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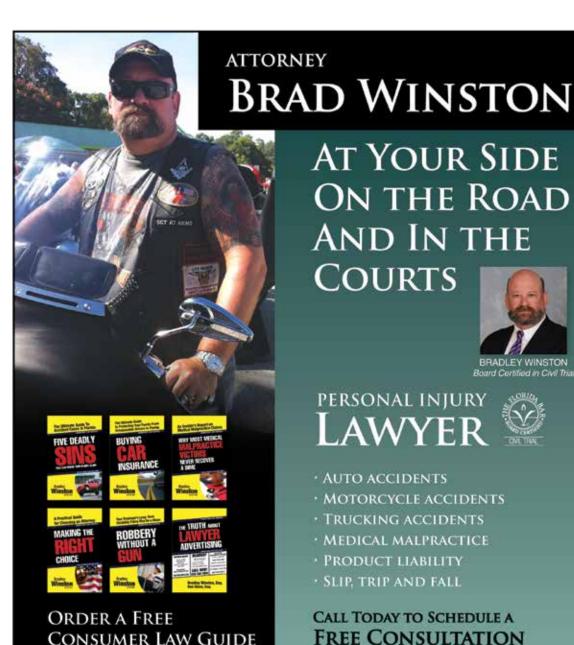
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- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving 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.

ABATE is open to all individuals age 18 and older interested in motorcycle rights, safety or education. It doesn't matter what you ride or even if you ride. Everyone is welcome to join ABATE of Florida, Inc., which ensures YOUR opinion and views on motorcycle laws will be heard.

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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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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#### From Your President

I am sure glad we got the holiday season behind us so now we can forget about 2020. It sure was nice to have our first party, our Semi-Annual, in over a year. I would love to thank everybody who came out to support Southeast Chapter. And I would like to thank Alan, personally, for doing such an excellent job in hosting our event, Alan, you rock bro!!

I want to also thank Right Off the Bone, a Veteran owned and operated food truck, who really came through for us on short notice. The food was so good!! And we can't forget about the band, Stone Lace, they rocked the party all afternoon and kept everybody there.

And a special thanks to the SFPC and all the independents that showed up. And thanks to the AOA, who showed up with the most members, thank you guys. ABATE Palm Beach Chapter rode down to support us. It was just really nice to see everybody smiling for a change.

I am so proud of Southeast Chapter. It's been a long time since I've seen a party setup get together so quickly. Everybody showed up in the morning and we set up five tents and all the tables and chairs. Everybody already knew what to do. And the same thing when we broke it all down. I didn't have to tell anybody to do anything, and believe me, that took a lot of pressure off me. All I can say, is the saying that Jimmy Les started, "Who rocks? That's right, Southeast Chapter rocks!".

And Happy Birthday again, to Shakey. I had a great time at your party, happy to see Hat Trick down south again, and happy to be there to help you celebrate your 70th. You are someone I look up to, you're old school.

The weather now is so beautiful, perfect for riding. But everyone please be safe keep and remember to keep an



eye out for tourists that come down from up north. We are happy to have them, but they might sometimes be partying a little bit too much, and many are unfamiliar with the roads.

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!

ANYONE WHO RIDES SHOULD BE A MEMBER

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God bless America!!!!

Peace, Johnny Rose President Southeast Chapter







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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Held at American Legion Post 142 171 SW 2nd St Pompano Beach FI, 33060 January 10, 2021

Sargent of Arms Mike "Bubba" Travis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and there were 21 members present. Meeting called to order; followed the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, Bear.

#### **President's Report:**

Johnny Rose thanked everyone for coming. Half-ton of Kingdom of Brothers' MC passed away. He left behind a longtime girlfriend and young son; so sad. ABATE did give them a donation but if anyone else would like to donate. personally, information is on the flyer table. On another sad note; many of vou know Gypsy, who passed away last year. She was an amazing biker, always fighting for animal rights, a beautiful person, and greatly missed. On January 24th, the internment is at noon, at the Pyramid, and a Celebration of Life at Flossie's afterward. More information on the flyer table. Semi Annual is next Sunday. We need everyone to show up. It would be greatly appreciated.

The Sistrunk Brewery is now a once a month Safety Booth setup and everything went well our first time out. John-

ny wants to get a Spanish translator to translate who we are and ABATE's accomplishments.

#### **Vice President's Report:**

"Wavy" Jon Viger did not attend due to illness. There is a surprise birthday for Shakey of Mystic Seven MC. See Johnny for details and information.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

"Pete" Purcell, heard a motion to pass minutes of last months' meeting as printed in the newsletter. All in favor. Motion was passed.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Sheila Rose, a motion was made to accept treasures report. Seconded, and all in favor, was passed.

#### **Sergeant at Arms Report**

Mike "Bubba" Travis, volunteers needed for the annual event next Sunday. Please show up at 9:00 a.m. to unload trailer. Help set up and help tear it down. We need members to show up at other events.

Conduct yourselves in a best possible manner.

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

We still need some to step up and fill this position.

#### Safety Director's Report:

"Wavy" Jon Viger did not attend due to illness, but wanted to remind everyone to check your tire pressure, as it changes with the weather. For every ten degrees it drops you loose one p.s.i.

#### **State Representatives**

The next State meeting will take place in Vero Beach on February 13th. The April ride in Tallahassee is still pending confirmation. Monthly meeting can be watched on "Zoom" We are looking for someone to do Alternative Representative also.

#### **Products Report:**

The ABATE long-sleeve shirts are in. We will have plenty to sell at the Semi-Annual.

#### **Events Coordinator:**

Gabe absent and excused. Johnny reminded everyone that the Semi-Annual will be held at Mickey's on January 17th.

#### **State Representative Report:**

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#### Membership Report:

Sheila read in the Membership report.

#### **Newsletter Editor:**

Ada "Abby Normal" Hibbs reminded everyone that she needs articles or pictures by the second Sunday of the Month. They can be submitted directly by email. If you'd like to place something on our Facebook page, please contact Ada.

#### **Legislative Liaison:**

Brad Winston was Absent and excused as he is still out of town.

#### Legal Counsel:

**Brad Winston had nothing to report.** 

#### **Public Relations:**

Thunder was absent and excused.

#### **Billing and Invoicing:**

Hope spoke about getting more advertising in the newsletter.

#### **Social Director's Report:**

Bear will be bringing some goodies to the Semi-Annual for all to enjoy.

#### **Newsletter Distribution:**

We are now printing 700 newsletters for distribution around South Florida.

#### **Quartermaster Report:**

Bob was absent and excused.

#### **Photographer's Report:**

Please take lots of pictures when you are out and about.

#### **Webmaster's Report:**

Rogue absent and excused, all is going well.

#### Chaplain:

Chrissy was absent and excused, and we are keeping her close in our hearts and prayers

#### **Old Business:**

Forgot to mention at December meeting, State Office Manager, Boots, has retired and Brandi is now serving in that position.

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#### **New Business:**

Our Semi-Annual next Sunday. All volunteers please meet at Mickey's Tiki at 9:00 a.m. We want to set up before Church starts at 11:00 a.m.

#### Good of the Order:

Wings of Gold MC (Ft. Lauderdale Chapter) – Annual today, at Tin Cup in Cooper City and some of us are going over there after the meeting. Hat Trick will be back in South Florida to play at Mickey's Tiki Bar on Monday, January 18th, MLK Jr. Day. Awesome old-time band, you should try to go and see them.

Heathens MC – Pirates Ball on January 23rd. This is the rescheduled one, due to a hurricane, and one of our favorites. Gypsy Celebration of Life on January 24th at Flossies

**Der Kreiger MC – Annual on January** 31st

Minnie (our favorite biker dog) has a birthday party on February 21st at Mickey's Tiki Bar.

Motion to adjourn at 10:35am, Seconded. All in favor. Next meeting will be held at American Legion Post 142 at 10:am on February 21, 2021.

"Pete" Purcell
Secretary Southeast Chapter











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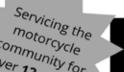
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## Wice- President

Good Day

I would like to start with saying Thank You to all who came to our 41st Semi-Annual at Mickey's Tiki Bar.

Once again a BIG thanks.

Then a Thank You to all those that helped at the event. You all worked the entire day and it was appreciated.

Now I would personally like to say I'm sorry if I have missed your parties. I have bad migraines which sneak up on me and they can disrupt my good intentions of being there. Just wanted to explain my absences to those that were not aware of the migraines. Missing the events is out of my control and pisses me off.

Thank you ALL for your support.

Jon "Wavy" Viger V.P. Abate SE Chapter





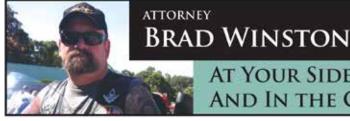






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#### Road Captain's Report

(throwback February 2015)

Hey brothers and sisters, this is Postal, aiming to educate and motivate.

ABATE has been around since the early seventies after a call out from Easy Riders magazine editor, Lou Kimsey, wanted bikers to come together to fight the government's impending restrictions on motorcycles, not just helmet laws, they also wanted grab bars for passengers. The DOA was investigating ways to restrict the modifying or customizing of motorcycles (chopper's) which they deemed unsafe because of the extended forks.

In the sixties, as a way of protesting, bikers would extend the front of their motorcycles as far as they could get away with. Also, they would put ridiculously high handlebars which were nicknamed ape hangers and as a grab-bar for the passengers they put on sissy bars, some of them 6 to 8 feet high. Congress had already passed legislation in 1966 requiring every state to pass a helmet law or lose 10 percent of their federal highway funds. So, in February of 1972 "A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments" ABATE got its start. Not long after, charters began popping up in other states and are still growing today.

Power to the People! United We Stand Divided We Fall.

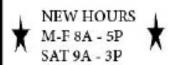
Don't forget, Friday night is Club night. Support your local MCs as they support us. Also, don't forget Thursday night's dinner at the States MC. JR's bitching kitchen is finger licking good.

As always brothers and sisters, keep the SHINY side up, ride safe.

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I used up four lives in the month of December but I'm still here to write February's article. I don't get to decide when my time is up; God does.

For those of you who don't know what happened, I testdrove a motorcycle back in December with a few more cc's than I was accustomed to. Despite my husband Larry's warnings about there being a huge difference between my motorcycle and the one I was testing, the throttle got the best of me. I was supposed to make a left out of the Ormond Beach dealership onto a main road but when the bike took off, it was as if I forgot how to ride. I then felt Holy Spirit say 'go straight.' Ahead of me was grass, NOT concrete. His angels guided me as I went over an 8" curb, then a ditch, up a hill and over, to yet another grassy knoll. When I heard the thud of my body hitting the ground, all I could repeatedly muster was, 'I'm not dead, I'm not dead, thank you God, I'm not dead.' This was the first life I think I used during the incident. At the same time, a rescue vehicle just happened to pass by. They were flagged down and I was immediately transported to a nearby hospital.

After an evaluation of multiple broken ribs (4 brakes), 3 fractured vertebrae, a crushed spleen, grass rashes and multiple bruises (no blood) I was then transferred from the first hospital to one with the ability to remove my spleen.

The next phase of care began at the second hospital in the SICU. Again, angels tended to me while at the same time, medical personnel continued to assess and work on me. I've never had so many tests, scans, and X-rays, been poked and jabbed more than any pincushion I own. Because I was in a SICU, I often heard 'Code Blue'. As a person of prayer, I knew that was my cue to pray for those around me. That was the one thing I could do effortlessly. Praying for others became my mandate while I was there.

My back surgery was next on the list. Not only would the Kyphoplasty (back surgery on 2 of the 3 fractured 20



vertebrae) help my long term mobility, it would help me with my short term goals, that included physical therapy and a much needed trip to my bathroom. The neurologist had already visited me that morning briefing me about what to expect. While waiting to go to surgery, I began to feel, weak, faint, clammy, hot, cold and everything in between. The next thing I remember was waking to a room FULL of medical personnel calling my name and my chest hurt. I learned my heart had stopped and chest compressions were administered in order to bring my flat-lined heart back to life. Call it what you want... karma, 'everything happens for a reason', or whatever. I believe in God's law of reciprocity and simply say you always reap what you sow. My 'code blue' prayers paid off and I was able to thank the nurse who jumped on me and did the chest compressions. There goes another life!

My heart became the next center of focus. Through even more tests and scans, it was determined that I had a healthy heart with no blockages, but due to the stress of the accident and other factors, the hearts electrical circuits were not firing on all cylinders. Except for the accident, I never would have known I had this problem! The next step was to put in a pacemaker, which would correct this issue when it happens again. Needless to say, the back surgery was rescheduled for the next day, along with the insertion of a pacemaker. I went from one operating room straight to the next with just enough time to wake from anesthesia. When I came through both surgeries, the first thing I noticed was no back pain! Wow - Praise God!

I continued to ask questions about my injured spleen,

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When you think of the word hippie what comes to mind?

Peace..love..freedom..drugs..rock n roll..tie dye demonstrations .?

The hippie culture was a youth movement that started in the 60s. Hippies were known to be environmentalist and seek out being one with nature. Many believed in the freedom of love. They traveled unbeaten paths and were successful in their endeavor..finding the wings they needed to fly!

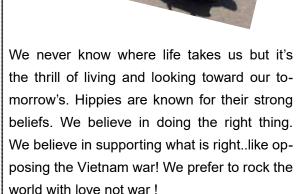
We are on this earth to enjoy life and not be miserable or hateful or negative. Why live life in such a state? Everyone needs to follow their own compass. You can't make people value you, all you can do is show them who you are, what you feel, and what you believe in. It's up to them to realize your worth. Some of us hear the music and enjoy that which life grants us, while others choose to be negative and judge mental. Follow your own compass...

" "And those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music "Friedrich Nietzschy

The Law of Attraction says that whatever you put out into the universe, you shall receive in return. I have found if you love life it will love you back! Why be anything but kind. We each walk a separate path .....the only person you should be better than is the person you were yesterday!

"He who takes a stand is often wrong, but he who fails to take a stand is always wrong." -Anonymous

There is much hope and faith in doing something today that would reflect an outcome tomorrow.

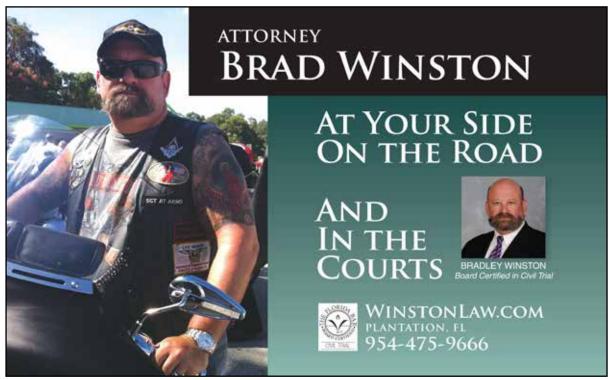


"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow!"- Audrey Hepburn

Who can truly claim they have the soul of a hippie....promoting love and peace in every action you take? Life is short..be happy..be free..have courage and be kind!

Knock on the door to my soul and you will find an ageless hippie with a rock n roll heart and a never ending hope for peace!

Wishing each of you love and peace -Jody



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need me and a wonderful husband whom I adore with many years of fun and adventure to share with him, at least as many as the Lord grants. I know how precious each day is and I'm convinced of my purpose. You don't need a traumatic experience to realize this. But if God wants to use an 'evil' to create a 'good', that's His business. My question for you then is this... do you know your purpose? Do you KNOW that as long as there's breath in your body, you have a purpose and destiny to fulfill? It's your job to seek the Lord and find out what that is and live your life with as much intention as you can muster. God Bless each one of you and may He lead

you in the days to come.

Chrissy Leonhardt Chaplain





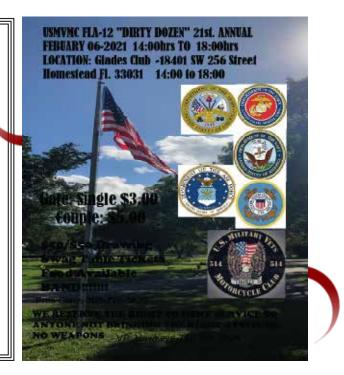
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#### WEDNESDAY

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#### **THURSDAY**

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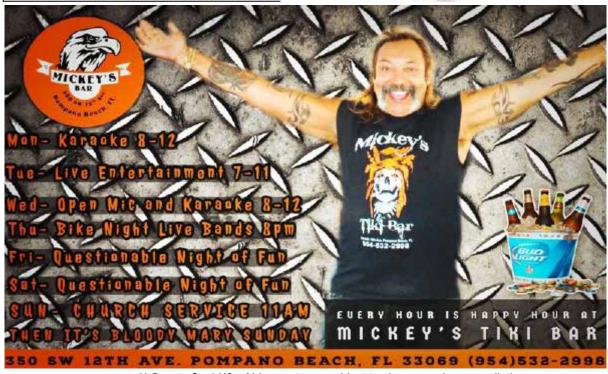
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## **FEBRUARY**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD - Annual
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 ABATE Of FL, Inc State Meeting
AOA FT. LAUD	15 PRESIDENTS -DAY-	16	17	E-Board Meeting	19	20 WHEELS OF MAN MC - 48th ANNUAL
ABATE SE Meeting	22	23	24	25	26	27 SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY
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14th-Sun Valentines Day

14th-Sun AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL

20th-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC - 48th ANNUAL

27th-Sat SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY

MARCH

5th-14th 80th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK

17th-Wed St. Patrick's Day

21st-Sun HERMANDAD MC -ANNUAL

27th-Sat Fly-In Wheels Annual

28th-Sun US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY

APRIL 3rd-Sat

4th-Sun

CMA - EASTER SERVICE 10th-Sat

11th-Sun

MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY

17th-Sat

18th-Sun STATES MC - ANNUAL

23rd-25th LEESBURG BIKEFEST

MAY 1st-Sat

2nd-Sun SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL 8th-Sat **OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL** 

9th-Sun Mothers Day

15th-Sat LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY

16th-Sun

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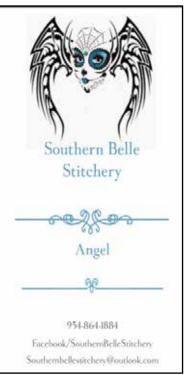
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#### \*Educate, don't legislate – stuff we thought you might like to know



-by: Sheila, Sandy, Little Bit, & Thunder



We, in ABATE of Florida Southeast Chapter have a mascot named Diddles. She is a long-haired Chihuahua, belongs to Johnny, our President, but also belongs to our community. She has been riding for over 10 years, but more about her later. We were talking about her and it got us thinking about other dogs who ride. I'm sure everyone has seen it, a time or two, a dog on a motorcycle, and you just had to look twice. It's so cool and not something you see every day.

First, we researched about the laws for riding a motorcycle with a dog. We could not find any that stated that it is illegal. Across various states and countries though, there are laws about how you can carry a dog. Most talk about restraints, all leaning to keeping the dog safe, on the road, and in case of an accident, so that is good. We know a few people, or have heard stories of people, who ride without a restraint on the dog. We are sure that anyone who rides with their dog, loves them very much, so will make sure they are safe. Maybe with a bigger dog, you don't want them restrained, so they can easily jump off if they need to. Okay, so what about those restraints....surprisingly, there is a long list of different types of dog carriers, so we will share the basics here:

-Dog Motorcycle Carrier – these are usually like a regular pet carrier, but they have mesh panels for ventilation (and so the wind doesn't try to take them off your bike) and they attach on the back of the bike -Dog Motorcycle Pouch – they look like a backpack, almost, with a flat hard bottom for the dog to sit or stand on, with mesh panels, too, and usually worn on the chest.

-Sidecar – many dogs ride it sidecars

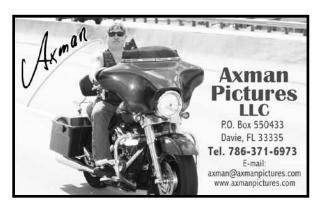
All of the above methods usually have some kind of restraints in them, so the dog can be "leashed" to them. And most dogs do wear goggles and sometimes a helmet. This protects their eyes from the wind, and the helmet can help protect them from the sun and, in some cases, keep the wind from blowing in their ears.

Second, we found out that not all dogs are riders. Just like people, some dogs are bikers, and others are not. A good biker dog is one that has a strong, confident personality. These dogs will love the noise, vibration, and wind on a bike. You see these personalities in a lot of small breed dogs, who's personalities are bigger than their size, and we are having a little laugh here, because Diddles IS THAT DOG, big personality, a little cocky sometimes. Some dogs, like those that hate fireworks, a little more sensitive type, would not be good riders.

So, on to the dogs. Let's talk about a couple that we found out about.

Molly and Jim Tremmel – Molly is a 10-year-old German Shepherd, and Jim and Molly live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Molly rides on a pad that is

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bungee-corded to the tank of Jim's Harley Davidson. She started riding when she was 9-weeks old. Molly and Jim have ridden in many parades, have done hospital visits, nursing home visits, and makes appearances at charity events. Everywhere they go, they brighten up someone's day.

#### And this one is really special

Scooter and Adam Sandoval - Adam Sandoval and his pup Scooter, departed Florida in 2014 on a mission to ride to every Harley-Davidson dealership in the lower 48. After 2 years on the road, they have ridden cross country six times, logged over 80.000 miles, visited almost 700 Harley-Davidson dealers and have donated over \$300,000 dollars to our military. It's worth noting that Adam sold all of his possessions to finance his charity driven road trip. Not to mention that this trek is breaking world records for the longest charity drive in history. Pound for pound the most travelled canine co-pilot on the planet, Scooter has logged more than 20,000 miles with Adam over the past 8 years. Not your typical lap dog, Scooter prefers his riding seat on Adam's Harley to most any place he can imagine. What started out as a guy and his dog on a mission has become the greatest road trip in American history, not only raising money and awareness for veterans, but inspiring hope all across this great country.

There is also a really cool documentary of dogs across America, riding in sidecars. It is called "Sit Stay Ride" and you should really check it out. To quote the promo for this movie, "Sit Stay Ride" is a rollicking, upbear film that introduces us to the interesting personalities and heartwarming relationships that exist on the highways and byways of America through a series of insightful interviews, stunning visuals, and intimate portraits of dogs doing what they love best (living life to the fullest).

Now we want to talk about our community dogs that ride.

Jaxon is Lydia and Rooster, from Scurvy Few MC's dog. One day, Lydia was away on vacation

and Rooster was doing the single parent thing, dog-wise, and he took Jaxon on his first ride to the clubhouse. He had so much fun and can't wait to do it again.

Minnie is the beloved Rottweiler of Alan Brownfeld, owner of Mickey's Tiki Bar, and also beloved friend of ours. Minnie will be turning 4 this month, Happy Birthday Minnie, and she rides with Alan in his sidecar. She is a kind and gentle dog and greets everyone that comes to Mickey's.

And now we come to Diddles, Diddles, Diddles, Diddles, that's all Sheila hears at home. She is "fur face" and "spoiled brat" and "kissin' puppy". Diddles is a long-haired Chihuahua and has owned Johnny Rose for almost 11 years now. She has been riding since she was 6 weeks old and her first party was States MC Blessing of the Bikes. She rides in a handmade custom coach that sits on the gas tank of Johnny's Harley Davidson. Diddles helps ABATE raise money, as people will usually make a donation to get a picture taken with her. She also helps promote biker safety and education, because she is so cute that everyone comes up to our booth, and she is the icebreaker that gets everyone talking to us, so we share the ABATE message. Johnny says that before Diddles, when he would pull up at a traffic light, people would roll up their windows and look the other way. Now with Diddles, people roll down their windows and say, "that's the cutest thing I have ever seen in my entire life" and ask if they can take a picture. She helps change people's opinions of bikers. And don't even get me started about all the kids that just go crazy when they see her.

Enough about dogs, lets talk about cats who ride....never mind, cats hate riding.

"Risk is good. Not managing your risk is a dangerous leap." Evel Knievel DO

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### **OLDHIPPY'S CORNER**

(Throwback February 2008)

DEC TOTAL

By now, the new President, his Cabinet and Congress are now in place. As for motorcyclists, it was a decent Federal election. All of MRF's current bill sponsors and caucus leaders were re-elected and nearly all of supporters were re-elected. From what I have heard about President Obama, during his time in the US Senate, he did vote against an amendment in 2005 that would have reinstated the national universal mandatory helmet law, and he also had a favorable rapport with the ABATE of IL when he served in IL Senate from 1997-2004. His choice for Secretary of Transportation is the retiring seven-term Republican congressman from Peoria, Ray LaHood. Now according to a lawyer that I know, (who is also is a firm Obama backer), he has stated this was a good choice, but after looking at his record on what he has done in the past in Transportation, I'm not sold on this one yet. We need to keep a close look out on Ray LaHood and Obama.

The upcoming administration has made statements to the effect that funds could be withdrawn from states that do not comply with policy. That this could (and has) come to be is nothing new to those of us in the motorcycle rights movement. Many have lived through and fought off helmet laws borne out of such actions. It is no more than federal blackmail and I, for one, do not like the tone this sets. The funds they are talking about are the millions of dollars that the state gets for transportation. This is called TEA21, (Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century). It was enacted in 1998 and was supposed to be for only 6 years, but Congress has continued to fund it every year. This program funds surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety, and transit, which brings millions of dollars into the states for highways, bridges and development cost for these projects, which the states do not what to lose. Remember the issues when they wanted the 55MPH speed limit? They withheld highway funds from states that did not comply with the limit.

The subject of "CHANGE" has been Obama's call and

also, he has brought this into his administration, which reminds me of a German Proverb: "To CHANGE and to Change for the better are two different things". It is in our best interest to keep our ears and eyes open to which one of the two changes we are going to get, by letting our government officials know that we are watching them closely.

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"The only bulwark of continuing liberty is a government strong enough to protect the interest of the people, and a people strong enough and well informed to maintain its sovereign control over the government." - Franklin D. Roosevelt

With the short falls the state has in funding, they are trying to raise the needed cash any way they can. Higher speeding fines and addition taxes on tobacco is just an example of some of the proposed ways. Lucky they have not thought (so far) about what Canada has for Motorcycle License. They have a tiered system, and it is expensive to ride a big bike there - something to a tune of \$600/year just for your license! Ouch!

We need to point out to people that do not understand:

Motorcycles are a valuable resource for America

Motorcycles reduce traffic congestion Motorcycles contribute to the economy (lots\$\$) Motorcycles use less gasoline Motorcycles cause less wear to roadways Motorcycles are also a recreational resource

With the New Year and a new Administration ahead of us, I want to leave you with a couple of quotes: "The United States is a nation of laws: badly written and randomly enforced."

- Frank Zappa (1940-1993)

"Even when laws have been written down, they ought not always to remain unaltered."

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- Aristotle (384-322 BC)

Remember!

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There are those who make things happen; those who watch things happen: and those who don't know what the heck happened. With that said ...

Get involved!!

Join a Motorcycle Rights Organization!

Whether it be the States MRO (ABATE), or the federal MRO, Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), or

both, they need your help in the fight to Protect our Freedom and Rights!!!

Keep the shiny side up and the greasy side down! Ride free and Safe Old Hippy

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but they kept saying they were hopeful it would heal on its own. Getting out of bed was my next challenge. I knew I had to tap into God's supernatural power reserves set aside for me and begin to move my broken body. The following day, Physical Therapy came in to help me begin my uphill climb, but not without another challenge. I made it to a nearby chair when I began to loose my grip on life once again. It turned out my heart misfired and the pacemaker was set too low to kick in and help my heart recover. A Cardiology tech came and put what looked like a digital hockey puck on my chest, adjusting the pacemaker to better suit my body's needs. He typed in some codes and then said, 'You're all set', and off he went.

The following day would be my next attempt at not only getting out of bed, but this time, I walked around my room. The last box to check would be using the toilet for the long awaited movement! (Sorry, I know it's gross but necessary.) Surprisingly, talk of discharge was in the air. This was somewhat of a welcome thought yet my spleen was in question and I never even saw what my bathroom looked like. I was discharged the same afternoon straight from SICU, which seemed strange to me. The 2-hr ride home gave me time to reflect and thank God for His many, many miracles, the care and support I had from my entire family, and the incredible amount of prayer I received from people near and far. My husband Larry tended to me while my two girls kept people updated via texts, emails, and Face Book, which was invaluable.

When I arrived back home in Melrose, I couldn't believe my eyes. My house was decorated for Christmas! My kids decked the halls for my arrival. Needless to say, I cried like a baby when I walked in the door. We got settled in and 2 hrs later I started to feel strange. This time, I knew it wasn't my heart but unsure of what was happening. By midnight, 911 was called and I was transferred to UF Gainesville. After more tests, it was determined my actively injured spleen needed emergency removal. It should have bled out but was removed, awarding me another life! They also found another fracture in my neck as well as a puncture in my colon. Had this not been found, it could have leaked bacteria causing sepsis, also deadly. This was life #4. The splenectomy was suc-

cessful and the colon was repaired. When I came to, I had a neck brace, which made my breathing terribly difficult. Not out of the woods yet, I still had boxes to check. With this setback, I still hadn't had a 'movement' in over a week, and I'm not talking about a musical composition!

Sometime during the second night in ICU, I needed a blood transfusion of one unit of blood. This was an event I'll never forget. (Ask me about it sometime.) Everyday after that proved to everyone that the prayers of the saints were working as my condition improved daily. I was eventually moved to a regular floor. On the evening of December 21, we got permission to go outside and view the Bethlehem Star, an event that happens every 800 years. Imagine this - the nurses wrapped me in warmed blankets and my daughter rolled me down to a walkway in front of the ER where we watched for the stars to appear. By the next afternoon and with all the boxes checked, I was discharged. I was finally going home and this time to stay. If it weren't for the support of my family (and I mean every member), the hospital's staff and the prayers bombarding heaven from those of you who prayed, none of this would have been possible.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 says, "We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—" thrown from a motorcycle but not dead, code blue but not without a beating heart, a ruptured septic spleen but not poisoned. The life of Jesus was made manifest as healing in my body! In spite of everything you and I have faced in 2020, this has been GOOD. We were never meant to know what is good for us and what is evil. That was the whole issue in the Garden with eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil— God never wanted us to know. What looked like evil actually brought good and what looked like good brought me evil. So I continue to sit back and watch God move so gracefully through my life. What I've learned from this so-called 'evil' has been good. My story isn't over. When my heart stopped beating I never saw a tunnel or a path of light so I know my time has not come. I'm more purpose-full than ever! I have kids and grands that Continued on page 23

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## Johnny's Rant



I guess I'm so happy to be out and about and seeing all my friends in our community. I had such a great time at our Semi-Annual. I really don't have anything to rant about. "Everything is irie, mon!"

I guess the only thing I can say, is anybody who rides a motorcycle, should be a member of ABATE. I know I'm always saying that, but it's the truth. We have so many people down here that ride motorcycles, and if they would just take time to find out what we are all about and see that we're here to help all motorcyclists.

Heck, even bicycles and people on scooters and joggers want to be safe. We just want people in cages to be aware that we are all out there, and they need to pay attention.

The good news is that Senate Bill 278 Traffic Offenses was introduced by Senator Baxley.

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At this time of this writing, the Bill is now in the hands of the Transportation Subcommittee, so let's keep our fingers crossed.

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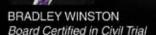
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#### **NEW YEAR, OLD BUSINESS**

With the new 117th Congress now in session, and the Biden Administration proposing a \$2 trillion transportation and infrastructure plan to reauthorize federal funding for highways, vehicle safety and public transit, before the September deadline, motorcyclists are once again tasked with including motorcycle-friendly provisions in the new highway bill.

Last session's Moving Forward Act (H.R.2), included provision to: Increase Motorcycle Safety Funds to states by 25% (to \$5.8 million); Extend the prohibition against using federal funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints, and also prohibit using federal funds to profile and stop motorcyclists based on of their mode of transportation or style of dress; Require the DOT to consider motorcycles in safety studies on autonomous vehicles and include a motorcycle safety group in the DOT working group on autonomous vehicle deployment; Extension of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council including a seat on the council for motorcyclists' rights groups and manufacturers; and added an amendment during a floor vote in the House to provide federal monies to collect state profiling data regarding traffic stops based on "mode of transportation."

Failing to pass, like all other failed bills, the massive transportation measure will need to be dealt with all over again in the coming months, so contact your Congressional Representatives and U.S. Senators to include these much-needed provisions in the newly introduced legislation by calling the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

Likewise, despite having gained over 130 bipartisan cosponsors, H. Res. 255, to address the issue of anti-biker profiling on a national level, failed due to House inaction and will need to be reintroduced and re-addressed this two-year session. Once again, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) and the Confederations of Clubs are calling on all motorcyclists nationwide, from patch holders to independents, to contact their Congressional Representatives to ask for their support of an anti-profiling measure in the House, similar to Senate Resolution 154 passed by unanimous consent in the U.S. Senate on December 11, 2018.

As defined by the nonbinding S.Res.154, "motorcycle profiling" means "the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States."

#### EPA ANNOUNCES E15 GAS PUMP LABELING

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced a "Notice of Public Rulemaking" regarding labels on E15 fuel dispensers, proposing two potential changes to the current fuel pump labels, neither of which is amenable to motorcyclists or owners of small-engine equipment which can be harmed by high alcohol content gasoline.

The EPA's first proposal involves modifying current labeling to remove all warnings and prohibitions about E15 (15% ethanol blended fuel) use in susceptible engines, and their second is complete removal of the label from dispensing pumps.

Consumers' concerns are that motorcycles and ATVs are not approved for its use, nor are most small aircooled engines, and using incorrect hotter-burning fuel could cause premature wear, engine damage and void the manufacturer's warranty.

#### 2021 RINGS IN NEW BILLS NATIONWIDE

Working around COVID-19 restrictions and regulations across the country, bikers' rights activists are

pursuing motorcycle-friendly legislation; such as in Missouri where, fresh off their helmet law repeal victory last year, they are now pushing for House Bill 490 to allow "that a motorcycle or motortricycle may be operated on the shoulder of a roadway under certain circumstances." In similar fashion, other states are or have been lobbying for various forms of "lane-splitting" laws to allow motorcycles to travel in-between lanes of slow moving traffic, such as in Montana where riders are advocating for Senate Bill 9 to allow "motorcycle filtering," or Oregon's Senate Bill 574 "Relating to vehicle filtering in traffic slowdowns" to "allow operators of motorcycles to travel between lanes of traffic under certain conditions," or in Washington where House Bill 1106 would "Modify the operation of motorcycles on roadways laned for traffic" by allowing riders to "overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken."

In Pennsylvania, concerned riders are pushing to include new motorcycles in the state's Automobile Lemon Law (House Bill 69), which unlike most states are currently not covered by the same consumer protections as cars and other vehicles.

Concerns about conspicuity, or being seen in traffic, as well as aesthetics, have prompted motorcyclists in several states to modify their auxiliary lighting laws to allow colors other than red or amber; such as Virginia's Senate Bill 1347 which "Authorizes the use of any color auxiliary lighting, other than blue, on motorcycles and autocycles," or New Hampshire's House Bill 461 "relative to motorcycle auxiliary lamping, and adding the New Hampshire Motorcyclists' Rights Organization to the traffic safety commission."

Four separate states (WA, MD, LA & UT) have taken action to pass anti-profiling laws to restrict law enforcement from discriminatorily profiling bikers for traffic stops and investigative measures, and New York hopes to join those ranks with A1747 to "Require the municipal police training council to ensure that issues related to motorcycle profiling are addressed in basic law enforcement training."

Considering the many legal and legislative successes

for motorcyclists' rights in 2020, contending with the worst viral plague in our lifetimes, 2021 portends even greater potential!

### EURO5 AXE COMES DOWN ON MANY MOTORCYCLE MODELS

They say the New Year means "out with the old and in with the new," and as we look forward to a raft of new machinery in the coming months, the introduction of new Euro5 emissions regulations means the axe is coming down on a number of older models of motorcycles.

From January 1st, new bikes sold in the EU and UK have to comply with Euro5, which is why many new models have been upgraded for 2021, but it also means some models have been "killed off" as it was either not possible or not viable to make them compatible.

So, as we herald in a New Year, we take a moment to reflect on those we've lost, or are about to lose, as VisorDown.com tolls the bell for those that didn't make the regulatory cut:

Honda has furiously updated to Euro5 specs, but their aging V4 models, the VFR800F, Crossrunner and 1200 Crosstourer won't be updated to Euro5, partly due to expense but also to lack of sales. There's also a big question mark against the CB1100RS and CB1100EX retro roadsters, which again, are small sellers, and their air-cooled design makes any update difficult.

Despite a similar flurry of Euro5-driven model updates, Yamaha also sees some notable casualties, such as the R6 Supersport, FJR1300 sports-tourer, the XT1200Z Super Tenere, XV950R cruiser and scrambler-style SCR950, running engines dating back over a decade means it's not viable to update them, although some may live on in non-EU markets.

Suzuki's VStrom 250 and GSX250R are set to be dropped, but their new Hayabusa hyper-bike has been given an update to allow it to scrape by Euro5 eligibility for a stay of execution. Vulnerable Kawasaki models include the Ninja ZX-6R and Ninja 400, ZZR1400, plus their W800 retro, Z1000 R naked and its small-selling

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J300 and J125 scooters.

BMW's C650 super scooters will fall by the wayside, though updates to their aging 'pre-LC' engine uses in their R nineT means the popular roadsters will ride on. Ducati's new V4 Multistrada sees the end of the old 1260 V-twins, although the 950 and 1260 Enduro live on...for now.

Triumph's line-up is already Euro5 compliant, but there remains a question mark around its popular, but slightly aging Speed Triple 1050 and Tiger Sport 1050, and rumors suggest a new version of both will appear in 2021 sporting a new 1160cc engine.

Legendary U.S. motorcycle-maker Harley-Davidson's UK/EU model line-up will exclude its entry-level Street 750 plus the entire 883/1200 Sportster family.

As a significant caveat to all this, while non-Euro5 bikes will no longer be made, an agreement called 'end of series' rules gives manufacturers up to two years to clear unsold stock.

#### RECORD GROWTH FOR MOTORCYCLES IN INDIA

India is, in fact, the largest motorcycle market in the world, relying on motorcycles as a staple means of transportation for decades. So, it's important to recognize, especially amidst a global pandemic, that December registered record growth for motorcycles in India with double digit growth for nearly all major manufacturers.

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, leaving many of the country's 1.353 billion population unemployed, and the recent implementation of the BS6 standard resulting in increased pricing, the motorcycle Industry in India has posted incredible growth in the closing month of 2020.

For starters, according to RideApart.com, Yamaha posted 33% year-on-year growth last month, selling 39,224 motorcycles in December alone. When compared with other markets, Yamaha India sells as many motorcycles in a month as would be sold in a year.

The same can be said for homegrown manufacturer, Royal Enfield, taking the global market by storm, posting tremendous 35% growth in December by way of selling 65,492 new units. Indian motorcycle company TVS also posted 13% year-on-year growth amid all the challenges 2020 threw on the table, boasting an impressive 258,000 two-wheelers sold.

Speaking of this year, nearly all motorcycle manufacturers in India have stepped up their game for the 2021 model year, meaning we can expect the motorcycle industry in the country to get even stronger.

### ENGLAND ENTERS NEW CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN, IMPACTING BIKING

The U.K. is yet again inflicting another full lockdown, due to the deadly China Virus spread, with Prime Minister Boris Johnson initiating tough new stay-athome orders for at least seven weeks until at least mid-February.

Those looking to their motorcycle as an escape route to deal with implications of the pandemic could put them in violation of COVID-19 guidelines and risk being fined. The U.K has moved into Tier 5, the highest level of COVID-19 alert the nation has seen, and with that you may now only leave the house if you have a "reasonable excuse," written into law and the police can fine those in breach for the first offense of £200 (\$273.19USD), doubling up for further offenses up to a maximum of £6,400 (\$8,742.18).

England and Northern Ireland have joined Scotland, Wales and Ireland in implementing the toughest travel restrictions since the original lockdown last March, meaning that in all four Home Nations you can only ride a motorcycle as transport under certain circumstances, and being caught riding not as part of an 'essential journey' could levy a hefty fine.

As in previous shutdowns, certain essential businesses will be allowed to stay open, and while that list includes vehicle repair and MOT (Ministry of Transport) testing services, motorcycle training and test centers are not included and all types of vehicle driving tests are suspended.

This latest lockdown has also seen all motorcycle related activities stopped immediately including track days, trials and endures.

### NORWAY PLANS TO STOP ALL NEW COMBUSTION VE-HICLE SALES BY 2025

Norway's national government intends to drastically cut its greenhouse gas emissions in half by the year 2030, aiming to become a zero-emission country by 2050, so by 2025 the current plan is to completely do away with the sale of all new combustion vehicles (including motorcycles).

By way of ratcheting up public incentives for EVs (Electric Vehicles) in reducing taxes, tolls, parking and ferry fees; battery electric vehicles have already outsold piston-powered cars, making up 54% of total car sales overall in Norway.

"In Norway, we tax what we don't want and we promote what we want, and the consumer has, in this way, actually the opportunity to make the right choice," Norsk elbil-forening secretary-general Christina Bu told the Huffington Post.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "The successful revolutionary is a statesman, the unsuccessful one a criminal."

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