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Sunday
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President's Message



I would like to introduce myself. My name is 'Bars' and I am the new President of ABATE of Florida Southeast Chapter. I would like to thank the chapter members for their faith in me and I promise to do my best to make this chapter bigger and better than ever. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me or the other members of our Board of Directors: Alan "Big Wheel", Paul or Frank T. By working together we can make this a great year for our chapter.

For the first time in 20 years ABATE has a new State President. His name is Danny "Doc" Fish and he replaces James "Doc" Reichenbach, who retired as State President. "Doc" Reichenbach will remain as our Lobbyist in Tallahassee. During his tenure he worked tirelessly and passionately for the rights of all motorcyclists. He will be missed.

In a landmark decision, an 18 year old Massachusetts man was sentenced to two and a half years for vehicular homicide for driving while texting. The court transcripts show that Aaron Deveau , received text messages immediately before fatally crashing into 55 year old Daniel Fowley. Deveau had only had his driver's license for 5 months at the time of the accident. In addition to jail time he will lose that license for 15 years.

Thirty nine states and the District of Columbia now ban texting while driving. This case shows that prosecutors are willing to pursue charges and juries are ready and willing to hand down punishment. Could it be that Florida is not far behind to finally vote on this issue?

Governor Scott has signed the budget for the next fiscal year. Included is \$25,000 for ABATE as reported by James "Doc" Reichenbach. In the past five years the Florida legislature has allotted ¼ of a million for motorcycle safety to be administered by ABATE of Florida, Inc. Congratulations to "Doc" and all the members of this great organization.

Well, that's all for now, but remember

HERE TODAY GONE TODAY

Bars



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ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes June 10, 2012

Sgt @ Arms "GEO" called the meeting to order at 10:10am. There were 48 members, 3 guests. Total in attendance: 51. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer by our Chaplain "Poppi".

President's Report

Johnny thanked all members for coming out. What a great showing today of our brothers from Der Kreiger MC. Thanks for being here today. Our event was a huge success. We gained 38 new members. The only reason it was a huge success was the tremendous support of our members all the MC's and independent riders who came out on a beautiful day to say Thank You to our veterans. The wives of Poppa Harley and Wrench are in the hospital; please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Vice-President's Report

Old Hippy thanked all for coming out today. Again what an event. Special Thank you to Armando and the staff at Café 27, all the vendors and our members for their support. The veterans from the nursing home had "One hell of a time".

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of May's meeting with the following correction:
Under Old Business nominations, Axman was listed under Photographer as accepting the nomination. This is incorrect. With the correction the motion was seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Joe read the financial report for May. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurers report. All in favor, motion passed.

Sergeant at Arms Report

Geo reported our Memorial Day Event was a huge success and a big shot in the arm for our chapter. "Many Hands Made For Little Work".
Thank you to all the members who came out to work and help make the event a huge success

Road Captain's Report

Frank was excused. No report.

Safety Directors Report

Dave reported it's that time of the year when you need to drink plenty of fluids and stay hydrated. By fluids we mean WATER. The DOT is supposed to be working with the auto industry to stop the dashboard distractions. Dashboard distractions are the newest distraction while driving. GPS, email, voicemail etc all the items

that help take the drivers attention off the road. The DOT is looking to have these distractions disabled where they can only work if the vehicle is STOPPED. I hope they can do it. They still can't get texting while driving stopped or at least make it a very heavy fineable offence.

We have been requested at multiple events thanks to Dave. What a great job, Thank you Dave

Products Report

Johnny Rose reported we have products. We still need a Products Trustee. If any member is interested in becoming our Products Trustee please contact any board member. In the interim, if you need any products, please contact any Board Member.

Events Coordinator

Steve thanked all the members who came out to help at our event. There were a number of issues that were discussed. For the next event we will address the issues we had as not to have a re-occurrence. Thank you Steve, you did a great job. Our next event will be on Oct. 14, 2012.

State Reps Report

BARS reported Doc Fish and Jim Gladstone were elected to the State Board of Directors. All details of the state meeting will be in the Masterlink.

Membership Report

George reported we have 672 members. We are still number 1 in the state thanks to the Der Kreiger MC sign ups today. Our newest life members are: Steve Van, Marlene Wiseman, Joe Clinter and Joshua Mitchell.

We know times are tough so when you receive your renewal in the mail, please do all possible to return the renewal no later than 30 days after your renewal expires. If not renewed within 30 days after expiration, your tenure with the chapter will start from scratch. So PLEASE take the time to fill out the renewal completely and in a way which we can read it.

Newsletter Editor

Wildcat reminded all members that all articles; contributions, pictures etc are due by the 20th of each month. Old Hippy reported starting next month, all articles etc will be due by the day of the chapter meeting. If the articles are not turned in on time, they will not be printed. The only exception will be the minutes taken by our chapter secretary.

Legislative Report

Old Hippy reported all is quiet as legislation is out of session. Chris reported we have a couple local elections coming up. Discussion followed. Members were advised ABATE of Florida cannot endorse any candidate, however we can individually support the candidates

who we know will support our cause.

Public Relations

Fern was excused. No report

Advertising

Hope reported all advertising payments are up to date. Remember: We MUST SUPPORT our advertisers, as they SUPPORT us.

Social Directors Report

Steve reported this month's birthday party would be held on 6-16-12 at Mickey's. So come out and help celebrate.

Newsletter Distribution

Charlie advised last months went ok. He still needs help with the southern delivery area. If you work or live in Dade County and can help out, please contact him. Contact information is in the newsletter

Quartermaster's Report

Bob Anz reported there was no report

Photographer's Report

Axman reported our event was great. Unfortunately due to his busy schedule he cannot be our photographer. He will support us in any way he can. He made DVD's of our event, which he donated, to the veterans at the Sandy Ninninger Nursing Home. Thank you Axman.

Web-Master's Report

Mike reported the web is up and running. We have over 5000 hits since the new counter was added only a couple of month's ago.

Legal Council

Chris reported there was nothing to report.

Old Business

All Executive Board and Trustee positions are running unopposed and were voted in by a single yes vote by our secretary on behalf of the chapter. The previous Board Members were thanked for their service, and the new Board of Directors were welcomed. The full list of the 2012-2013 Board of Directors and Trustees are listed in the newsletter.

The New Executive Board of Directors are:

President: Robert "BARS" Calabrese
Vice President: Alan "Big Wheel" Loper
Secretary: Paul A. Melcer
Treasurer: Frank "Frank T" Hammons

New Business

ACE reported the newsletter mailboxes out at Café 27 are not big enough to hold the contents. We will look into getting larger boxes.

Good of the Order

BARS reported that July 1st is the anniversary that gave Florida motorcycle riders their freedom of choice. To celebrate this event we will be having an anniversary ride following the original route. Starting at Lester's Diner on SR 84 at midnight. So come on out and celebrate with us. Check the hotline for any updates. A very special Thank You to our American Legion Post for providing the rifles for our Memorial Day event.

A motion was made, seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:20am.

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

Paul A. Melcer

Secretary





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Old Hippy's Corner



On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other." On July 4th, the Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826--the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Speaking of America; I went to Harley a while back for a part and notice that it was made somewhere else other than the good old USA. This got me thinking and, after some research on 100 percent made in the USA I was surprised on just how many are maybe assembled here but are not really made in the USA. When can a company say a product is "Made in America"?

The rules governing "Made in America" claims were overhauled in the late 1990s, as globalization blurred the lines of exactly where products were made. As manufacturing jobs moved overseas, many consumers who wanted to support American workers demanded assurances they were buying American-made products. The basic premise is fairly simple: A product that is "Made in America" has to be assembled, and most of the cost of making the product incurred, in the United States. But that's where things start to get a little tricky. (And that's why it takes 40 pages to explain the rules)

Levi's jeans are practically an American staple, but they aren't actually made in America. Levi Strauss closed the last of its American factories in 2003, causing almost 2,000 people to lose their jobs and has been accused of using factories in Turkey and Mexico that severely exploited their workers. I went to Levi's web site where they have the "Made in USA" statement, but in fine print it also states, "Of imported fabric". Hum, interesting, so I went to their web site, where they have their factory list and guess what? Most are overseas with good percentage in China, but there are 26 suppliers listed in the USA. Most of these seem to be small ends, like silk screening or embroidering and others seem to either deal with a small part of the final of the products or specialty modification.

A hardworking upstate welder got so fed up with losing work to overseas competition and being forced to lay off his own relatives that he decided to forge a new business -- a sprawling, Walmart-style store that peddles products entirely made in America. His Made in America business is defying hard economic times and thriving in Elma, near Buffalo. It's become a must-see for the tour-bus hordes heading to and from Niagara Falls. When you go through his doors, he has done the homework and has done the research, noting that he and his staff thoroughly check that nothing is foreign-made. Unlike some manufacturers, who can legally claim that their product is "made in America," even if some of the parts are imported, the owner stated such items won't be sold in his store. Every stitch or screw or raw material has to be from here, he said and he is hoping to eventually open stores in Nashville, Tampa and somewhere in Texas.

His store web site is; <http://madeinusaforever.com/> and some of the items are like Texas jeans, which are made in North Carolina with American cotton @ \$35 to dog treats. "Buy American!" might sound like nothing more than a slogan advanced by American manufacturers to sell

products made in the USA, but the truth is that there are many reasons to consider buying American-made clothing, American-made toys, and other US-manufactured goods.

Some reasons are simple; foreign labor standards allow unsafe worker conditions in many countries. When you buy American you support not only American manufacturers but also American workers, safe working conditions, and child labor laws. Jobs shipped abroad almost never return. When you buy goods made in the USA, you help keep the American economy growing. Foreign product safety standards are low. For example, poisonous levels of lead are in tens of millions of toys shipped to the USA, not counting that great drywall from China. When you buy toys and other goods made in the USA, you can be confident that American consumer protection laws and safety standards are in place to protect your family. As the US manufacturing ability fades, future generations of US citizens will be unable to find relevant jobs. Buy American and help keep your friends and neighbors-and even yourself-earning a living wage.

It has been stated, if all Americans' spent about \$30 a month on American made products, in 2012, we could collectively create over 1 million jobs in the United States!

On a side note: US military uniforms are governed by the "Berry Amendment," 10 U.S.C. 2533a that requires that the Department of Defense give preference in procurement to domestically produced, manufactured, or home grown products. This specifically applies to metals, food, fabrics and clothing. Congress originally passed the restrictions in 1941 in order to protect the U.S. domestic industrial base during time of war.

Enough of this and in closing, Buy American made products, we need the jobs

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Old Hippy



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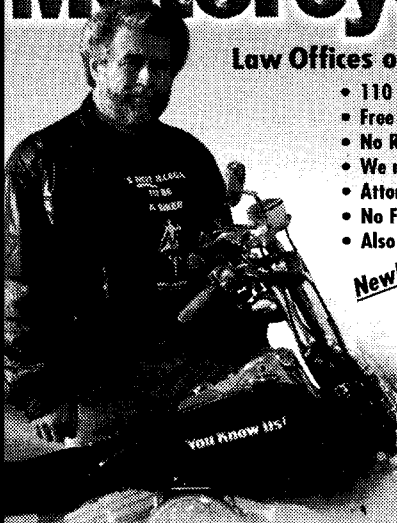
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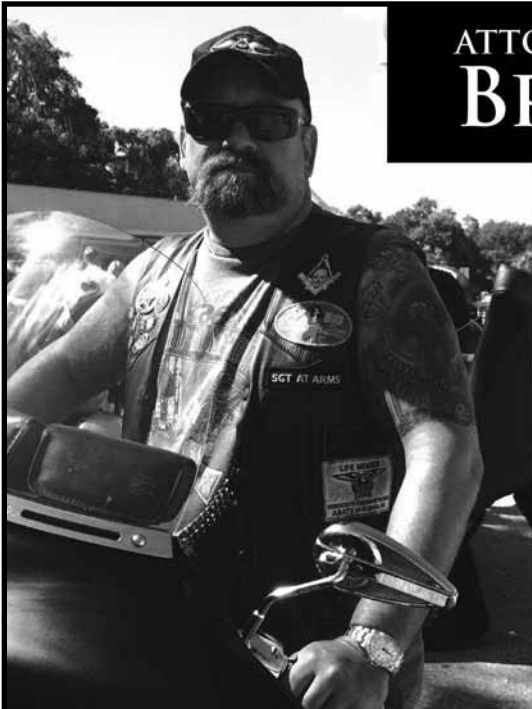


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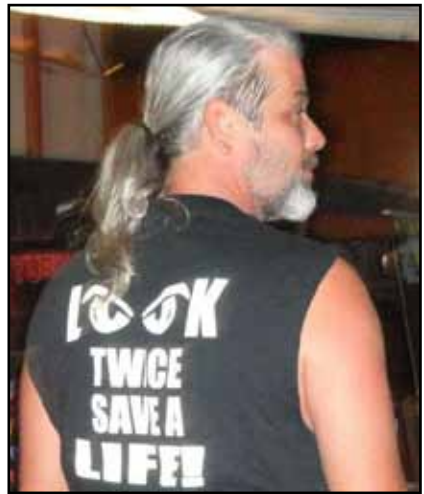
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1 USMVMC South Broward Annual See Pg-27	2	3	4  Independence Day	5 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite ----- States MC Pompano Dinner	6	7 Wheels of Man MC Indian River County Annual
8 AOA MC WPB Annual	9	10	11	12 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite ----- States MC Pompano Dinner	13	14 ABATE Birthday Party at Lukes Place
15 States MC Lake Worth Party	16	17	18	19 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite ----- States MC Pompano Dinner	20	21 WOMMC Deerfield Annual Chili Cook-Off
22 Chapter Meeting	23	24	25	26 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite ----- States MC Pompano Dinner	27	28
29 Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual See Pg 27	30	31				



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite ----- States MC Pompano Dinner	3	4 WOG MC Miami Party ----- Luke's Place Bike Night
5 72nd Annual Sturgis Bike Week Begins	6 →	7	8	9 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite ----- States MC Pompano Dinner	10 17th Annual Tattoo Expo Begins See page 8	11 Tattoo Expo ----- Luke's Place Bike Night
12 Sturgis Bike Week Ends ----- Tattoo Expo Ends	13	14	15	16 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite ----- States MC Pompano Dinner	17	18 Luke's Place Bike Night
19 <i>Chapter Meeting</i> ----- WOG MC PSL Annual	20	21	22	23 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite ----- States MC Pompano Dinner	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite ----- States MC Pompano Dinner	31	Luke's Place Bike Night

August 12 - AOA MC 45th Anniversary Party

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CALENDAR EVENTS

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JULY

- 1 - USMVMC South Broward Party
- 7 - Wheels of Man MC IRC Annual**
- 8 - AOA MC WPB Annual**
- 15 - States MC Lake Worth Party
- 21 - Wheels of Man MC Deerfield Chili Cook-Off
- 29 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual**

AUGUST

- 4 - Wings of Gold Miami Party
- 5-12 72nd Annual Sturgis Bike Week**
- 10-12, 17th South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 12 - AOA MC 45th Anniversary Party
- 19 - Wings of Gold MC PSL Annual**

SEPTEMBER

- 8 - Outcast MC Party
- 9 - States Pompano MC 19th Key West Party
- 14-16 Peterson's 39th Key West Poker Run
- 23 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party
- 30 - Keltics MC Party

OCTOBER

- 6 - Mystic Seven MC Annual**
- 7 - Rough Riders MC Annual**
- 13 - New Attitudes MC Party
- 14 - SE ABATE Annual Party
- 19-21 Biketoberfest
- 27 - Wheels of Man Deerfield Halloween Party
- 28 - Alternative Ft. Laud. Annual**

NOVEMBER

- 4 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual**
- 10 - USMVMC National Annual**
- 11 - CMA Memorial Event
- 17 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Party
- 18 - Wings of Gold WPB Party
- 25 - USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

DECEMBER

- 2 - ABATE Palm Beach Annual
- 9 - SFPC Toy Run**
- 15 - Toy Run Bike Drawing at Peterson's Harley
- 15 - Hermandad MC - Alfredo Pena Memorial Run
- 16 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
- 22 - SFLCOC Christmas Party
- 23 - Calvary Chapel Christmas Service

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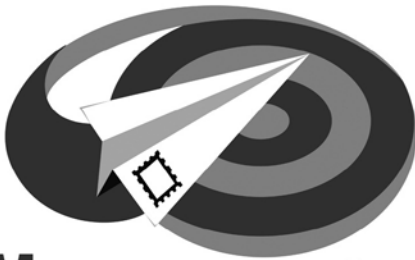
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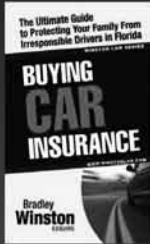
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Face the flag, son, and face reality
Our strengths and our freedoms are based in unity

The flag is but a symbol, son, of the world's greatest nation¹
And as long as it keeps flying, there's cause for celebration.

So do what you've got to do, but always keep in mind
A lot of people believe in peace, but there are the other kind

If we want to keep these freedoms, we may have to fight again
God forbid, but if we do, let's always fight to win.

For the fate of a loser is futile and it's bare
No love, no peace, just misery and despair.

Face the flag, son, and thank God it's still there

As Always

Your Chaplin

Poppie



From the Desk of Miss Wildcat

As the Newsletter Editor, my time has come to say....Good-Bye. Due to Johnny's health, I can no longer keep up with it anymore. As soon as soon he recovers, we will be back to work again full-time, and I don't need the added stress of worrying about trying to get the Newsletter done and out on time.



Thanks to OldHippy for taking over the Newsletter for me, he is ready to take on the responsibility. I hope he will take Pride in keeping it looking nice for our Chapter as I have done for the past 2 years. It was great working with all of you and I will continue to be a member of this Chapter, and help out as much as I can whenever it's needed.

On another note before I close, for most of you who might not be aware of, is that it has been 12 years since HB1911 was passed. July 1, 2000 was when our Helmet Law was repealed. That was when we won our fight for: "Freedom of Choice, Freedom of the Road." Not only that, but ABATE of Florida has made many other accomplishments over the years since then. Go to our website: www.abatase.org and you will find all kinds of information in there; from videos, to stories, or articles, as well as events, we want to keep you informed as a motorcyclist.

So now in closing of this article....Be safe, Be careful, and as Johnny would say: Be Strong!
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See Ann "Wildcat" Lewis



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From Your Safety Director



DISTRACTED DRIVING

I just read an editorial from a south Florida newspaper, the Miami Herald, which claims that motorcyclists that do not wear a helmet for the increase in taxes, and has led to a public health hazard.

The paper stated that helmet use dropped 50 percent after the law changed in 2000, and that motorcycle deaths and injuries have as expected have drastically increased, up till 2005. Bikers who decline to wear a helmet and suffer an accident are a strain on health-care resources. It then falls on taxpayers to bail out the riders for their risky behavior. The status quo also places an unfair burden on automobile drivers, who share the road with motorcyclists. Drivers who ACCIDENTLY collide with riders will incur higher cost, all because of the motorcyclist's refusal to wear a helmet.

Florida motorcycle crashes and injuries had increased from 1997-2007.

Florida motorcycle fatalities have increased from 1997-2006, but decreased slightly in 2007. That could be in part because of the Motorcycle Awareness Program.

Are the lacks of riders who do not wear a helmet the reason for the increase in motorcycle accidents? Or could it be because of the increase in the use of cell phones while driving?

In 2010, 3092 people wear killed, 416,000 injured because of distracted drivers.

18 percent of all injury crashes were distracted affected crashes. In June 2011, more than 196 billion text messages were sent and received in the United States, Up 50% from June 2009. 11% of all drivers under age 20, involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at time of crash. 40% of all teens say that they have been in a car when the driver used a cell phone in a way that put people in danger.

Drivers who use hand-held devices are 4 times more likely to get into crashes. Text messaging creates a crash risk 23 times worse than driving while not distracted. Head set phone use is not substantially safer than hand-held use. Driving while using a cell phone reduces the amount of brain activity associated with driving by 37%. Florida is one of 11 states that does not have any regulations on cell phone use while driving. Now I wonder....Is the increase in motorcyclist deaths the result of the not wearing a helmet? Or could it be because of the increase in the use of cell phones and texting while driving, and they just are not looking to change lanes, and pull out in front of a motorcycle? Now you tell me, was that because he wasn't wearing a Helmet?

Dress for the Slide, not the Ride

David "Gimpy" Gregory

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Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish,

National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

NCOM CONVENTION LAPS THE CIRCLE CITY Indianapolis is known for its world famous racetrack, but few people realize that the first race ever ran at the “brickyard” was with motorcycles way back in 1909. After more than a century, we’re still in a race -- but it’s not a shiny trophy we’re out to win, but our rights as riders.

The 27th annual NCOM Convention was held over Mother’s Day weekend, May 10-13, 2012 at the luxurious J W Marriot in Indy, and this yearly gathering drew bikers’ rights activists from across the country to discuss topics of concern to all riders; such as biker discrimination, motorcycle-only roadblocks, and mobilizing motorcyclists to advocate motorcycle-friendly legislation and defeat anti-biking bills. Early motorcyclists didn’t face many restrictions on themselves or their machines, and our goal as grass roots activists over the years has been to maintain our Freedom of the Road, while promoting a pro-motorcycling agenda to make roads safer for future riders.

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) is solely sponsored by the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) nationwide legal services program and serves as an umbrella organization for more than 2,000 NCOM Member clubs, organizations and associations worldwide, representing well over a quarter of a million politically active motorcyclists. NCOM has successfully outreached to numerous segments of the motorcycling community in an effort to unite for our rights, both legal and legislatively, and has become a unifying voice amongst North America’s motorcycle rights organizations (MROs), motorcycle clubs, women riders, religious riding organizations, touring groups, trikers, sportbikers, and minority motorcyclists.

All motorcyclists are welcome to attend the NCOM Convention, hosted this year by the Indiana Confederation of Clubs, and encouraged to participate in the many meetings, seminars and group discussions that focused on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride.

During the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to “Improving The Image of Motorcycling”, including; GOVERNMENT: Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels & former Congresswoman Gabrielle “Gabby” Gifford (D-AZ); MEDIA: Jeff “Twitch” Burns

– Outsiders M/C and Washington Confederation of Clubs & Jerry “Rotten” Remington – Unchained Brotherhood M/C and WA-COC; COMMERCE: Pastor Ron Baptiste – Covenant Confirmer Ministries M/M and founder of the first Biker Medical Clinic; LEGAL: John Daus – South Carolina AIM Attorney; SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Annette Torrez – Chairman of the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (NMMRO), Gene Mortimore – ABATE of Oregon, and Kimmy Chapman – Publisher of the Biker Information Guide (posthumously); and NCOM’s highest honor the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to South Dakota State Senator Jim “Putter” Putnam, longtime member of the NCOM Legislative Task Force.

Next year’s 28th Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 9-12, 2013 at the Silver Legacy Resort-Casino, 407 N. Virginia St. in Reno, Nevada. For further information, contact NCOM at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

HEALTH AGENCY PUSHES HELMETS WITH BOGUS FINDINGS

Researchers at the Centers For Disease Control are using flawed logic to promote their crusade for helmet laws, but “Garbage-In, Garbage-Out” numbers reveal helmet use is actually in indirect proportion to motorcycle fatalities.

In a newly-released CDC study of Fatal Accident Reporting System (FARS) data, the following has been quoted recently by media outlets from coast to coast; “According to a CDC analysis of fatal crash data from 2008 to 2010, a total of 14,283 motorcyclists were killed in crashes, among whom 6,057 (42 percent) were not wearing a helmet. In the 20 states with a universal helmet law, 739 (12 percent) fatally injured motorcyclists were not wearing a helmet, compared with 4,814 motorcyclists (64 percent) in the 27 states with partial helmet laws and 504 (79 percent) motorcyclists in the three states without a helmet law.”

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) looked over the CDC’s own numbers and found some serious faults in their findings: First off, if 6,057 motorcyclists were not wearing helmets of the 14,283 motorcyclists who were killed in crashes during the 3-year study period, that means that 8,226 riders (58%) WERE wearing helmets when they died, meaning that the vast majority of motorcyclist fatalities nationwide wore helmets!

Using the CDC’s twisted logic, nearly half of all motorcyclists killed were in the 20 states that required them to wear a helmet!

If the agency's numbers are to be believed, between 64-78% of riders in the 30 partial and no-helmet law states legally chose to ride without a helmet, yet only 38% of the fatalities involved non-helmeted riders, so helmet use is astonishingly over-represented in motorcyclists' mortality statistics!

But the CDC also touts that 12% of the biker deaths in helmet law states were not wearing a helmet. The most amazing thing about this figure is that helmet use rates approach 100% in helmet law states and virtually no one rides without one at the risk of facing hefty fines! What the government's numbers most likely reveal, if they have any legitimacy at all, is that helmets come off in about one in ten fatal accidents. This revelation is consistent with prior estimates, and seriously skews their other helmet use/non-use data, because it would mean considerably more riders were wearing helmets up to the moment of their demise than previously anticipated, which means all the Center's fiscal extrapolations are meaningless as well. Another gem proffered by the CDC to bolster their helmet law push is that while motorcycles represent only 3% of registered vehicles they represent nearly 14% of traffic fatalities. But when you consider that motorcycles offer little in the way of physical protection during a collision, unlike cars with airbags, crumple zones and impact-absorbing structures, it's easy to understand why motorcyclists seldom have fender-benders...yet auto drivers routinely walk away from high-speed impacts.

The true numbers are pretty clear; a previous DOT Traffic Safety Facts Research Note states in 2010 that 54% of all U.S. motorcyclists were observed wearing a helmet when they rode, whether by choice or by law, and since the CDC says 58% of fatally injured riders wore a helmet at that time, then helmets obviously are not designed to protect against fatal injuries.

MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES REMAIN STEADY
U.S. motorcyclist fatalities have remained roughly the same over the past three years, following a sharp decline in 2009, according to preliminary data recently released by the Governors Highway Safety Association.

In a May 21 report, the GHSA projects the final tally for 2011 will be very close to the 4,502 fatalities reported for 2010 and the 4,469 deaths in 2009, which represented a dramatic 16% decline from 2008.

Earlier, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration projected that overall motor vehicle fatalities declined 1.7% in 2011, reaching their lowest level since 1949, but the GHSA says high gas prices are

driving more people to ride motorcycles.

Motorcycle deaths increased in 26 states for the first nine months of last year, declined in 23 states, and remained unchanged in one. "States with fewer motorcyclist fatalities attributed the decrease to poor cycling weather, reduced motorcycle registrations and motorcycle travel, increased law enforcement, rider training, and motorcycle safety education," according to the GHSA report. "States with more fatalities cited good cycling weather, increased motorcycle registrations and travel, and a return to normal levels after an abnormally low fatality count in 2010."

FEDERAL LAWMAKERS SEEK TO BAN MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS

Federal lawmakers have sent a bipartisan letter to the leadership of a key House-Senate conference committee to urge support for legislation that prohibits federal funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints. Reps Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and Tom Petri (R-WI) were joined by 29 congressional colleagues who sent the letter on May 25 urging the panel to include H.R. 904 and H.Res. 239 in the surface transportation reauthorization conference report.

H.R. 904 would prohibit the U.S. Transportation Secretary from providing grants or any funds to a state or local government to be used for programs to check helmet usage or to create motorcycle-only checkpoints.

H.Res. 239 would support efforts to retain a ban on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA's) ability to lobby state legislators using federal tax dollars and urges the agency to focus on motorcycle crash prevention and rider education and training.

"There is broad bipartisan support on Capitol Hill, and among motorcycle groups across the country, for efforts by Congress to prohibit the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) from funding motorcycle-only-checkpoints (MOCs)," the letter states, further noting that "We take motorcycle safety seriously and want NHTSA to focus its safety efforts on proven lifesaving methods."

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD RECOGNIZES VIABILITY OF MOTORCYCLES

Congressional Motorcycle Safety Caucus Member and House Highways and Transit Subcommittee Chairman John Duncan (R-TN) entered a statement to the Congressional Record on May 18 recognizing motorcycles and scooters as viable transportation options for many Americans. Previously, President Obama had proclaimed May 15 through May 21 as

National Transportation Week and acknowledged that America needs a safer transportation network that will provide more transportation choices.

“As a Member of the Congressional Motorcycle Safety Caucus, I would like to highlight one such choice and point out that two wheeled vehicles can be transportation options for many Americans,” said Chairman Duncan. “In his proclamation, the President called for increased transportation options that cut commuting time, ease traffic congestion, reduce oil consumption and lower greenhouse gas emissions. Motorcycles and scooters are options that can help to meet all of these goals. Motorcycles and scooters also have the advantages of being much cheaper than cars or trucks as well as considerably easier to park – and a lot of fun to ride.”

“I own a scooter myself and I enjoy riding when I get the opportunity,” said Duncan. “I encourage all riders to get trained, licensed and obey traffic laws, and I remind all road users to be aware of motorcyclists.”

OUTDOOR RECREATION REPRESENTS MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY

Americans spent over half a trillion dollars enjoying the great outdoors last year, according to a newly released joint study that documents the continued growth and significance of outdoor recreation to the economies of our individual states and the nation overall.

The Motorcycle Industry Council, along with the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association and Specialty Vehicle Institute of America, collaborated with the Western Governors’ Association and other outdoor industry groups to fund a report on the combined economic impact of motorized and non-motorized outdoor recreation. The findings of this first-of-a kind study show the outdoor recreation industry generated \$646 billion in national sales and services in 2011.

The full report is titled “A Snapshot of The Economic Impact of Outdoor Recreation,” and can be found at www.westgov.org/reports. According to MIC Senior Vice President, Government Relations, Kathy Van Kleeck, the MIC will soon release information specific to the motorized recreation sector, and the WGA and the outdoor recreation industry partners will release state-by-state data later in the year. “The state-by-state information will be particularly useful in our government relations efforts to promote motorized recreation and advocate for off-highway vehicle opportunities,” said Van Kleeck.

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO DO BURNOUTS

When officials cracked down on motorcyclists doing

burnouts at this year’s annual Myrtle Beach Spring Rally, a local biker bar made a federal case out of it, literally. Now it will be up to a judge to decide if doing burnouts - revving a motorcycle’s engine while applying the front brake to let its back tire spin to create noise and smoke - is a constitutionally-protected right. Horry County cracked down on burnouts during bike festivals last year, issuing a special event permit to Suck Bang Blow that limited the activity to between noon and 9 p.m. and only at the rear of the bar’s building. This year, the county issued a permit that banned burnouts altogether.

SBB, which claims the activity has been a regular feature of bike rally events at the bar since it opened in 1996, obtained a temporary restraining order against the county just before the May rally, allowing the burnouts to continue at least for now.

In a lawsuit filed in state court, SBB claims that burnouts are among several activities patrons participate in while “expressing their manliness and macho, as all males are prone and inclined to do to a greater or lesser degree.” The bar says burnouts are “expressive performances to the public” and is protected by the First Amendment.

Horry County, in its response to the lawsuit, calls burnouts a “public nuisance” and says it “is expressly authorized by state statute to abate public nuisances.” The county denies that it has violated any Constitutional rights, but since the lawsuit deals with federal rights it should be heard in federal court. A decision could come just in time for next year’s rally, with a jury trial scheduled to begin on May 6, 2013.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: Wisconsin’s embattled Governor Scott Walker, following his strong win in the state’s recent recall election, sees support from Wisconsinites not just a ticket to govern, but also a ticket to ride; “I’m gonna go ride my Harley all around the state of Wisconsin. Who knows where I’ll end up. I’m just getting on the motorcycle and riding,” he told Fox News.

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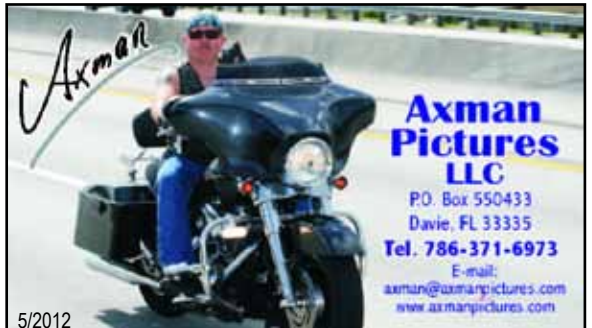
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