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President's Thoughts

Hope everybody had a safe and a great Holiday.

We ended up this year with a bang in many directions within the chapter and also outside.

This year we have seen the changes in the Chapter's Board of Directors and new faces that have come forward to commit their time and effort for the good of the Organization.

It is a thankless job, along with all the volunteers that have helped with all the things we do, should be greatly appreciated by all.

This year we have also seen some of our members go through some tough times, whether it is employment issues or health issues either by way of accidents or other reasons. We need to continue to be supportive to our fellow brothers and sisters in time of need if we can.

We have also seen some members leave and relocate out of the area, like our former President that decided that he would go back to OHIO for a change, except that he chose winter to do it. I feel for his bike! It probably will not be ridden till spring!

A good thing that did happen was at the Toy Run Al (New-comer) and Annemarie (The Magnet) ties the not under the Abate tent. It just was a shame that they had to do soooo much work on the preparation and with the take down afterwards due to lack of volunteers.

We also now have a revised By-Laws that have been written that basically, just clarifies some issue from the old one and makes the "gray" parts easier to understand.

You can access both the current and the proposed at Abate of Florida, Inc. web site. <http://www.abateflorida.com/> under the By-laws section.

We were unable to have a formal Chapter meeting due to commitments that some of the Board members had leaving us short, but it was still informative for most.

I am looking forward to the challenges that face us in this upcoming year with change in Tallahassee. And it can't hurt now that we have a couple of Abate members that have been elected.

Enough for now...

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With Permission by: Art Westergren

Discuss safe group riding before you leave with a group. Many riders have no clue as to how to ride safely with a group. Don't be afraid to **take charge** and lay down some safe riding **ground rules**. This action **benefits everyone** in the group. I know that there are a lot of theory's about how to do it so I am going to tell you what has worked well for my groups. **Appoint a designated leader**, and **trail bike** of the pack. **The leader consistently does the same thing** in situations that affect the entire group. Swapping the lead at every stop will eventually **lead to disaster** down the line. Setting a pace that is easy for all in the group to get through intersections is tricky and needs the cooperation of the entire group. The **trailing bike takes the lane** for lane changes and keeps the traffic off everybody's back.

Here are some basic steps on how to do it:

Stag staggered. Riding side by side eliminates half of the road for you if an animal or an object in the road or something crosses your path. If you, or him swerve guess what, both of you are wiped out. **You own the entire width of the road** at highway speeds. Try to follow this rule at speeds of 25mph or above. **Never swerve to avoid an animal**, if you are moving in a straight line at impact, most likely you will not crash. You can slow your pace then speed up to fake the animal out, but he is trying to avoid you. Don't tailgate those in front of you.

Stay tight together when approaching intersections, traffic, turns, or any time the possibility exists that a car can cut into your group and create high risk. On a freeway where traffic moves very swiftly, **don't lay back**, you put the group and especially those behind you at risk by allowing traffic to weave in and out of the group. Stay with the pack, maybe you don't want to do 65mph, but your much safer up with the pack. Remember, everybody in front of you is watching in their mirror to see that you are there. You should be just far enough back that the rider in front of you can **see you in his mirror, so if he can't see you, you are too close. At highway speeds, you own the entire width of the lane for your safety.**

Give hand signals so that everybody knows what to do. Your passenger should be briefed on what proper hand signals are. **Right turns are with the left arm.**

Stay in the center lane every chance you have or **to the left** in a two lane highway. 90 percent of accidents occur in the right lane or left lane. **Risk factor** again takes over. Remember, turning traffic, traffic pulling out, slowing down for that stop three blocks ahead, turning with no signal, slow pokes, snowbirds, kids, animals, trash cans, and drunk drivers all use the right lane. Watch for that driver that cuts across two or three lanes to make a **left turn in front of you**, this is how "T Bone wrecks" occur. Also be watching for the guy that goes straight from a turn lane. Buses all ride the right lane and cause traffic to stop.

Take the lane, this means the **trail bike should move over and take the lane** for a lane change early enough for the entire pack to move over before you get to the turn off. Sometimes, a **mid group bike has to take the lane if traffic is too tight**. It is much easier for a group to move into a lane that already has a rider in the rear to **slow over running traffic**. We should all move like a connected snake. Not only is impressive to all other car traffic, but they realize what we are doing, and it is safer for us.

Approaching traffic signals should be as a tight pack, don't wait until the last minute to catch up because the delay factor won't give those behind you enough time to tighten it up when you reach the intersection, and you will leave someone sitting at the light. The question is, now, do we all pull over and wait? Or slow down and wait for those left at the light?

There, pops up the **risk factor** again. It is much safer to continue at a slower pace allowing those left behind to catch up unless there is an extremely safe large area to pull off and take a quick break for everyone. It gives you a breather and time to discuss the next plan.

Watch far ahead at the **PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL LIGHTS**, they tell you the status of what the signal light is going to do. A flashing light means that the Intersection traffic signal is ready to change. A steady green or white means that you have time to approach and get safely through the intersection. **Be aware of the gear that you are in.** If you are daydreaming and don't down shift, you will stall out in front of everyone starting off in third gear.

Breakdowns are going to occur so **be prepared.** That is why we watch in our mirror for those behind us, so when it happens, flash your lights, high, low, high, low and blow your horn if necessary. The group can safely pull over at first opportunity. If you were lagging too far behind, guess what, see you at the next rest stop because nobody saw you pull over

Stopping for a rest or at a place of business for fuel also adds to the **risk factor**, so, it should discuss prior to the stop happening. Move your bike as

soon as possible after fueling up and make room for others and car customers.

while stopped, walk around your bike and **inspect** it for any parts missing or hanging loose, and don't forget to tell your fellow biker about that burnt out light bulb, because he didn't know about it. **Use your front brake** because it provides 70 to 75% of the braking power. Stay with the group, because if you park way across the lot by yourself, you will not know the plan for the next stop or turn, and that places you or the bike behind you in a risk zone. Parking alone also places your bike at risk of being hit by other vehicles in the lot. Cars will try to avoid parking near a group of bikes.

Pulling out is a very important topic because it can be the number one dangerous thing you do. First of all, make sure all bikes are running and everyone is ready and gives the high sign that they are ready. Second, the pack should be tight and ready to go at the same time if possible. If you don't make it out, the group leader will hold down the pace until you catch up. Some groups like to use road guards but this is dangerous and illegal, but sometimes it can be done safely if the traffic isn't roaring by at high speed. Whoever pulls out and acts as road guard will wind up in the rear of the pack so discuss ahead of time of who wants to do it.

Leaving intersections has a few things that can affect the **risk factor** so if you are lead off traffic **pause a second or two** for that idiot that just ran the light, then accelerate through the intersection then up to the **speed limit** rapidly. This should place you far out in front of the traffic where they can **see** and **hear** you. You are riding a **high performance machine** just itching to go fast. Everyone should do the same thing and not stretch out the group by riding like my grandma. **Use another vehicles as a shield** if you can by staying on the opposite side as you move through the intersection.

Also watch out for the vehicle that was left in the middle of the intersection when the light changed, he will not yield to you, instead, he will proceed after the light is red, no matter what happens.

Flowing with the traffic should be done at all times possible. Speeding and weaving in and out of traffic will get somebody killed. If traffic is to be passed, stay in the left lane and go by the traffic, most traffic will move over for a group of bikes. Passing in the right lane is in the highest risk factor area you can be in. **Riding in the right lane anytime, is suicide** and should not be done unless you are going to turn. Speeding must be done if traffic is moving above the posted limit but try to avoid it. I remember riding in Atlanta where the average freeway speed was 80 to 85mph+ and that is what we did to keep from getting run over. Keep your **eye on the front wheel** of traffic that might pull out onto the road way in front of you, if it moves, prepare for it. Nowadays, windows have too much tinting so there is little to no eye contact.

Practice counter steering for a quick reaction to avoid an object in the road way, it will save your butt someday. Watch the **front wheel of vehicles** that are beside of or in front of you for drift into your lane.

Don't follow too close if you don't have to, but sometimes you have to stay tight with the traffic or someone will cut in front of you. **Stay in the right track of the lane** if you are in the left lane, because you are more visible to traffic coming up behind you and you are less likely to be cut off by a

vehicle moving into your lane from the right side.

Speed limits are the safest bet you can make because you won't get tickets, and **you will have time to react** if someone pulls out in front of you. The road engineers designed the speed limits to create safe conditions for you and every vehicle on the road. On open highway, you can do what ever feels good for you but do what ever the group does, 5 to 10 mph over probably won't get you ticket but gives you some satisfaction. Neighborhood speed limits are where you will get into trouble, so **do the limit**, besides, grandpa will pull right out in front of you because **you are invisible** to him.

Approaching traffic that is slower up ahead of you, can be handled by slowing down, staying back, or move left and pass but do not catch up and stay in their blind spots or behind them in the right lane. If you do, you are in a **High Risk Zone** and will eventually become a statistic. Watch the driver's head, he will look at his rear mirror at a glance if he plans to change lanes. This will give you a little indication of what he is going to do a second before he actually does it. **Don't follow too close**, you will reduce risk of running into the rear of a vehicle if a panic stop occurs ahead. **Be aware of the gear** that you are in and be ready to accelerate out of the way if some one comes up on your rear too fast.

Approaching and passing large vehicles like trucks, busses, and RV's can place you in the **High Risk Zone**. Stay way back, or approach from the same lane, until your are in mirror range to the vehicle, then move to the far side of the passing lane and pass without delay. Flying debris, sand, gravel, pieces of tires, rocks, and anything on the road way can be lifted up and hit you from large vehicles. Flying objects tend to be out to the sides of the large vehicle.

On a two lane, if you have to pass, down shift to be in you power curve so that you can use the motorcycles power to get you around the vehicle quickly and not leave you hanging out beside a vehicle that might speed up.

Riding in rain or on wet roads can be just as enjoyable if you are prepared for it. We have ridden hundreds of miles at a time and still enjoyed every minute of it. We had proper rain gear, helmets, goggles, gloves, and face protection on, so we could have cared less about the rain. Slow down and relax, it is not so bad. **Brake gradually ahead of time. Think an extra quarter of a mile ahead** and you will be fine. When turning, **don't lean so far**, do it slowly and gradually. Remember with a passenger on back, you have extra weight to stop. **Leave extra following space** just in case. **Stay in one lane**, and not in the right lane. **Center is best but left will do. Ride toward the crown of the road** where you won't hydroplane on puddles. You should **follow in the tracks of the vehicle in front** of you where the water was just splashed out of, especially in hard rain, less risk of hydroplaning. Leave you **bright lights** on, you will be seen better. Use **hand signals** because they will be more visible. In other words, you don't have to be a fair weather rider.

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OldHippy's Corner

A New Year and new challenges are ahead for all of us whether we ride or not. The lame duck session is over and now is the time where all the newly elected members will attempt to direct us in a different direction. Unfortunately the parties remind me of some of the things I've seen going on in everyday life and I call it the Hatfield/McCoy's syndrome. That is where, regardless of the situation or the issues, one group will not agree with the other out of the sure principal that it came from the other and also will do anything it takes to block or disrupt any effort regardless if it is for the good of the whole.

Jan, from BOLT (Bikers of Lesser Tolerance) sent me an MC Training Propaganda Document written in 2009, put out by the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST) and the National Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). It is a rather detail training document for teaching LEO's about enforcement of laws that pertain to motorcyclists. And I thought you might be interested in some of what is in it. It consisted of 8 modules explaining from Types of bikes and their riders to the safety programs that are set up. In this document, it did acknowledge that there is a limited training for law enforcement officers due to most academies across the country do not have courses on the topic. They also admit that most law enforcement officers do not know what to look for regarding motorcycle equipment, helmets and the law. (Remember this when being pulled over by one in a cage)

One thing that astounded me is the inspection/check list that was suggested.

Besides the usual license and registration, it has virtually everything on your ride being looked at as far as equipment. They go as far as checking fenders and mudguard that must be equivalent to manufactory's original spec. HUH?? Tell me they have the knowledge to make a judgment call on that?

They did in one module address, MC clubs and profiling and the wearing distinctive clothing to identify their club or organization. It attempts to teach the difference between a Motorcycle Club and a Gang (OMG,s) as defined by the US Department of Justice's gang unit and Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standard and Education (2008).

Under the Motorcycle Operator Profiling Awareness part it stated: *"The popularity of the motorcycle as a primary means of transportation has grown in the past decade. More and more people are buying and riding motorcycles and they represent all facets of society. All races, genders and occupations are represented in this area. There is no such thing as "the typical biker" no more so than trying to describe "the typical criminal type" or "the typical New Yorker". They are reminded as an officer that "Violators" are defined by their actions not how they look!*

To read the rest of it go to <http://boltusa.org/node/209>

We all have seen after these past elections that participation is necessary and plays a large part in any process to get it done. Whether it is for an election or any other causes that you feel are of value to you and your beliefs, being a part should be on you to do list. Fighting for our Rights and Freedoms should take center stage on that list, because without them I see us as nothing more the human life forms that exist.

History has shown, unfortunately that the people of this country have shown sometimes it takes a major incident to bring back the unity of people. I saw this after 9-11 and read about it after Pearl Harbor, plus I saw a little bit of it in this past election. People, who otherwise would not even give the time of day to each other, found themselves with something in common and started to communicate with each other. That is the one thing that we in the biking community have going for some of us. Unfortunately, the community has grown so much, so fast, with a lot of new people that are unaware of all the stigmas that had to be overcome then, and the work that was done to prevent us from being able to have the Freedom that bikers have left now. They may not heard, if it wasn't for some people caring that they could possibly not ride their scooters on certain streets and even might be told what

to wear when they do, things would be a lot different today. Lucky for us, there still are few of us who remember and still know, that we must continue the fight to make sure that we have the Freedoms and Rights that we are entitled to as a rider that so many have taken for granted.

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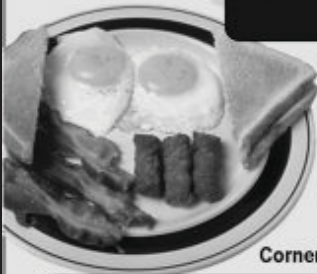
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To our January Birthday's your party will be on Jan. 8th and will be at Luke's. The band will be "Double Standard" and the cake will be provided by Kathleen and Royce and it's her party too!

Please come join us, this is our party to celebrate all members Birthday's each month and they love to have you there. We will meet between 7-8 pm.



Happy Birthday to all those below please come and have fun at your party!

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Pics from Our December Birthday Party

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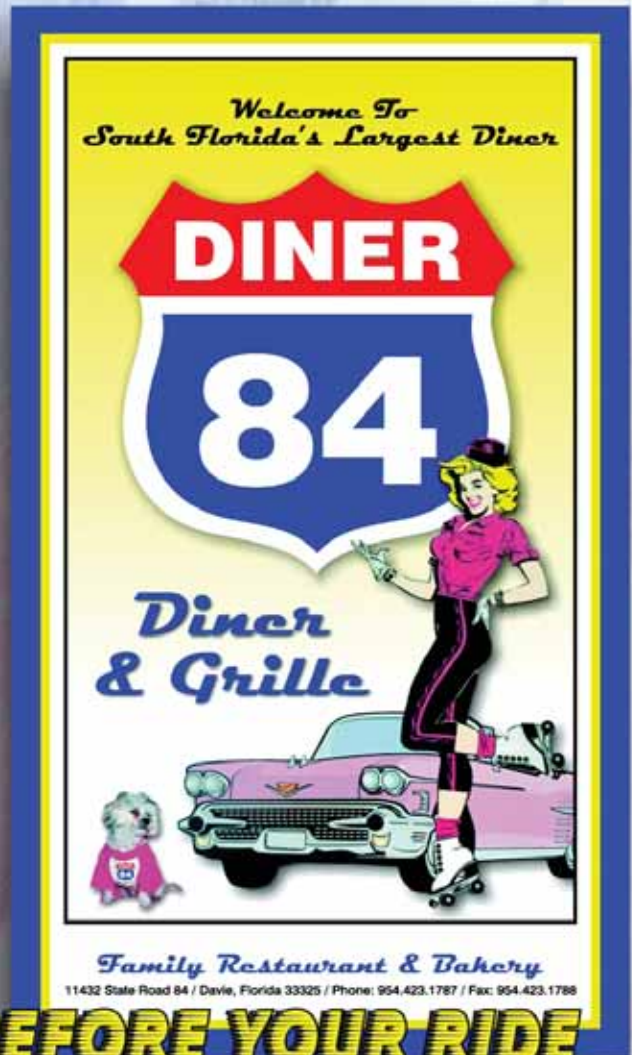
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I wish everyone in the biker community a better year than last year. I hope that everyone prospers, and has good health. It's another new year for ABATE to grow stronger, and have more political clout than ever. The more members we have, the better to protect our backs! Support your local Motorcyclists Rights Organization, ABATE of Florida – Southeast Chapter.



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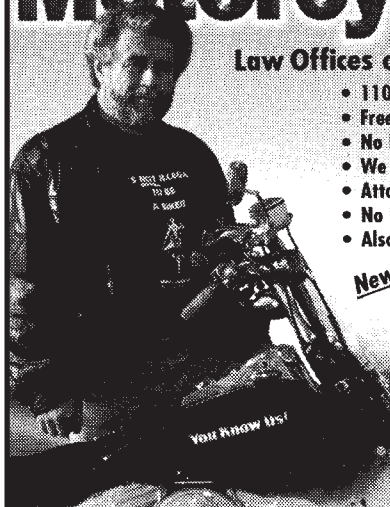
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						1 <i>New Year's Day</i>
2 States MC Pompano 16th Annual Blessing of the Bikes	3	4	5	6	7	8 ABATE Birthday Party at Luke's
9 Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 <i>ABATE SE Semi-Annual Rights Rally</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 <i>ABATE SE Chapter Meeting</i> <hr/> Chrome Angels MC Winter Party	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Der Kreiger MC Annual	31					

Additional Info:

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FEBRUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Alternative Ft Lauderdale Party
6 Third Tradition Annual	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 AOA MC Ft Lauderdale Valentine's Day Party	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 ABATE Chapter Meeting States MC Lake Worth Annual	21 President's Day	22	23	24	25	26 Wheels of Man MC Deerfield 38th Annual
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Happy New Year! Here's what I've got for you this month:

The 23rd Annual SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run was a great success. I was down with the flu and had to miss it. Only one accident was reported on I-95 when 1 bike rear-ended another. He must have been texting. Amazing that was all considering all the new riders who buy bikes JUST to ride in the Toy Run. Gotta love the new riders!

Abate State Meeting ride. On Saturday Dec. 11th, a small group of SE Chapter members rode over to Naples to represent.

We have a few long rides coming up as well as our usual rides to local club events.

Alabama Jacks ride:

On Sunday, January 9th, we will be riding down to Alabama Jacks for lunch. This is a great little 68 mile ride for which you will be rewarded with the absolute best Maryland Style Crab Cakes or other fine local seafood when we arrive.

We will meet at the American Legion Post 321. I will hopefully get Jose' to cook breakfast for us there. Kickstands up @ 11:00 am, so get to the Legion Hall about 9:30am for breakfast. We will be riding down Krome Avenue. No Turnpike, just a nice cruise through some beautiful south Florida heartland.

ABATE SE Chapter Annual Rights Rally:

Sunday, January 16th. This year, we'll be at Perfect Game Sports Grill in Coral Springs. Get with Jackie Stanly or Old Hippie to see what you can do to help make this event another success.

Dania Beach Antique Motorcycle Show:

On Sunday, January 29th, the Antique Motorcycle Club of America's Sunshine Chapter will host its 5th Annual Show at Frost Park in Dania Beach from 10:00am – 4:00pm. The AMCA is a good friend of ABATE SE Chapter. Last year and again this year, they are giving us a 10' x 20' vendor space to promote our cause and sell our products. Last year's event was amazing. You will never see this many old scoots in 1 place except at these events. Food, drinks (yes beer), live music and biker games will make this a great day. See the newsletter for details. FREE admission.

Holiday Isle & Hog Heaven ride:

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Remember; always check your bike out mechanically prior to any group ride. Look for loose bolts, cables, lights out, etc. Don't forget your tire pressures, oil levels and general all around roadworthiness. ALWAYS arrive with your tanks FULL.

If you have questions about how to properly ride with a group, please Speak up so we can help you out. There is no shame in speaking up on this matter; there is only shame if you do not. We can always place you in a certain spot in the group, perhaps next to an experienced rider, who can help you become a more proficient group rider. Also, not speaking up could jeopardize the safety of others in the group. We were all new at this at one time or another.

Please check Fern's excellent hotline, 954-310-4636, for weekly updates as to what's going on and where we can ride to as a group. We will usually meet at the American Legion Post 321 as a starting point unless stated otherwise.

Some upcoming rides / events:

Jan. 9 – Ride to Alabama Jacks (68 miles)

Jan. 9 – Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Party

Jan. 16 – ABATE SE Chapter Annual Rights Rally

Jan. 23 – Chrome Angels MC Winter party (After ABATE Meeting)

Jan. 29 – Dania Beach Antique Motorcycle Show

Jan. 30 – Der Krieger MC Annual Party

Feb. 5 - Ride to Holiday Isle & Hog Heaven Sports Bar & Grill in Islamorada (100 miles)

Remember that Mickey's Bar has a bike night every Wednesday and Café 27 every Thursday night. These two venues support Abate SE Chapter, so remember to support them whenever you can.

There's more to come and lots to do. Stay tuned and stay tuned up! Let's ride!

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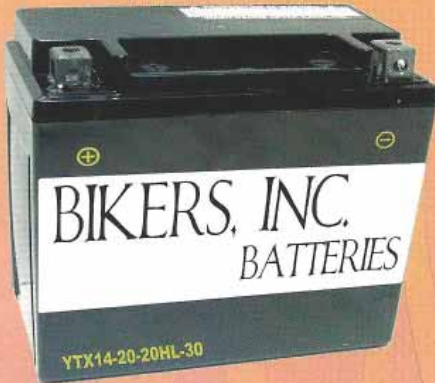
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Now when much bigger problems come into your life like, maybe losing your job, or sickness to you or someone you love, an accident of some kind, even a death in your family. The kind of problems that are much harder to deal with, and even seem hopeless sometimes, you should say a Big Prayer. Let's call this "going through hell."

What I'm saying is when life throws problems at all of us don't dwell on the little things ask the Lord Jesus for help give them to Him. Don't hold on to them, and when you're going through hell dealing with larger problems, and we all get our share of them, don't stop and dwell on them, again I say give them to Jesus. He will take care of them and you can keep on going, so don't stop keep on going the Lord Jesus will always be there for you, and get you through. All you have to do is ask.

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JANUARY

- 2 - States MC 16th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
- *9 - Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day**
- 16 - SE ABATE Semi-Annual Rights Rally
- 23 - Chrome Angels MC winter party
- *30 - Der Krieger MC Annual**

FEBRUARY

- 5 - Alternative Ft. Laud. Party
- *6 - Third Tradition Annual**
- *13 - AOA MC Ft. Laud. Valentines Day Annual**
- *20 - States MC Lake Worth Annual**
- 20 & 21 Harley-Davidson of Miami's 57th Anniversary
- *26 - Wheels of Man MC Deerfield 38th Annual (4PM)**
- 27 - USMV MC Homestead Party

MARCH

- Feb 28-March 6, 70th Annual Daytona Bike Week
- 6 - USMV MC Ft. Laud Party
- *13 - Fiasco Brothers Annual**
- *20 - Keltics MC Broward Annual**
- 20 - BBRA 4th Annual Smiles Charity Ride Annual
- *27 - Hermandad MC Annual**

APRIL

- *2 - Outcasts MC Annual**
- 2 & 3 - Peterson's South Anniversary Weekend
- *3 - States MC Pompano Annual**
- 8, 9, 10 - Leesburg Bike Week
- *10 - WOG MC Ft. Laud Stars & Stripes Annual**
- 16 - USMV MC Martin County party
- *17 - AOA MC West Palm Beach Annual**
- 23 - Mystic 7 MC party
- 24 - CMA Easter Service

MAY

- *1 - Southern MC Annual**
- 6 & 7 - National COC Convention
- *14 - USMVMC West Palm Annual**
- *15 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual**
- 21 - Wings of Gold MC Pt St. Lucie party
- *22 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual**
- 29 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

JUNE

- *5 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual**
- *11 - New Attitudes MC Annual**
- *12 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Annual**
- 19 - Peterson's North Store Fathers Day Event
- 25 - Palm Beach ABATE Party

JULY

- 3 - USMVMC South Broward Party
- 10 - AOA MC West Palm Beach party
- 16 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off & Party
- 17 - States MC Lake Worth party
- *24 - Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud. Annual**
- 31 - Chrome Angels MC summer bash party

AUGUST

- 8-14 71st Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 12 to 14, - 16th International South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 14 - AOA MC 44th Anniversary Party
- *21 - Wings of Gold MC Port Saint Lucie Annual**

SEPTEMBER

- 9 (Friday) - Outcast MC Party
- 11 - States Pompano MC 18th Key West Tuneup Party
- 17 - USMVMC West Palm Wreaths Across America
- 15-18 Phil Peterson's 38th Annual Key West Poker Run
- 18 - Wings of Gold MC Miami "After Key West Party"
- 25 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & Party

OCTOBER

- *2 - Mystic Seven MC Annual**
- 9 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
- 16 - Keltics MC Miami party
- 22 - USMV MC Homestead benefit party
- 20-23 Daytona Biketoberfest
- 23 - SE ABATE 31st Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally
- 29 - Wheels of Man MC 38th Annual Halloween Party
- *30 - Alternative Treasure Coast Annual**

NOVEMBER

- *6 - USMVMC National 24th Annual**
- 12 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Party
- 13 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach Party
- *20 - CMA Memorial Annual Event**
- 27 - Heaven Cycles 34th Anniversary Party
- 27 - USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

DECEMBER

- 4 - ABATE West Palm Beach Annual
- *11 - 24th Annual SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run**
- 17 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami
- 17 - SFLCOC Christmas Dinner Party
- 17 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
- 18 - Calvary Chapel 12th Annual Christmas Service



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RIDER TRAINING TRUMPS RIDING EXPERIENCE

A new study utilizing a motorcycle simulator has found that formal advanced training is better than the school of Hard Knocks regarding how a rider reacts to emergency situations on the road.

A Triumph mounted on a custom rig designed and built at the University Nottingham's Centre for Motorcycle Ergonomics & Rider Human Factors in England was used to investigate the attitudes, behaviors and skills of different types of riders according to their level of experience and training, with simulation software projecting different riding scenarios onto a large screen in front of the rider.

Three groups; novice, experienced and those who had taken advanced motorcycle training, were put through identical scenarios on the simulator as well as other tasks in the laboratory to test aspects of their hazard perception and behavior.

The researchers discovered that experience on its own does not necessarily make riders safer on the road, while those riders who had taken advanced motorcycle safety training used better road positioning to anticipate and respond to hazards, kept to urban speed limits, and actually made better progress through bends than the other groups of novice and experienced bikers.

"This is one of the most in-depth studies of its kind ever conducted," said Dr. Alex Stedmon from the Human Factors Research Group. "Whilst experience seems to help develop rider skills to an extent, advanced training appears to develop deeper levels of awareness, perception and responsibility," Stedmon noted. "It also appears to make riders better urban riders and quicker, smoother and safer riders in rural settings."

NHTSA STILL PUSHING MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS NATIONWIDE

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has ignored congressional requests to halt or delay a plan to implement and fund motorcycle-only checkpoints nationwide.

The first federally-funded checkpoints, dubbed "roadside motorcycle safety checkpoints," will be launched by the Georgia Department of Public Safety, via a NHTSA grant

to the Georgia State Patrol. NHTSA has implemented the checkpoint funding plan despite being asked by members of Congress not to fund the program until the merits were explained.

NHTSA has requested applications from law enforcement agencies across the country to conduct "safety checks" that specifically target motorcyclists to pull aside for a lengthy inspection of their vehicle, equipment and paperwork.

The New York State Police have been conducting motorcycle-only checkpoints since 2007, often targeting major motorcycle events such as Americade. Seeking a legal remedy to stop the constitutionally questionable roadblocks, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Mitchell Proner of NYC has filed a class action lawsuit against the NYSP and New York State on behalf of ABATE of New York and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM).

Proner believes the Federal Court will agree that the stops are designed primarily for law enforcement purposes as opposed to public safety purposes. "Rather than promoting any legitimate public safety concern, the checkpoints are intended to harass and intimidate motorcyclists attempting to attend motorcycle events thereby depriving them of their First Amendment right to freedom of assembly as well as their Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment rights to due process, equal protection and freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures."

NTSB CALLS FOR STATES TO REQUIRE HELMETS

The National Transportation Safety Board stated on Tuesday, November 19, that all states should require riders to wear federally approved helmets.

Christopher A. Hart, the NTSB's vice chairman, called motorcycle accidents "a public health issue." and said that helmet laws have been added for the first time to the NTSB's "Most Wanted List" of safety improvement priorities. The list is considered a powerful tool by which the NTSB forces legislative change.

But highway safety laws are largely left up to the states, which have been increasingly resistant to many federal recommendations, and the transportation agency's appeal comes at a time when motorcycle deaths have actually been on the decrease since 2009.

This is not the first time there has been federal pressure exerted on states to pass helmet laws. In the late 1960s, Congress threatened to withhold highway funding for states

failing to adopt universal helmet laws, and within a few years almost every state had a helmet mandate.

But by the late 1970s, political resistance and pressure from motorcycle groups convinced Congress to break the link between motorcycle laws and federal highway funds, and over half the states repealed their helmet laws.

In 1991, Congress decided to try again, offering safety grants to states that enforced helmet and seatbelt laws. States that didn't enforce such laws had three percent of their federal highway money redirected to their highway safety programs. Still, only two states re-instituted helmet laws and by 1995 the federal effort was again overturned and five more states soon repealed their helmet laws.

Today, only 20 states require all riders to wear helmets, and last year more state legislatures considered laws to repeal helmet laws than to enact them.

Forcing states to implement safety regulations is not territory the safety board wants to enter, according to Steve Blackstone, NTSB's state and local government relations specialist, who said "We are not prescriptive; we cannot mandate implementation."

But on the same day as the NTSB proclamation, the insurance industry advocacy group Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety called upon Congress to observe the NTSB recommendation and "enact federal legislation that would result in all states adopting all-rider helmet use laws."

NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHES STRINGENT GUIDELINES FOR NEW RIDERS

A measure sponsored by Senator Nicholas J. Sacco, chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, which would establish safety guidelines for new motorcycle riders in the Garden State was approved by the Assembly recently by a vote of 67-7.

The bill, S-736, would enact several motorcycle safety regulations, including a tiered licensing provision. Under the bill, if a person is issued a motorcycle license for a vehicle with a smaller-size engine -- less than 231 cubic centimeters -- they would be legally prohibited from operating a motorcycle with an engine displacement of more than 500 cc. Senator Sacco said that this provision would ensure that new motorcycle riders are restricted from operating vehicles with engines that are too powerful for that driver's skill level.

Among other provisions, the bill would also require all applicants under the age of 18 to complete a motorcycle safety program as a condition for licensure or endorsement.

The bill was approved by the Senate by a vote of 31-3 on August 23, but must be returned to consider Assembly amendments which were largely technical in nature. If approved in the Senate, it would head to the Governor to be signed into law.

MOTORCYCLE SALES DOWN, RIDERSHIP UP

Motorcycle sales continue to be hard hit, despite the declared end to the recession, but according to the Motorcycle Industry Council there are other indicators that point to a brighter future for the two-wheel industry.

Although year-to-date market data reveals an 18.3% drop in new unit sales, tire sales are up 6.6% in 2010 versus 2009, indicating motorcyclists are still enthusiastic about the sport and riding.

In addition, motorcycle miles travelled increased by "approximately 5% last year, some 1.3 billion more miles than in 2008," according to the MIC's 2009 Motorcycle Owner Survey.

«In many ways, we are better poised for a comeback than ever,» said Ty van Hooydonk, communications director for the council.

CHINA BECOMES THE WORLD'S LARGEST MOTORCYCLE PRODUCER

China has now overtaken Japan as the largest producer of motorcycles in the world. Yearly, 50 million motorcycles are produced worldwide, and China now produces at least 27.5 million of that figure or a little more than 50% of the total world production. China has already taken over the top spot in world automobile production by producing more cars than Japan and the U.S. combined.

Interestingly, some historic American companies like Harley-Davidson are moving ahead for plans to produce motorcycles in China, but whether they will be exported to the U.S. or simply sold in this Asian market is not quite known yet.

The city of Chongqing has become China's motorcycle production center, with more than 10 million motorcycles a year coming out of this modern city alone. In fact, four of five of the largest Chinese motorcycle brands that produce over 1 million units a year come out of this city. China has

more than 130 motorcycle brands.

Expect to see more powerful and modern motorcycles coming from China as this nation seeks to become the largest and most powerful economy in the world.

OLDER BIKERS HAVE MORE SEX

“Older single bikers are putting down more miles than their married counterparts, if you know what we mean,” reported www.clutchandchrome.com about a recently released AARP sex survey. Although the study wasn’t specifically aimed at motorcycle enthusiasts, with a large part of riding demographics firmly in the age bracket surveyed, the study can make riders look at each other in a slightly different light.

Aside from older riders having more sex than may be generally considered, results from the AARP sex survey, “Sex, Romance, and Relationships: AARP Survey of Midlife and Older Adults”, also contradicted popular opinion with singles age 45+ showing a higher satisfaction rate and having more sex than married couples in the same age group.

But some stereotypes rang true in the AARP study, such as which sex made sex a priority; Men are more than five times as likely as women with 45% vs. 8% to say they think of sex once or more every day, and men also rank sex higher on the list of what makes for a high quality of life.

And if any further correlation needed to be drawn between the AARP study and motorcycle enthusiasts, the final conclusion seems to draw a pretty solid line. Just as with riding, the largest predictor of sexual satisfaction is the number of times, or the frequency a respondent gets in the saddle. The number of people who consider themselves satisfied rockets to 84% if they “ride” more than once a week while the number falls to 59% for those who only “hit the road” twice a month.

WEIRD NEWS: HEAD GAMES

In Lagos, Nigeria, motorcycle taxis called “okada” are so dangerous in that local hospitals have special orthopedic wards meant just for people who have suffered accidents while riding them. So you’d think a law requiring passengers to wear helmets would be welcomed.

But it turns out that, for many Nigerians, the only thing scarier than a motorcycle taxi is a motorcycle helmet. Many people refuse to wear them out of fear of juju, or supernatural powers. Some fret that previous passengers may have put nefarious juju spells on the helmets to steal someone’s good fortune, or to make a person disappear in order to be

used in a sacred ritual.

«Our people are quite superstitious about anything dealing with their head,» says Ralph Ibuzo, who created the “Original Lapa Guard”, a cloth cap that he claims can protect wearers from disease and sudden disappearance. «People believe that if you put on a helmet, [others] can take away your brain, or your good luck,» he told the Wall Street Journal, so the hygienic cap provides a thin layer of separation between the head and a helmet full of potential trouble.

Aside from preventing paranormal paranoia, Mr. Ibuzo also has the law on his side as this sub-Saharan city enacted a traffic regulation last year that requires okada passengers to don helmets. But despite efforts at enforcement by city officials and traffic police, most passengers refuse to wear them out of concern about juju, widely feared throughout West Africa.

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To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.

To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.

To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

What's Happening?
Call The Hotline!
954.310.4636 24/7

UPCOMING SE CHAPTER MEETINGS

January 23, 2011 - Sunday 10 am

February 20, 2011 - Sunday 10 am

at:

**American Legion Post #321 Cooper City
9081 SW 51st St. 954-434-0965**

*From Griffin Rd. and SW 90th Ave. go South to
SW 51st St. then west 1/8 mile.*

Come & join the ranks of those who care to be involved!