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- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non–profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
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- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.
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Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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

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From Your President

Last month we had our Leadership Seminars. I would like to thank the nine members who rode up to Vero Beach to learn about all the duties that are required for the Board and Trustee positions. We all learned a lot about what it takes to run a chapter in the proper way. I am feeling enthusiastic about Southeast Chapter and all of its members.

Let's work together to build our membership up. We also need to make our newsletter self-sufficient and pay for itself, so please try to get more advertisers for the newsletter. The newsletter is also online on our website.

There are a lot of great events coming up in the next months. Check our newsletter for these events. Also check out the **new** Motorcycle Community Hotline (954) 480-3100.

Remember anyone who rides should be a member of ABATE. And to you younger riders, you have the chance to inherit an organization that has been fighting for biker rights and safety for over 380 years. Help us make a difference, now and for the future.

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Johnny Rose



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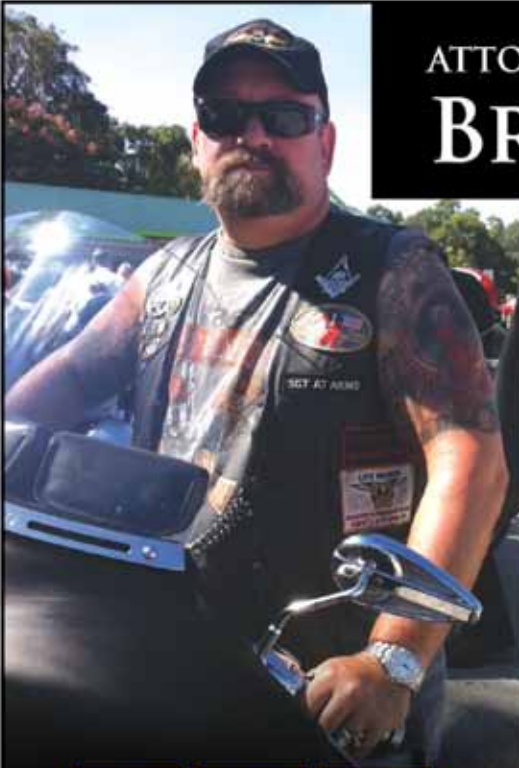
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**Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Held at American Legion Post 222
Oakland Park, FL
July 22, 2018**

Nighthawk, called the meeting to order at 10:10am by standing up and asking all to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Suzanne Keene then led us in prayer. There were 30 members present.

President's Report

Johnny Rose thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. He introduced Dale Miller, who is a candidate for Broward County Circuit Court Judge and an ABATE member. Dale will be speaking to us later. He said that the South Florida Tattoo Expo is coming up. We only have 4 free passes for the event and the rest of us have to pay. This event is for charity, for the kids, and Wings of Gold does give us a free booth, which costs other vendors around \$1,200.00 for the weekend. We do put the Tattoo Expo on our cover. Johnny mentioned that we are looking at bringing the Hotline back, but that would be discussed later, with new business.

Vice President's Report

Old Hippy said "I'm back!". He said that, due to some recent events, we will be changing the way we do some things at our events. We do carry insurance for our events, but we are going to be more security conscious and be more diligent to prevent any unexpected incidents at our events. Also, remember, no alcoholic beverages are allowed at our meetings and members, who are working at our events, must refrain from drinking

alcohol. He said he is looking forward to this year, and bringing back the glory days.

Secretary's Report

Sheila called for a motion to accept the minutes as printed, motion made, seconded, and all were in favor. Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report

Marie read the Treasurer's Report for June. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded, and all were in favor. Motion was passed.

Sergeant at Arm's Report

Nighthawk said that the Tattoo Expo is in three weeks. We need bodies. He knows that everyone is busy, but please try and give 2 or 3 hours of your time, to help work in our booth at the Expo. Last year, we were able to be out of there by 2pm on Sunday. He also said to remember that school is still in session. There is summer school and sport practices. Pay attention to traffic lights and flashing lights. School will be in full session in three weeks. So far, no kids have been hurt, but last year, 8 kids were hurt. Even if you don't see flashing lights, please slow down in a school zone. Be extra careful in the Parkland area, as the Broward Sheriffs are not playing there. He said that we all have an image to uphold, so please refrain from drinking alcohol when you are representing ABATE.

Road Captain's Report

Russ is excused.

Safety Director's Report

Teddy Bear said that there is a sign-up sheet for the Tattoo Expo on the front table. Please sign up to work for 2 hours, but 4 hours is even better. Everyone has to pay this year. It is \$20.00 for the day. Come help and work in the booth and then spend the rest of the time, walking around at the Expo. He said that he enjoyed the Safety Training Seminar in Vero Beach. He knew most of it already and made a few suggestions that the State will consider. He said that anyone who is a volunteer at an ABATE event, should not only refrain from drinking alcohol, but also keep your non-alcoholic drinks out of sight. Keep them under the table.

State Representative's Report

Marie said that there was no State meeting this past month. Marie and Wavy went to the ABATE Candidate Forum in Ft. McCoy, that was sponsored by the Forest Chapter. Two of the candidates for Florida Governor, that were there, are Bruce Nathan and Ellen Wilds. Mr. Nathan knows who ABATE is and what we stand for. He is also working on a bill, with Meadow Pollack's father, called the Pollack Plan, that would put veteran's in school security positions, instead of BSO. Dale Miller also added to this, that he was recently at a veteran's forum and veteran's with CCW permits are being recruited to be school security. Dennis Baxley, who is a candidate for Florida Senate, also spoke. He wants to get our safety money back in the hands of ABATE. He said that we are the ones who deserve it and we will do a better job with it than the DOT has been doing. Senator Keith Perry also spoke, and he is responsible for the Texting while Driving Bill that dies last year but he plans on bringing it back on the floor. He also spoke on the cultural shift that is happening in our nation. He went on to make a few quotes from Bernie Sanders and Hilary Clinton. Doc, our ABATE State President, spoke and let everyone know to not count ABATE out. We are not here for fun. Doc also thanked Marie and Wavy for coming and we were the only chapter other than Lake County to come up and support this forum. We also had the opportunity to speak with sitting Judges and candidates who are running for judge ship in Lake and Marion County., many of which knew of ABATE and ride. Many

of the School Board Candidates want the ABATE safety program back in the schools. Wavy then spoke and on what Doc said about many of the vets that spent time in Vietnam and it is a slap in their faces if we don't vote. Please vote. Research the candidates, and vote. Another candidate for Governor is Adam Putnam. He is an ABATE supporter. He is also focused on protecting our 2nd Amendment Rights and honoring our Nation's veterans. Suzanne said to remember, that ABATE does not endorse any candidates. We, personally, can endorse whoever we choose and ABATE can let us know which candidates are biker friendly.

Products Report

Laurel said that if anyone wants any products, to please contact her. She will make arrangements to meet you or bring the items to the next meeting. The State also has some new products, many with reflective writing. The State products will have to be paid for in advance. For more information, contact Laurel.

Membership Report

Sheila reported that membership is going really well. One of our newer members, Dawne, got us 10 new members in just two weeks. We call her "The Thunder". She takes our newsletter and goes up to people and talks to them about ABATE and what we stand for and what we do. She answers their questions and is very passionate about our organization. She is awesome!

Events Coordinator

Gabe has been on the Hoka Hey ride, so Johnny Rose spoke. He said that we are having our annual October 14th event at Mickey's. Alan was so cool and even emailed the insurance information to Johnny so he had the whole package to turn in to Boots at the State training last weekend.

Newsletter Editor

Wildcat said that the first newsletter was a little rocky as she went on a planned vacation shortly after she took over. She said that it will take her just a little while to get everything back and running great and each month will be better and better. Jimmy Les said that we always get accolades on

our newsletter from State and everyone. Sheila said that she heard this too, at the State training this past weekend, how Southeast Chapter has always put out a great newsletter, going back years and years and how we have had a lot of good people doing it. Wildcat is one of those people, and like Old Hippy, she's back!

Distribution

Poppie was excused. Wavy spoke on his behalf. Distribution is going well. We have 8 people dropping off to 55 different stops.

Legislative Report

Brad said there is nothing to mention going on right now, except for the elections. Get out there and vote.

Legal Counsel

Brad covered everything in legislative.

Public Relations

Fern said everything is going good. She did some research on the services we can use for the hotline, at Johnny Rose's request. She found a great one, for \$9.95 a month and we get a 10% discount. There is no contract and the first month is free. There is no limit on the length of the message. If you press #1, you get the weekend events, and if you press #2, you get the ongoing events. This is just a trial right now. Brad Winston said he would sponsor the hotline and pay for it. Bob Anz also said that Majic Jack is a good service. Fern will research that one too. The decision on whether to bring back the hotline will be tabled until the next meeting.

Billing and Invoicing

Sheila reported that all current advertisers are up to date. She said that we have a new full page yearly advertiser, Ken's Cycle Center, and that Wheels of Man MC took out 2 full page ads for their upcoming Chili Cook Off. She said we only need another 4 pages of advertisers to have the newsletter be self-sufficient, to pay for itself. She will be at the Tattoo Expo, and going around with Sandy, and anyone else who wants to help, and trying to get some of the tattoo shops to advertise. She said there are

hundreds of tattoo shops in Broward County and our newsletter would be a great place for them to advertise.

Social Director

Sandy wished a Happy Birthday to the July birthday members. We had 6 or 7 members, just in our meeting, with July birthdays. She brought cheese-cake and chocolate cake for the birthdays.

Quartermasters Report

Bob said everything is the same.

Photographers Report

Barry said he has some pictures that he will get to Wildcat for the newsletter.

Webmasters Report

Rogue was excused.

Chaplain

Poppie was excused.

Old Business

Nine members went to the State Training Seminars in Vero Beach last weekend. We all learned a lot, mostly that we are we doing everything right.

New Business

We have two candidates for Broward County Judge who spoke. The vote for the judges will be on August 28th, and early voting is August 18-26.

Johnny introduced Allison Gillman, who is running for County Court Judge in Group 19. She said she was glad to be here. She is a trial lawyer, an amazing trial lawyer. She wants to reach people, and inspire them, especially the younger people. She does not judge a book by it's cover. As a lawyer, she got to know her clients, where they lived, their families, and who they really were. She has spent the last 20+ years trying to make a difference in people's lives, not matter how big or small. She has also been a foster mom. She thanked us for allowing her to come and speak to us. Marie said she has integrity and she truly cares about people. – For more information on Allison, please visit her

website at <http://www.gilmanforjudge.com/>

Johnny then introduced Dale Miller. He is an ABATE member, a member of Post 180, and a American Legion Rider. He is running for Circuit Court Judge in Group 46. He is a native Floridian, born in Miami. He did 4 years of active duty during the Cold War hunting Soviet subs. He is a lead public defender. He wants sanity on the bench and safety in the street. We can all impact the next 6 years on the Broward County bench by going out and voting. He said you can go to VOTE411.org to see all the candidates and their bios. He said to call the candidates, or email them, to ask questions and find out more about them. He said you can also go to BrowardSOE.org to print out a copy of your sample ballot, to make your decisions before you go to vote, then bring it with you when vote. There is a Judicial Candidate Forum on July 25th and he would like us all to Show Up and Ride In. - For more information, please visit his website at <https://millerforjudge.com/>

Brad said to remember that these two, among others, spend their lives defending the rights of individuals against the government.

Johnny Rose was approached by Marie and Sheila who asked to switch positions. Sheila would prefer to be the Treasurer and Marie would prefer to be the Secretary. At election time, Johnny did not want to do this because he did not want two signers on the account to reside in the same household. When we went to update the signers on the account, Johnny said he would not be a signer on the account because of his position as President and so, there are not two signers in the same household. He discussed the switch with Old Hippy, who also agreed this would be fine. A vote of confidence was held and all were in favor by a show of hands, and none opposed.

There has been a lot of discussion among the membership to bring Ada back in to our Chapter. Johnny Rose made a motion to have a vote to bring Ada back into the Chapter, the motion was seconded. A vote was held and, by a show of

hands, all were in favor and none opposed. Ada was welcomed back into our Chapter with a round of applause.

Johnny Rose said that all of the past in-house controversy will STOP NOW!!! We are only looking forward....to a great year and strengthening our Chapter and ABATE of Florida. We are bringing the brotherhood back.

Johnny Rose brought up the discussion about our Chapter sponsoring a State meeting. He said that members should send their suggestions to Marie and Wavy. We need to find hotels that charge a reasonable price that are close to the meeting place. The meeting place has to have room for at least 150 people. VFW Post 1966 was brought up. They are one of our advertisers and they have the room. If we do this, we will need help from the membership. The motion to do the State meeting has been tabled until the next meeting, so we can get all the facts, figures, and suggestions together.

Wavy reminded everyone about the Ride to the Capital on April 15, 2019. This is in Tallahassee and on a Monday. Please try and get the time off work now. We would like to make a strong showing, as in years' past.

Good of the Order

Wheels of Man MC has a Chili Cook Off coming up. Scurvy Few MC has their annual coming up. The Tattoo Expo is in a few weeks. The Judicial Candidate Forum is this week. Johnny, Sheila, Marie, Wavy, and many others will be going. Wear your ABATE shirts. Also, if you use Amazon, please see the flyers about Amazon Smile and help to support ABATE of Florida. There are flyers on all of the tables about all of these events. Ada said that Post 180 is have a rally for Dale Miller on Saturday, July 28th from 1-6pm.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was called for at 12:02pm, was seconded, and all were in favor.

Our next Chapter meeting is August 19, 2018 at the American Legion Post 222, in Oakland Park, FL.

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Sheila Rose

Secretary, Southeast
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I want to thank Sheila for all her hard work as Secretary since I took a break.

So with that, see you on the road, wheel on the ground – till next month.
H. Marie Baxter





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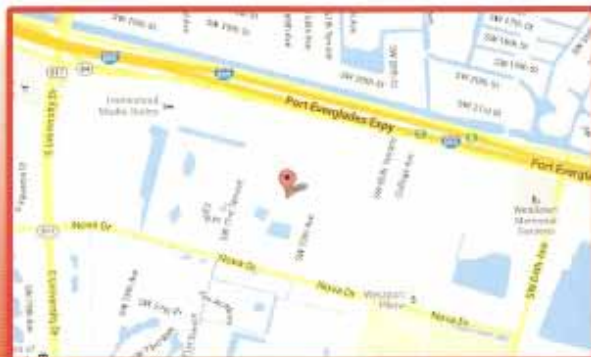
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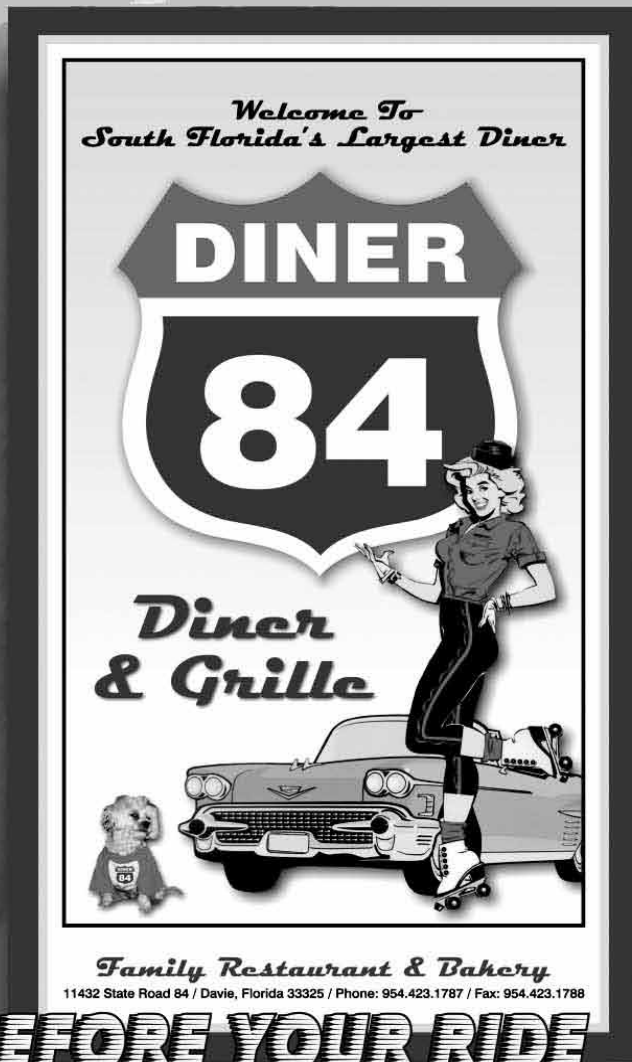
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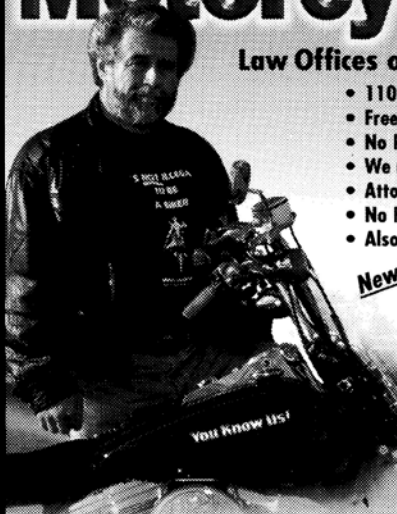
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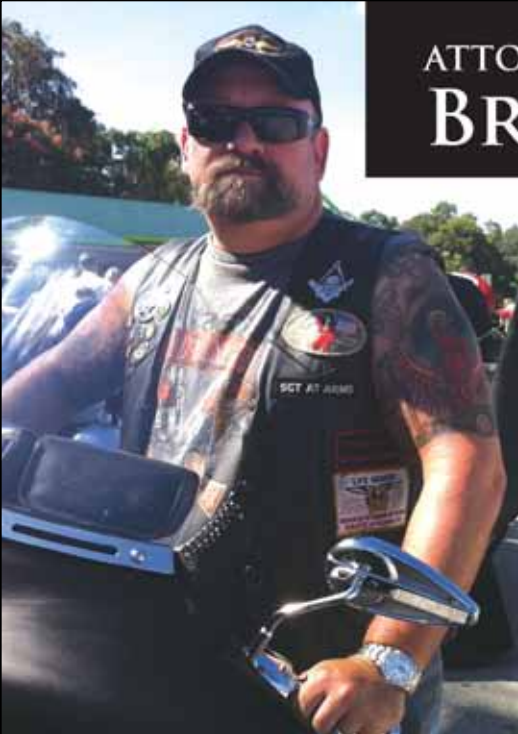
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MONDAY Mon - Ladies nite at Sharkey's 9-2,
241 drinks

TUESDAY

Wings of Gold MC Open House Ft Lauderdale

WEDNESDAY

Blues Nite at Mickey's

2nd & 4th Weds - States MC Open House 8pm-?

THURSDAY

1st & 3rd Thurs - Leathernecks MC Open
House 8-mid

Hermandad MC Open House, 8-2am

Mickey's Bike & Cruise Night, 7:30pm

Scurvy Few MC Texas Holdem/Karaoke

Wings of Gold MC Open House Ft Lauderdale

FRIDAY

USMV MC Ch 2 Open house at 8pm (Dania Bch)

Scurvy Few MC Open House at 7:30pm

States MC - Fri Night Pizza 6-8pm

1st Fri - Soldiers for Jesus Open House 7-10pm

1st & 3rd Fri - Kingdom of Brothers Open House

2nd - US Military Vets Dirty Dozen Open House

4th Fri - American Legion Post 36 Bike Night

SATURDAY

1st & 3rd Sat - AOA MC Dania Open House 8pm

2nd Sat - USMV MC Ft. Laud. Open House

2nd & 4th Sat - Mystic 7 Open House

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

2nd Sat - Scurvy Monthly Birthday Party

Last Sat - Leathernecks MC Charity Poker



From Your Safety Director

Hi Everyone!

This is the first of my many SHORT reports. Thank you for your support and belief in me taking on as Safety Director.

We just came back from the Leadership Seminars in Vero Beach. I attended two classes. First I went to the Delegates class and then to the Safety class. Delegate's class was very informing. The Safety class most of it was very similar to what we did in the ABATE of IL. Some differences. I learned some and share some of what we did in IL (they liked what they heard).

I will be doing (hopefully) as many Safety Booth's as I possibly can.

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Hope to see you at the Tattoo Expo. I will be there all three days. Come out and support us . Four of us will be there ALL weekend. Help us by taking a short shift to give us a break. Thank You.

As always "Ride Free <-> Ride Straight"

You're Safety Director,

TeddyBear



2018



AUGUST



2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Leathernecks MC Open House	3 78th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Begins	4 Hermandad MC Mid-Summer Pig-Roast
5 Wings of Gold MC Miami Party	6	7	8 States MC Open House	9	10 23rd Annual S Florida Tattoo Expo	11 State Meeting Ocala, FL
12 AOA Ft Laud 51st Anniversary Party	13	14	15	16	17 States MC Pizza Nite-All Are Welcome 6-8	18
19 Chapter Meeting	20	21	22 States MC Open House	23 Leathernecks MC Open House	24 States MC Pizza Nite-All Are Welcome 6-8	25 Leathernecks MC Charity Poker
26	27	28	29	30 Mickey's Tiki Bar Bike & Cruise Night	31 States MC Pizza Nite-All Are Welcome 6-8	

ADDITIONAL INFO, EVENTS OR PARTIES ARE LISTED HERE

- ▶ AUGUST 10th-12th - The 23rd Annual South Florida Tattoo Expo
- ▶ AUGUST 12 - AOA Fort Lauderdale 51st Anniversary Party/Moldy's Birthday Party
- ▶ **AUGUST 19th - Scurvy Few MC Annual**

2018

SEPTEMBER

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Southern MC Teddy Bear Run	3 Labor Day	4	5	6 Leathernecks MC Open House	7 States MC Pizza Nite-All Are Welcome 6-8	8
9 StatesMC Key West Tune-Up Party	10	11	12 States MC Open House	13 Mickey's Tiki Bar Bike & Cruise Night	14 States MC Pizza Nite-All Are Welcome 6-8	15
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30 Kingdom of Brothers MC Annual						

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▶ September 14th-16th - Peterson's Key West Poker Run



2018 CALENDAR

MANDATORY CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD



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CALENDAR EVENT

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SFPC CHARIMAN

AUGUST

- 5: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
- 3-12: 78th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
- 10-12: SOUTH FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION
- 12: AOA FT. LAUD. -51st ANNIV. PARTY-MOLDY'S B-DAY
- 19: **SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL**
- 26: **KINGDOM OF BROTHERS MC - ANNUAL**

SEPTEMBER

- 2: SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN
- 3: Labor Day
- 9: STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
- 14-16: PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
- 23: KELITICS MC - PARTY

OCTOBER

- 7: **MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL**
- 14: **S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL**
- 18-21: DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
- 20: WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY
- 27: ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY
- 28: CMA - MEMORIAL

NOVEMBER

- 3: **HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL**
- 11: Veterans Day
- 11: **USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL**
- 17: **LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL**
- 22: Thanksgiving Day



DECEMBER

- 9: **SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN**
- 15: ALIGATOR ALLEY TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
- 15: HERMANDAD MC-ALFREDO MEMORIAL & TOY RUN
- 15: USMVMC - REATHS ACROSS AMERICA
- 16: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN
- 25: Christmas Day



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the rain fall behind me
and the wind follow me.
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travels for they know what is
ahead of me.
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hills and swirling turns.
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I will leave you with the old cliché: "Shiny side up, Rubber side down".

Thank you,

Russ
ABATE SE Chapter
Road Captain



A Brief Message From Your Newsletter Editor



When the end of June was drawing near, and I was pressed for time...I did as much as I could on the Newsletter before leaving for my vacation. I just want to say:

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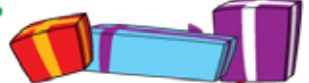
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Knowing God's will is sometimes difficult. People want God to tell them specifically what to do, like where to work, where to live, who to marry, etc. God rarely gives people information that is direct and specific. God allows us to make choices regarding those things.

Romans 12:2 tells us, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will". The only decision God does not want us to make is the decision to sin or resist His will. God wants us to make choices that are in agreement with His will. So, how do you know what God's will is for you? If you are walking closely with The Lord

and truly desiring His will for your life, God will place His desires on your heart.

The key is wanting God's will, not your own. "Delight yourself in The Lord and He will give you the Desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4). If the Bible does not speak against it and it can be genuinely beneficial to you spiritually, then the Bible gives you the "permission you feel" to make decisions to follow your own heart. If you truly seek God's will with a humble spirit and an open mind, He will reveal His will to you.

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I have taken notice that with the mood of the riders that follow along with the general countesses, that unless something is directly a threat or somehow will really get their attention, there is usually an attitude that: "Oh well, what can I do?"

When I was in college, and after flunking my physical for the Air Force, I took notice of the unrest of the youth and the general public on a wide range of issues. From war protests to civil rights, there were numbers of people who stood up and let their voices be heard. Enough to make the government stand up and take notice, and in most cases will do something. This is still true, to some extent today, except, unfortunately the ones they listen to most are the ones with the big bucks, namely lobbyists from big corporations and special interest groups.

ABATE of Florida with the voting power of its members and our lobbyists, have made a diligent effort to keep the interest of the people who happen to like the freedom of the road that a motorcycle can deliver in mind. By keeping track of any issues that is brought up by the very people that we have elected to serve, we have been able to get the word out and issue "call for action" to motivate us common folks into letting our respected law makers know that we either support or oppose proposed legislation that might infringe on our rights to choose or just plain discriminate against riders.

ABATE has and will continue the fight, because if we don't, there is a good chance that we will be told: What to wear, Where we can ride, What we can do to our rides. We are also trying to get back the funding that is paid by that added surcharge on your motorcycle license for education and safety awareness.

This is the year we all can make a difference, a big election year with a lot of positions up for grabs, and also it is a good time to get more biker friendly people elected to office who have an understanding of what riding is all about.

This is also the time to get involved by joining ABATE, you will be part of a state wide organization whose sole purpose is to look out for the motorcycle community by its safety program and legislation actions.

I don't care if you ride a big Harley, Sport Bike, a Scooter, or even a Mo-ped, it is for the best interest of every rider to step up and get involved and join. We all could use your help in the fight.

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HAWAII APPROVES SHOULDER SURFING

Some places allow lane splitting, riding between lanes of slow moving traffic, and others allow lane filtering where riders can filter through traffic at stop lights and proceed ahead of other vehicles when it turns green, but as an alternative Hawaii will now allow motorcycles to ride on the shoulder of the roadway.

Authorities have been debating allowing riders to practice lane filtering, as opposed to lane splitting, but after much deliberation Hawaiian riders will get neither, and instead will be the first state to get shoulder surfing: House Bill 2589 will allow two-wheel motorcycles to travel on the shoulder in designated areas of state roads, when there is congestion.

In Hawaii, the lanes are narrow, which makes lane splitting and filtering a greater concern. The motion was approved, however, Governor David Ige (D) was initially against the idea, stating that the shoulder lane was reserved for stopped vehicles and emergency services. He considered that allowing motorcyclists to surf the shoulder would equate to higher risks of accidents.

Despite the Governor's initial intention to veto the motion, on July 12th, 2018, it was passed by default, without the Governor's signature. In Hawaii, any bill left unsigned and un-vetoed automatically becomes a law. Effective January 1, 2019 riders will be allowed on the shoulder on roads of at least two lanes in each direction and with a shoulder lane wide enough for a vehicle to circulate safely.

This experiment will also serve as an indication of whether this kind of measure concretely helps the flow of traffic or not.

LANE SPLITTING MAY BE ALLOWABLE IN MORE PLACES

Although practiced by motorcyclists around the globe, lane splitting is legal in only one American state; California, though theoretically the practice could be permissible in 12 other states and Washington, D.C., reports RideApart.com; "California is the only state where lane splitting has any sort of official legal status, but that has only been the case since 1 January 2017. Before then, the commonly practiced riding technique was something of a gray area -- not specifically legal, but equally not specifically illegal. According to attorney Michael Padway, lane splitting exists in the same legal gray space in

the following states: Arkansas, Delaware, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and West Virginia."

So, perhaps the only reason people think it's against the rules in the states mentioned is precedent, but since lane splitting is not necessarily protected it would be up to an officer's discretion to determine whether the practice is safe.

MICHIGAN MODIFIES HANDLEBAR HEIGHT LAW

Michigan recently became the latest state to modify or repeal their antiquated handlebar height law, which many states enacted decades ago to give police a reason to pull over bikers. Currently, Michigan law prohibits anything with a handlebar height over 15 inches (measured from the lowest point on the saddle to the highest point on the handlebars), but Senate Bill 568, signed into law by Governor Rick Snyder (R) increases the maximum allowable height of handlebars on motorcycles and mopeds from 15 inches to 30 inches.

"Motorcycles have changed drastically over the years and customization is very popular among riders," said Senator Rick Jones (R-Grand Ledge) who sponsored the legislation. "One area where they are often doing so is with the height of the handlebars to offer a more enjoyable ride...by allowing for additional rider customization that does not expose a safety hazard."

Additionally, many motorcycles on the road today may not even be compliant with current state law.

In recent years, states like Wisconsin and Ohio have eased their restrictions; "I look forward to the governor putting Michigan on par with some of our neighbors concerning handlebar restrictions," commented Sen. Jones, adding that some states have no height restriction at all.

Jones said the bill was brought to him by the group American Bikers Aiming Toward Education (ABATE) after a member of the riding community proposed the idea.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT PROMOTES POWERSPORTS

A new U.S. Department of the Interior summer video posted on YouTube and other social media sites features exciting scenes of off-road motorcycling on public lands, and the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) is calling on all riders to applaud the efforts of the department and the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR).

The Interior Dept. video, "Recreation's New Look," is the latest result of combined Interior and industry efforts to give outdoor recreation a new look for the 21st century, and one that clearly includes powersports.

"Along with Interior and the ORR, the Motorcycle Industry Council, Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA) and the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association (ROHVA) have worked hard to make powersports an even more recognized outdoor activity on public lands and this new video really showcases that effort," said Tim Buche, MIC president and CEO.

The ORR works to promote policy and legislative reforms needed to enhance the outdoor recreation economy, which accounts for \$673 billion in annual economic output. Since early 2017, the MIC, SVIA, ROHVA and other outdoor industries have been meeting with Secretary Ryan Zinke and officials from Interior and the U.S. Forest Service to discuss ways to improve visitor experiences on America's public lands and waters, including providing more and better access to trails.

H-D SHIFTS OVERSEAS CITING TARIFFS, TRUMP LURES OTHER BIKE-MAKERS TO U.S.

A few weeks ago, Harley-Davidson announced that it was moving some production offshore claiming it was due to President Trump's trade war tariffs, stating in prepared remarks; "Increasing international production to alleviate the EU tariff burden is not the company's preference, but represents the only sustainable option to make its motorcycles accessible to customers in the EU and maintain a viable business in Europe. Europe is a critical market for Harley-Davidson."

To briefly recap: Trump enacted tariffs on imported steel and aluminum earlier this year, prompting the European Union to place tariffs on a broad range of American imports, including motorcycles. That, in turn, prompted Harley, already facing headwinds, to move some of its jobs overseas, announcing plans to open a motorcycle assembly plant in Thailand this year.

In response, according to a report by Business Insider, the President is now looking to foster foreign manufacturers in the US, tweeting; "Now that Harley-Davidson is moving part of its operation out of the U.S., my Administration is working with other Motor Cycle companies who want to move into the U.S. Harley customers are not happy with their move - sales are down 7% in 2017. The U.S. is where the Action is!"

SCOTUS SIDES WITH MOTORCYCLE THIEF

It's not often that a motorcycle-related legal case ends up in the U.S. Supreme Court, but as the result of a dispute over a stolen bike in Virginia, the case of *Collins v. Virginia*, 16-1027 focused on the Fourth Amendment, and whether or not police violated the defendant's Constitutional right against unreasonable searches and seizures during a 2014 investigation.

Now, several years after the initial incident, the highest court in the land has concluded that the defendant's fourth amendment rights were indeed violated when an Albemarle County, Virginia, police officer strolled onto the defendant's (or rather his girlfriend's) property, lifting a cover to reveal a stolen motorcycle.

In this particular case, the Supreme Court Justices voted 8-1 in favor of Collins, with Justice Sonia Sotomayor asserting the search was an «invasion of the sanctity» of Collins' curtilage (basically the land/area surrounding one's house).

Regarding the "automobile exception" which allows certain types of searches to be conducted on vehicles without a warrant since, unlike a house, cars can be moved at a moment's notice, Sotomayor contended it «does not justify an intrusion on a person's separate and substantial Fourth Amendment interest in his home and curtilage».

So in the end, Collins' "receiving stolen property" conviction previously handed down by the Virginia Supreme Court was overturned, though the U.S. Supreme Court has yet to close the book on the potential for Collins' convictions to be upheld on different grounds.

Of particular importance to the motorcycling community, irrespective of guilt or innocence, ownership of a motorcycle does not invite an unwarranted search.

WORLD'S FIRST MOTORCYCLE-THEMED AMUSEMENT PARK BREAKS GROUND

What could be more exciting than a theme park dedicated to motorcycle-riding, including a high-speed head-to-head roller coaster race?

To be identified as «Ducati World», Ducati laid the first stone to the world's first theme park dedicated to all the motorcyclists, young or old, that will include a showroom, children's attractions, virtual reality and many more indulging experiences fully showcasing the Ducati brand in a larger than life format.

Located at Mirabilandia, the «Ducati World» will be the world's

first entertainment arena themed after a motorcycle brand. It will become a part of the Mirabilandia leisure park which is in the Emilia-Romagna region of Italy, the birthplace of Ducati.

It will be spread across 35,000 square-meters and feature a unique new-gen roller coaster that will “turn each visitor into a Ducati rider” as a major attraction. It will also be home to motorcycle simulators allowing visitors to have the feel of the road on superbikes and track machines going at full throttle.

The highlight of the amusement park would be a racing-inspired interactive roller coaster, which simulates a ride on a Panigale V4 with the power to control the acceleration and braking; “An authentic head-to-head between bikes roaring along parallel rails.”

A museum will showcase the rich history of the iconic brand, and of course you’ll have fine multi-cuisine Ducati and Ducati Scrambler-themed restaurants and Michelin-starred kitchens cooking delicious meals. The Ducati shop will give the visitors the opportunity to buy all sorts of official Ducati and Ducati Scrambler apparel and merchandise.

Gates to the “most engaging and innovative experience for motorcycling fans” will open to the public in 2019.

SOA BLAMED FOR RISING ‘BIKER GANG’ NUMBERS

We blame a lot on television shows and on movies...violence, sexuality, food – but we can apparently now add fictional dramas to the long list of things that are bad for us on TV, as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) recently released a statement that blamed the FX series “Sons of Anarchy” for the rise in “outlaw biker gangs’ numbers” in the province of Nova Scotia. The show ended four years ago, but it apparently keeps inspiring edgy riders to jump in the saddle and seek out their peers.

According to RCMP Constable Scott Morrison, the spirit of camaraderie is the big selling point. «They think the camaraderie is there based on the television show and they’re joining up,» he told CBC News.

DUTCH JUDGES BAN ‘HOMEGROWN BIKER’S GANG’

In The Hague on June 18, Dutch judges banned a national motorcycle club and seized all its assets, ruling members had spread a culture of violence and criminal activities in the Netherlands: «The court in The Hague has decided today that the motorcycle club Satudarah is banned with immediate effect,» the judges said in their ruling.

The judges also ordered that the club should lose all its assets including access to its clubhouse.

The case had been brought by the Dutch prosecution service, as part of an ongoing clampdown on gang violence. Last year prosecutors successfully shut down the Bandidos MC when a court in Utrecht ordered all the club’s chapters to close, saying it posed a public threat. Dutch justices have also tried in vain several times to outlaw the Hells Angels as a criminal organization, but a new case against the club is due to be heard soon.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: «It is not the function of the government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the government from falling into error.»

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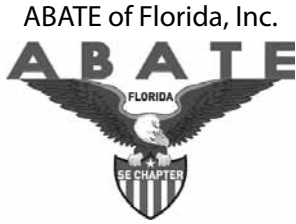
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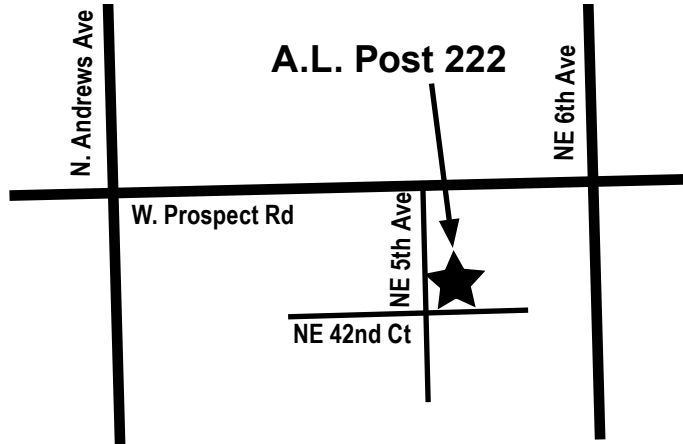
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