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With more MC's, Groups, & Associations growing and entering our community, it's important that ABATE can be there for them. We give a ¼ page free space, or a discount for larger sizes for those needing to post an event. For one month only. We have at least 1600 copies that go out to the public and establishments every month. Plus we have our website that

gives some businesses some exposure as well. <u>www.abatese.org</u>. If anyone is interested in advertising or has information that needs to be heard, please feel free to contact anyone on the board.

President's Thoughts

And now for some news from Tallahassee......

ABATE of FL's Stiffer Penalties Bill Passes 1st Committee

Tallahassee, FL January 27, 2012 - ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Stiffer Penalties Bill, Senate Bill 1754, has passed its first committee. The Senate Transportation Committee passed the Bill with 7 yes votes and zero no votes. Doc, ABATE of Florida's Lobbyist, spoke before the committee during the hearing and said there no negative comments.

The next committee for the Bill will be the Senate Criminal Justice Committee. We can use everyone's help to contact the members of this committee to urge them to pass this Bill. The committee's Chair, Sen. Greg Evers (850-487-5000), is the Sponsor of our Bill. Other members are:

Sen. Charlie Dean Vice Chair	(850) 487-5017
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Any questions regarding this Bill should be directed to ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s State Legislative Trustee, Darrin "Scribe" Brooks at <u>statelegislative@abateflorida.com</u>.

Let's hope this Bill gets passed this time around! And let's make every effort to get our voices heard by contacting those listed above.

Until next time...

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Peace, Johnny Rose









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ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Jan. 15, 2012

Our President Johnny Rose called the meeting to order at 10:10am. There were 37 members, no members at large and no guests. Total in attendance: 37.The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by Jimmy Les.

President's Report

Johnny thanked all members for coming out on this chilly morning. He also thanked everyone for his or her thoughts and prayers while he was recuperating from surgery. There was a celebration of life for Wheels of Man MC member Peco. It seems one day you are having a good time with a friend or acquaintance, the next day they are gone. Please be careful out there. Next Sunday is our semi-annual event and we will need a lot of help. More details will be given under the Events Coordinator 's Report.

Vice-President's Report

Old Hippy reported we would need as much help as we can get for next Sundays event. Remember we only have 3 events per year in which we raise the money needed to support our chapter. Any time you can give is greatly appreciated. We also need a volunteer to handle Newsletter Distribution. Please see any board member if interested. If you want to step up and be part of the decision making process of our chapter, see any board member or trustee. Starting in March we will be holding nominations for all Executive Board and trustee positions for 2012-2013. If you are interested in running for any position, now is the time find out what the position entails.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the December's meeting as printed in the newsletter. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Joe read the financial report for December. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurers report. All in favor, motion passed.

Sergeant at Arms Report

Geo reported for next week's event. "Many hands make for little work". Please come out and support your chapter.

Road Captain's Report

Frank reported there was a nice turnout for the Blessing of the Bikes at the States MC clubhouse. Upcoming events

will be announced under Good of the Order. Please check the hotline for run updates and important information.

Safety Directors Report

Dave reported on an incident, which had taken place at Hooters on University Drive in Sunrise. It appears the City of Sunrise conducted a "motorcycle only stop" in the parking lot. They were checking endorsements on licenses, red or blue led lights on bikes etc. Needless to say we will be contacting the City of Sunrise Chief of Police and look into the circumstances involved.

Products Report

Jackie reported we have products. We also have long sleeve shirts. She also reminded our members you do not have to wait for our monthly meeting if you need something. Feel free to give her a call and make arrangements. Her number is listed in the newsletter.

Events Coordinator

As announced last month due to personal schedules Jackie can no longer be our events coordinator. Many thanks for all her hard work over the past year especially since she was handling not 1 but 2 trustee positions. Johnny Rose reported we are running a little behind for next week's event but we will make it happen. We have sponsors but will need door prizes. No matter where you go, please ask for a door prize. There will be a quick planning meeting right after today's meeting. We will need your help to make this event a huge success. A very special Thank You goes to our very own Chris Sharpe and "Boots" Buchholz in the State Office. Certain time frames must be met with insurance requests and without their valuable assistance next week's event might have been in jeopardy.

State Reps Report

Chris reported there was no State Meeting this month. Next month's State Meeting is in Tallahassee. Probably the most important state meeting you can attend as we will ride to the capitol and have the opportunity to meet with our elected officials. Since the state legislature has started early, this years Tallahassee run to the capitol is being held on the 2nd weekend in February. So dress warmly as the last time it was held in February the air temperature was 40 degrees. Hotel rooms are available for a price, but tent camping is FREE.

Stiffer Penalty's bill has been introduced into the Senate. Senator Greg Evers introduced Senate bill #1754 "Traffic Offences". Additions to the bill were pedestrians and bicycle riders. Please contact your State Senators and request

their support for SB#1754.

The vertical tag issues will be brought up, also motorcycles to be treated as cars when it comes to public parking. Volunteers are needed for bike week. This year bike week is the second week on March, should be a lot warmer than last year. If you go, please support our State Campground. Bike week is the only fundraiser the state has, with the economy, they have had to reduce the size of the campground they rent. So come on out and support the state and all our chapters who fight for your rights.

Membership Report

George reported we have 631 members.

We have had a number of members comment they have not received their membership card or newsletter. If you have a problem, please contact George or Paul our Chapter Secretary. Both their phone numbers and email addresses are listed in the newsletter.

BUT Remember

It is impossible to process a new or renewal membership application, send out your membership card and a newsletter to your home:

IF WE CAN"T READ THE INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION.

Please print or write legibly.

Newsletter Editor

Wildcat reminded all members that all articles; contributions, pictures etc are due by the 20th of each month. All articles are due by Friday 1/20/12. Sadly due to personal scheduling Wildcat will be giving up her trustee position in June. Anyone interested to become the Newsletter Editor please call her ASAP. She has given us 6 months notice, which will give her plenty of time to train someone who is willing to step up and take over the position. If you are interested please contact her or any board member. Her new email address is: wildcatlady2009@comcast.net

Legislative Report

Old Hippy reported we must be vigilant. The MRF is following issues with legislation where bills introduced on the federal level and were voted on the very next day after being introduced. One in question is a Federal Safety Requirement when operating a motorcycle. You must have a motorcycle endorsement, mirrors, lights, signals, brake lights etc and a helmet. We will be following this issue very closely and keep you posted.

Public Relations

Fern was excused. No report

Advertising

Hope reported we have just a few outstanding invoices. Any member who has the time to deliver them personally is greatly appreciated. Johnny Rose reminded all members, no matter where you go try to get a business card ad. The cost is very low and helps support our newsletter.

Social Directors Report

Karen was excused. January's birthday party was held last night at Luke's. Remember "Its on the way home". There were 36 members who came out and had a great time. Check the hotline for the location next month's birthday party.

Newsletter Distribution

Due to personal commitments Karin has had to give up over seeing the distribution of the newsletter. Charlie has stepped up and will be handling the newsletter distribution. He will be working closely with Old Hippy and Karen to ensure a smooth transition.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob Anz was excused. Johnny Rose reported we would be handling the cooking at next week's event.

Photographer's Report

Axman was excused, no report. Johnny reported if you take any pictures at any event; please email them to our newsletter editor and web-master for posting on the web site and printing in the newsletter

Web-Master's Report

Mike was excused. Johnny Rose reported the web is up and running. However we are having some issues with our email server. Mike is working on changing out out the server. Old Hippy reported all advertisers are given a link on our web site to theirs when they advertise with us. This is free of charge.

Legal Council

Chris reported all issues have been reported in previous reports.

Old Business

None

New Business

Geo reported on the importance of communication. For example due to a lack of communication today there is an American Legion Rider event, which we were not aware of. Our legion post supports us 100% and now is the time for us to help support them. If you do not belong to this post join, whether a full member, SAL or Ladies Auxiliary now it the time. To keep the avenue of communication open between our organizations and to show our support for everything the post does for us, a motion was made, seconded to provide a full-page ad in our newsletter to the American Legion for their use at no charge. After a brief discussion a vote was called for. All in favor, motion passed.

Good of the Order

After today's meeting Wings of Gold Appreciation Party at Peterson's Harley Davidson North

1-20-12 Eternal MC Clubhouse grand opening and Scrappy's Birthday Party. Eternals MC and Black Pistons MC now have a shared clubhouse. They are located at 158 NE 33rd. Oakland Park FL. Open house is held every Friday and all are welcome. Each MC will hold an open house on alternate Fridays, so in other words, there will be an open house every Friday. You can't beat that. For more information call 786-416-5469

The 6th Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show.

The event will be held at Frost Park on Jan. 28, 2012. You will not find a greater collection of antique motorcycles in the same place at the same time. You don't want to miss this one. Our membership and safety booth will be there and best of all there is NO CHARGE to attend. For more information call 954-830-8855

1-29-12 Der Kreiger MC Hollywood Annual. The event will be held at All Stars located at 2201 W. Sample Rd in Pompano Beach. They are located on the NW corner of Sample and Powerline Roads. Starting at 12:00. For more information call: 954-257-3919

2-11-12 Everglades Conversation and Sportsman's Club Annual Wild Hog Barbeque. 20.00 per ticket include food. The event will be held at Monroe Station located 7 miles east of Everglades City on Tamiami Trail. For more information call 954-931-2636

We all know there is a President's Council overseeing the MC's and certain groups and associations. There is also a President's Council who oversee the Sport Bike Community.

We will be meeting with the newly formed President's Council who will oversee all groups and associations other than MC's. This association will work hand and hand with the Presidents Council which overseer's the MC's. Moving forward this is a great partnership.

We are proud to announce long time member and I mean LONG time member **Cigar Charley** is now a full patch member of the Keltics MC. Congratulations Charley.

It is always nice to know you have friends in high places. Member Zane Kelleher advised that his wife Barbara is Director of Public Information for the Department of Transportation State of Florida. She is willing to help us out anyway she can. Thank you Barbara, we will be in contact, Zane is also on the Board of Directors for the Broward Shrine Club who will be assisting us on next weeks event. After all it is being held at their house. The Broward Shrine Club is located at 2900 Taylor Street in Hollywood.

Every Thursday States MC has an open house at their clubhouse. Cash bar is open but the food is free until it runs out. My understanding is they had Chicken Parmesan last week and it was excellent. Their clubhouse is located at 761 SW 13Ct Pompano Beach.

Remember to check the Hotline @ 954-310-4636 for all updates

A motion was made, seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:45am

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

Paul A. Melcer

Paul Melcer

Secretary







OldHippy's Corner

s we move into this Legislative season it kind of makes me remember all the past ones, where things could have and did in some cases happen to affect us in some manner or another. Lucky for us we have MRO's (Motorcycle Rights Organization) like MRF (Motorcycle Riders Foundation) who look out for us on the national level and ABATE of Florida (American Bikers Against Totalitarian Enactments, which later turned into American Bikers Aiming Toward Education) who looks after us on the state level, which was also an instrumental part of getting Florida's helmet law changed to a Freedom of Choice helmet state.

These like so many of MRO's around the country are manned by volunteers and financially supported by people who know that without them we would be at the mercy of the know it all's that get elected. Just imagine where we would be subject to if they were not in place! Let's go ahead and name a few:

Mandatory Helmet Law: We got it changed in 2000 with a lot of support, but every year it seems to come up in some form and just recently, at the last minute we were able to stop the federal government from trying to blackmail the states, by withholding highway funds if they did not have one.

Handlebar Height: It wasn't that long ago that the law was so vague it did not consider the size of the rider when determining if it is legal.

Custom Bikes and Modifications: This is how it all got started! Couldn't build them let alone change them back then. And according to the EPA standards out there now, no changes to the engine performance, like carburetors, intake, exhaust or ignition change be done unless you have it tested after in a lab. Do your pipes have an EPA approval marking on them? Oh, forgot to mention the vertical tag that would have cost you a grand!!

Right to Ride on the Roads: *Remember a few years back* when Delray Beach tried to ban motorcycles from a section of road and was met with stiff opposition, which made them change their mind especially after ABATE lawyers had their say? This still can happen, with all the privatization going on who's to say they can forbid use from riding on, let's say...I-595 when it is done?

Clothing that we Must Wear: *Military Bases already make it mandatory to wear reflective as well as day "glow" green or orange colors. Who is to say that they* can't make us do the same along with body armor? I don't know about you, but I don't want to look like a guy on the corner selling newspapers or asking for a hand out when I ride.

Just Knowing What is Happening: ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter puts out a monthly newsletter with all the information that will keep you up to date on issues facing us as riders, not counting an up to date web site that has links



that can help educate and keep you informed. Before, it was all word of mouth, which would usually come too late to do anything about it.

Safety and Awareness Programs: With these programs in place, for awhile, we have seen a drop in rider's fatalities in the past few years. Before, I guess it was the old "LOOK OUT" he can't see you method.

There also have been so many times that they will not even bother to introduce anything or change something that might infringe on our rights as a biker because they know that we are watching them with our paid lobbyist and we have the ability to remove them from office at the next election with our sheer number of members.

Those where just a few of the things that Motorcycle Rights Organizations like ABATE do for us as riders and why everybody needs to support them.

Just to let you know, Southeast Chapter puts out over 1,600 newsletters a month <u>partially</u> funded by advertisers, and the rest coming from the **3 Event Dates** (which have been going on for many years, one being last month) that were allotted to us by the **South Florida President's Council of Motorcycle Clubs** (**SFPC**), and recognized by **South Florida Confederation of Clubs** (**SFLCOC**). They understand the need for ABATE. That without these important funds generated by those events, we would not be able to exist and fight for biker rights, let alone keep you informed with our publication every month. We all need to thank them for giving this Chapter the opportunity to continue with our goals as your **State MRO**.

In closing, I want to thank all those who came out to our Semi-Annual Event. And especially to the clubs who showed up in force for their much needed support in our cause. Also the Stiffer Penalty Bill has been reintroduced again and hopefully with the wording that includes bicycles

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and pedestrians, it will be passed this year.

Hope you can make it to the Freedom Rights Rally to the State Capital Feb. 10-13 and now is also the time to make your plans for Bike Week. Abate is the best place to camp and is the place to party, plus it is a major fund raiser for us.

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Some of last year and this month have been pretty rough for some us. Not just financially, but mentally and physically as well.

We've had Terry "The Blindman" in the Hospital in November and had a close call from complications of his Liver and Kidneys. He's doing well, but still gets a little weak every now and then. He will be needing some transplants in the very near future.

Johnny Rose, our President had a blockage from an abcess in his lower Intestines and we almost lost him too. He is also doing well and has a long road to recovery. He will be having re-construtive surgery in about 4-6 months from now. Hopefully sooner if all goes well.

And let's not forget about "Rainman". He had foot surgery around the same time Johnny was in the Hospital. Last time I heard, his foot surgery didn't work for him. Hope it gets better soon.

Then we lose "Peco" (wommc) while traveling home and lost control of his bike due to a heart condition.

Thoughts and prayers go out to Bruce Sonnenfeld's mother who just had surgery for removal of Cancer. She will be undergoing Chemo Therapy treatment soon. We wish for your mother a speedy recovery. And with Deepest Sympathy of your best-friend George. So sorry for your loss.

ABATE SE Chapter Life-Member Dave Carter (owner of Mickey's Bar in Pompano) went down on his motorcycle Thursday night on his way home around the vicinity of Hillsboro Blvd and Dixie Hwy. He only had one more mile to go to be with his family. He had a head injury, some broken ribs, and don't know for sure if anything else was broken or not. By the time everyone reads this we hope you are up and awake and ready for business! We Love you Dave, we are praying hard for you. We hope to see you soon and back to riding again!

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I'm keeping this short due to me being under the weather.

I want to say thanks for all the members and supporters that came out to our last event. We are now concentrating our efforts toward the Memorial Event which we are hoping will be bigger and better than last year.

At the next Chapter meeting we'll be looking to fill a couple of Trustee positions that have become open, and hope we can find willing volunteers to step up in these important positions.

Our legal team is looking into issues that happen at the bike night a few weeks back in Sunrise when Motorcycles where targeted. Remember, there are common knowledge laws, like endorsements that riders need to have and there is no excuse for not having one.

The State Run to the Capital is this month. If you have never been and have the time, it would be a chance to be able to be a part of riders showing the boys in power that we do care what they do. You

can also walk the halls and visit with them where they work.

That's it for now ...

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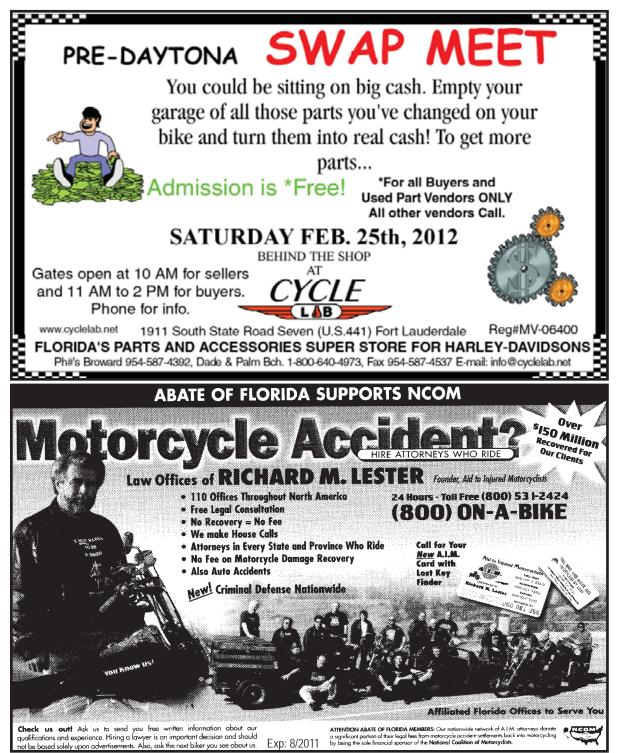


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Mickey's Bike Night	1 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	2	3 Luke's Place Bike Night
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11 Fiasco Bros MC Annual	12	13	14 Mickey's Bike Night	15 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	16	17 Luke's Place Bike Night
18 ABATE Chapter Meeting Keltics MC Broward Annual	19	20	21 Mickey's Bike Night	22 _{Cafe' 27} Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	23	24 USMVMC Chapter 1 Party Luke's Place Bike Night
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JANUARY

- 8 States MC 17th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
- 15 Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day
- 21 Wheels of Man MC Indian River Party
- 22 SE ABATE semi-annual event
- 29 Der Krieger MC Annual

FEBRUARY

- 4 Alternative WPB Party
- 5 Third Tradition Annual
- 11 USMVMC Homestead Party
- 12 AOA MC Ft. Laud. Valentines Day Annual
- 19 States MC Lake Worth Annual
- 25 Wheels of Man MC Deerfield 39th Annual

MARCH

- 4 Der Krieger MC PSL Annual
 10 Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud Party
 18 Keltics MC Broward Annual
 24 USMV MC Chapter 1 Party
- 25 Hermandad MC Annual
- 25 Fiasco Brothers MC Annual
- 31 Black Pistons MC T.C. Annual

APRIL

- 1 States MC Pompano Annual 7 - Mystic 7 MC Party
- 8 CMA Easter Party
- 14 Outcast MC Annual
- 21 USMVMC Martin Ctny Party
- 22 AOA WPB Party
- 28 & 29 Leesburg

MAY

6 - Southern MC Annual
12 - Wings of Gold MC P.S.L. Chili Cook Off
19 - USMVMC WPB Annual
20 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual
27 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

JUNE

3 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
9 - New Attitudes MC Annual
10 - Wings of Gold WPB Annual
16 - AOA Jerry & Roger 1%er's Memorial
23 - ABATE Palm Beach Party
24 - Wings of Gold MC Ft. Laud Annual

JULY

- 1 USMVMC South Broward Party
- 7 Wheels of Man MC IRC Annual
- 8 AOA MC WPB Annual
- 14 Wheels of Man MC Deerfield Chili Cook-Off
- 15 States MC Lake Worth Party
- 22 Black Pistons Ft. Laud. Annual
- 29 Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual

AUGUST

- 4 Wings of Gold Miami Party
- 5-12 72nd Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 10-12, 17th South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 12 AOA MC 44th Anniversary Party
- 19 Wings of Gold MC PSL Annual

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Outcast MC Party
- 9 States Pompano MC 19th Key West Party
- 14-16 Peterson's 39th Key West Poker Run
- 23 Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party
- 30 Keltics MC Party

OCTOBER

- 6 Mystic Seven MC Annual
- 7 Rough Riders MC Annual
- 13 New Attitudes MC Party
- 14 SE ABATE Annual Party
- 19-21 Biketoberfest
- 27 Wheels of Man Deerfield Halloween Party
- 28 Alternative Ft. Laud. Annual

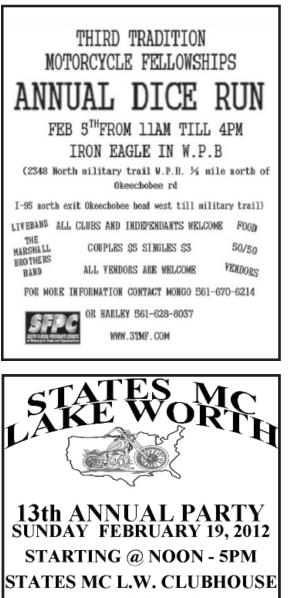
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- 4 AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual
- 10 USMVMC National Annual
- 11 CMA Memorial Event
- 17 Soldiers for Jesus MC Party
- 18 Wings of Gold WPB Party
- 25 USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

DECEMBER

- 2 ABATE Palm Beach Annual
- 9 SFPC Toy Run
 - 15 Toy Run Bike Drawing at Peterson's Harley
 - 15 Hermandad MC Alfredo Pena Memorial Run
 - 16 Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
 - 22 SFLCOC Christmas Party
 - 23 Calvary Chapel Christmas Service





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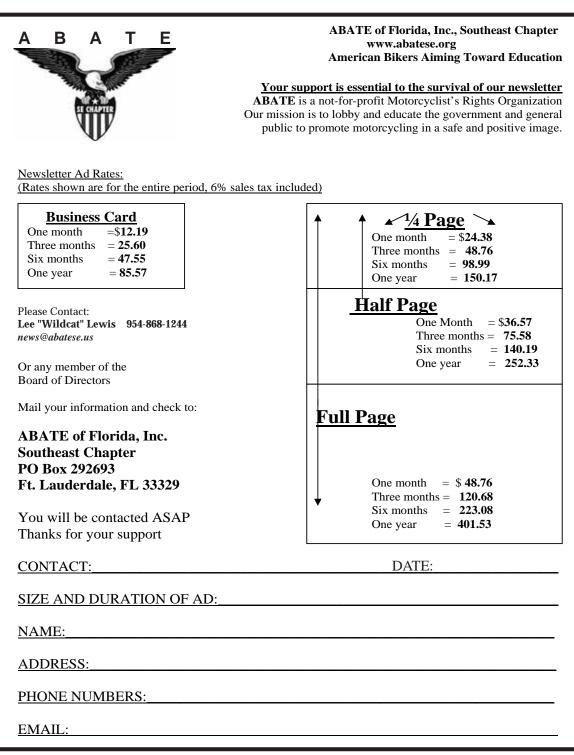
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We all are thankful for the things in our lives we think are good and we should realize that all these are Blessings from God. The other side of that coin is the things in our lives we think are bad are also Blessings from God. We tend to thank God for all the good ,but we should also give thanks for the bad.

The truth of what I'm talking about is God is in charge of all things, both good and bad. Sometime I wonder why some of us seem to be Blessed more than others, that's a question I can't answer.

I do think that all things in our lives good or bad are used by God to help us grow as He wants us to.

God will see our reaction to the things He puts in our lives to build our

character, and to make the changes we need. Maybe some of us need to change how we act, like patience, how we treat others, how we deal with everyday problems. I think He might want us to ask what would Jesus do "WWJD" more often.

God made us perfect, we became imperfect, He wants to make us all perfect again, the way He made us to be through the love of His son Jesus Christ, and to love one another as He loves us.

I'll close with a Bible verse, 1st Corinthians 13: 4-8 "Love is patient, Love is kind, It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud, it does not dishonor others, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs, Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

We must thank God for all things. He is in control.

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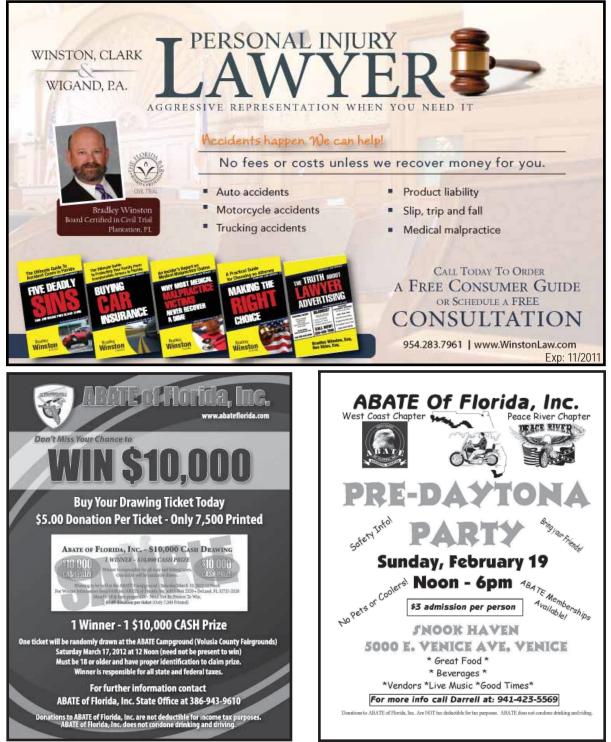
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2/17	Atlantis				
2/24	Boogiemen				

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			1	2	3	4 Everglades Seafood Festival
SUPER BOWL	6	7 ALR-P321 Mtg 7pm Last day to get Wild Hog BBQ tckts - see Paul	8	9	10 ALR Bike Nite © Post 180 7pm	11 Wild Hog BBQ \$20 (nesd pre-ticket !!!) USMVMC Homestead Party
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19 ABATE Mtg ©10am Post 36 - Mardi Gras Pub Crawl Starts © 10 am	Presidents' Day	21	22	23	24	Post 321 - Chili Cookoff noon-3pm
26	27	28	29			

. Most rides meet at Post 321 - IF NO KSU info is shown - call Hank or Frank for times!!!! (all into will be 'texted' to your cell phone # & calls made if necessary - make sure you are on list! Give # to Frank)

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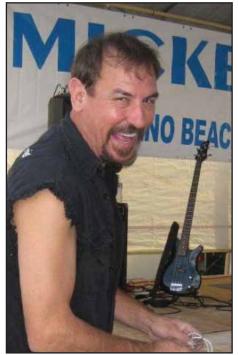
What does this have to do with motorcycle safety? Well this February, you will want to give valentines to those that you love and are close to your heart. And when you get right down to it, the best thing that you can give is your beating heart. When you leave home, those that you love and those that love you want you to arrive safely back home. One of the best ways of doing that is to be safe on your bike. That means seeing and being seen. Think about putting more lights on your bike. The more lights, the better the other drivers can see you. I have put the modulator on my front head light. It flickers during the day. I have noticed more cars stopping when pulling out from shopping centers and side streets because they see the flickering headlight. It gets their attention. I also have extra break lights that flash several times when breaking. Those talking on the phone behind me know that I am stopping and I stand a better chance of them not running me over. Just be sure that any lights that you put on your bike are legal to have on it. No blue lights, and red for tail and breaking only.

Now, on seeing. Watch for road hazards. I have seen just about everything on the roads down here. From golf balls to parts of truck tires,

to refrigerators. Slow down on the turns. There may be some sand, or loose gravel on the road. I have heard from several that they were leaning into a turn and there was some sand on the road that they did not see in time and the tires slid out from under them. Slowing down and taking an extra second or two when making a turn, sure beats going down on these asphalt roads. We all Live to Ride, and Ride to Live. I just want to see everyone to live and ride till you are 100 years old. Then if you need to, get a trike, and keep on riding. Instead of wishing everyone a Happy Valentines Day, I want to make it Happy Valentines Month, and for everyone to arrive alive. Ride safe. No shorts, no flip flops. Remember, dress for the slide, not for the ride. The road is a cheese grater with pot holes.









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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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MOTORCYCLE-RIDING CONGRESSWOMAN SHOT

In what has been described as a national tragedy, a deranged gunman opened fire during a public meeting with constituents by Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords outside a Tucson supermarket on January 8 that left six dead and more than a dozen injured including the state rep who was critically injured with a bullet wound to the head.

Giffords, 40, rides motorcycles and married an astronaut at a wedding where everything had to be biodegradable. She is a centrist three-term Democrat who champions gun rights, lists fiscal discipline as one of her top issues and was re-elected in a conservative district when Republicans took control of the House.

Before entering politics she ran the family tire business, which was founded by her grandfather in 1949. Perhaps growing up in an auto-focused family led to her love of motorcycles. She is a co-chair of the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus with Republican Walt Jones of North Carolina.

In 2009 Rep. Giffords taped a video message encouraging people to ride their motorcycles to work, saying that she likes to ride motorcycles, but also likes that they leave a smaller carbon footprint than cars. She also sided with motorcycle riders who favor state legislation to ride helmet-free, as she does.

Though early reports suggested Giffords was fatally shot, she miraculously survived being shot point-blank through the brain and her doctors are optimistic about her chances of recovery. The thoughts and prayers of America's motorcycling community are with her and the other victims of this tragic assault. NEW YEAR. NEW LAWS

The New Year rang in several new laws across the country affecting the motorcycle riding community, including the onerous new California anti-noise law that requires EPA-labeling for motorcycle exhausts on bikes built after 2012.

Other less volatile laws also took effect on January 1st, including another California law that requires would-be motorcyclists under 21 to complete an approved safety course before an applicant can receive an instruction permit to learn to ride. California lawmakers also passed a law to curb motorcycle thefts by outlawing possession of so-called "pigtails" which are homemade ignitions that allow a crook to start a motorcycle in as little as 20 seconds. Previously, burglary tools for the purpose of breaking into or stealing a vehicle other than a motorcycle were prohibited.

Several states have recently enacted legislation requiring the completion of a motorcycle training course before being issued a motorcycle license endorsement, and this year Connecticut and North Carolina join the growing list of states tightening restrictions on motorcycle licensure for newbie riders. In Oregon, a new training requirement went into effect to mandate safety classes for new

motorcyclists under the age of 30, and the law will expand over the next few years to include all new riders regardless of age. Already in the works for 2011, state legislatures are considering new laws to ban passengers under 8 years old in Virginia (House Bill 1850), allow Sunday motorcycle sales in Indiana (Senate Bill 108), and calls for a helmet law in Kentucky (House Bill 163). In Nebraska, Legislative Bill 62 has been filed to allow adult riders to opt out of the state's mandatory helmet law with the completion of an approved motorcycle safety course.

EUROPE TO MANDATE ABS FOR MOTORCYCLES

A European Union Commission has presented its proposal for new framework regulation for motorcycles. It plans to mandate anti-lock braking systems (ABS) for motorcycles with more than 125cc displacement from 2017 onwards.

Although the first anti-lock braking system was installed on a motorcycle in 1988, only 16% of all newly manufactured motorcycles in Europe were equipped with ABS, and by comparison car manufacturers have made ABS standard equipment since 2004 which has contributed to a 49% overall decline in fatal car accidents in the EU.

Experts regard anti-lock braking as a huge boost to safety. For example, a benefit analysis conducted for the European Commission calculates that the proposed regulation would reduce the number of fatal motorcycle accidents by more than 5,000 over a 10-year period.

A study presented by Vagverket, the Swedish highways authority, in October 2009 showed that 38% of all motorcycle accidents involving personal injury and 48% of all serious and fatal accidents, could have been prevented with ABS. This active safety system allows motorcyclists to brake safely in critical situations without locking the wheels, and thus without having to fear an inevitable fall. Braking distance is also significantly reduced.

The proposal is currently passing through the EU legislative procedure but will likely be adopted next year. The regulation will come into effect from 2017.

In the U.S., the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has considered requiring ABS on new motorcycles sold in America, and will likely take up the issue in the near future.

ECONOMIC UPTICK HAS AMERICANS BUYING LEISURE PRODUCTS AGAIN

People are buying expensive leisure products again, after they held back during the recession. A new report from Milwaukee's Robert W. Baird and Company said motorcycle sales fell by half during the downturn, and ATV sales were just 30% of what they used to be.

But Baird analyst Craig Kennison says many consumers now have a brighter outlook, in spite of high unemployment and a housing market that continues to be depressed. He said inventories for new leisure items are low, and there's a strong demand for used goods.

Kennison said Milwaukee's Harley-Davidson Motor Co. slashed its production during the recession - and that drove up the prices for used bikes. But now, he says more folks are buying new Harleys with the help of trade-ins.

And while it's hard to prove, Kennison expects the same trend for cars, RV's, and other big ticket items. He also said consumers are more confident about their personal wealth, especially after the Bush tax cuts were extended. Had Congress not acted this month, Kennison said it might have been a disaster for discretionary spending.

SURVEY SAYS; AGE UP, QUALITY DOWN

Bikers are getting older and they spend more at a motorcycle dealership they are happy with, according to a new ownership survey recently released by J.D. Power and Associates.

J.D. Power's 13th annual U.S. Motorcycle Competitive Information Study also reveals that motorcycle quality has dipped to 2008 levels, with 152 problems reported per 100 motorcycles (PPM) -an increase of 29 PPM. One half of owners surveyed reported that most of those problems (44%) are engine related, and the study suggests that gearshift problems, clutch chatter, and insufficient engine power have the greatest impact on overall satisfaction. The study cites a few no-brainers, like the fact that "Sales volumes and revenue of ancillary goods and services tend to be considerably higher -- by an average of \$957 -- at motorcycle dealerships that provide a highly satisfying experience vs. dealerships that do not."

But the causal relationship between customer satisfaction and dollars spent is less ominous than their findings that the average rider age has risen from 40 to 49 since 2001, "an indication that many owners may soon exit the market"... combined with the study's findings that first-time motorcycle buyers are on the decline, makes it all the more imperative that the motorcycle industry seeks to capture the interest of younger riders who might consider buying their first bike.

FEWER BUSINESSES SELLING MOTORCYCLES, PARTS & ACCESSORIES

There are 10,428 retail outlets in the United States that conduct business related to motorcycles, scooters or ATVs, down by more than 25% from 13,973 such businesses in 2009, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council.

These were the principle findings of the MIC 2010 Retail Outlet Audit, a summary of which the council sent to its members this week. The audit was completed in December 2010.

The report broke down the total by the number of retailers that sell new major-brand vehicles -- 5,134, or 49.2% -- and the number of retailers not selling new vehicles, but specializing in parts, accessories, apparel, used vehicles or service: 5,294, or 50.8%.

The MIC conducted its research by collecting information from all the manufacturers above, as well as from the trade magazines Dealernews and Motorcycle Product News. Because the study's sources vary from year to year, the MIC warns that comparisons with previous years are subject to "considerable error." The report further indicates that 58.8% of the new vehicle retail

outlets carry only one of the 13 major brands. Slightly less than one-fifth are dual-line outlets, and 21.9% carry three or more of the major brands. The total number of franchises distributed among the 5,134 new vehicle outlets declined 5.6% to 9,182 from 9,731 in 2009.

NO BONES ABOUT IT

Most "experts" agree that riding motorcycles helps you to FEEL younger, but can riding actually make your body healthier and more youthful?

A recent Medical College of Georgia study found that; "A daily dose of whole body vibration may help reduce the usual bone density loss that occurs with age," on top of improving muscle strength and promoting weight loss... so it would appear that pulsating power from a motorcycle engine and the rumble of the open road will help aging bones get stronger.

The extrapolation isn't entirely far-fetched, and may lead to a healthy new excuse to ride; "Honey, I'm taking my exer-cycle for a workout."

WEIRD NEWS: CANADIAN BIKERS OUTRAGED OVER GOV-ERNMENT SPYING

Motorcycle operators in Quebec are outraged that the province's automobile insurance board hired a private PR firm "to spy on us" and gather information about the group.

The insurance board decided to monitor the group of motorcyclists earlier this year after learning that a coalition of angry owners had been formed to fight huge insurance rate hikes. The public relations firm National was granted a contract to investigate the activities of the Front Commun Motocycliste, which had set up kiosks at a Quebec City motorcycle show.

"They give the impression of being organized, documented and especially very motivated," the firm stated in its two-page report after observing the group at the bike show. The report stated that the motorcycle owners were "dynamic and aggressive in their approach" with visitors.

Members of the group were appalled to learn that the government would pay a private firm to monitor their activities. "We are outraged, flabbergasted and scandalized to learn that taxpayers' money was used to spy on us. We are average taxpayers. We aren't al-Qaeda," said **Éric** Lessard, spokesman for the group. "The government is showing complete contempt for motorcycle owners."

The board denied spying on the group, telling the Globe and Mail newspaper that "There was a lot of anger and we knew protest groups were being formed," according to a spokeswoman for the automobile insurance board, Audrey Chaput. "We granted a contract to the firm National to go out and listen to what the groups were saying and to feel the pulse of the movement."

Motorcycle owners have protested vigorously against insurance

rate increases that have doubled since 2007 for owners of average-size motorcycles and more than quadrupled for owners of highpowered motorcycles considered more hazardous by the insurance board.

2012 NCOM CONVENTION IN ALBUQURQUE

Mark your calendar now for the 26th annual NCOM Convention, to be held Mother's Day weekend, May 5-8, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque located at 330 Tijeras Ave NW in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This annual gathering will draw bikers' rights activists from across the country to discuss topics of concern to all riders, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$80.00 by calling (800) 233-1234. Airport/Hotel transportation is available.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Political tags - such as royalist, communist, democrat, populist, fascist, liberal, conservative, and so forth - are never basic criteria. The human race divides politically into those who want people to be controlled and those who have no such desire."

Robert Anson Heinlein (1907-1988) American author and science fiction writer.









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To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

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