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WHO WE ARE

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

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Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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

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December**

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From Your President

I would like to thank all the new members who joined the Southeast Chapter, in support of ABATE of Florida. We are a volunteer organization and we depend on our membership to get things done. You can volunteer to help as little or as much as you like. We have events coming up in the next few months and can always use an extra hand. It will help us out and will help you too, to be an involved part of the only motorcycle organization that fights for your rights and safety.

We have a special event coming up, the Toys in the Sun Run on December 9th. It benefits the kids at Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital. Please show up and help support this great cause. It's a lot of fun too, and you get to see old friends. Don't forget to stop by our booth, and get your picture taken with Diddles, the Chihuahua that rides a motorcycle. She is 8 years old and has been riding since she was 6 weeks old. She has over 52,000 miles under her belt (halter, lol).

With the holiday season coming and everybody partying out, we now also have to worry about people being on their cell phones and driving while distracted. Please try and be more vigilant when riding and always leave yourself an out.

I want to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah with their family and friends. Please take a moment to say a prayer for the families and friends who have lost loved ones this year, they are gone but not forgotten.

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

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Peace,

Johnny Rose
President
Southeast Chapter



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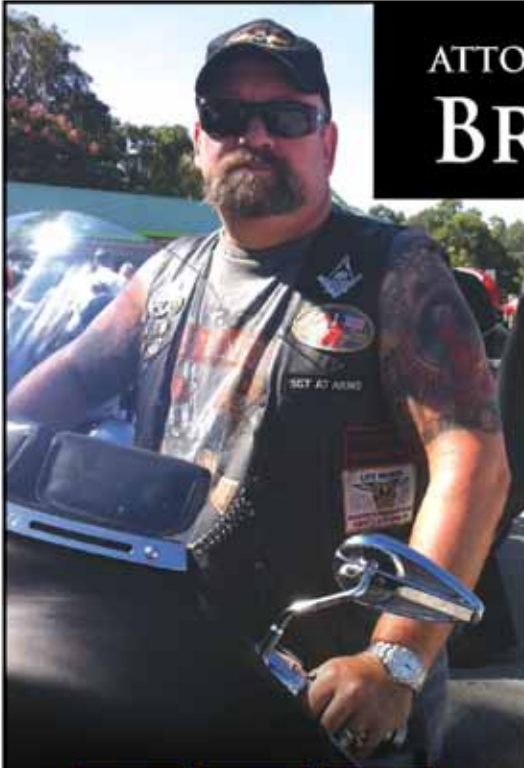
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**Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Held at the AMERICAN LEGION POST 222
Oakland Park, FL
November 18, 2018**

Johnny Rose called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. There were 30 members present. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by Paul.

President's Report: Johnny again thanked everyone for attending the meeting. ABATE Southeast Chapter has been attending lots of events and getting new members wherever we go. We did great at the Rock Fest and VFW 1966 Bike, Cruise, & Concert event. Diddles killed it also. The Toy Run is coming up and, this year, all volunteers will pay and bring a toy. We are starting to get noticed again and we need to keep up the good work. Johnny introduced a past president Jimbo, who attend our meeting.

Vice-President's Report: Old Hippy also thanked everyone for coming and also thanked everyone for reaching out to the independents. If anyone is going to the December 14th event, please ride safe in Miami.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed; Seconded, no discussion, all in favor; Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sheila read the financial report. A motion was made to accept the financial

report, seconded, all were in favor; Motion was passed.

Sergeant at Arms Report: Nighthawk said that it was great to see old faces and new faces. Please take the Toy Run Flyer and post on your fridge. Remember that date, December 9th. We need help to set up and take down our booth. Nighthawk also mentioned to all the veterans, Happy Veterans' Day!

Road Captain's Report: Russ was not present to report.

Safety Director's Report: Teddy Bear mentioned that we are low on supplies and hopefully, at the State Meeting, we will get a few supplies we need and that he ordered. Also we have new bumper stickers, compliments of Old Hippy.

Products Report: Laurel reported we have been selling a lot of products and she has some hats (ball cap style) today if anyone is interested.

Events Coordinator: Gabe mentioned that American Legion Post 36 wants to host a party for us. RockFest 80's went very well, thank you Gabe. A Christmas Party, or Holiday party was discussed somewhere towards end of December. Suzanne mentioned maybe combining it with her legendary Sweets Party. (Good memories & sweets) Johnny mentioned that he wants us to help at the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show, maybe with parking this year.

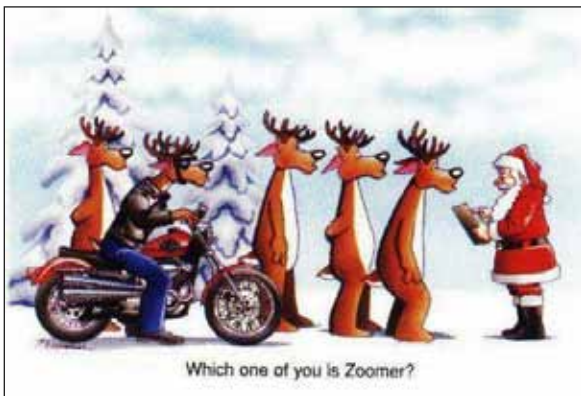
State Representative Report: There was no state meeting this month, the next one is December 8th in Naples, Florida. Marie and Wavy will be attending. Johnny and Teddy Bear mentioned they want to attend also.

Membership Report: Sheila read the membership report. We have 62 new members and 45 renewals in the past few months. She said that the President, Johnny, personally calls all new members. We are still the largest chapter and the State will be getting a nice check from our chapter.

Newsletter Editor: Wildcat said she needs the articles for the newsletter no later than end of 2nd Sunday of the month, please. We cannot get the newsletter out late and early articles will help. JR mentioned every time he calls Palm Beach Chapter about the newsletter, he gets nowhere.

Legislative Report: Brad was present (yeahhh) and reported that no bills have been filed regarding motorcycles issues. March 1st is the deadline to submit any bills. Committees meet January, February & March. Lefty spoke about the slick spots on the highway. Gabe & Brad talked about the PIP & property damage amounts that might try to be passed again increasing the amount to \$25,000.00 from \$10,000.00.

Legal Counsel: Brad had nothing to report.



Public Relations: Fern was present. She reminded everyone about her Christmas Party. She also mentioned that the ABATE Watch for Motorcycle signs work. She has people stopping and asking what it's all about (ABATE).

Billing and Invoicing: Sheila reported everything up to date.

Social Director Report: Sandy was not present but brought the monthly goodies, turkey shaped cupcakes and brownies for our after meeting delight. Sheila said that the Chapter Board voted to provide the sandwiches and fruit for our after party, as a thanks for all the hard work everyone has been doing.

Newsletter Distribution: Wavy reported all is going good, and thanked everyone who is helping with the deliveries. Please keep Poppie in your thoughts and prayers. He is having a few health issues right now but is always thinking of us and we miss him.

Quartermaster Report: Bob was not present and excused. Bob is working at the Broward County Fair!

Photographer's Report: Barry was sick and not present to report, so Ada reported she is taking lots of pictures.

Webmaster's Report: Rogue was not present but all is good.

Old Business: There was discussion about the banner for Mickeys. Nighthawk mentioned school is still in session for the next few days even though it's Thanksgiving. He also mentioned again about the flyer for the Toy Run, put on your fridge for reminder.

New Business: There was discussion on lane splitting on a bike and what is ABATE's position on it.

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Good of the Order: Gun tickets - last chance to buy them before we have to take them back to State Meeting in December. Benefit for Pepsi at States MC Clubhouse on December 1, Fern's Legendary Christmas Party on December 2, SFPC Pre Toys in the Sun Run on December 4 (bring a toy, all meet at Outcast MC club house), SFPC Toys in the Sun Run on December 9, American Legion Post 321 Riders Party for the children on December 16, and the Riders will escort Santa around Cooper City. Wavy mentioned all the flyers on the tables for upcoming events.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is December 16, 2018, at the American Legion Post 222, In Oakland Park, FL. Don't forget to bring some COOKIES to share.

Hope to see everyone there. HO HO HO
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Marie Baxter
Secretary
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The patches we wear on our vest say something; some are just expressions and others like the American flag have a little more meanings like organizations, riding groups and clubs. Some of the general public knows the difference, but a lot just group us all into one when they see us.

There was an issue that occurred, in the not so recent past, that involved an individual wearing a patch at an event. The individual made a scene so bad, that it gave the whole group he is, or was associated with a bad rap! And it was overheard people saying, "We don't want your kind here"!

Bottom line: If you're wearing a vest with a patch that represents a group of riders who also has that patch on them, act accordingly because it's not only you that becomes undesirable, but ALL of us riders are affected also. Especially the group that lost their chance to be there.

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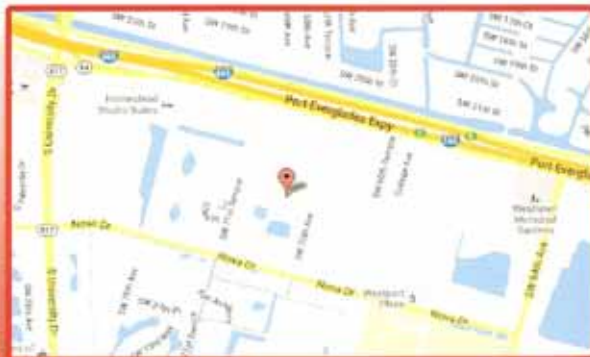
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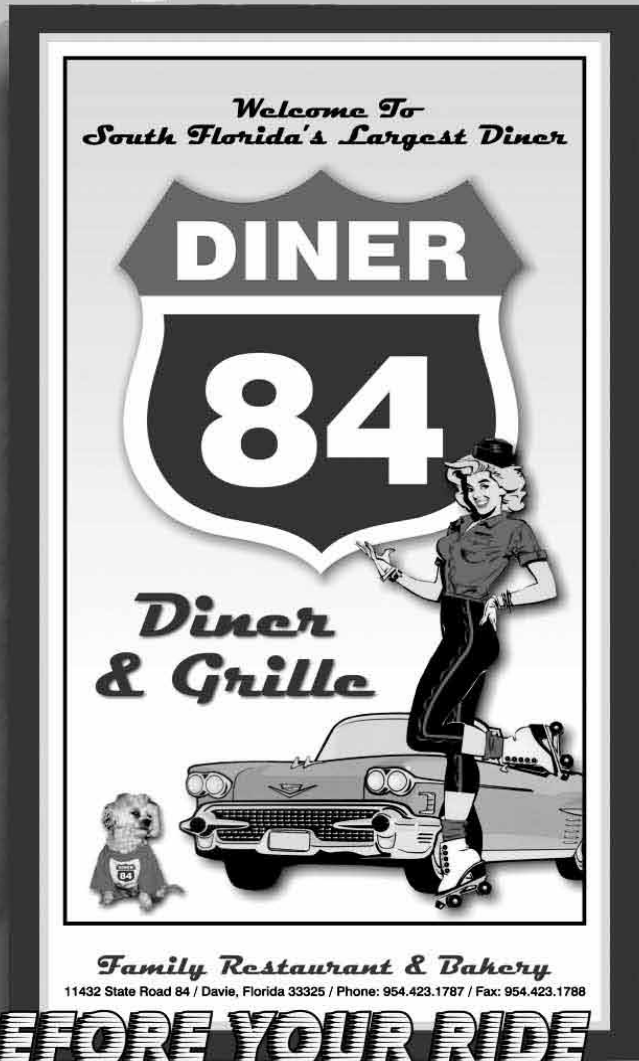
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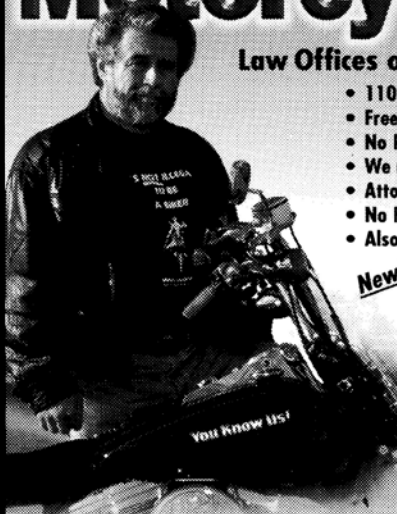
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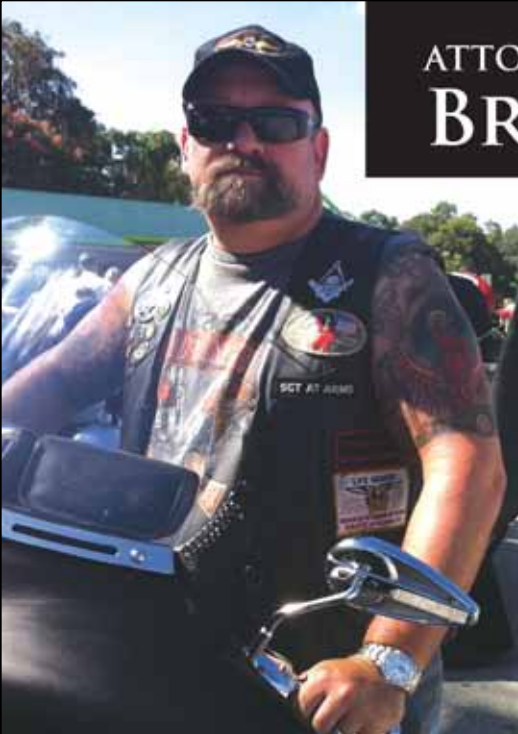
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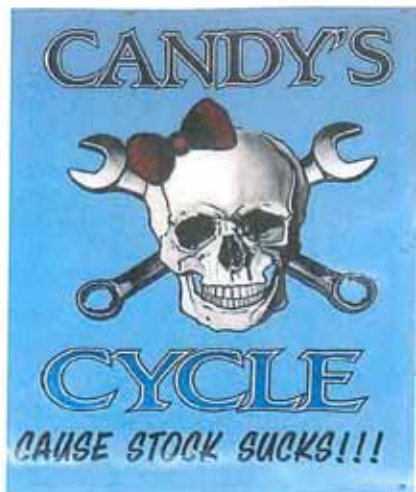
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From Your Safety Director



We have done a lot since my last article. We had a safety and membership booth set up at the Bike, Cruise, and Concert Under the Stars at VFW 1966 and also at South Florida's Wildest Motorcycle Show with Molly Hatchet. We talked to a lot of people, got out a lot of safety information, and got some new members. The next big event was RockFest 80's, a 2-day music festival over the Veterans' Day weekend. We had our safety and membership booth there, set up next to Gabe, the Attorney That Rides, American Legion Post 180, and Wings of Gold, who are raffling a motorcycle for the Toys in the Sun Run coming up on December 9, 2018. We did good at that event as well, spreading the word about ABATE.

Safety Tip - Protect Your Feet

The right shoes are so important to riding safely and protecting yourself from the hazards of the road and in the event of an accident. Open-toed shoes, like flip-flops, expose your feet, and they can easily slip off, causing a dangerous situation. When you shift gears, you lift up the shift peg with your toes – so open-toed shoes can become painful fast. When you're riding a motorcycle, you're sitting on the engine and exhaust system, which get hot so it's easy to burn your feet. When riding a motorcycle, you want sturdy shoes. Those shoes are the only protection your feet will have. Look for something with a rugged sole and good traction. Shoes with smooth soles make it easier for you to slip. When you're at a stop and using your feet to balance, the last thing you want to do is slip and drop your bike. Motorcycle shoes should also have sturdy ankle supports and a low heel. You want something that makes it easier for you to balance. Look for shoes or boots in a durable material, like leather, for better protection.

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WEEKLY EVENTS



SUNDAY

Free pool at Sharkey's Lounge Margate
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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 7pm-?

THURSDAY

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

Hermanidad MC Open House, 8-2am

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

Scurvy Few MC Texas Holdem/Karaoke - 7:30 pm

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 & 3rd Fri - Kingdom of Brothers Open House

2nd - US Military Vets Dirty Dozen Open House

4th Fri - American Legion Post 36 Bike Night

Mystic Seven - Open House - 8pm

SATURDAY

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

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

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

2nd Sat - Scurvy Monthly Birthday Party

Last Sat - Leathernecks MC Charity Poker



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2 Fern's Christmas Party See Below	3	4	5	6 Leathernecks MC Open House	7	8 STATE MEETING Naples, FL	
9 SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN	10	11	12 States MC Open House	13	14	15 Alligator Alley Toy Run Bike Drawing	
16 SE ABATE Chapter Meeting	17	18	19	20 Leathernecks MC Open House	21	22	
23	24	25 	26 States MC Open House	27	28	29 Leathernecks MC Charity Poker	
30	31	SEE PAGE 23 FOR OTHER WEEKLY EVENTS				Or you can 	

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- ▶ DECEMBER 2 - Fern's 5th Annual Christmas Party featuring: Bustin' Strings @ Noon. For more info call: 954-609-3013
- ▶ DECEMBER 15 - Hermandad MC - Afredo Memorial & Toy Run
- ▶ DECEMBER 15 - USMVMC - WREATH'S ACROSS AMERICA
- ▶ DECEMBER 16 - Wings of Gold MC Miami - Toy Run
- ▶ FRIDAYS - 8:00 pm - Mystic Seven Open House
- ▶ FRIDAYS 6-8 pm - States MC Pizza Night - All are welcome



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JANUARY



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DECEMBER

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

- 6th-Sun STATES MC - BLESSING OF THE BIKES
- 13th-Sun WINGS OF GOLD FT. LAUD. - BIKER APPRECIATION DAY
- 20th-Sun S.E. ABATE - SEMI ANNUAL
- 27th-Sun **DER KRIEGER MC - ANNUAL**

FEBRUARY

- 2nd-Sat **US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD - ANNUAL**
- 10th-Sun **AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
- 14th-Wed Valentines Day
- 16th-Sat SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY
- 23rd-Sat **WHEELS OF MAN MC - 46th ANNUAL**

MARCH

- 3rd-Sun **HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL**
- 8th-17th 78th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
- 17th-Sun St. Patrick's Day
- 23rd-Sat **US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY**

APRIL

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

MAY

- 5th-Sun **SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL**
- 11th-Sat **OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL**
- 12th-Sun Mothers day
- 19th-Sun **WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL**
- 26th-Sun S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
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He forgives me for all my sins in the past, the sins I commit now, and for all the sins I will commit, in the future. All I have to do is repent and ask for forgiveness.

My Jesus gives me a new day every time I open my eyes in the morning...He heals me when I'm sick, He feeds me when I'm hungry, He gives me water when I thirst.

I think you get the picture I'm trying to convey, and I sound very selfish, by referring to Jesus as mine!!!! That's the greatest thing about my Jesus is that He's not just mine, He is all of ours, both mine and yours, Jesus is for everybody.

All we have to do is except Him as our Lord, by asking him into our lives. Once you do that your His forever you will never be alone, He will never forsake you, You will always belong to Jesus.

It says in John 18:9 "the saying might be fulfilled, which He spoke, of them which you gave me I have lost none. That's Jesus speaking to His Father God in Heaven, telling Him that when He gives anyone of us we will never be lost.



Hope all my brothers and sisters will have wonderful holidays...and my thoughts and prayers are that all your needs will be fulfilled, what ever they might be.

Remember if I can help you in any way feel free to contact me.

As always
Your Chaplain
Poppie

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OLDHIPPY'S CORNER



After seeing all the people in cars with cell phones, and some of them came close to hitting me sometimes, I had to touch on a subject that I have harped on a lot in the past.

The NHTSA has just released a report that driver's distraction has led to an increase of accidents, Duh?

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure that out! Just ask any biker that has had to dodge around someone who is too busy doing other things, besides paying attention to what they should be doing!! Like "DRIVING" with two hands on the wheel!!!!

Driver distractions are the leading cause of most vehicle crashes and near-crashes. According to a study released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI), 80% of crashes and 65% of near-crashes involve some form of driver distraction. The distraction occurred within three seconds before the vehicle crash!

According to the NHTSA and VTTI study, the principal actions that cause distracted driving and lead to vehicle crashes are:

Cell Phone use (we have seen this a lot).

- Reaching for a moving object inside the vehicle.
- Looking at an object or event outside of the vehicle. (looking at girls on A1A comes to mind).
- Reading (now we have the I-Pad).
- Applying makeup (there had already been a lady that killed a biker while putting on nail polish).

There are a lot more like; Shaving, Eating, Reading the Newspaper, Texting, Lounging (we have all seen the ones with their seat back so far, you swear they were parked with a hot date). Watching a Movie (give me a break, this is against the law anyway!), on their Computer surfing the Internet (work or porn, I wonder!).....and tons more!!

They are in their cage in a climate control environment with all the amenities of home and we wonder why accidents happen. They first thought windshield wipers where a distraction when they first came out. Can you imagine what those people would think with all the gadgets we have now?

ABATE has been pushing for stiffer penalties for accidents that was caused by a careless driver and a lot of them is because of DISTRACTIONS.

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OLDHIPPIY'S CORNER



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On March 6, 2010, Pamela Knight was not paying attention while she was driving in Pensacola, FL. She failed to yield the right of way to Pastor Gary Laird on his Harley Davidson Ultra Classic (not a small bike by any means). Knight's careless driving caused Pastor Laird to strike her vehicle; he was pronounced dead at the scene.

A typical \$87 ticket is all-too-often the norm. That is why ABATE is trying to have this changed.

Someone, by not paying attention for whatever reason causes death or injury needs to be more accountable than a lousy \$87 fine. Like Lockdown stated once: "If you feel that motorcyclists' lives are worth the same as any other motorists' life, pay attention to who you vote for this election season".

If you feel that motorcyclists' lives are worth more than an \$87 ticket, or even more than \$1,166 in fines, contact your elected officials and let them know that you are outraged at the lack of value "the system" puts on motorcyclists' lives, join us in our fight. These are just some of the battles ABATE of Florida, Inc. fights for!

Till next time...

Keep the Shiny side up and the Greasy side down!

OldHippy



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Thank You,

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AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES SHOULD STOP HITTING MOTORCYCLES

The safety of autonomous cars remains in question, as a self-driving Chrysler Pacifica hit a motorcyclist on October 19 in Mountain View, California, when the test driver took control of the car to avoid a vehicle that had suddenly moved into its lane. The manufacturer claims its technology, which can «see 360 degrees in every direction,» could have avoided the incident if the car's software had remained in control, but reports from around the country indicate that self-driving cars are struggling to handle some driving tasks.

Autonomous cars are hitting the road whether we like it or not, but the presumption that they will be safer than human drivers when it comes to avoiding accidents has so far proven less than promising. There have been at least three reported cases of an autonomous car crashing into a motorcycle. On July 27, 2016, a motorcyclist in Norway was seriously injured when she was rear-ended by a Tesla Model S with its Autopilot self-driving system engaged. Additionally, on December 7, 2017, a California motorcyclist was hurt in a collision with a self-driving Chevy Bolt that had aborted a signaled lane change and was returning to its original lane while the rider was lane splitting past it, a maneuver that is legal in California.

Another disturbing incident occurred when an autonomous Uber car struck and killed a woman who was walking her bicycle across the road at night. One would think that the car's radar and infrared scanners would detect such an object far better than the human eye could. Indeed, the car's onboard computer detected the obstruction in the road six seconds before impact. Unfortunately, it failed to identify what type of object she was until just 1.3 seconds before impact, at which point it was too late to avoid hitting her. Other factors, such as an inattentive human driver who was supposed to be monitoring the car's surroundings, also contributed to the fatal crash, but a computer that fails to identify a target for nearly five seconds should be quite disturbing to motorcyclists who may suffer from this fate as well.

Adaptive Cruise Control is a radar guidance system that enables a car to change its speed relative to the vehicle in front of it based on traffic conditions. A study by RDW has determined

that existing adaptive cruise control systems often do not do an adequate job of locking onto a motorcycle rather than a car. These systems seem to have difficulty detecting a motorcycle not riding in the center of its lane, which is a problem since riders tend to occupy either the left or right tire grooves of a lane.

Another study by Dynamic Research shows similar results when it comes to forward collision warnings detecting motorcycles. Throughout the tests, forward collision warning systems failed to detect the motorcycle adequately in 40% of trials. Similarly, 37% of simulated crashes in this test occurred because the car's onboard detection systems didn't see the motorcycle, which is also the number one cause of motorcycle accidents with human drivers.

If autonomous driving systems are designed properly, developed with motorcyclists in mind rather than an afterthought, they could potentially deliver on their promise of making the roads safer for everyone. «They could be on the lookout for motorcycles and other road hazards in all directions at all times, something even the most attentive human driver can never do,» according to RideApart.com. «The trick is to design such systems to work in this way as a core functionality. Autonomous vehicles must be able to search, evaluate, and execute the same way the Motorcycle Safety Foundation teaches all riders to.»

U.S. SENATE SEEKS FULL FUNDING FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) has aided trail construction and maintenance projects and programs nationwide since 1991. Created through landmark surface transportation legislation, RTP reflected Congressional belief that federal gas taxes paid on motor fuel used in motorized non-highway recreational activities should be used to benefit those paying the tax as well as other users of recreational trails. Tens of millions of hikers and bikers, equestrians and ATVers, snowmobilers and skiers, canoeists and others now enjoy better outdoor experiences because of this action. RTP's accomplishments unite the efforts in every state of federal agencies, state and local governments, volunteers and recreation businesses.

Now, a bipartisan effort promises to dramatically increase the benefits of RTP's proven formula with the recent introduction of S.3604, the RTP Full Funding Act of 2018 to require a study to estimate the total amount of taxes collected on non-highway recreational fuel, improve reporting on expenditures from the RTP, and streamline RTP funding distribution to the states by

reducing unnecessary paperwork.

“Minnesota snowmobilers, hikers, ATV users, cyclists, and countless others who enjoy the outdoors rely on the Recreational Trails Program to explore our state’s natural wonders and support our local businesses,” said U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), one of the bill’s sponsors. “This bipartisan legislation will help ensure states receive all of the resources they deserve to protect and improve these trails for generations to come.”

According to the Coalition for Recreational Trails, over the last 27 years the RTP has funded more than 23,000 projects and has attracted hundreds of millions of dollars of matching support from other private and public sources for trails and facilitated healthy outdoor recreation, as well as badly needed economic activity in countless communities.

However, conservative estimates suggest that the RTP currently receives only about one third of the total taxes paid annually by non-highway «recreationists.» A study to determine the best available estimate of the total amount of non-highway recreational fuel taxes collected will help ensure that these federal taxes are appropriately returned to the states for RTP while helping provide the Congress with the information it needs as it considers future infrastructure legislation.

OHIO ENACTS DISTRACTED DRIVING LAW

Since the early days of motorcycling, riders have rightfully complained that car drivers don’t see them. Frustrated and infuriated by the lack of respect on the road, Motorcycle Rights Organizations across the country began lobbying for and passing laws that added fines and penalties for inattentive drivers who cause accidents resulting in injury or death. So-called “R-O-W” laws to punish careless or distracted drivers who carelessly violate our Right-of-Way have cropped up in numerous states nationwide, with Oregon being the most recent state to enact such a law last June, spearheaded by the Oregon Confederation of Clubs.

When “distracted driving” entered the national consciousness more than a decade ago, the problem was mainly people who made calls or sent texts from their cell phones. Innovations since then, such as car Wi-Fi and a host of new apps, have led to a boom in internet usage in vehicles that safety experts now say is contributing to a surge in highway deaths. After steady declines over the last four decades, highway fatalities have increased to the highest levels in years, and distracted driving

has been cited as the main culprit. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) claims that distracted driving has led to the biggest spike in traffic deaths in 50 years!

Now, distracted driving is about to become a costlier offense on Ohio roads, as effective October 29, 2018, new regulations and penalties went into effect pertaining to what constitutes «distracted driving.» House Bill 95 broadens the description of driving distracted beyond using telecommunications or other hand-held electronic devices while driving. Officers now can cite drivers observed to be engaged in any «activity that is not necessary for the vehicle’s operation and that impairs, or reasonably would be expected to impair, the driver’s ability to drive safely,» according to the legislation.

The bill defines “distracted” as:

- Using a handheld electronic wireless communications device - including phones, tablets and computers - except when it is on speakerphone or otherwise hands-free.
- Any activity “that is not necessary to the operation of a vehicle” and could or does impair the driver.

Governor John Kasich signed the legislation July 30 to make distracted driving a secondary offense in the state. So, if you’re pulled over for speeding or another moving violation, and found to be driving while distracted, the new law enhances the fine by an additional \$100 or completion of a distracted-driving safety course. A person can only be cited for “distracted driving” if the law enforcement officer witnesses the offense while the moving violation is occurring, according to the bill.

Texting while driving has already been a secondary offense in Ohio since 2012, but HB95, which passed the legislature with bipartisan support, applies to distracted driving in all its forms, from putting on makeup to changing the radio station. Similar laws are already on the books in Connecticut, Maine, Washington state, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

NCOM CONVENTION IN ORLANDO - SAVE THE DATE!

The 34th annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother’s Day weekend, May 10-12, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Orlando, Florida. The largest gathering of motorcycle rights activists in the world, the NCOM Convention attracts hundreds of concerned motorcyclists from across America to address topics of concern to all riders.

All motorcyclists are welcomed and encouraged to participate

in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to protect our riders' rights and preserve Freedom of the Road. Special seminars will be held on Restoration of Rights, Leadership 101 and «Share the Road» Motorcycle Safety.

Additional agenda items will cover legal and legislative issues, with Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting.

To pre-register for the 2019 NCOM Convention, contact the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

DENMARK MOVES TO MAKE HELMETS OBLIGATORY
Concerned that the current law is open to exploitation, Denmark could soon see a helmet law overhaul. In the Scandinavian country, riders are allowed to go helmetless if they obtain a doctor's note or have a legitimate non-medical reason such as wearing a turban. However, government ministers believe that "biker gang types" often threaten doctors in order to obtain the note.

According to a report by The Local, transport and health ministers have presented a proposal that would eliminate all exceptions. Transport Minister Ole Birk Olesen said, "You can see on the streets that many are riding without a helmet," adding that if there really is a medical reason to not wear a helmet, those people shouldn't ride motorcycles in the first place.

While the ministers conceded they had no idea if false or coerced doctors' notes are a major issue in Denmark, they claimed it was an assumption based on "a clear hunch".

Olesen also noted that the proposed change is for riders' own good.

If the government's proposal is passed the new rules will take effect on January 1st, while those with an existing doctor's note will be allowed to continue riding helmetless until July 1st.

POLICE ARREST STRIKING MOTORCYCLE FACTORY WORKERS DURING PROTEST

A protest march in India has resulted in police detaining nearly 1,500 motorcycle factory workers on strike. Police stopped the protest in Tamil Nadu, claiming that the strikers had not obtained the proper permits to hold a march.

Factory workers from Royal Enfield, Yamaha, and Myoung Shin India (a supplier of Hyundai India) have been on strike against management since September 24. Management has shunned their efforts to form unions and demand salary increases, as well as the reinstatement of workers allegedly fired for wanting to start a union.

As a result, Yamaha's factory is operating at just 40% capacity, while Royal Enfield's production has ceased completely, delaying the introduction of new models.

This setback will not deter the striking workers, however, telling News18 they intend to intensify their efforts as the companies they are striking against continue refusing to work with them. Salespeople will soon join factory workers in the strike, and employees from 50 other companies in the area also plan to join in, indicating the situation will continue to get worse before it gets better as a result of these strikes.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: «Why is it we think of history as something that is in the past and forget that we are making it?»
~ Winston Churchill (1874-1965) British Prime Minister

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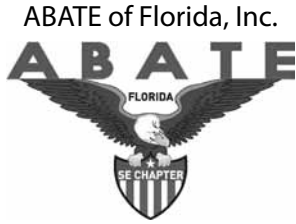
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