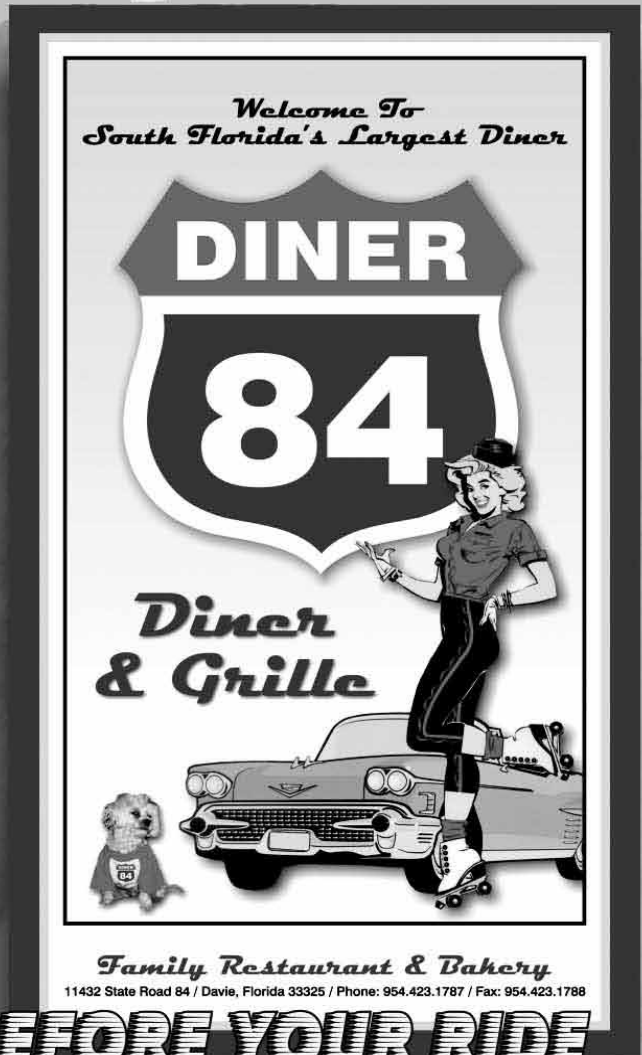
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Road Captain's report

This is Postal, aiming to educate, and motivate. The rainy weather is here. Be extra careful on the road. We had a nice ride up to the States MC in Lake Worth. They had a really good turnout, and I always enjoy seeing my fellow brothers and sisters at these events.

Me and Stretch went up to the Indian/Victory dealership in Pompano Beach. I was really impressed with the new Victories. The stats on them were significantly higher than Harleys are, and the price, significantly less. Some of the designs are of an old school flair, especially the High-Ball. And the Indians have that old school look with all the modern amenities. Comparatively speaking, you get a lot more bang for the buck. They have a special right now, \$1000 off for any veteran, or LEO/Firefighter, which is a pretty good deal, considering their prices. So if you're interested, come on down and see Jason Burdick. He's a combat veteran, and he rides with the Combat Veteran's Motorcycle Association. He'll be sure to give you the best deal possible.

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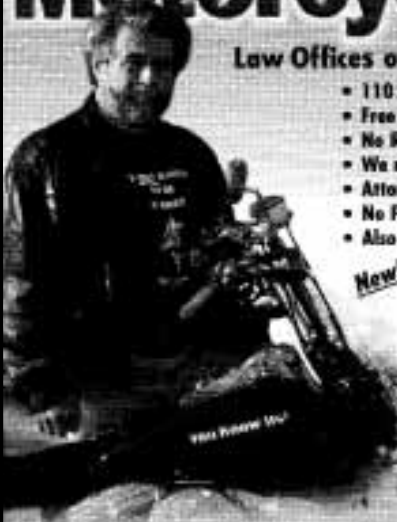
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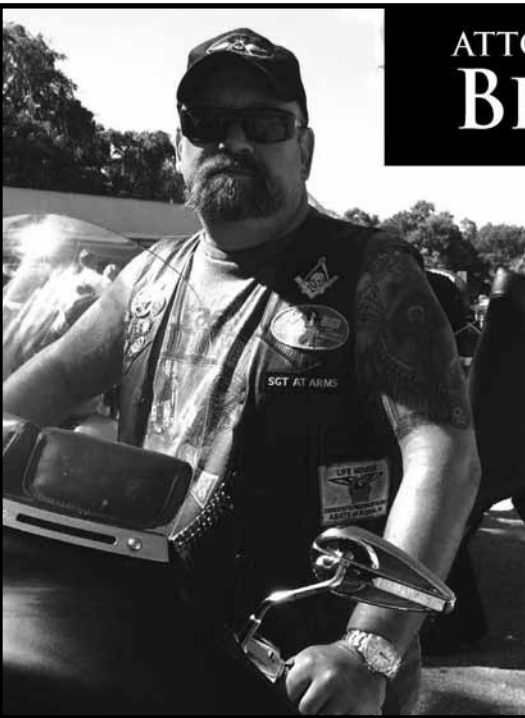
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August

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Chit Chat's Bike Night	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	1	2 WOG MC of Miami Party
3	4 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Begins	5 →	6 Chit Chat's Bike Night	7 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	8 South Florida Tattoo Convention Begins	9 Tattoo Convention
10 Tattoo Conv Ends Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Ends	11	12	13 Chit Chat's Bike Night	14 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	15	16
17 Chapter Meeting	18	19	20 Chit Chat's Bike Night	21 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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2014

September

2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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- 4th-10th - 74th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
- 8th-10th - SOUTH FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION
- 10th - AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNIVERSARY PARTY

SEPTEMBER 2014

- 7th - SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN
- 13th - OUTCAST MC - PARTY
- 14th - STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
- 19th-21st - PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
- 28th - KELITICS MC - PARTY

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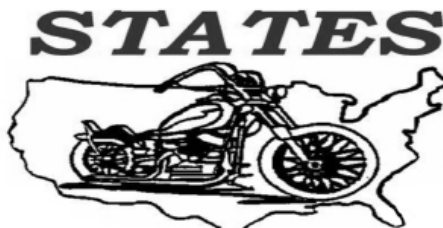
- 4th - MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL
- 11th - NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL
- 12th - S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL
- 16th-19th - DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
- 25th - WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY

NOVEMBER 2014

- 1st - HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL <<<<<<<<<< Date change)
- 8th - US MILITARY VETS MC CH 1 - ANNUAL
- 9th - CMA - MEMORIAL EVENT

DECEMBER 2014

- 7th - SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
- 13th - PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
- 13th - HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEMORIAL/TOY RUN
- 14th - WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN
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We have to prepare for just about any thing we do,if we are things tend to go better.

You have to prepare for school , we have to prepare for our jobs,our relationships, I could go on and on about preparing.

We are bikers, and we have be prepared for the expected and the unexpected, things like what the people in cages are going to do next,sometimes it seems they’re out to get us.

When we ride we have to be prepared for rain,cold,all kinds of weather good or bad. That means we have to be more prepared than most,it could mean our lives!

My point is its a everyday way of life especially for us.

Anyone who knows me knows where I’m going with this subject of being prepared.

We’re all prepared for all that I mentioned from when we’re kids till we retire, we have to be prepared for that also, until we die,now are you prepared for that?

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First of all, the law states that the passenger must be able to reach the foot pegs. If they cannot, then they cannot ride with you. Which also means you must have passenger foot pegs. No surprise there. And, only one passenger allowed.

Go over the bike with your passenger. Show him, or her, the front brake and clutch levers and the cutoff switch. This is just in case the rider becomes disabled in some manner. If this does happen the passenger should stand up on the foot pegs, reach over the rider and steer the bike off the road, preferably into the grass, and, in most cases, it will be only necessary to hit the cutoff switch. The bike will come to a stop on its own. If the passenger does need to use the break, only the front break is used. When the bike goes down, do not try to catch it. Just roll away from it.

The passenger is your other set of eyes. They should be scanning the road ahead for obstacles on the road. While they are enjoying the ride they must stay alert for other dangers such as hidden driveways, blind corners, and children playing that may run in front of you and cars or trucks changing lanes beside you, to name a few.

When you are breaking the passenger should lean back in their seat, grab the side straps or the side of the rider, and never flip flop their weight forward.

When cornering, the passenger should look over the riders shoulder in the direction of the turn. They should not lean into the turn. Let the rider do the work.

This may not be everything you need to know but now you have some of the basics. I want each and every one of my brothers and sisters to have a long and rewarding life.

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MOTORCYCLE BILL AIMS TO BRING EQUAL TREATMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley recently signed a Motorcycle Equal Access Bill that mandates equal treatment toward motorcyclists across the state in all public areas.

This legislation, sponsored by Rep. Todd Atwater (R-Lexington), amends the Code of South Carolina to keep local law enforcement agencies from denying access to motorcyclists on public highways, bridges, parking garages and essentially any publicly funded areas.

A lot of local motorcycle groups supported this bill, many feeling that law enforcement has not treated them right for a long time and they say they're ready for a change. "There's few municipalities, in particular, that want to stop motorcycles from parking in publicly funded taxpayer areas," said one ABATE spokesperson. "If tax payers are paying for a garage, then they should not be allowed to tell us we can't park there." Under the bill, cities and counties have to make reasonable accommodations for motorcycle parking in lots and garages.

"All this bill is about is equal access, this is making sure that when you go to any city in this state that if you have a motorcycle you have a place to park," said the governor who is also an ABATE member, adding; "As long as I have been in office, ABATE has been my friends, and that's because they fight for all the right things; they've always fought for safety, they've always fought for individual rights, they've always fought to make sure that people have the liberties they should have."

MISSOURI LIFTS BAN ON SUNDAY CYCLE SALES

Due to so-called "Blue Laws" influenced by early religious edicts, vehicle sales are prohibited on the Sabbath in several states, but Missouri recently joined a growing list of states that are repealing these outdated bans.

Governor Jay Nixon signed HB1735 on Monday, June 23rd that will lift a ban on Sunday sales of motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, personal watercraft and other items typically sold by power-sports dealers.

The legislation was championed by motorcycle riders and at least one Harley-Davidson dealer from the Kansas City area, who told lawmakers that he was losing

Sunday business to a competitor in Kansas.

When the measure takes effect August 28, Missouri will join Indiana, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Maryland in removing their Sunday sales bans over the past few years.

Other states that currently prohibit the Sunday sales of motorcycles and automobiles are Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Oklahoma, North Dakota and Wisconsin.

The Missouri legislation does not repeal the state's ban on Sunday sales of cars and trucks.

UTAH LAWMAKERS URGED TO "GET AHEAD" OF OUTLAW BIKERS

A perceived proliferation of outlaw motorcycle "gangs" in Utah has led a veteran police officer to warn lawmakers that they need to get ahead of the curve.

"There's been a 300 percent increase in the members of outlaw motorcycle gangs in Utah, compared to what we experienced five years ago," Utah County Sheriff's Sgt. Lane Critser told members of the Legislature's Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee on Wednesday, July 16.

Critser, who has worked in gang enforcement since 2008, said the proliferation of gangs and gang members could be attributed to multiple factors. Utah is an "untouched" state, meaning no gang has claimed territory as its own. Also, law enforcement in Utah is unaccustomed to dealing with outlaw motorcycle gangs on a regular basis, he said.

"It's like a gold rush. Everybody is trying to get here and establish dominance in the state so they can run a variety of their criminal activities and make their money in the state," Critser testified to the committee. The state also is becoming increasingly attractive to members of outlaw motorcycle clubs because Utah is largely rural, said Rep. Paul Ray (R-Clearfield), pointing out that a number of clubs have hosted runs in Utah, including one where several members racked up citations for multiple violations in numerous counties en route to Weber County, and "By the time they got there, they just turned around and went home. They didn't want to deal with it any more," Ray said. "Really, you've got to make it expensive and uncomfortable for these guys and they won't want to stick around."

While he offered no details, Ray said he intends to introduce a gang initiative during the 2015 legislative session.

BERLIN BANS HELLS ANGELS LOGO

Outlawing the motorcycle club's symbols represents the latest weapon in a fight to stop Germany's 'rocker wars.' In the latest salvo of a battle to rein in outlaw

motorcycle clubs, authorities in Berlin are hitting the global Hells Angels brand where it hurts most: the logo.

Last month, the signature winged death's head and "Hells Angels" label featured on the motorcycle club's "cut," or leather vest, were banned in the capital as the symbols of a criminal organization.

According to GlobalPost, a Hamburg judge outlawed Germany's first Hells Angels charter in the city in 1983, but the Hells Angels as an organization have never before been banned across Germany. Now the prohibition of the iconic logo has come about through an ironic twist.

When a former member of the banned Hamburg charter appealed to the court in April to be allowed to wear the club's "colors," the judge interpreted the original ruling to mean that the Hells Angels logo is illegal not only in Hamburg, but throughout the country.

"Now, all the other regions in Germany are thinking about that judgment," said detective superintendent Matthias Frohn, deputy head of the Berlin police division responsible for curtailing the city's motorcycle gangs. Frohn says it remains to be seen whether the broader ban on the club's logo will be enough to finally scatter the gang.

MONGOLS REFUSED INCORPORATION

The Mongols Motorcycle Club has been formally refused permission to become a registered incorporated body in South Australia. Despite claims by the club that it hosts recreational and charity events and that it was only formed because of its members' interests in American motorcycles, Acting Liquor Licensing Commissioner Dini Soulio has refused their application. Senior legal sources told the Herald-Sun newspaper that they believe the Mongols' move was largely tactical and aimed at thwarting the provisions of the Serious and Organized Crime (Control) Act should police obtain association or control orders against any members in the future.

SA Attorney-General John Rau has endorsed the decision, made on public safety grounds, to reject the Mongols' incorporation application.

A Mongols source said the club was considering a legal challenge to the ruling "in the same successful way as two previous legal challenges" involving anti-bikie legislation.

NCOM REGION 1 MEETING & SEMINAR, OCTOBER 25TH IN PORTLAND, OREGON

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) will host an NCOM Region 1 Meeting & Seminar on Saturday, October 25 at the Holiday Inn - Portland Airport,

8439 N.E. Columbia Blvd in Portland, Oregon (503) 256-5000.

NCOM Region 1 comprises the states of Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, and this annual Coming Together will feature a seminar on the Defender Program & Freedom of the Road Throughout the Nation talk by Paul Landers, U.S. Defender Lt Commander and Liaison for COCs Texas; "Profiling the Big Win in Washington" by "Double D" & Twitch - Outsiders M/C, Washington State COC; and a seminar on Legal Issues by Washington Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Marty Fox and Oregon A.I.M. Attorney Sam Hochberg.

A Regional Meeting will include discussions from participating state organizations, and continue with a Confederation of Clubs Meeting with reports from representatives of each Confederation present, and conclude with a Christian Unity Seminar and Meeting. For further information, contact NCOM at 800-ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

SAVE THE PATCH (Excerpted), by Spike

The familiar rumble and roar of a pack of bikes, which is music to our ears, may be a faintly distant tune in the future. The loudest noise on the streets right now is the buzz and the buzz on the streets is "SAVE THE PATCH".

'SAVE THE PATCH' is the culmination of many factors including decades of ever increasing discrimination and persecution to Bikers, their organizations and their lifestyle in general. We as bikers have widely been subjected to unwarranted highway stops, refused admittance into establishments and misrepresentation by law enforcement and the media. The U.S. Department of Justice last year filed a lawsuit seeking to seize control of the trademarked logo of the Mongol Nation Motorcycle Club LLC, arguing that the Mongols are a criminal organization and that the mark is used for intimidation; but the Mongols and their attorneys argue that the government is overstepping its bounds with the lawsuit, which they said would infringe on the rights of club members. "They're trying to destroy the right of men to associate and indicate their association," said Joe Yanny, an attorney representing the Mongols. "It's absolutely ridiculous. In addition to being a violation of club members' free-speech rights, more importantly, it's a due-process issue."

The lawsuit breaks new ground in terms of trademark law, the attorney said, adding that it may end up at the Supreme Court. Unlike a business trademark controlled by a single entity, the Mongols' logo is a "collec-

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tive membership mark,” and “It’s legally owned by one entity, but held in trust for the members. It’s the votes of club members that ultimately determined who is allowed to wear the club’s patch.”

Bikers throughout the state and nationwide identify with the message being sent out and the ramifications, if the patch is lost, it will affect us all. In southern California, widely respected members of all major clubs have met to discuss ways to save the patch. A Facebook page “SAVE the PATCH” has been set up since October and it states: “It has become time to further protect and defend our rights to ride, associate, and enjoy our lifestyle for all motorcycle riders and enthusiasts. To wear our respective clubs membership insignia, which have been trademarked, copyrighted, and incorporated by these organized entities. Representatives from a few of these clubs in Southern California have come together to make the initial steps in presenting and organizing the support of all motorcycle clubs and riders to stand up and work to prevent the freedoms we all value and enjoy from being eroded further, by an ever more intrusive government apparently bent on tyrannical control, we all need to become involved and work to defend that which we all enjoy about our lifestyle, be it as a club member or independent riders.”

The good news is, the passion to ride, the passion for freedom and the passion to preserve the life style is more than enough to unite the Biker world in whatever stance it takes to SAVE THE PATCH. To contribute, make checks payable to “Trademark Defense Fund” and mail c/o NCOM, 7334 Topanga Canyon Blvd, Suite 200, Canoga Park, CA 91303. THE AIM/NCOM MOTORCYCLE E-NEWS SERVICE is brought to you by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), and is sponsored by the Law Offices of Richard M. Lester. If you’ve been involved in any kind of accident, call us at 1-(800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

WEIRD NEWS: WHAT’S A “BIKER”?

Do you identify yourself as a “biker,” a “motorcyclist,” or a “rider”? To some motorcycle riders, the terms are fairly interchangeable. To others, the terms are more finely nuanced, as the people behind the Oxford English Dictionary recently discovered.

Last February, the online edition for the Oxford English Dictionary rewrote its definition for “biker” after receiving complaints from motorcyclists. Riders took exception to the old definition which read: “a motorcyclist, especially one who is a member of a gang: a long-haired biker in dirty denims.”

In a poll of 524 motorcycle riders, nearly three-quarters of them said the definition was inaccurate, while 60% said it was “dated and irrelevant.” Another 21% had a more passionate reaction, saying they were “outraged and offended.”

In response, the Oxford University Press, which publishes the OED, updated the definition to read: “a motorcyclist, especially one who is a member of a gang or group: a biker was involved in a collision with a car.”

We’re not sure that’s much better, but then we don’t represent ourselves to be the “most comprehensive dictionary of the English language.”

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “Let us form one body, one heart and defend to the last warrior our country, our homes, our liberty, and the graves of our fathers.”

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