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From Your President



On Monday, November 25th at 8:00 PM we lost Terry "The Blindman" Lanius at the age of 63. He was a member of ABATE Southeast Chapter for at least the last 6 years. Now a lot of you may not remember him as he was fighting health issues and couldn't always attend our meetings, but his wife's name is Hope and if you have ever met her then you will remember who he was. In October of this year they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They had 4 children: Teresa, Brandy, James & Andrew and 4 grandchildren: Breanna, Brandon, Cadence and Clara. I know that I speak for the whole chapter when I say that we will miss Terry. For myself I will miss him calling out his greeting of "Hey Pardner". On December 1st we met at the American Legion Post 321 to take a ride to the Coral Castle in Florida City. We left with 20 bikes and 2 trikes down Griffin Road to US27. Well, we made a zig instead of a zag and started to ride next to the Miami River. I could not believe the shacks that some people were living in. Then we took a right hand turn onto Tamiami Trail and stopped at the gas station on the corner to regroup and decide what to do next. On the way there about 6 of the bikes broke off and went their own way. Some decided to continue to the Castle which was about 20 minutes away. I went to Café 27 with the rest of the group to hand out fliers for our January 19th Party at Chester's.

On December 7th we met at the Davie Moose Lodge to pick up our trailer to take to Markham Park for the 26th Annual "Toys in the Sun Run". When we got there they asked if we wanted to set up in the Midway and of course I said yes. Then on December 8th we met at 84 Diner for a quick ride to the park to set up our tent and wait for all the bikes to pull in. We had our Safety and Membership table and Products set up. Jimmy Les, Our Sergeant at Arms had a huge 12' X 20' American flag that he received from a friend in Orlando. He made a frame for it so it could be set up and look like it was flying from a flagpole. I couldn't believe how many people stopped by to have a picture taken in front of the flag. Thank you Jimmy. I want to thank Joel and Cathy for all the hard work they did that day selling our products. I would also like to thank Alice, Shakie Bob, Princess Sharon, SpongeBob, Suzanne, Pixie, Bruce, Wildcat, Rogue, Gambler, Steve and Stretch for all their help and a special thanks to Postal for moving our trailer out and back from the park. If I forgot to mention you I am sorry because we had so many people come out to help.

While walking around I met a young mother and her daughter. I keep some "Check Twice for Motorcycles" pins with me and offered one to the little girl. Her Mom explained that her dad was killed in a motorcycle accident approximately 6 weeks earlier. She explained that she did not want her daughter to grow up fearing motorcycles and so she brought her to the Toy Run to see how special the biker community is. She told me that if the women who hit her husband had checked twice for motorcycles he would still be alive. I will not forget that conversation.

On December 15th the Southeast Chapter of ABATE held our chapter meeting and after it was over we had our December Birthday and Christmas Party at the American Legion. I would like to thank Dave for doing all the cooking and everybody who brought a covered dish to share. We must have had about 40 people stay after the meeting to have something to eat. We could not have had the year we did without the help of our members putting on our three events throughout the year. A big thank you to everyone.

Just a reminder that our Semi-Annual Event will be held at Chester's Fort Lauderdale Harley-Davidson on January 19 2014. I would like to invite you all to come out and support us. The event will be held from Noon to 5:00 PM at 201 International Parkway in Sunrise. Take I-595 to 136th Avenue, then West of IKEA off SR84. Just look for the flagman, pull in with your bike or car and start partying.

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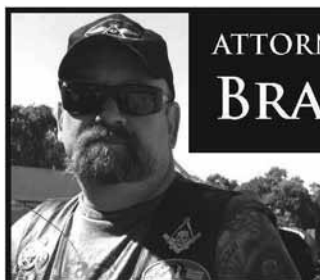
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**For Membership Renewals contact, George Torrence by either email:
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*** PLEASE NOTE ***

You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership, or be deleted from the State's List. Also (very important) be sure to notify us of any changes.



Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes December 15, 2013

Sgt @ Arms Jimmy Les called the meeting to order at 10:16 am. There were 38 members & 5 guests. Total in attendance: 43. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by our chaplain Poppie.

President's Report

BARS thanked all members for coming and welcomed our newest members; LaVae and Tim. Another show of support from our brother MC's and Associations with representation today from the Brothers of the Third Wheel, American Legion Riders Post 321, American Freedom Riders Post 36. It is with sadness to report Terry the blindman passed away on 11/25/13. Please keep Hope and her family in your thoughts and prayers. We are looking to have a plaque made in Terry's honor to be placed at the Motorcycle Memorial at Cafe 27. We will keep you posted. Kickstart is doing much better and is up and about and was seen at the Toy Run. BARS turned in our bike week tickets at the State Meeting. Pretty embarrassing we have over 600 members and sold only 15 out of 100 tickets we were asked to sell. BARS thanked all our members who came out to help at the Toy Run. Set up and tear down was quick and smooth. We received a thank you note from Bill Ruddy, his granddaughter will be undergoing a bone marrow transplant on 12/18/13.

Vice-President's Report

Poppi thanked all the members who came out for

the toy run especially Jimmy Les who set up the Huge American Flag.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Frank read the financial report for November. A motion was made to accept the financial report; the motion was seconded, all in favor motion passed.

Sergeant at Arms' Report

Jimmy Les thanked all the members who helped out at the toy run in setting up the flag. Special thanks to Postal, Gimpy and Teddy Bear. If you weren't there, the flag is HUGE like 15 ft tall and 30 ft long. There were a lot of people who wanted to have their picture taken in front of the flag, Teddy Bear made sure we received a donation, he stood in front of them with a donation bucket. It was either donate or take the picture with him in it. We made out.

Road Captain's Report

Postal reported we had a group ride on 12/1/13 to the Coral Castle. In typical Abate fashion we took the scenic tour. A good time was had by all. Please come out to help at next month's semi-annual rights rally. Remember, Enjoy the ride as life is short. As always, check the hotline for updates.

Safety Directors' Report

Gambler was excused. BARS reported we will be giving our safety course probably at our February meeting.

Products Report

Joel reported we have products. Denim shirts can be ordered either short or long sleeve. The state is currently looking for a new vendor to provide hats. If you need anything, feel free to give them a call at 954-818-4481.

Events Coordinator

Shakey reported our next event will be held on Jan. 19, 2014 at Chester's Harley Davidson of Sunrise. We are all set to go and will be meeting there at 0900 for set up. They are going all out to ensure our event is a huge success, the only thing they want in return is very simple, we support you, you support us. We need door prizes. Wherever you go, please ask.

State Reps Report

Demetrious reported on the state meeting. Full details are available in the Masterlink. Highlights and discussion included: Update on our 501C3 status, proclamations, new business card holders, Abate insurance, Medevac insurance, Sunpass transponders, Stiffer Penalties. Legislative sessions will be starting shortly, please contact your representatives who support our issues. At next year's bike week, there will be a BBQ cook off for the chapters. We will be able to raise money for our chapter. If we invite candidates to speak at our meetings, contact local media to have a press release issued. Mark your calendars for the weekend of 4/12 to 4/14/14. The April state meeting in Tallahassee and ride to the capitol to meet and talk to our elected officials. BARS reported there have been a number of our members questioning our insurance, more specifically if you send the card in you will get a call from an insurance salesman. Vicky Black who is in charge of this program will be visiting us either in Feb or March to clarify the program. In the meantime, send in your

beneficiary cards and if you get a call from a salesman, just say no.

Membership Report

George reported we have 604 members on the books. Our newest Life Member is Regina Veedell. Reminder: when you get your renewal in the mail, PLEASE take the time to fill out completely, send it in timely and when you fill it out, please do it in a way that we can read it.

Newsletter Editor

Wildcat was excused. BARS reported Wildcat will not be able to continue as our Newsletter Editor after June. Anyone interested in taking over the position please contact any board member. We are looking now as there is a learning process involved in taking over the position. We need a member to step up, No Newsletter, No Chapter!! BARS reminded members that all articles etc are due the day of the chapter meeting.

If the articles are not turned in on time, they will not be printed.

Legislative Report

Brad was excused. No report

Public Relations

Fern reported she is getting back into the swing of things. Welcome back.

Billing & Invoicing

Pixie reported all bills are up to date. We have new software for billing and it is great. When you get a new advertiser, please make sure you get an accurate e-mail address. The new billing system send the invoices via e-mail. BARS reported our newest advertiser is On The Road Again. They will give a 10% discount to all Abate and club members.

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Social Directors' Report

Wildcat was excused. BARS reported this

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Newsletter Distribution

Charlie was excused. BARS reported we need additional help with the distribution. We need help with stops in Davie, Pompano, Sunrise and Ft. Lauderdale. If you can help out, please give him or any board member a call.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob reported there was no report.

Photographer's Report

Wildcat was excused . No report.

Web-Master's Report

Rogue was excused . No report. BARS reported web up and running, no issues reported.

Legal Council

Brad was excused. No report

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Good of the Order

BARS reported that January's meeting scheduled for 1/19/14 will have to be moved to 1/12/14 as our Semi Annual event falls on the same day. A motion was made, seconded all in favor. Motion passed. This meeting will start promptly at 1000 as right after the meeting we will be having a group ride to Petersons Harley-Davidson for the presentation of the check to Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital.

Clive reported that on the 8th Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show, which will be held on 1/25/13 at Frost Park in Dania Beach. As in the past, we have been given free of charge

Vendor space for our safety, products and membership booths. Thank you Clive.

Upcoming Events

12/21/13 - Indian Motorcycles of Pompano. Free barbeque 1100am to 300pm

12/21/13 - SLFCOC Christmas Party at Outcast MC Clubhouse 3648 NW 16ST. Across from the Lauderdale Lakes Mall

12/22/13 - Calvary Chapel Christmas Service at the States MC Clubhouse.

1/5/14 - States MC 20th Annual Blessing of the Bikes. Meeting at the Legion between 1100 and 1200n. Kick stands up at 12:30 pm.

1/19/14 - ABATE of Florida SE Chapter Semi-Annual Event at Chester's Harley Davidson of Sunrise.

Please check the hotline for updates and any changes. 954-310-4626

All Southeast Chapter Group Rides start at our American Legion Post 321, unless otherwise advised.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned 11:55am.

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

Paul A. Melcer

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The Chapter's Executive Board have asked many times for suggestions from our members on how to raise money to support our Chapter and also to recognize those Brothers and Sisters, who provide extra monetary resources to support and promote the S.E. Chapter's mission, and this is a suggestion worth implementing. Therefore the ABATE S.E. Chapter will establish ABATE SE Chapter Sponsorship Program. This will provide those that are able to provide a donation to the Chapter and to have name recognition in our Monthly Newsletter and on the ABATE Website for one year. The categories for Sponsorship are: Platinum Donor \$125+; Diamond Donor \$100+; Gold Donor \$75+; Silver Donor \$50+; and, Bronze Donor \$25+.

As of April 2013's Official State Membership Report, the S.E. Chapter is comprised of 632 members of which, 42% are Lifetime Members and 58% Annual Members. I am a Lifetime Member and when I joined I thought that a bulk of the \$150.00 fee would go to support the Chapter. In reality, only \$50 of that fee goes to the Chapter and the remaining \$100 goes to Florida State Abate, and our Annual Members pay a \$20 fee, the Chapter only receives \$10 with the State collecting the remainder. Therefore after five years, the Chapter's Lifetime Members no longer financially support the Chapter with any sort of annual dues payment. If you have been a Lifetime Member for over five years, you do not provide any financial support to the Chapter unless you: buy ABATE Chapter products; pay to attend Chapter events; post an ad in our Newsletter; or make a monetary donation. It is very financially difficult to support 632 members when 42% of the memberships, after five years, have no obligation to do so. Some state ABATE's, California for example, charge a onetime lifetime membership fee (\$450) and then each year afterwards "in order to maintain your lifetime status and benefits", must pay \$50 per year sustaining fee. Florida ABATE does not do that, yet.

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Thanks goes out to those who donated to ABATE SE Chapter's Sponsorship Program. Suzanne Keen was our first Platinum Sponsor. To date, these are the names of those who have donated over \$525.00 to ABATE SE Chapter.

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When we say goodbye to last year, we can reflect on the good and the bad, and try to put the bad behind us and build on the good in this new coming year. Sometimes we tend to dwell on the not so good things and forget all the good that we experienced throughout the past year, remember to put the bad behind us.

A good New Years resolution is try to be a little kinder, a little more attentive to our loved ones, and other people we encounter throughout the coming year, even when it's not returned.

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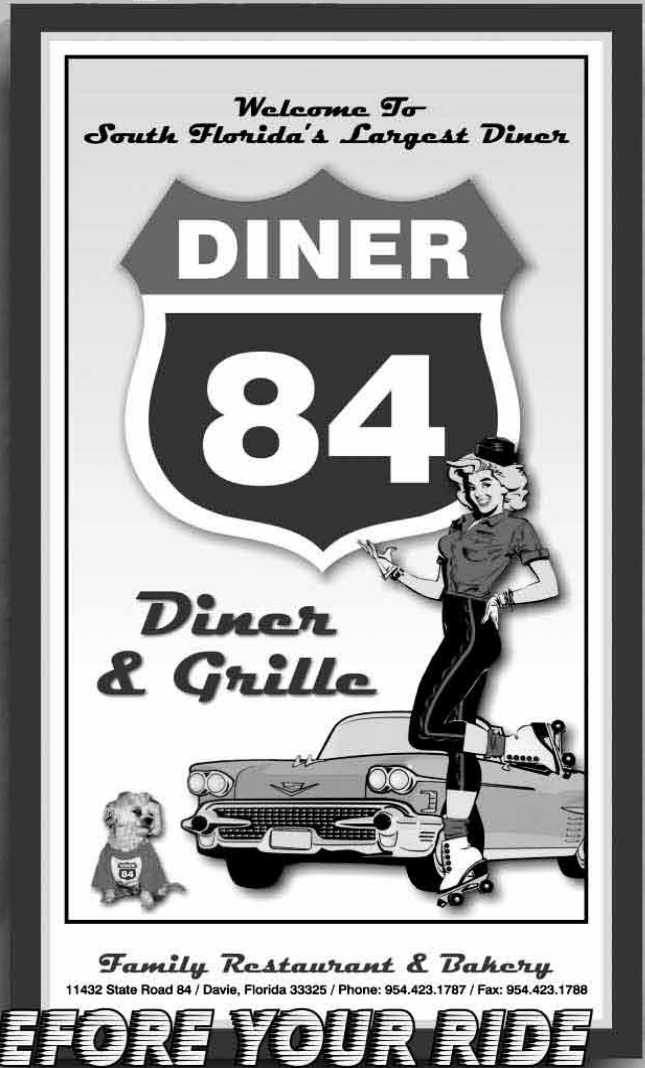
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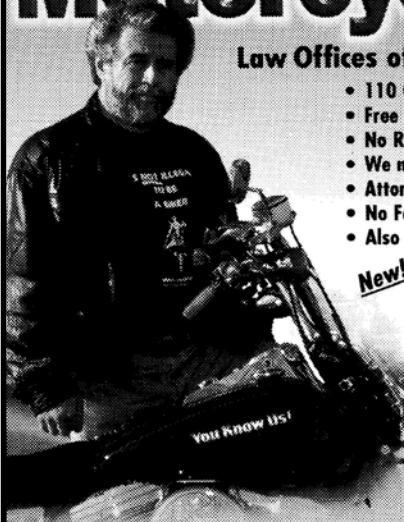
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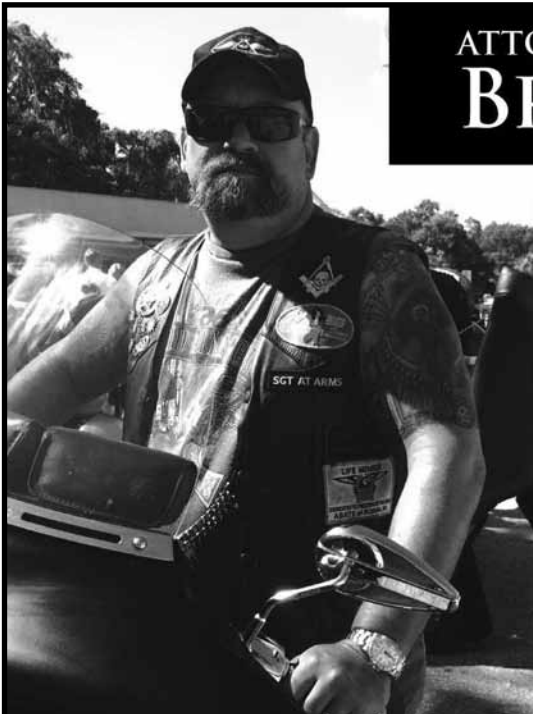
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January

2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	3	4
5 <i>States MC Blessing of the Bikes</i>	6	7	8	9 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	10	11
12 Chapter Meeting	13	14	15	16 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	17	18
19 ABATE SE Chapter's Semi-Annual Event at Chester's H-D	20	21	22	23 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	24	25 ABATE Birthday Party at Chit Chat's See Page 13
26	27	28	29	30 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	31	for More Details



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Additional Info:

January 12 - Wings of Gold Ft Lauderdale Biker Appreciation Day

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2014

February

2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
			New Year's Day			
2 Alternative MC Annual	3	4	5	6 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	7	8 USMVMC Homestead Party
9	10	11	12	13 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	14  Valentine's Day	15
16 Chapter Meeting	17 Presidents' Day	18	19	20 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	21	22 Wheels of Man MC Annual
23 30	24	25	26	27 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	28	29



Additional Info:

February 16 - AOA Ft Lauderdale Annual

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JANUARY 2014

- 5th - STATES MC - BLESSING OF THE BIKES
- 12th - WINGS OF GOLD FT. LAUD. - BIKER APPRECIATION
- 19th - S.E. ABATE - SEMI ANNUAL

FEBRUARY 2014

- 2nd - ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL
- 8th - US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD - PARTY
- 16th - AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL
- 22nd - WHEELS OF MAN MC - ANNUAL

MARCH 2014

- 2nd - HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL
- 7th-16th - DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
- 16th - US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY
- 23rd - KELTICS MC - ANNUAL

APRIL 2014

- 6th - STATES MC - ANNUAL
- 12th - MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
- 13th - AOA PAULY 1^{er} MEMORIAL
- 19th - OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL
- 20th - CMA EASTER SERVICE
- 25th-27th - LEESBURG BIKEFEST

MAY 2014

- 4th - SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL
- 18th - WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL
- 25th - S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

JUNE 2014

- 1st - DER KRIEGER MC - ANNUAL
- 8th - NEW ATTITUDES MC - PARTY
- 14th - AOA JERRY, ROGER, AND KENNY 1^{er} MEMORIAL
- 22nd - WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL
- 29th - US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL



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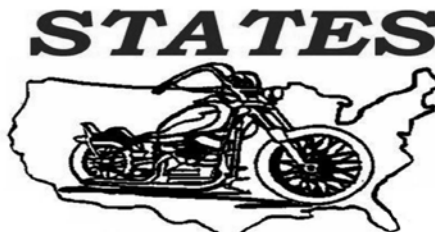
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- 11th - KGB (1-5)
- 11th - The Gist (7-11)
- 12th - Southern Rock Society (1-5)
- 16th - Limerock (7-11)
- 18th - Funky Blu Roots (1-5)
- 19th - Top Priority (1-5)
- 23rd - Jack Flash (7-11)
- 25th - Bungles & Botched (1-5)
- 25th - Gypsy Road (7-11)

- 26th - Shovel Head (1-5)
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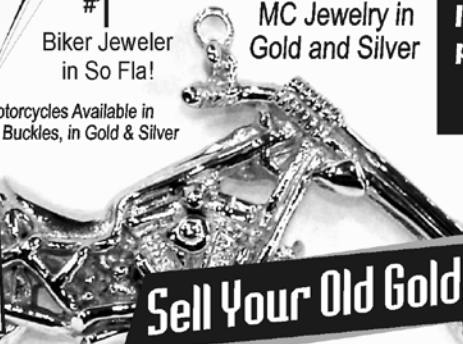
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The Real Meaning of Philippians 4:13

We all know and love the powerful encourager known as Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." These ten words can give anyone who speaks them hope and power in Christ Jesus. I have recently been studying the book of Philippians and have discovered a new meaning to one of the most well known verses in the Bible. This verse is not only a declaration that we in Christ can conquer all things through the power of God; but also, a declaration that we trust him in all things, big and small. If we trust him in all things then we must approach all life's opportunities with the right attitude and always give 100% effort, for His glory. This verse is a declaration of us saying that we need to have the same attitude and the same passion with the small things in the same way as with the big things, "all things". If we have the WWJD mentality with the little things then God will trust us with the big things, "Through Christ". God has a blueprint for each and everyone of our lives. When God places us in a situation with little importance we need to give 110%. For example in my personal life I need to prepare and execute the same exact way if I am speaking to my bible study group of 10 people or at a recent United Conference of 200 people. Everyday we have these little things in our lives, but we look at them as burdens. I pray that we all will see the burdens as opportunities and live the Philippians 4:13 way.

Thank you Joey for your words of encouragement for our lives.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope everyone had a great Holiday and you got all the big boy and big girl toys you wanted. If you are reading this, then I can only assume you partied carefully and had fun with your family and friends. And also didn't eat or drink too much. YEA RIGHT! Well at least you are safe. This is the time of year we look at ourselves and decide to renew our life for the coming year. This is the time when we all make promises to do things differently and be healthier. That's right, RESOLUTIONS. Some good ones are...

Lose weight: We won't call this a diet. Let's just say we are going to eat healthier. More fruit and vegetables, stay away from fried food, and eat smaller portions.

Less alcohol: I didn't say stop, consume less beer, including light beer. And, those other alcoholic beverages and mixers contain sugar and calories too. Just cut back. Less alcohol keeps you more alert and aware of your surroundings and you have faster reaction time for any hazardous conditions you may come across unexpectedly.



Exercise: Sorry pushing your bike when you run out of gas doesn't count, and neither does lifting that beer bottle. Take a walk around the block every night. Then increase it to 2, 3 and 4 blocks over time, or join a Gym. You will feel better for it.

Stop smoking: This is the hardest of all. It took me over five tries and the same in years to finally quit. Try the patch, try nicotine gum, try an electronic cigarette or just quit cold turkey. Tell your friends you're quitting. Put it on Facebook. It might make it harder to light up again. After all you don't want them to think you failed.

One last thing that might help you and me be safer this year. Take an advance Motorcycle Safety Riding Course. Even we old dogs can learn new tricks.

Just some suggestions. What's on your list now?

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CONGRESSMAN DEMANDS ANTI-MOTORCYCLE EXPLANATION FROM CDC

U.S. Representative Tim Walberg (R-MI), a member of the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus, has sent a letter to the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) demanding answers concerning a recent CDC report that aims to discourage motorcycle use while ignoring the positive economic benefits for motorcycle riding.

“As an avid and experienced motorcycle rider, I believe government should be in the business of promoting the recreational, economic and environmental benefits of responsible motorcycle riding – not discouraging it,” stated Congressman Walberg in the letter. “During difficult fiscal times, the American people would be better served by your continued efforts to address widespread societal health matters such as virus prevention, cancer and heart disease.”

Rep. Walberg was prompted to action by a presentation given by the Helmet Law Review Team of the Community Preventative Services Task Force in late October 2013 which concluded that mandatory helmet laws would “produce substantial economic benefits.”

Walberg is troubled by the fact that potential negative impacts on nationwide motorcycling are not addressed and questions whether the CDC should be tasked with researching and making recommendations regarding transportation safety. The Michigan Representative has also been prompted to ask CDC Director Thomas Frieden; “is it the goal or strategy of the CDC to reduce the use of motorcycles - a legal mode of transportation - by recommending and pursuing a federal helmet law?”

GLOBAL MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY PROJECTED EXPANSION

The Global Motorcycle Industry is projected to reach \$93.67 Billion by 2017, according to Lucintel, a leading global management consulting and market research firm. Lucintel has analyzed the top five global motorcycle companies and offers its findings in a comprehensive research report in “Top Five Global Motorcycle Companies: Performance, Strategies, and

Competitive Analysis.” Lucintel observes the evolving of the global motorcycle industry, competitive landscape, and corporate and marketing strategies adopted by the motorcycle companies as some of the factors to have remarkably impacted the global motorcycle industry dynamics..

The market witnessed splendid growth during 2006-2011 but is likely to grow with reduced pace to reach an estimated \$93.67 billion by 2017. The competitive landscape of the global motorcycle industry has had fluctuations over the last five years which affected the top five companies..

Lucintel found that the market size or revenue, average operating profit, average net profit, and annual growth rate are some of the driving forces of these companies. Buyers power, degree of competition, and threats of new entrants and substitutes also affect this market.

Following are the top five companies of the global motorcycle industry: Honda Motor Company Limited; Yamaha Motor Company Limited; Hero MotoCorp Limited; Bajaj Auto Limited; and Harley-Davidson Incorporation.

Developing regions, such as Asia and Latin America, which perceive two-wheelers as a basic mode of transportation, are expected to remain the most promising markets for scooters, light motorcycles, and mopeds. A combination of factors such as demographic condition, economic condition, and environmental regulations is seen to have important impact on market dynamics.

For a detailed table of contents and pricing information on these insightful industry reports, contact Lucintel at (972) 636-5056 or visit www.lucintel.com.

U.S. TRAFFIC DEATHS RISE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2005

For six years through 2011, highway accidents and related fatalities declined each year. Improvements in vehicles and other safety education efforts were credited for that downward trend. But for the first time since 2005, that streak ran out, according to figures released recently by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Last year, 33,561 people were killed in highway acci-

dents, up 3.3% from 2011. The increase was reflected across many of the categories that researchers follow, but motorcycle and pedestrian fatalities reflected the highest increases, up 7% and 6% respectively.

In addition to the deaths, the NHTSA data showed that nearly 2.4 million people were injured in crashes last year, a 6.5% increase from 2011, although miles driven remained about the same.

Despite these increases, the new numbers are still far below the accident rates of the 1970s and 1980s.

NHTSA preliminary data for the first six months of 2013 show that 15,470 people have died in crashes so far this year, a decrease of 4.2% compared with the same period last year.

MOTORCYCLISTS SAFER BEHIND THE WHEEL
Evidence suggests that roads would be safer if more drivers rode motorcycles, as motorcyclists are safer behind the wheel of a car than non-motorcyclists, according to a leading U.K. insurer.

Equity Red Star compared car drivers to car users who also have an insured motorcycle, and found the latter 23% less likely on average to make a claim on their car policy.

The firm also adjusted the figures to take into account the different typical ages of car drivers and motorcyclists, and still found the riders to be 21% better behind the wheel.. The results showed motorcyclists were 20% less likely to make a bodily injury claim on their car policy.

The insurer examined 200 million policies between 2007 and 2012.

Rob Clark, Equity Red Star's Head of Retail Motor, said: "A motorcyclist could, behind the wheel of a car, be said to be 23% better."

Clark presented the data during a conference organized by the Motorcycle Industry Association at the Department for Transport in London to examine evidence that increasing the number of motorcyclists on the road could actually improve safety.

MOTORCYCLE THEFTS DECLINE SLIGHTLY
Your motorcycle could be stolen in a New York minute,

especially if you live in NYC which is the nation's capital of motorcycle thievery (903 thefts), followed by swingin' Las Vegas (757), the National Insurance Crime Bureau reports. Next comes San Diego (633), Indianapolis (584) and Miami (535).

Overall, just like when it comes to car thefts, motorcycle thefts have been dropping. In 2012, the year in which the NICB bases its analysis, they amounted to 46,061 ripped-off bikes, down 1% from the year before.

Based on National Crime Information Center (NCIC) motorcycle theft data for 2012, Honda was the motorcycle brand stolen most often, with 9,082 for the year (representing 20% of all motorcycles stolen). It was followed by Yamaha (7,517=16%), Suzuki (7,017=15%), Kawasaki (4,839=11%) and Harley-Davidson (3,755=8%), rounding out the top five makes.

When it comes to states, thieves appear to prefer warm weather -- just like all motorcycle riders. California was first (6,082 thefts), followed by Florida (4,110), Texas (3,400), North Carolina (2,574) and Indiana (2,334), and more than twice as many bikes were stolen during summer months than in the winter.

Unfortunately, fewer stolen motorcycles are recovered than cars. While 53.9% of stolen cars were returned to their owners, only 39% of motorcycles found their way back. The NICB says that's because it's easier to "chop" bikes for their parts, hide them in barns or garages, or ship them out of the country in giant containers.

FEDS SET UP ROADBLOCKS TO HARVEST DNA SAMPLES

Federal contractors have been setting up roadblocks in cities across the country with the purpose of collecting DNA samples from passing motorists. The multi-million dollar federal program has been disturbing drivers and alarming civil libertarians. The checkpoints consist of uniformed agents blocking a public road and flagging drivers into a testing area or a parking lot. There, the drivers are requested to submit a saliva or blood sample to the federal government. The roadblocks were part of a study orchestrated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The program costs taxpayers \$7.9 million over 3 years,

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according to NBC News Dallas-Fort Worth. The agency confirmed that the operation is currently being launched in 30 different U.S. cities.

“How voluntary is it when you have a police officer in uniform flagging you down?” asked Susan Watson, executive director of the Alabama chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. “Are you going to stop? Yes, you’re going to stop.”

“Although this was voluntary it was not voluntary that you stop and hear the DNA for CASH pitch,” said one Alabama resident after experiencing a checkpoint in June. Drivers are offered cash for surrendering DNA samples. The going rate is \$10 for a cheek-swab and \$50 for blood drawn from the vein. The goal, according to the NHTSA, is to decrease impaired-driving accidents by analyzing raw bodily fluids fresh off the street.

LAPD TO PAY \$10 MILLION IN TICKET QUOTA CONTROVERSY

The Los Angeles City Council has agreed to pay nearly \$6 million to a group of police officers who accused their superiors of imposing a secret traffic ticket quota system.

The \$5.9 million settlement resolves a pair of lawsuits filed in 2010 by 11 LAPD officers assigned to a motorcycle unit. In the lawsuits, the officers detailed what they claimed were strict demands to write at least 18 traffic tickets each shift and that 80% of the citations be for major violations.

Officers who failed to meet the alleged ticket minimums or raised concerns about them were reprimanded, denied overtime assignments, given undesirable work schedules, and subjected to other forms of harassment, including being kicked out of the motorcycle unit, according to the L.A. Times.

The settlement, approved unanimously, brings to more than \$10 million the amount of taxpayer money spent on payouts and legal fees from the ticket quota cases. But that number could grow because one more officer’s case is still pending.

The ticket controversy has been a black eye for the Los Angeles Police Department, because ticket quotas are against state law.

RECREATIONAL MOTORCYCLISTS ACROSS AUSTRALIA PROTEST ANTI-BIKIE LAWS

Recreational motorcyclists are protesting across Australia to show solidarity against Queensland’s tough new anti-bikie laws. Queensland organizer Gabriel Buckley told the Australian Associated Press (AAP) that the new laws, aimed at criminal “bikie” gangs, have resulted in the harassment of law-abiding motorcyclists.

Rallies were planned in major capital cities, with the biggest rally in Brisbane where over a thousand independent riders rallied with patch-wearing bikers at parliament house. According to Buckley, a primary concern is that the laws reverse the onus on proof for people accused of links to prescribed criminal gangs. “Some people are being pulled over three times on their way to work,” he told AAP.

Freedom Riders Victoria spokesman Dale Maggs said Queensland’s anti-association laws unfairly affected all motorcyclists and scooter riders, allowing police to stop and question groups of three or more riders.

Harley Owners Group (HOG) member Stuart told the Leader newspaper that anti-bikie laws targeted 0.3% of Australian crime, referring to research presented by Victoria University Adjunct Professor, Dr Arthur Veno. “Every time you want to ride with three people it’s a gang? That’s ridiculous. There’s the Ulysses clubs, there’s HOG clubs, there’s Christian movement clubs, there’s even scooter clubs and we’re all tarred with the same brush and it’s just not right.”

Police and the Newman Government have previously asked recreational riders for patience amid the bikie crackdown, but concede there will be disruptions for law-abiding motorcyclists.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “A person may cause evil to others not only by his actions but by his inaction, and in either case he is justly accountable to them for the injury.”

~ John Stuart Mill, (1806-1873) philosopher and economist



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