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President's Message

Jimbo Sherrow



On behalf of the Southeast Chapter, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy (and safe) New Year. I am continuing to do well on my recovery from my accident, and in light of all of the other accidents that occurred in the past few months, I am very thankful just to be above ground. With the economy still in the toilet, it has been a hard year for everyone, so hopefully 2010 will be better. In times like these, money (or the lack thereof) should not be a measure of happiness, since the most important thing during the holidays is to have family and friends who care about you and loved ones to spend time with. It is also a time to reflect on our brothers and sisters who did not survive to see the New Year, and as usual, we had far too many of them in 2009.

Although I have been writing for the past few months about the 2010 legislative session in Tallahassee, there are also some important state and national elections in 2010, including the race for Florida Governor and one of our U.S. Senate seats. At the State Meeting in Middleburg on December 12th, ABATE heard from two of the leading Republican candidates: Bill McCollum, who is running for Governor, and Marco Rubio, who is running for the Republican nomination for the Senate against our current Governor, Charlie Crist. The fact that these two candidates took the time out of their busy schedules to speak to ABATE, at their own request, shows just how much of a political force our organization has become in recent years. I did not attend the meeting, but I hear that both candidates spoke on some of the issues that affect us as motorcyclists and their speeches were well received by the State Delegation. Bill McCollum told the delegates that he has a son in the military who is a member of ABATE of Oklahoma, and his son has already educated him about the importance of freedom of the road and motorcycle safety and awareness. He also spoke favorably about our proposed stiffer penalties bill, which would increase the penalties imposed on drivers who injure motorcyclists by failing to yield the right of way, and even include mandatory jail time in certain cases. ABATE cannot officially endorse candidates for office or make campaign contributions, and the election for Governor is still a long way off, but Bill McCollum sure sounds like someone who is willing to work with us on our issues, just as we have with the past two Governors, Charlie Crist and Jeb Bush. Hopefully we will continue to enjoy similar support from whoever takes Governor Crist's place.

As far as the 2010 legislative session goes, we now have two sponsors for the stiffer penalties bill, and the final language for the bill should be drafted by our next State meeting, which will be February 13th in Clermont, hosted by the Lake County Chapter. As soon as we receive the final language, it will be posted in our newsletter and on all of the ABATE websites, and if we manage to pass it this year, it will be one of our greatest legislative victories in many years and will go a long way towards making Florida's roads safer for motorcyclists.

I am also happy to report that so far, there have been no helmet bills introduced, but a few people have brought "generic bills," which are bills that literally have no content or even a subject matter until

someone adds some language at the last minute. Because these generic bills could potentially be used to introduce a mandatory helmet law down the road, we will keep a close watch on them and will let everyone know if a helmet law is introduced in any way shape or form. July 1, 2010 will mark the tenth anniversary of House Bill 1911 which repealed the mandatory helmet law, and with your continued support and a little luck, we will still have our freedom of choice come next July. You can find a complete list of bills that impact motorcyclists, including bill numbers, on our State Chapter website at www.abateflorida.com. Just go to the Legislation section and click on the link to the "Information Center."

It seems like our Annual Rights Rally was yesterday, but mark your calendars for Sunday, January 17, 2010, when we are having the Semi-Annual Rights Rally at Mickey's in Pompano Beach, beginning at 12 noon. I also want to remind everyone that if you are going to Bike Week this year and are on a budget, you should consider staying at the ABATE Campground in Deland. It is only \$15.00 a night for camping and this year we are having a beer tent and bands at the campground, which means it will be an even better party than usual, if that's even possible! Bike Week runs from February 26th to March 7th this year and members of the Southeast Chapter will be at our compound for the entire week, so if you are in the area, stop by for a visit and a cold one or two. For more information, check out the Chapter website or the State website.

After you recover from Bike Week, we will also need your support on Monday, April 19, 2010, which is our State Rights Rally in Tallahassee. If the stiffer penalties bill makes it to the floor for a vote, your support at the Rally could help get this important law passed, and if some idiot introduces a helmet law, your presence could literally make the difference between keeping our freedom of choice or losing it. With the stakes that high, we need every bike we can get up there, so if you need more information, contact one of the Board members or our State Reps, Jimmy Les and Chris Sharp. It is a long ride to Tallahassee, but we manage to have a lot of fun along the way and back.

ABATE is for everyone, no matter what you ride. For more information, check out the Chapter newsletter and the website, www.abatese.org, or stop by one of our monthly meetings and get involved. You can also call me at 954-305-1599.

Ride safe and free, and remember that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance. Happy New Year from the Southeast Chapter.

Jimbo

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ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes

Dec. 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:20am by Sgt @ Arms BARS with 49 members, No At-Large members or guests in attendance. Total in attendance: 49.

Followed by the Pledge of Alliance, the meeting started with a prayer given by our chaplain; Poppi.

Presidents Report

Jimbo thanked all our members for coming and introduced our new members: LeAnn, Paul, Kevin and Big Chief Elwin. Jimbo thanked everyone for all their support, calls visits and prayers while he was hospitalized. On a sad note we have had a bad month in losing motorcyclists, Hermidad MC Member Alfredo "Pig Farmer" Pena, Mystic 7 MC Member "Mojo" and our Life Member "Peppermint Patti" all passed away. GBNF. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers. Our Road Captain Chris is still in the hospital. He is breathing on his own but will be facing a long tough road. Please keep him and his family in your prayers for a full recovery. Right after the meeting we will be celebrating our Christmas on the Beach party.

Vice-Presidents Report

Old Hippie thanked all our members for their help and support at this years Toys in the Sun Run. Special thanks to past President's Chuck Widle & Jimmy Les for towing the moving Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall and our trailer for the event. Coming up on 1-17-10, our Semi-Annual Rights Rally. Events coordinator Shokie Bob will provide full details in his report.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasures Report

Alice read November's report. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. All in favor, motion passed. We have only 5 bike tickets left for the ABATE bike week drawing for next year.

Sergeant at Arms Report

BARS reported on riding in a group. If you are not comfortable in group riding, please advise the road captain before we leave on any run. We need to keep

tight formation when we ride to prevent and cars from getting between our riders.

Road Captain's Report

Newcomer has stepped up to the position of Road Captain on a temporary basis while Chris is hospitalized. A vote of confidence was called for. All in favor. Thank you Newcomer.

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EVENTS.**

Safety Director's Report

Geo was not present. Suzanne reported we are waiting for safety supplies from the state. Geo is working with the school district for dates of driver's education classes for us to give our safety program.

State Reps Report

Demetrious reported on the state meeting. Full details will be printed in the Masterlink. Progress is being made with the by-law committee. The following candidates who are running for office were present and spoke at the meeting, Mark Rubio and Bill McCallum. Kendrick Meets was also invited but wrote a letter as he was unable to attend. When called upon to contact your legislatures, it is very important to e-mail or call them. They know us and for every member of ABATE; they know there are family, friends and acquaintances who will listen to us. Remember, the squeaky wheel does get the grease. Make your feelings know to them. They will listen. Most important, there is a move on to change Florida's Helmet Bill. Say what you say. What helmet bill. Well, Florida does have a helmet bill on the books. This bill gives you your freedom of choice but is still a bill and is law. In order to ride helmetless, you must meet certain requirements. Be over 21 years old and have \$10,000.00 of medical insurance coverage. This is Florida's Helmet Law. This is what they want to change. As soon as we get more information on this, we will pass it on to our members.

Products Report

Susan was home sick with the flu, therefore no report. You do not have to wait for a meeting to get

products; just give her a call, her number is printed in the newsletter.

Membership Report

George reported we now have 622 members. Our newest Life member is Richard Sacks, who has transferred to our chapter. If you know of anyone on the list in the newsletter who has not renewed, please get them to renew. It is very important when filling out the application form, PLEASE WRITE OR PRINT LEGIBALLY.

Newsletter Editor

Suzanne reported if you have any articles of interest please get them to her no later than Wednesday 12/23/09 as we want to go to press no later than the following Tuesday. Please patronize our advertisers and let them know you saw their ad in our newsletter.

Legislative Report

Jimmy Les not much going on in the legislature during the holiday. We still need to keep an eye on the following; Stiffer Penalties Bill, Cell Phone Usage and the Sound Regulation bill.

Public Relations

Marjorie reported we are getting out and about. We have over 600 members but they do not always make in to a meeting. At a number of bike nights recently there we a number of riders wearing an ABATE patch on their vest who we have not seen but are their for support of our chapter. Regarding sport bikers, it is not us against them. All motorcyclists belong to a brotherhood. A lot of sport bike riders have parents who are hard core bikers. Nothing should be held against them just because they ride a sport bike. Remember ABATE is for all motorcyclists. It does not matter what you ride even if you do not ride. We are here for all motorcycle riders rights

Advertising

Hope was not present. Suzanne reported we have a few new advertisers. Any member can sell an ad. No matter where you go, ask them to take out an ad. Business card ads are very reasonable and are the best bang for the buck. We have a distribution over 1600 copies per month. A great job has been done by all in the distribution of our newsletter.

Events Coordinator

Shakie Bob reported we are all set for our Semi-Annual Rights Rally which will be at Mickey's on 1/

17/10. Currently we have 14 vendors. We have flyers in the back, please take some and distribute them. We will be having a planning meeting Mon. 12/28/09 right here at the American Legion at 700pm to finalize last minute details.

Social Directors Report

Karin had to work. Alice reported on her behalf the December Birthday Party be held at Christmas on the Beach right after today's meeting. A special thanks to Marti for picking up the cake. It looks great. Next months birthday party will be held at Luke's "it's on the way home" starting at 700pm. If you want your birthday recognized in the newsletter, please contact her.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob Anz was out on the beach preparing for our Christmas Party, therefore no report.

Photographer's Report

Brett thanked Axman for all his help and support while he was our photographer. Currently we have over 600 photos on the unofficial picture site which is now on Facebook. So log on and take a look. If you take any pictures, you can send them to our web-master and to Brett for posting on the web.

Web-Master's Report

Ricky Mouse is up in Mickey Mouse land celebrating his wedding anniversary. Our web-site is up and running. Web address is: www.abatase.org

Trash master's Report

Commander Louis reported he had a bone to pick with our members. We have 622 members, at the trash pick up last month we had less than 1% of our membership show up. You do the math. We still got the job done, but it had taken a lot more time than it should have. Are trash pickups are done quarterly, this is only 4 times a year but our signs which say " Watch for motorcyclists" are posted all year round. We receive great exposure from this community service. Next March we will do our quarterly pick up. We meet at the VFW on Griffin Rd. for coffee and donuts. Then we go out and take care of business. He would like to see 5% of our members come on out. If 5% show up, we would be done in 1 hour. We will advise our members of the exact date as it gets closer.

Legal Council

Demetrious reported on 1 pending tail pipe noise ticket. It seems the officer was a swat officer who s questioned how he could tell the noise was over the decibel limit without a decibel meter. Need I say anymore? If you receive a ticket

for loud pipes, do not roll over and just pay the ticket. This has been happening up in Palm Beach County. We have precedent, so if get a loud noise ticket, please contact Demetrious, his number is in the newsletter.

Old Business

There was a discussion on the down rider's fund. Our treasurer Alice has checked with the state treasurer and there are no issues with this. The board will be looking for a few members to form a committee in order to put together a policy regarding this matter and will give a report at next month's meeting

New Business A motion was made, seconded to move our next month's chapter from Jan. 17, 2010 to Jan. 10, 2010 because of our Semi-Annual Rights Rally falling on Jan. 17, 2010/10. Vote called for. All in favor motion passed.

Good of the order

The hat was passed to help out our Road Captain Chris and the money was donated by the members to help him out.

Discussion on the condition of the safety cones in the warehouse. Cleaning of the cones is in process reported by BARS.

Big Chief Elwin introduced himself; he is certified in safety by the FDOT and is here to help.

Art from American Income Life spoke on the Accident and Dismemberment Policy's given to all members of ABATE. This is a \$4000.00 policy for each member free of charge. There is also a beneficiary card in each packet you receive. You also receive a child safety kit. They also offer a supplemental benefit policy for as little as \$6.25 per month you can receive up to \$550.00 per day if you're hospitalized.

Cavalry Chapel Motorcycle Ministry is having their Christmas Biker Service today starting at 12:00n. DerKrieger MC Annual Event will be held on Jan. 31, 2010 at Daily Dukes which is located at Pines and Palm Avenues.

Marjorie spoke on the Chrome Angels MC event to support the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. The event will be held on Valentines Day, 2/14/10. This is a police escorted ride. Tax deductible donation is \$35.00, which provides for breakfast, lunch etc. You

can also make a donation to the foundation. Make sure you sign under the Chrome Angels MC so they can get the credit. They have been there for us, now it is our turn to be there for them. Sponsorships are also available. If you need any further information, please contact Marjorie, her number is listed in the newsletter as she is our Public Relations Trustee. Brett reported there will be a run in memory of Big Ed of Palm Beach. This run is being sponsored by the March of Dimes and will be held on 1/10/10. Please contact Brett if you have any questions.

Marti thanked all the ABATE members who are members of the post in joining the Legion Riders. Any post member can join. If you are a veteran and do not belong to this post: JOIN, if you are not a veteran but have a parent who served: you can join as a SAL. Either way the post supports us, we need to support them. For those who cook, the post is having a Chili Cook Off on Jan. 30, 2010. The event starts at 500pm. So come on out and enjoy.

A motion was called for and seconded to adjourn, all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 am

These minutes are summarized and respectfully submitted

Paul A. Melcer

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Secretary



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There you are, one of the majority of motorcycle riders in this country that does not belong to a motorcycle rights organization. But that's okay. There are enough people out there that will sacrifice their time and money in order for you to enjoy your ride in freedom.

Heck, some of your best friends belong to such a group; they're at a meeting right now. But it's too nice a day to be inside listening to someone gripe about what the politicians are doing to us. And your one vote, one voice wouldn't make a difference anyway, would it?

So you get on your bike and go for a ride down to the custom shop to get some new parts to add on your ride to make it stronger/better/faster/nicer/sharper.

Only, the shop has had to close. Government regulations have been passed that prohibit the use of any non-approved replacement parts on your motorcycle. No more choppers, bobbers and customs. Only what the government tells you to use.

"But wait!", you say to yourself, "that can't happen here."

In December 2003, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a Final Rulemaking (FRM) establishing more stringent emission for highway motorcycles for the year of 2006 (1). Gone are the days of building whatever, whenever and showing off your creation. The rules have tightened up, and may get tighter.

So you get on your bike and go for a ride down the road that is designated as a highway where motorcycles are allowed. Motorcycles are allowed?

"But wait!, you say to yourself, "that can't happen here."

A number of states and several countries around the world are using private capital to design, build and operate highways, recovering the investment through tolls charged to users. Since 1988, 12 states and Puerto Rico have authorized public-private partnerships for highway projects, and two new tollways of this type opened to traffic in 1995 (2). Around the country there are restrictions on commercial vehicles on certain roadways, and with this relatively new system of road ownership/maintenance, who's to say whether or not other types of vehicles will be subject to bans and restrictions.

So you get on your bike and go for a ride down the road that is designated as a highway where motorcycles are allowed at the prescribed time of day. Prescribed time of day? A curfew?

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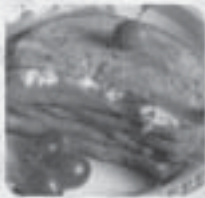
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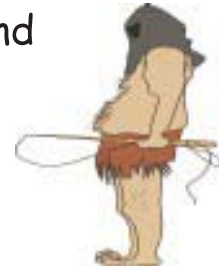
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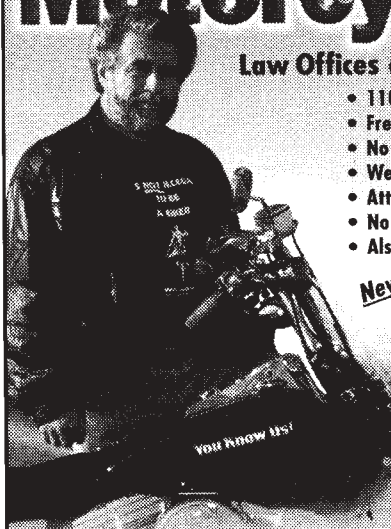
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The Birthday Party for Jan. 2010 will be Luke's on the 23rd and we'll meet between

7-8 pm. Per Kathleen (SHSHSH her Birthday is in Jan.) the band was not scheduled yet and the cake will be provided for us.

I would like to wish each and every one of you a safe, wonderful, happy and prosperous New Year!

Happy Birthday to all those below and I hope to see you at your party!



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We make riding choices every time we throw a leg over. My choices, about when, where, and how I ride, are influenced by how much I care for the people in my life. To be perfectly honest, I want to come home from each ride safely too – but it's more than that. They don't want to lose me – and I'm not ready to leave them just yet.

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JANUARY

3 - States MC 15th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
***10 - Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day**
17 - SE ABATE Semi-Annual Rights Rally
***24 - Third Tradition Annual**
***31 - Der Krieger MC Annual**

FEBRUARY

6 - Alternative WPB Party
***14 - AOA MC Ft. Laud. Valentines Day Annual**
***20 - Wheels of Man MC Deerfield 37th Annual (4PM)**
***21 - States Lake Worth Annual**
20 & 21 Harley-Davidson of Miami's 56th Anniversary
28 - USMV MC Homestead party

MARCH

Feb 26-March 7, 69th Annual Daytona Bike Week
***14 - Keltics MC Broward Annual**
***21 - Fiasco Brothers Annual**
21 - BBRA 3rd Annual Smiles Charity Ride
***27 - Outcast MC Annual**
***28 - States MC Pompano Annual**

APRIL

***4 - CMA Annual Easter Service**
3 & 4 - Peterson's South Anniversary Weekend
***11 - AOA West Palm Beach Annual**
17 - Mystic Seven MC & Mojo's Birthday Party
***18 - Hermandad MC Annual**
24 - USMV Martin County party
***25 Wings of Gold MC Ft. Laud Stars & Stripes Annual**
23, 24, 25 - Leesberg Bikefest

MAY

***2 - Southern MC Annual**
8 & 9 - National COC Convention Orlando
***15 - USMVMC West Palm Annual**
***16 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual**
22 - Wings of Gold MC Pt St. Lucie party
***23 - Soldiers for Jesus MC West Palm Beach Annual**
30 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

JUNE

***6 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual**
***12 - New Attitudes MC Annual**
***13 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Annual**
20 - Peterson's North Store Fathers Day Event
26 - Palm Beach ABATE Annual Event
27 - Wings of Gold MC Miami party

JULY

3 - USMVMC South Broward Party
11 - AOA MC West Palm Beach party
17 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off & Party
18 - States MC Lake Worth party
***25 - Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud. Annual**

AUGUST

9-15 70th Annual Sturgis Bike Week
13 to 15, - 15th International South Florida Tattoo Expo
15 - AOA MC 43rd Anniversary Party
***22 - Wings of Gold MC Port Saint Lucie Annual**
29 - US Military Vets MC Pompano Party

SEPTEMBER

11 - Outcast MC Party
12 - States Pompano MC 17th Key West Tuneup Party
16-19 Phil Peterson's 37th Annual Key West Poker Run
26 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & Party

OCTOBER

***3 - Mystic Seven MC Annual**
9 - BBRA Art Auction & Comedy Night
10 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
14 to 17 - Daytona Biketoberfest
17 - Keltics MC Miami party
23 - USMV MC Homestead benefit party
24 - SE ABATE 30th Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally
30 - Wheels of Man MC 37th Annual Halloween Party
***31 - Alternative Ft. Laud Annual**

NOVEMBER

***7 - USMVMC National 23rd Annual**
13 - Soldiers for Jesus MC West Palm Beach Party
14 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach Party
21 - CMA Memorial Event
28 - Heaven Cycles 33rd Anniversary Party
28 - USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

DECEMBER

***5 - 23rd Annual SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run**
11 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami
12 - ABATE West Palm Beach Party
18 - SFLCOC Christmas Dinner Party
18 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
19 - Calvery Chapel 11th Annual Christmas Service



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It's hard to believe it's January already, a new year. It's like new beginnings, actually, it is a new beginning for all of us. We can look back on the past year, at good times and at bad times knowing it all came from God!

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Jan 17... String Theory
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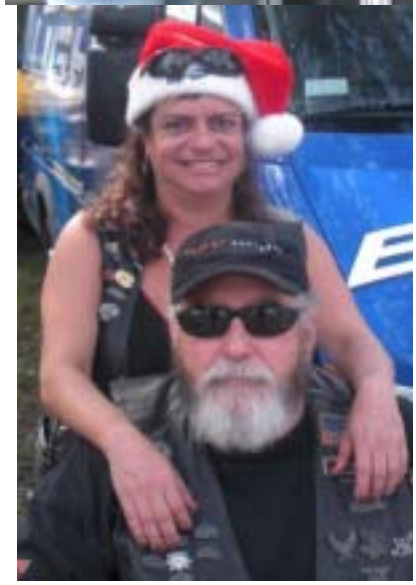
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Commander Stu McLees for opening up the VFW lodge for some donuts plus some hot, good coffee, just like the kind the Old Dining Facility used to make for us former sailors, airmen and soldiers!

As we turn a new leaf this coming year of 2010, let's all put some more effort in volunteering to participate during our Trash Pick Up days that occurs *only once* every three months on a Saturday morning. I am counting on my ABATE SE Brethren and Sisteren to join us in Mid-March for another Adopt-a-Highway project morning!! Happy New Year and wishes for a more healthy, weathy and wiser 12 months!!

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UNITED NATIONS LAUNCHES GLOBAL ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVE

With traffic accidents causing the deaths of more than one million people worldwide every year, more than malaria or diabetes, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told participants at the First Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety in Moscow that more must be done to tackle the global “crisis” of road traffic fatalities. In addition, some 50 million people are severely injured, costing governments 1 to 3% of their gross national products.

Opening the conference, the President of Russia Dmitry Medvedev called for action on a worldwide crisis running at 1.27 million road deaths every year, with about half of those deaths occurring among vulnerable road users such as cyclists, motorcyclists, and pedestrians.

The conference culminated with ministers of more than 70 countries around the world approving the Moscow Declaration, which calls for a “Decade of Action for Road Safety” and to begin to set out plans for global coordination of the unprecedented effort to reduce road traffic injuries 50% by 2020.

The Safe Systems strategy advocated in the Moscow Directive requires the entire road-traffic management system to be designed around compensating for the errors of road users, so that people can survive the consequences of their mistakes. “Simple measures such as introducing and enforcing compulsory helmet and seat belt laws can make a large difference in the trauma that comes with motorization,” write risk management researchers from Australia.

Only 40% of countries currently have motorcycle laws that stipulate helmet use for the rider and passenger, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), and fewer than 60% of countries have laws in place that require all car occupants to wear seat-belts.

The four page Decade of Action declaration includes specific action on vulnerable road users. It reads: “Make particular efforts to develop and implement policies and infrastructure solutions to protect all road users in particular those who are most vulnerable such as pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and users of unsafe public transport, as well as children, the elderly and people living with disabilities.”

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On signing the declaration, governments, United Nations agencies, civil society organizations and private companies will agree to set “ambitious yet feasible” targets for reducing traffic casualties in each country.

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION SOUGHT TO PROTECT YOUTH CYCLE SALES

Because the Consumer Product Safety Commission has refused to lift a ban against the sale of kids’ dirt bikes and ATVs due to lead content of some parts, although the CPSC agreed to stay the ban until May 1, 2011, the U.S. House of Representatives passed an appropriations bill on July 16th that would prohibit funding for the ban.

An amendment by Representative Denny Rehberg (R-MT) to the House fiscal year 2010 Financial Services Appropriations bill prohibits the use of funds by the CPSC to implement or enforce section 101(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 regarding banning the sale of off-highway motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles intended for use by children 12 and under.

The CPSIA was intended to limit the lead content of children’s toys made in China, but as an unintended consequence resulted in motorcycle manufacturers ordering dealers nationwide to stop selling youth-oriented vehicles and parts.

Similar legislation introduced in the Senate does not contain the Rehberg Amendment language, and has not reached the Senate floor for a vote.

Help protect access to youth-model off-road vehicles and parts by contacting your federal legislators and ask them to support language in the final appropriations bill that excludes children’s motorcycles and ATVs from the CPSIA.

PENNSYLVANIA NOISE LEGISLATION COULD TURN NOISEY NEIGHBORS INTO NARCS

House Bill 2104 on noise control was introduced in the Pennsylvania legislature on November 18 and referred to the House Committee on Transportation to consider allowing citizens to report loud vehicles and noisy mufflers to authorities for further action.

As introduced, HB 2104 reads;
Exhaust systems, mufflers and noise control.
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(1) A person who reasonably believes that a motor vehicle is in violation of this section may file a complaint, containing the registration plate number, with a magisterial district judge.

(2) Based on the information in the complaint, the magisterial district justice may issue a search warrant for the vehicle and shall forward the search warrant and information contained in the complaint to the Pennsylvania State Police for investigation.

(3) Upon receipt of the search warrant, the Pennsylvania State Police shall investigate whether the vehicle is in violation of this section and shall take appropriate action to enforce the provisions of this section.

(4) A person who files more than one complaint under this section which, after investigation by the Pennsylvania State Police, are determined not to support a violation of this section shall be prohibited from filing any additional complaint under this section for a period of 12 months.

ALWAYS-ON HEADLIGHT LAW PROPOSED IN ILLINOIS

A state lawmaker has introduced legislation requiring Illinois motorists to turn on their headlights even during daylight hours to make it easier for motorists to see each other, thus reducing accidents. "It would enhance safety," Rep. Dan Brady said.

It also would put Illinois alone in the U.S. Although day-time running lights are required in some European countries, the only other state where it is even being considered is Alaska. In Juneau, state lawmakers say long twilight periods and low sun angles there produce shadows and make it difficult to see vehicles.

Most motorcycles are already required to have a headlamp on at all times for increased conspicuity, and many riders feel they would lose their visibility and be lost in a sea of headlight beams if all vehicles were to run with their lights on.

If House Bill 4701 is approved, someone caught for not turning on their lights could face a fine of \$75. Brady said he wants to study the issue more before he asks his colleagues to vote on the matter.

S.C. SUPREME COURT COULD RULE ON MYRTLE BEACH HELMET LAWSUITS

Two lawsuits against Myrtle Beach over the city's helmet law could be heard by the state's high court in the new year. The S.C. Supreme Court clerk sent a letter to Myrtle Beach and the plaintiffs saying the lawsuits filed by business owners and a group of motorcyclists might be heard in the February session. The plaintiffs are suing the city to stop it from enforcing the motorcycle helmet law it imposed last year as

part of a package of 15 new ordinances designed to deflect the May motorcycle rallies from the city.

Attorneys for the city, BOOST (Business Owners Organized to Support Tourism) and the 49 riders who protested the city's helmet ordinance on the day it became effective and were ticketed have filed their briefs with the high court, allowing judges to read the issues that will be argued orally if the hearing is slated.

Lawyers representing BOOST have filed more than 30 pages of briefs containing multiple sections, contending among other issues:

The city is overstepping its bounds by making such a law;
The General Assembly intended people older than 21 to have freedom of choice on wearing helmets;
The helmet ordinance violates the state's Uniform Traffic Act;
The ordinance should be voided because it is vague and ambiguous;
The ordinance is arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable;
And ending a motorcycle rally isn't a legitimate government purpose.

But Tom McGrath, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) attorney for Virginia who is representing the protesters filed a much shorter brief, saying among other things that most of the arguments don't matter because the city's ordinance is at odds with state law, and for that reason alone it should be tossed out.

"The gist of the city's arguments is that it has the right to do whatever it wants to do as long as it declares something to be a public nuisance and decides to abate it," McGrath's brief begins. "...If the ordinances conflict with state law, the ordinances are void. If the ordinances are void, their underlying merits are irrelevant."

ARIZONA BIKERS PROTEST DISCRIMINATION AND POLICE HARASSMENT

As a state highway patrol helicopter circled low over head and the state gang task force took photos from across the street, several hundred bikers from 40 motorcycle clubs throughout Arizona assembled after their regularly scheduled Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs meeting on November 7th for a protest ride past four Kingman bars that recently adopted a "NO COLORS" policy.

ACMC advocates for biker rights and meets twice a month, discussing issues like helmet or emission laws or pushing for biker-friendly legislation. Dan Balentine, president of the Desert Road Riders Motorcycle Club and secretary for the

ACMC told the Daily News that the confederation of clubs is in the process of hiring a third lobbyist to work on the no colors policy initiated by some bars and restaurants in Kingman. Balentine said ACMC's mission statement is to educate the public of the positive aspects of motorcycle clubs and lawfully oppose intrusion to biker rights.

One of the ACMC lobbyists, Skypilot, is based at the state capital in Phoenix and works with the legislators while a second lobbyist works on federal issues in Washington, D.C. Skypilot reported that he is talking with state legislators on motorcycle issues such as right of ways, emissions, discrimination by law enforcement, correctly fastening license plates and extended yellow lights.

ACMC's president Ray "Still Ray" Fitzgerald, said the object of the protest ride was to draw attention to the way the gang task force illegally forces bars to adopt the no colors policy or face having their liquor licenses pulled.

Riders wearing their club colors on the protest ride arrived armed with discrimination forms to document people who were turned away for a possible class-action lawsuit.

"Why would they turn us away?" said Steve Musgrave, a member of the Desert Thunder MC and a registered motorcycle rights lobbyist for eight years. "Our money should be as good as everyone else's." Musgrave, who also serves on the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) board of directors, said it is unfair for police to label motorcycle clubs as gangs. "We are a club, not a gang. We have regular meetings and pay dues," he said. "Almost everybody here is a law-abiding citizen who has a job and pays their taxes, just like everyone else."

AUSTRALIAN BIKERS THREATEN TO SUE PUBS OVER COLORS DISCRIMINATION

Members of at least 21 of the state's "bikie gangs" are preparing to sue the 53 pubs, clubs, hotels and cocktail bars from Wollongong to The Entrance where they are banned if they turn up for a drink wearing club colors or their trademark bikie jewelry.

They claim the bars are breaching the Anti-discrimination Act, the Human Rights Commission Act and probably the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which has been adopted by Australia.

After gauging reaction from the bars, the United Motorcycle Council NSW plans to take action on behalf of all the clubs. The council was formed earlier this year as a reaction to

government efforts to ban motorcycle clubs through the strictest anti-gang laws in the world.

JAPANESE MOTORCYCLE EXPORTS DOWN BY HALF

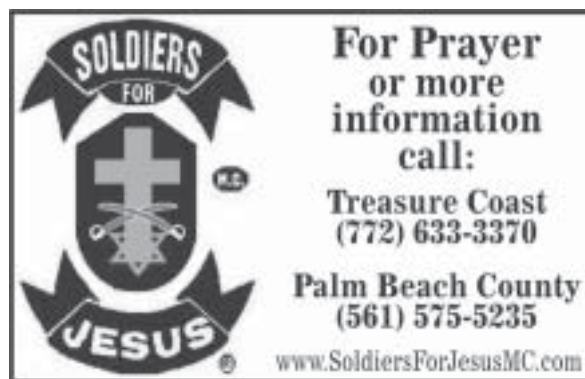
Motorcycle exports from Japan have slumped by over 50%, according to shocking new figures released by the industry watchdog.

In October 2009 global exports of motorcycle from Japan were recorded at 41,143 units, compared with the 90,702 units total recorded for the same month of the previous year. The 54.6% export decrease is the twenty-fifth consecutive month that export figures have dropped, according to a recent JAMA report.

The total value of motorcycles exported for October was 334.12 million U.S. dollars including 229.94 million U.S. dollars for vehicles and 14.18 million U.S. dollars for parts. This is a decrease of 263.09 million U.S. dollars or 44.1 percent, as compared with 597.21 million U.S. dollars recorded for the same month of the previous year, the report stated.

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