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# Membership Due

## June

Raul Acosta  
 "Zambuca"  
 Luis F Avalloni  
 Steven Brodsky  
 "Buddy Capps"  
 Timothy Capps  
 "Rasco" Carrasco Jr  
 Ronald Cormier  
 Eric Deaton  
 Eduardo Diaz  
 Marc Friedman  
 Paul Gagliardo  
 Eladio Garcia  
 Steven Gilbert  
 Paul Gogliardo  
 Eric Gompertz  
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Dennis Griffin  
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 "Mona" Lozada  
 Robert Mc Donald  
 "Beacon"  
 Micheal Mench  
 James Morin  
 Tyler Quinter  
 Gregory J Sacoulas  
 "Bob" Seth  
 Jon "Spoon" Spoon  
 Hyacinth Stewart  
 Jennifer Tkatch-Solomon  
 Alex Abascal  
 Emilu Alvarez  
 Luis Alvarez

# Thanks if you have already renewed

## July

Wayne "Pappy" Banta  
 Brad Bennett  
 Ossie Cerna  
 "Old Hippy" Leavitt  
 Maria Lopez  
 Orlando Lopez  
 Erwin Nissen  
 Jose Angel Otano  
 Luis Perez  
 Aaron J Sutton  
 Ruben C Vento  
 Martha Yappel

## August

Anthony Bechan  
 Gloria Bennett  
 Raymond Bermudez  
 William E "Chief" Brown  
 Martin "Tank" Essenburg  
 Scott Fitterer  
 George Gramatikos  
 Kathryn Hermann  
 Fred "FearLess" Keebler  
 Dewayne Little  
 Tom Pierceall  
 Connie "TNT" Salas  
 Patrick J Sime  
 Billy Simon  
 Kenneth Snyder  
 Arthur Westergreen

*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 change of address to continue receiving your newsletter and Masterlink.*

## Pick up your newsletter here:

84 Diner	Keltics MC	Thunder Cycles
Blue Jays	Beer Barn	CycleLab
Broward Motor Sports	Top Guns Cycle	Biker's Inc.
Southern Fox	Wheels of ManMC	Mastermailer.
Kelly's Bowl	HD Pompano	Players Pub
HD South	HD Sunrise	On the road again
JP Mulligans	Ballers	Texas Rose
Vin "EZ" Cycle Parts	FOE- Eagles	Flossie's
HD FTL	HD North	Mickey's
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Johnny Fucifino's	Lou's Tattoos (2 shops)	Wetz
Kings Head Pub	DP's on Beach	
Big Dawgs	Crotch Rockets to	
Daisy Dukes	Bar Hoppers	
American Legion 321		



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When you renew your ABATE membership, you may also purchase a yearly membership pin. Shirts and patches available also .  
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# *President's Message*

## *Jimbo Sherrow*

I want to say thank you to ABATE SE Chapter Members for electing me as your president. I am honored to serve as your President and humbled by your trust. I will work hard to uphold that trust and serve you well during my 1<sup>st</sup> term.

I have my own style and it is very different than what you may be used to. Different times require different styles, different perspectives and different input from our many different members. Many of you know that I am not a man of many words, but as your President, you can be certain of many things to come. I want to take a minute here to let you know what my vision is for ABATE SE Chapter and our membership in the coming year.

First of all, I want to get more active input from our members, more ideas, more participation, more accomplishment than ever before and more growth and success than ever before for the betterment of our organization. I strongly believe that none of us is as good as all of us.

Let's get back to some basic concepts for a minute. Who is ABATE SE Chapter? – YOU ARE! The elected Board of Trustees is elected by you to serve you, the members. All of your Board Members will work hard for our membership and to complete OUR agenda with success.

The members have been providing input in the form of some ideas and I've wrapped them up into an agenda. Now let's get busy on that agenda:  
WE will have more rides promoting motorcycle safety, freedom of choice and have fun riding.  
WE aim to unify and strengthen the brotherhood and camaraderie within our chapter members.  
WE aim to grow our membership to be larger and stronger than ever before.  
WE aim to reach out to all freedom and rights fighters in Broward and Miami Dade Counties.  
WE will bring all motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life to join and help support the protection

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of our rights and freedom of choice for there is strength in numbers and we shall not leave our brothers and sisters stranded alone to accept the woes of unfair or discriminatory legislation.

WE will continue to have kick ass events with the continued help of our stronger and more unified membership.

WE will work hard to save lives by educating the general public, with members talking to people to make them aware of sharing the road with motorcycles.

WE will do all of this without complaint because we are tired of going to our brother's and sister's funerals because they were cut down by some careless @#% who didn't even get a ticket or a fine, not to mention jail time or something more than a slap on the wrist.

WE strive to strengthen our partnership and brotherhood with the MC Clubs of South Florida. (many of the MC Clubs ARE Abate SE Members, they support us, we need to support them!)

To our South Florida Motorcycle Clubs - We seek to embrace and strengthen our long standing partnership based on mutual respect and collaboration to further enhance the success of both our interests.

WE will hold Fundraising events – to make money to pay for the things ABATE SE needs to run for the benefit of our organization and the work we accomplish for the good of the general motorcycling population.

WE will do good - and have a good time doing it!  
"Gotta enjoy the ride."  
Till Next Time,

RIDE SAFE AND FREE

*Jimbo*  
President  
ABATE SE Chapter



Abate of Florida, Inc.

I RAN ACROSS THIS BRIEF AND WANT TO INCLUDE IT HERE FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT WE ARE ABOUT SO THEY WILL MAKE UP THEIR MINDS AND JOIN ABATE SE CHAPTER.

## **American Bikers Aiming Toward Education**

### **WHO WE ARE**

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We have approximately 7,500 members Statewide. The SE Chapter membership is currently at approximately 650 members strong. More than 75% of our members are registered voters. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. We ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG. We fund our work through toy runs, poker runs, campouts, and other motorcycle activities worked by our membership of volunteers. We are your neighbors & friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community. We serve and support our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others. Abate members are all volunteers working toward a common goal contributing their time, effort, experience and knowledge for the safety and freedom of the general motorcycling public. Abate has been established for 28 years with a strong record of positive achievement and solid reputation we are all very proud of. OUR GOALS:

- To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.
- To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms.
- To motivate the bikers to write letters to their legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.
- To furnish our members with a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to upcoming legislation.

#### **PURPOSE:**

Promote motorcycle safety through education.

- Proactive participation and collaboration with legislative bodies in prevention of discriminatory, unjust language in proposed legislation and elimination of unfair motorcycle-related or targeted and overzealous legislation.
- Protection of personal rights of all motorcyclists.
- Improve and maintain the positive image of motorcyclists to the general public. To provide for a Lobbyist to represent ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC., and to work with Legislators in the interest and protection of all motorcyclist rights on the State and National levels.

Jimbo - President - Mobile Tel: 954-305-1599



**ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter  
Meeting Minutes  
June 21, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am by 1<sup>st</sup> Asst. Sgt @ Arms BARS with 64 members, 2 At-Large members and 3 guests in attendance. Total in attendance: 74. Followed by the Pledge of Alliance, a moment of silence, the meeting started with a prayer given by our chaplain; Poppi.

**President's Report**

Jimmy thanked all our members for coming and introduced our new members Tom, Luis and Ed. On a sad note chapter member James Buckley passed away. There will be a memorial run in his honor. Details are under Good of the Order. Also Wild Bill, Veteran from the nursing home who always sang at past Memorial Day events also passed away. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. We did one heck of a job at our Memorial Day Event. Even though the weather was not the greatest and turn out was less than anticipated, we still had one of the best events in recent memory. The bands, Broke Down & Ringerz were fabulous. Thank you all for a great job. We will be holding our elections today. Geo donated a new gavel to the board. Thank you Geo

**Vice-President's Report**

Jimbo thanked everyone for all their hard work in making our Memorial Day Event a huge success.

**Secretary's Report**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of May's meeting as printed in the newsletter. No correction. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Alice read May's report. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. All in

favor, motion passed.

**Sergeant at Arms Report**

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant BARS thanked all the members who helped out at our event, especially all the members who loaded and unloaded the trailer at the warehouse in record time.

**Road Captain's Report**

Jimbo reported right after today's meeting we will be headed to the Alternatives MC event.

6/27/09 – ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Annual Event. Meet at the Legion at 400pm, leaving at 500pm.

6/28/09 – Memorial Run for Jim Buckley. Meet at the legion at 1000am, leave at 1030am.

6/28/09 – Wings of Gold, Miami Chapter. Meet at the Legion at 1000am leaving at 1100am

7/4/09- American Legion Fish Fry at 100pm.

Afterwards we will be having our Anniversary of the Helmet Law repeal taking a ride leaving the Legion at 400pm. After the ride we will be heading to Bradford Park in Davie for live music and fireworks,

7/5/09/09 – US Military Vets MC Annual. Meet at the Legion at 1030am, leaving at 1200pm.

7/12/09 – ABATE Southeast Chapter Monthly Meeting, Moved from 7/19/09. Meeting starts at 1000am at the American Legion.

7/19/09 – Christmas in July. Police escorted ride organized by Miami Commissioner Peppy Diaz.

Meet at the legion at 800am, leaving at 830am. Bring an unwrapped toy and \$10.00.

As always, check the hotline for updates. 943-310-4636.

**Safety Directors' Report**

Suzanne thanked all the members for their support while she has served as Safety Director. Suzanne deserves a big thank you as she has been in the position for 7 years. She is turning the reigns over to Geo. Special thanks to Bob Anz who has been

her trusty Assistant Safety Director for all his hard work. Any one interested in becoming an instructor, please contact Geo. We will have our Safety booth at the event of 7/19/09, please stop by to help.

#### State Reps Report

Jimmy Les reported on the State Meeting which was held in Lake County. Full details are printed in the Masterlink. Discussion on the following: Next years State Meeting and annual run to the Capitol in Tallahassee will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in April. April 18<sup>th</sup> 2010 will be the State meeting; Monday 4/19/10 will be the run to the Capitol. Since next years event does not fall on Easter Sunday, let's all be there. Flashback State Party on Labor Day weekend, bike drawing tickets for next year and BOOTS is back in the office. New state shirt coming out soon. The information regarding the accidental death and dismemberment provide by the state will be sent to your homes. This comes from the state and not from the insurance company. If you wish to designate a beneficiary or add any insurance, you will be contacted. If not you do not have to do anything. Don't forget the Leadership Seminars will be held in Deland 7/25 & 26. For those who are new to their positions, this is a great learning experience to learn the job the way it is to be done.

Supplies are needed to fix the roof of the cook shack in Daytona. If you know of anyone in the industry who can donate roofing supplies, please contact any board member.

#### Products Report

Brett thanked everyone for their support while he has been Products Trustee. Susan Jordan taking over today, please support her.

#### Membership Report

George reported we now have 654 members. If you know of anyone on the list in the newsletter who has not renewed, please get them to renew. Our newest Life Members are: Greg Margolf, Scott Mello, Ricky Jordan, Gabriel Carrera, Guillermo Casanas, Lazaro Julue and Steve Lucas. Reminder, 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 6/24/09 as we want to go to press no later than Thursday. Please patronize our advertisers and let them know you saw their ad in our newsletter. Thank you to Brian for the great job on the printing of the newsletter. We have received a ton of positive comments on the quality of the newsletter.

#### Legislative Report

Jimmy reported 2 bills are on the Governors desk. SB1100-Verticle tags and SB2282 First responder's bill. The governor can sign, veto or do nothing. If he does nothing the bills become law after 15 days. The stiffer penalties bill failed this year, we will try again next year. We did not receive the safety program funds this year, the funds were transferred to the general fund. However, we do have a member on the committee for the disbursement of the funds. Watch out next year, rumor has it they will be trying to get a helmet law back on the books. Seat belt law going into effect. Not wearing your seatbelt will be a primary offence. Effective 9/1/09 tag & license renewals will double due to budget cuts in the state. They have to make it up somehow. They will be allowing 2 year renewals for the same price. The issues in Myrtle Beach this year with their local ordinances were taken to the South Carolina Supreme Court. The Supreme Court

threw everything out as the local government does not have the authority to override state law and hold administrative hearings for local ordinances. . This year the Grand Strand in Myrtle Beach normally has a hotel occupancy rate of 95% during bike week this year they had an occupancy rate of less than 40%. I wonder why.

#### Public Relations

No report.

#### Advertising

We need advertisers. No matter where you ask them to take out an ad. Business card ads are very reasonable. 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

Rick thanked all the members for their support for the past year he has served as events coordinator. As we all know "He did one heck of a job". Shaky and Princess Sharon will be taking over today. Our event "What can I say" ABATE SOUTHEAST ROCKS. We were very successful due to all the hard work that over 50 chapter members put in that day. Rick handed out Certificates of Appreciation to all the members who kicked butt.

#### Social Director's Report

Karin thanked all those who came out for this month's birthday party. The count was 28 who had a great time. Next month's birthday party will be on 7/11/09 at Shanks starting between 7 & 800pm. If you want your birthday recognized, please contact her.

#### Quartermaster's Report

Bob Anz reported there was no report. Jimmy thanked Bob for all his hard work at our event.

#### Photographer's Report

Axman reported we have a link from our web-site to his where we have an ABATE corner with our pictures on it. Pictures from today's meeting will be uploaded this afternoon. If your out and about and take pictures, put them on a CD and he will upload the pictures and give you the credit. Check out his web-site [www.axmanpictures.com](http://www.axmanpictures.com) where you can purchase high quality framed prints for only \$10.00 or for a measly \$3.00 you can get a high quality download.

#### Web-Master's Report

Ricky Mouse reported the web-site is up and running. The information is easy to find. Please provide him feedback and suggestions. Please send him any legal updates so he can post them. Web address is: [www.abatese.org](http://www.abatese.org)

#### Trash master's Report

No report.

#### Old Business

Cigar Charlie took over for the voting for positions with multiple candidates. After tabulations our Secretary Paul A. Melcer cast his vote in favor of the new board on behalf of the chapter. Our new 2009-2010 Board of Directors and Trustees are:

#### President

James "Jimbo" Sherrow

#### Vice-President

Bob "Old Hippie" Leavitt

#### Secretary

Paul A. Melcer

#### Treasurer

Alice Calabrese

#### Sgt. at Arms

Robert "BARS" Calabrese

#### Road Captain

Chris Brennan

#### Safety Director



George "GEO" Borgrakos  
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 Chris Sharp – Delegate  
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 Events  
 Bob "Shaky" Nieman  
 Social Director  
 Karin Rylands  
 Quartermaster  
 Bob Anz  
 Photographer  
 Axel "Axman" Wojnar  
 Web Master  
 Ricky "Mouse" Jans  
 Trashmaster  
 Charlie Gaudreau  
 Chaplain  
 Frank "Poppie" Cocchi  
 The new board then took their positions.

**New Business**

Discussion on having 50/50 drawings at our monthly birthday parties. Motion to continue 50/50 drawings at the monthly birthday parties. Motion seconded. Discussion. Motion amended to table the discussion until legal issues can be resolved.

Motion seconded. Vote called for. All in favor motion passed.

Good of the order

Axman spoke on the need to get the sport bikers involved in ABATE. More clubs are forming and they have their own Confederation of Clubs. Last month 25 to 30 sport bikers from the Zero to 60 Club showed up at the Wings of Gold Clubhouse. ABATE is for all motorcyclists no matter what you ride and even if you don't ride. We need to court them and welcome them and get them with us.

On 7/11/09 there will be a blood drive for the wife of long time member Jim Lippy who is also a member of the Keltics MC. The blood drive will be held at the Keltics Clubhouse. Please check the hotline or contact any board member for information. Please take the time to donate, remember "What comes around goes around" Someday you might need the support and help which all of our members are willing to give.

Our new President Jimbo read a letter we received from Oscar from the Sandy Ninninger Veterans Nursing home thanking our chapter for everything regarding our Memorial Day event. Needless to say they were overwhelmed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm

These minutes are summarized and respectfully submitted

*Paul A. Melcer*  
 Secretary



# BIG DAWGS SPORTS BAR

## WEEKLY SPECIALS

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 Tony Carbonell  
 Danny K Fennell  
 Randy Gettinger  
 Michael Paul Muray  
 Angela Nieman  
 Barry "Teddybear" Sadoff  
 Lynda "Boots" Sadoff  
 Kevin Vail  
 Eurice Vasallo  
 Kenneth Wells

Todd "Hoss"  
 Wilkinson  
 Wayne G Smith  
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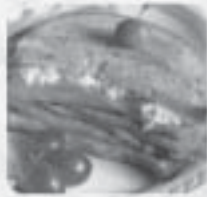
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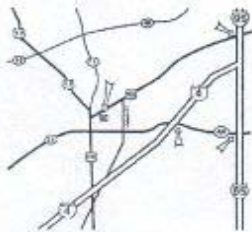
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# Old Hippy's Corner

From the VP

The chapter elections are over and the board has a few changes and I just happen to be one of them.

I am honored to have the opportunity to be on this year's board and even though I did not, per se, win the position by vote, but because of lack of anyone else running for it, I ended up with it. I'll try to live up to everybody's expectations.

This is one of the disappointing aspects of a volunteer organization. A shortage of people who are willing to take that extra step and be willing to try to be part of the board or committees with all the time that's involved.

This current board naturally will be going through a transition period and I'm sure there will be some mistakes made and possibly there could be some hurt feelings in the process, all unintended of course, but this is just part of human nature.

I will continue my Corner along with this short section going forward.

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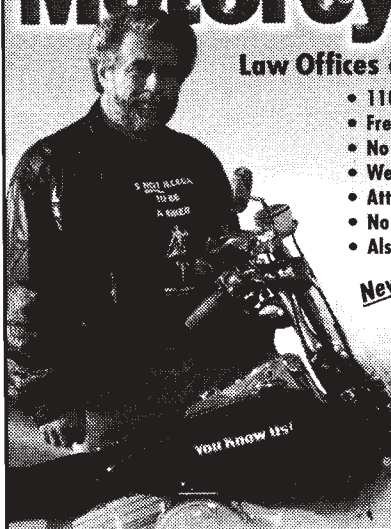
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Hello again everybody, we made it through another month and yet another Birthday Party. Last count was 28 people. My thank you to Big Dawgs, Dee Dee and all of her staff for all they did to make our party a success. Those of you who didn't make it you missed a great time.

Thank you to all who were there to make this a special day for your brothers & sisters. The Birthday Party for July 2009 will be at Shanks July 11<sup>th</sup> with music

by "The Ringerz". We'll meet at the same time as always between 7-8pm and for directions listen to the hotline please.

I hope to see everybody there and have a wonderful Birthday to everybody below!

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*Karin*



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5 USMVMC South Broward	6	7	8	9	10	11 ABATE Birthday Party
12 ABATE Chapter Meeting States	13	14	15	16	17	18 WOM Chili Cookoff
19 Christmas in July AOA WPB	20	21	22	23	24	25 ABATE Leadership Seminars
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9 Sturgis	10	11	12	13	14 Tattoo Expo	15
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### **“Geo” Bograkos**

First things first, I would like to thank everyone in the Southeast Chapter for electing me as your new Safety Director. I am humbled and I assure you, I will do my very best for the Chapter. Congratulations to all of our new Officers who were elected and reelected as well. It certainly looks like we have another great team working for ABATE Southeast this year.

Speaking of great teams, I would like to give thanks & pay respect to the Chapter Officers, who have stepped down, for their contributions to our Chapter. President: Jimmy Les, Sergeant at Arms: Leo “The Lion” Breault, Safety Directors: Suzanne Keen & Bob Anz, Products: Brett Gerber, Events Coordinator: Rick Hernandez, Chaplain: Jim “Tumbleweed” McLemore and everybody else who worked on behalf of our chapter last year.

Safety has always been important to me and this is perhaps why this particular position is a good choice for me. In 1992, I earned an Instructors Training certification from the United States Power Squadron, a boating safety group. My responsibilities there included training the Boating Safety Instructors and developing training materials.

Our good friend “Big Ed” Strickland recruited me to the ABATE Southeast Chapter in 1996 and I have done whatever I could to help out in any way that I could ever since. My wife Theresa and I are both Life Members of ABATE. We currently address and mail out the Chapter Newsletters every month through our business: Mastermailer, Inc. and I have taught MSAP Safety Classes since 2005. While we may not be as outwardly visible as some of our other members, there are lots of folks like us, doing their part behind the scenes, which makes this Chapter the great Chapter that it is.

I have inherited a great Safety Team this year, thanks to Suzanne Keen’s award winning efforts and the efforts of her predecessors over the years. When I received my Instructors Certification and patch, we only had 3 or 4 instructors. Today, we have 14 instructors with 4 more ready to get “patched”. Progress has been made and continues to be made.

We are again gearing up to begin our summer schedule presenting the Motorcycle Safety Awareness program (MSAP) to the High School Drivers Education students all throughout Broward County.

We are also available to present the MSAP to any other organizations who may be interested: Homeowners Associations, membership groups, etc. Any audience who operates motor vehicles can benefit from seeing this 45 minute presentation and seeing it just might save one or two

of us from being run over by these folks. If you are a member of any such organization, please see if this presentation would be appropriate for and welcomed by your group and let us know.

This year, we are incorporating a new PowerPoint portion of the MSAP to supplement the two venerable Abate videos: “Share the Road” & “Left Turn”. The PowerPoint portion allows us to visually share the questions and answers as well as any other previously “paper” portion of the program without having to print out and distribute sheets of papers to the attendees.

That’s right...the Southeast Chapter’s Safety Program is going “Green”.

Upon completion of this PowerPoint portion, my intent is to give it to the State Safety Director at the State Leadership Seminars in July for possible distribution to all of the ABATE chapters to use in their own respective MSAP presentations.

If you are interested in becoming a certified MSAP Instructor, please call, email or see me at a meeting or event. My contact information is on the inside front cover of this newsletter.

My goal is to get anyone who is interested on a fast track to becoming certified and quickly earn their patch. To that end, we will be hosting a few training classes at my office in Hollywood. These classes will be held on, yet to be determined, weekday evenings for 1 or 2 hours depending upon the level of interest.

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Already Certified Instructors can refresh their skills with the new PowerPoint material and will receive credit for helping present these sessions to prospective instructor candidates as well. Please contact me if you are interested.

Meanwhile, ride safe. It’s summer and the rains are here. The roads are slick, visibility can be poor and the cagers are still preoccupied and not thinking about your safety, so please be careful out there.

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- 18 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off & Party
- 19 - AOA MC West Palm Party
- \*26 - *Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud. Annual*

### AUGUST

- 3-9 69th Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 14, 15, 16, - 14th International South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 16 - AOA MC 42nd Anniversary Party
- \*23 - *Wings of Gold MC Port Saint Lucie Annual*
- 30 - US Military Vets MC Pompano Party

### SEPTEMBER

- 12 - Outcast MC Party
- 13 - States Pompano MC 16th Key West Tuneup Party
- 18-20 - Phil Peterson's 37th Annual Key West Poker Run
- 27 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & Party

### OCTOBER

- \*4 - *Mystic Seven MC Annual*
  - 11 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
  - 15-18 - Daytona Biketoberfest
  - 18 - Keltics MC Miami Party
  - 24 - WOTR 10th Anniversary Party at Mickeys
  - 25 - SE ABATE 29th Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally
  - 31 - Wheels of Man MC 36th Annual Halloween Party
- DATE CHANGE

### NOVEMBER

- \*1 - *Alternative Ft. Laud. MC Annual*
  - \*8 - *USMVMC National 22nd Annual*
  - 14 - Soldiers for Jesus MC West Palm Beach Party
  - 15 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach Party
  - 22 - CMA Memorial Event
  - 22 - Heaven Cycles 32nd Anniversary Party
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### DECEMBER

- \*6 - *22nd Annual SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run*
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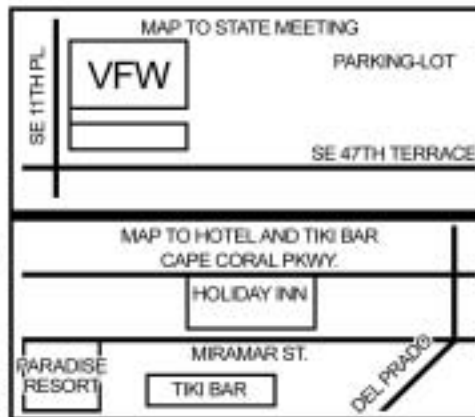
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Also a special thanks to those who have previously served us all this past year and prior years. This unselfish and determined dedication helped build this organization to the height it is at today.

With this being said let us now focus on the ride, that's what we are all about great rides, good people and fantastic times ! First thing I'd like to announce as your new Road Captain, starting in July, all rides after the monthly chapter meeting we will kick start a bike license plate raffle cash give away for all members in good standing who choose to ride the entire planned trip for that day. This ride will be announced during the chapter meeting only. Also rest assured this is at no expense to the rider nor the chapter, just a ride along commitment that day, your bike plate (cages don't count) number and you could win ! The winning plate number will be chosen at our first stop that day and the winner will receive \$20.00 cash !

In the coming months, I will discuss safety, long, short and over night planned chapter rides.

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**NCOMBIKER NEWSBYTES**  
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**MISSOURI HELMET FREEDOM STILL ON HOLD**

Legislation to partially repeal the “Show Me” state’s 42-year old mandatory helmet law has been sitting on Governor Jay Nixon’s desk since May 29, awaiting his approval or veto. Senate Bill 202, a bill to allow motorcyclists 21 and older to ride without helmets except on the interstate highway system, passed both the House and Senate and will become law in Nixon doesn’t veto the measure.

In addition to the helmet provisions, SB 202 introduced by Senator Kurt Schaefer (R-Columbia) would also prohibit insurance companies from reducing claims from injured motorcycle riders on the grounds that a motorcycle is a hazardous vehicle, even if the rider is fault-free.

Nixon has received about 1,000 e-mails and letters on the motorcycle legislation — more than on any other legislative issue, said a spokesman for the governor’s office. Those urging the governor to sign the legislation outnumbered those urging a veto by about 7-to-1, according to analysis of the messages by The Associated Press.

Mark Chapman, chairman of the Freedom of Road Riders of Missouri, said that motorcyclists should be allowed to decide for themselves when conditions warrant wearing a helmet. “It should be my choice as an adult,” Chapman said. “It’s not like I’m a 10 year old trying to kill myself.”

Those who urged him to sign the bill — some of whom said they regularly wear helmets — mentioned personal freedom and suggested that not requiring helmets could spur tourism.

FORR-MO is appealing to riders nationwide to contact his office and urge Gov. Nixon to sign the bill into law or allow it to automatically become law without his signature. You can call Missouri Governor Jay Nixon at (573) 751-3222, e-mail him through [www.governor.mo.gov](http://www.governor.mo.gov) or write to P.O. Box 720, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

**OMAHA POLICE TO ENFORCE HELMET COMPLIANCE**

If you’ve ever wondered where some of your state and federal motorcycle safety funds are being spent, the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety has awarded a grant to fund extra police officers on the streets to ensure

motorcyclists are compliant with Nebraska state laws regarding motorcycle helmets.

The Omaha Police Department received \$25,000 in grant funding to begin operations to enforce motorcycle helmet compliance throughout the entire city from May 27 through September 30, 2009.

Nebraska state law specifies that protective helmets that meet the United States Department of Transportation’s Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard #218 are required for all operators and passengers of a motorcycle or moped.

Citing safety concerns, officers will be citing operators who are in violation of this law and confiscating their non-compliant helmets.

In the meantime, Vermont State Police are advising motorcyclists that a new state law goes into effect on July 1st requiring that all helmets be DOT approved, similar to a measure enacted recently in North Carolina.

**SMOG, OR SMOKE & MIRRORS?**

In spite of already having the lowest motorcycle emissions standards in the country, and despite verbal promises from the legislative sponsor in response to key Senate opposition, a bill to enact Smog Checks for motorcycles has passed the California State Senate and may be heard in the Assembly as early as June 29th.

ABATE of California is seeking nationwide assistance to quash this bill once and for all. “Our out of state brothers and sisters may be our most effective resource in fighting the motorcycle smog bill,” wrote ABATE Executive Director Tim Tennimon in a request to NCOM to help rally opposition to Senate Bill 435. “SB 435 has been passed to the Assembly as a SMOG CHECK BILL on the verbal promise to amend but has not yet been fulfilled. It would appear that it may go so far as to include all 3 (smog check, noise, and catalytic converter with random pull over inspection thrown in for good measure),” explains Tennimon.

Sponsor of the measure, Santa Monica Senator Fran Pavley, agreed to remove the controversial biennial emissions testing when the bill passed the Senate, but no such action has yet been taken.

ABATE Lobbyist Jim Lombardo reports that “I personally spoke with the committee staff and they have not been officially notified that SB 435 is to be amended or turned into a 2-year bill, and even if it had, Pavley could ask for it

to be reset for a hearing. . . the stakes are too high to be caught with our pants down: LET'S KILL SB 435 — IT IS STILL A SMOG CHECK BILL!!!”

Therefore, ABATE of CA is asking all out of state motorcyclists to contact the Chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee, Mike Eng at phone (916) 319-2049, fax 916-319-2149, or e-mail [Assemblymember.Eng@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Assemblymember.Eng@asm.ca.gov), and also Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger at phone (916) 445-2841, fax 916-558-3160, or e-mail at [gov.ca.gov](http://gov.ca.gov), and let them know that if you are going to be at risk of being singled out and pulled over for exhaust system inspections when you visit California then you will choose another location to spend your vacation dollars, and urge their NO vote on SB 435.

“Unfortunately many laws of this type start in California and spread to other states,” warns Tennimon, so “the place to stop it is here and now, then hopefully you won’t have to deal with anything like this in your state.”

#### AIM ATTORNEY SUES NY POLICE FOR ILLEGAL CHECKPOINTS

Proner & Proner, Attorneys at law, has filed a Federal class action lawsuit in the Federal Court for the Northern District of New York against the New York State Police as well as New York State and county authorities to stop them from conducting motorcycle-only roadblocks near popular motorcycle events.

Last year the New York State Police and county sheriffs stopped every motorcycle en route to twelve different events for “safety checks.” With the riding season starting, the New York State Police expect to conduct up to fifteen motorcycle-only roadblocks throughout the state this year.

One of the events targeted was Americade, the largest motorcycle event in the Northeast. Police set up two checkpoints during the Lake George-based rally in June that netted 84 tickets for unapproved helmets, 19 for modified exhausts and 32 other vehicle and traffic violations.

New York A.I.M. (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) Attorney Mitchell Proner, an active motorcyclist and personal injury attorney, is initiating the lawsuit on behalf of all motorcyclists. ABATE of New York supports the legal action.

Proner said that the New York State Police “uses the pretense of safety inspections to delay and harass motorcyclists without any reasonable belief that any laws are being broken.” Although courts have upheld DWI

checkpoints as generally permissible, “These motorcycle roadblock stops are lengthy and do not address any legitimate safety concerns,” according to Proner.

#### MYRTLE BEACH HELMET LAW LAWSUIT UPDATE

Following is an update from Matt Danielson of Tom McGrath’s Motorcycle Law Group regarding the lawsuit filed against the helmet law enacted by the city council of Myrtle Beach, SC.

“Forty-nine of the motorcyclists who took part in the Myrtle Beach Freedom Ride and who were ticketed for violations have had their cases stayed yesterday. A.I.M. Attorney Tom McGrath filed motions to have the cases dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction. The original city ordinance mandated that the violations, which are civil in nature, be heard by a special tribunal created by the city. However, since that time the tribunals have been found to be unconstitutional (or at least suggested to be by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina). The city moved the cases to municipal court. However, the State Code of South Carolina specifically states that the municipal courts do not have jurisdiction over civil matters. Since the city served the 49 defendants via mail after the Chief Justice’s ruling, they were forced to admit that the infractions were civil in nature since you can’t serve a criminal complaint by mail. That put the City of Myrtle Beach in a box since State Code says the municipal courts do not have jurisdiction over civil matters. The court decided to stay the trials of these matters while deciding how to rule. The court has stated that none of the defendants need to appear on the scheduled dates. We expect a ruling soon. In the meantime, motions have been filed in the South Carolina Supreme Court to declare the ordinances void. More information will be forthcoming as it is made available.”

#### PENNSYLVANIA SENATOR WANTS TO GIVE YOU \$4,500 TO BUY A NEW MOTORCYCLE

U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA), a longtime advocate for the Harley-Davidson Motor Co., has introduced legislation that would provide up to \$4,500 for motorcycle buyers who trade in an older, gas guzzling car or truck.

Harley has its largest assembly plant in York, Pa., where it employs more than 2,000 people. Recently, the company said it might close its York operations due to the downturn in the economy and falling motorcycle sales.

Senator Casey wants his proposal attached to the “cash for clunkers” bill passed recently in the U.S. House of Representatives. It authorizes the program for one year, for a

total cost of miles per gallon. To be eligible, a trade-in car must get less than 18 \$4 mpg. The voucher would be worth gallon, and the new vehicle must get at least 22 mpg higher than the old \$4,500 if the gas mileage of the new car is at least 10 vehicle.

Casey said his legislation would help spur economic recovery and protect manufacturing jobs in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and other states where motorcycles and bike parts are manufactured and assembled.

New motorcycle sales in the United States fell 8% in 2007 and 10% in 2008.

The proposal “is positive from our perspective,” said Harley spokeswoman Rebecca Bortner, adding that swapping an old car for a bike would be an easy upgrade in fuel efficiency.

#### BILL MAY BAN BIKER BARS

Revving up for a fight, motorcycle clubs in Virginia say they are being unfairly targeted by the state’s ABC Board for what they wear. Motorcyclists who recently rallied at a Richmond Public Safety meeting say they are trying to appeal to Richmond City Council members to repeal a new State law.

In 2008, the General Assembly passed HB 1117 Alcohol Beverage Control; a bill saying that bars and restaurants could be stripped of their liquor license by allowing groups into their establishments who wear certain gang affiliations or colors. Although aimed at criminal street gangs, motorcyclists say they are victims of this new law and that their First Amendment rights are being violated.

#### BIKERNET.COM CREATES WORKING GROUP FOR MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS

Longtime bikers rights activist Keith R. Ball and the staff of Bikernet.com are working with the motorcycle aftermarket to provide a direct link between legislative efforts, motorcycle rights groups, and the custom motorcycle aftermarket industry.

“It’s been a goal of mine for 15 years to get the business side to help our freedom fighters,” said Ball. If successful, Keith hopes to encourage SEMA (the Specialty Equipment Market Association), the largest hot rod aftermarket organization in the United States, to work with us to deliver additional resources to the motorcycle rights community, since we all face similar battles.

“The Motorcycle Aftermarket Working Group is made up of many leaders and business owners, but we want to reach out directly to state motorcycle rights groups for their input,” said Ball, adding that they are already working closely with the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). “What can we do to help keep motorcycling free?” The group is currently working on an agenda, so contact Keith Ball directly with any comments or suggestions at [Bandit@Bikernet.com](mailto:Bandit@Bikernet.com) or (310) 830-0630.

#### FEDS QUESTION BIKERS

The Federal Highway Administration’s Motorcyclist Advisory Council is asking riders across the country to help state and federal highway administrators and State Motorcycle Safety Administrators (SMSA) to “better understand and plan for the needs of motorcycle riders.”

Motorcycle riders are requested to complete a Motorcycle Road Issues Survey by logging onto <http://tinyurl.com/ovzduo> before August 1st and answering online survey questions that are separated into 3 distinct settings typically experienced by the majority of riders: Urban Areas (city/suburban/frequent intersections/pedestrians); Rural Areas (fewer intersections/higher speed); and Limited Access Areas (freeway/highway/toll road/minimal intersections).

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “It is not the function of the government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the government from falling into error.”

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Parker, Chief Prosecutor for the United States of America at the Nuremberg Trials



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