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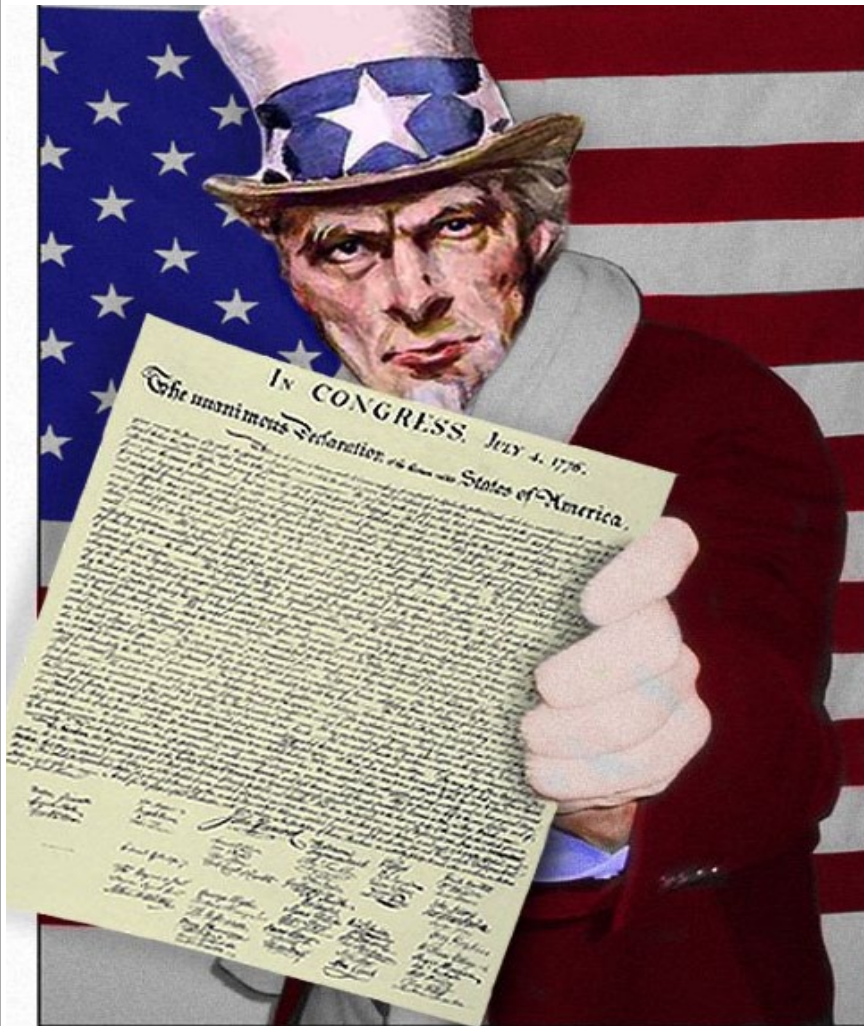
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Jack "Jack the Wack" Meinero
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Jerry Wojcik
David "Woody" Woodruff

Membership Due

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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes June 23, 2013

Sgt @ Arms, George "GEO" Bograkos called the meeting to order at 10:12 am. There were 87 members, 9 guests. Total in attendance: 96. That's not a misprint 96 is the largest amount of members ever present for a meeting. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and a prayer by our Chaplain "Poppi".

Presidents Report

BARS thanked all members for coming, there were no new members today but what a showing of support from our brother MC's and Associations with representation today from Brothers of the Third Wheel, Keltics MC, American Legion Riders, Dirty White Boys, Scurvy Few MC Stateside Chapter, Wings of Gold, VVA 23, Legion Post 321, American Freedom Riders, Widows and Sons, Masonic Riders, States MC, US Military Vets MC, Der Krieger MC. A very special "Thank You" to all of our members who came out to make our Memorial Day Event a HUGE success.

Vice-Presidents Report

Poppi thanked all our members for all the help at Café 27. It was the most successful event he had ever seen in all his years' with the chapter.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of May's meeting as printed in the newsletter. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Frank read the financial report for May. A motion was made to accept the financial report for May, all in favor motion passed. Frank reported on advantages of getting our tax status changed. We are currently a 501(C) 4 tax status and we want to change to a 501(C) 3 tax status category for the IRS. This would give us tax exempt status where all donations etc would be tax deductible. A motion was made, seconded that the SE Chapter is in favor for the State Office to pursue the changing of our status. Unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

Sergeant at Arms Report

Geo thanked all our members for coming out today and also for being there for our Memorial Day Event. He also thanked the members for all of their support while he was Sergeant @ Arms. He has held a number of board positions over the years and it is now time to step aside and pass the mantle. Thank you GEO for all your years of service to the Southeast Chapter

Road Captain's Report

Wrench was excused. No report

Safety Directors Report

Dave was excused. BARS reported when we order safety products from the state, there

Is going to be a 7.50 service charge added for each chapter's products order to offset the cost of gas to get the products delivered to the state meeting.

Products Report

Cathy and Joel have products. If you need anything, fell free to give them a call at 954-818-4481. Just a reminder, we have the ability to accept credit cards.

Events Coordinator

Princess Sharon reported we are starting to work on our next event which will be held in October. We have a few places in mind, if you have any suggestions please contact her. October will be here before we know it.

State Reps Report

This month's state meeting was held at Cape Coral. Full details of the meeting will be published in the Masterlink. Highlights include: 2014 Bike Week Contract has been signed. Take off your vests and take a look at the patches you have sewn on. We are an organization who's primary focus is motorcycle safety and motorcycle rights. Use common sense & good judgment. The President of the Senate for the State of Florida played us for a bunch of fools. He waited to the very last minute to bring up our bill to the floor for a vote. Waiting to the last minute gave no time to vote so no vote was taken. It is our responsibility to vote for those persons who will support US. When you take our state membership, their family's etc we probably have a voting block over 50,000. I hope those running for office keep that in mind for the future.

Membership Report

George reported we have 659 members on the books. We also have Life Members Cards for: Hugh McPhee, Steve Mendelson and Timothy Galdencio. We are still #1 in the state. 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

Old Hippy reported this will be his last newsletter published. July's newsletter will be taken care of by you new newsletter editor "Wildcat". Old Hippy has done an outstanding job in putting the newsletter together. It is not an easy job. It is easier being on the Executive Board. Thank you Bobby for everything you

have done.

Legislative Report

Bars reported on the following: HB 7125, HB 7225 and HB 904

Public Relations

Fern Was Excused. You can always find her at an event promoting ABATE.

Advertising

Pixie reported all advertising was up-to-date. We have a few invoices to be dropped off. Please Use Her Email Address For Any Advertising Questions Or Issues: Pixie33@Comcast.Net. Support our advertisers, they support us.

Social Directors Report

Patty was excused. ACE reported we had a great turnout for this month's party which was held at Luke's. Remember - "It's on the way home".

Newsletter Distribution

Charlie reported all is going well. Our deliverers are doing a great job. They are being pro-active making deliveries. We are making adjustments each month, if a business has none left, we will try to increase their amount as on the other hand, if they have leftovers we decrease their amount.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob reported we did a great job providing our members with water etc at our Memorial Day Event.

Photographer's Report

No report

Web-Master's Report

Rogue reported web is up and running. Closing in on 10,000 hits.

Legal Council

Demetrious reported there was nothing to report.

Old Business

Our chapter secretary placed his vote if favor of all of our members who are running for office unopposed. We will take a break while the votes are counted for those offices that had multiple nominations. Supervisor of Elections Steve Chomak announced the results of the voting for those positions which had multiple nominations and the number of votes received:

President

Robert "BARS Calabrese" - 49
Robert "Old Hippy Leavitt" - 37

Sergeant @ Arms

Jimmy "Les" Lesniak - 61
Curtis "Stretch" Levin - 9
Martin "Tank" Essenburg - 9
Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff - 4

State Representatives

Demetrious Kirkiles - Delegate - 61
Robert "Old Hippy" Leavitt - Delegate - 50
Robert "BARS" Calabrese - Alternate - 28
Paul A. Melcer - Alternate - 8

Membership Trustee

George "Blue Trike" Torrence - 58
Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff - 24

Legislative Liaison

Brad Winston - 48
Robert "Old Hippy Leavitt" - 36

Steve also stated if anyone has an issue with the way the elections and voting process was handled to speak up now. He repeated this 4 times. He does not want to get a phone call as he has received in the past from the state office questioning what happened at the elections. What happens in our house, stays in our house if you did not like the process or how it was handled say so now. Not 1 member raised their hand. Thank you Steve for the tremendous job you did this year in handling the election process.

New Business

None

Good of the Order

Right after today's meeting - Wings of Gold Event 6-29-13 ABATE of Florida Palm Beach Chapter at Renegades 6-30-13 ABATE Group Ride to celebrate the anniversary of HB1911 this gave us Freedom of Choice

Check the hotline for updates. 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 11:45am

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

Paul A. Melcer





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President's Message



On behalf of myself and the Board of Directors and all of the members of the Southeast Chapter of ABATE, Inc. we wish everybody a safe and happy 4th of July.

I would like to add a little more about the Memorial Day Event that we had at Café 27 on May 26th. In my eight plus years of being with ABATE I do not ever remember the Southeast Chapter of ABATE having this many people at one of our parties. There were over a thousand people through the gate. I would like to thank the Vets from the Sandy Ninenger Nursing Home and all the Vets from all the wars and conflicts we had over the last seventy years. As usual there was not a dry eye in the place, myself included when Soulicide played the Star Spangled Banner. There are too many people to thank and I know I might miss someone so I will thank everyone who made our Memorial Day event a great one.

On Saturday May 8th VP Poppie and myself took a ride to the ABATE of Florida, Inc. state meeting in Cape Coral. We met at 84 Diner for the ride over there. We decided before we left for the west coast that we would take the cage there because of all the rain that they were having over there and with our luck we hit on rain at all. Even with a map we still did an ABATE u-turn or two to get to the meeting. With all the State Meetings that I have been to over the years I will have to say that this one will stand out. State meetings are usually held at a hotel or the local American Legion, VFW Hall, etc but this one was held at a Country and Western Bar called the Dixie Roadhouse in Cape Coral. I could not believe how big this place is. I will be sure to check it out again when I go to see my good friend Chef from the Lone Legion Brotherhood M.C.

On Saturday, June 15th the Southeast Chapter of ABATE held its June Birthday Party at Luke’s Place. Luke’s is owned by Kathleen and Royce who are both life members of ABATE. I would like to thank Patti Dollard for being our Social Director this past year. Patti would try to make sure that we held our parties at places that also advertised in our newsletter. Saturday’s party was unlike any others I have been to. When it was time to sing Happy Birthday and cut the cake (provided by Luke’s) the band called “The Pitbull of Blues Band” played one of the best versions of Happy Birthday I have ever heard. If you are ever out at clubs where they are playing ask them to play it for you. To find out where they are playing, visit their website isbookings@thepitbullofblues.com.

I would also like to thank the Southeast Chapter of ABATE, Inc. for reelecting me as your President for another year. I am lucky enough to keep the present Board of Directors; Poppie as Vice-President, Paul as Secretary and Frank T. as Treasurer. We are all looking forward to another great year.

Remember

HERE TODAY GONE TODAY
 Bars



From the Vice President



Bars and I went to the state meeting in Cape Coral on June 8, it was very interesting. If you never been to a state meeting, you should try to get to one. It's a good thing to see how everything is done at a State level. Interesting speakers, and you get to meet some of our State leaders, along with meeting up with members from all over the State, and get a insight on how other chapters operate.

Our Memorial Day Event went very well, I believe we had about 1000 people attend. Everything went off well thanks to all the help our chapter members gave I'd like to thank everybody in person but just about everybody helped in one way or the other, so I say thank you to all we couldn't have done it without you. Thank You.

Also a real big Thank You to all the MC's that supported us for, our Event, and for all their support through the year they give us. Without you we can't do what we do. Also thanks to all the Independents, all the Associations, and all of the biker community that support Abate, remember we are a motorcycle rights advocate, we try to make the roads safer for all of us on bikes, and try to make the cagers more aware of us, we do have as much right to the roadways as they do.

In closing again in the name of Abate South East Chapter, we give a whole hearted Thank You!!!!

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When the American Revolutionary War began in 1775, few colonists in British North America openly advocated independence from Great Britain. Support for independence grew steadily in 1776, especially after the publication of Thomas Paine's pamphlet Common Sense in January of that year. In the Second Continental Congress, the movement towards independence was guided principally by an informal alliance of delegates eventually known as the "Adams-Lee Junto", after Samuel Adams and John Adams of Massachusetts and Richard Henry Lee of Virginia.

On May 15, 1776, the revolutionary Virginia Convention, then meeting in Williamsburg, passed a resolution instructing Virginia's delegates in the Continental Congress "to propose to that respectable body to declare the United Colonies free and independent States, absolved from all allegiance to, or dependence upon, the Crown or Parliament of Great Britain". In accordance with those instructions, on June 7, Richard Henry Lee presented the resolution to Congress. The resolution, seconded by John Adams, had three parts:

That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved.

That it is expedient forthwith to take the most effectual measures for forming foreign Alliances.

That a plan of confederation be prepared and transmitted to the respective Colonies for their consideration and approbation.

Although it would shortly be outshone by the much more famous declaration, the Lee Resolution's passage was contemporaneously reported as the colonies' definitive declaration of independence from Great Britain. The evening of **July 2**, the Pennsylvania Evening Post reported: **This day the Continental Congress declared the United Colonies Free and Independent States**

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From the Editor's Desk

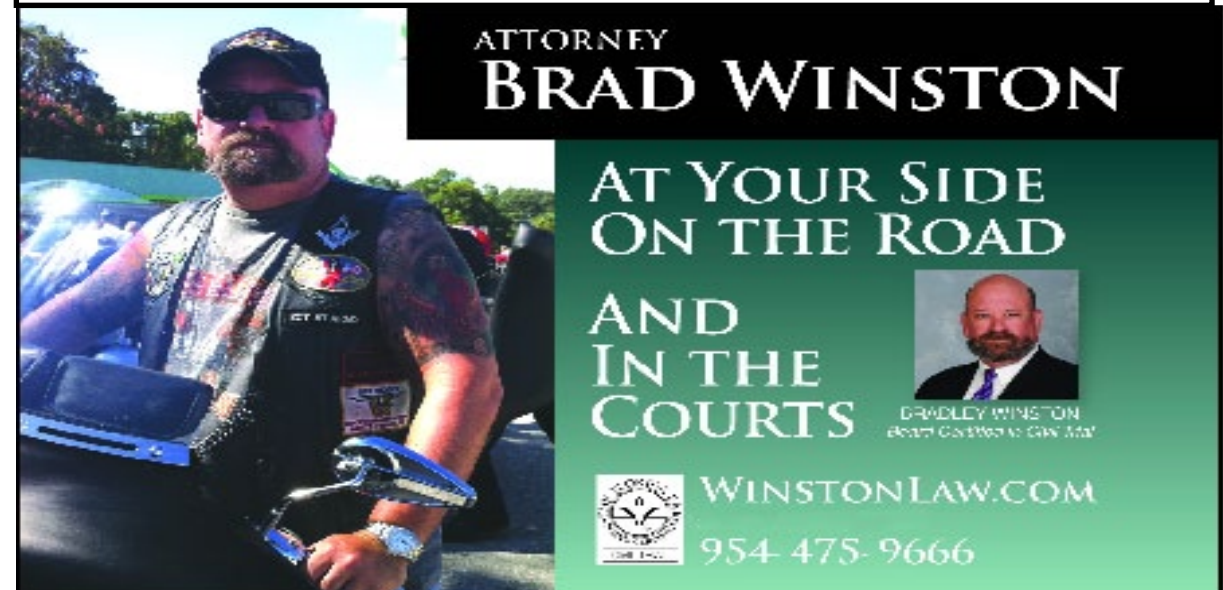
First off, this will be my last issue of being the editor of this newsletter. This by far, I feel is one of the most important and thankless position within the Chapter and I am VERY, I mean Very happy to say that this endeavor will go back to Wildcat again. With her expertise and keen ability, (due to her formal training), she will by far have an easier time putting this together than myself, who up until a little over a year ago didn't have a strong enough computer or the programs, let alone how to use them to do the job. It definitely was the most costly, time consuming, challenging and learning experience for me, even more than the 3 years I was President / Vice President on the Executive board combined.

This Newsletter is one of the most important goals that we have in this Chapter and it takes a concerted effort from the ones that help put it out there to make it happen. From Advertising, distribution to mailings, it is a job that needs to be done. Add our killer web site, which, also takes a lot of effort, we have one of the best ways to keep ALL riders informed and also to promote another of one of our goals, which is Motorcycle Safety.

Our Memorial Event turned out very well and is still is one of our major fund raisers for the year. It took a lot of effort and time, from the planning, marketing, (which it showed with all in independence), to execution to make it happen.

In closing;

Hope you had a safe and great 4th
OldHippy



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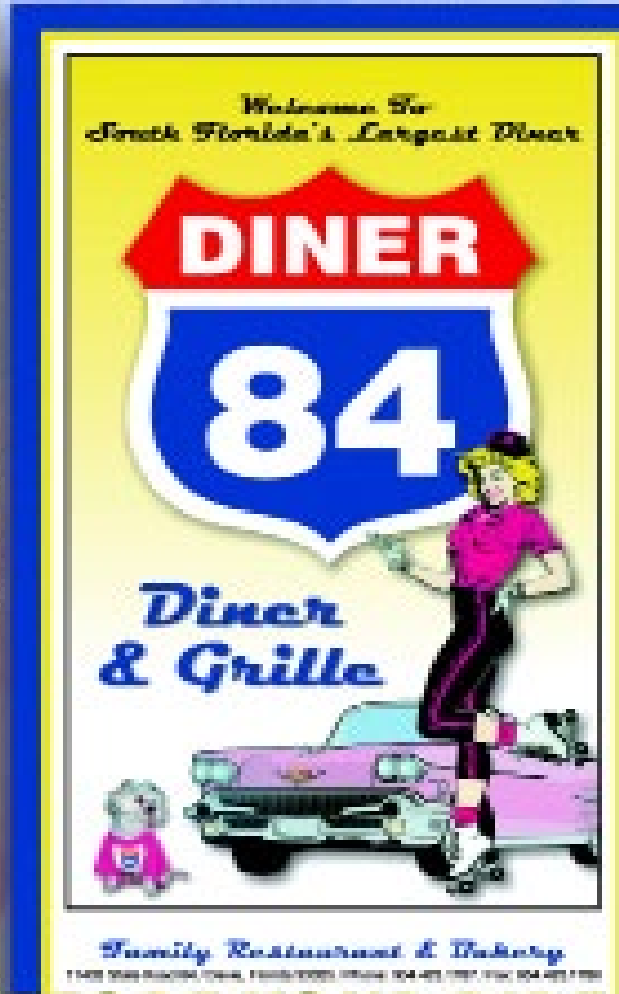
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The latter two parts of Lee resolution were not passed until months later. The second part regarding the formation of foreign alliances was approved in September 1776, and the third part regarding a plan of confederation was passed in November 1777.

The handwritten copy of the Declaration of Independence that was signed by Congress is dated July 4, 1776. The signatures of fifty-six delegates are affixed; however, whether or not Congress actually signed the document on this date has long been the subject of debate. Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and John Adams all wrote that the Declaration had been signed by Congress on July 4. But in 1796, signer Thomas McKean disputed that the Declaration had been signed on July 4, pointing out that some signers were not then present, including **several who were not even elected to Congress until after that date.**

According to the 1911 record of events by the U.S. State Department, under Sec. Philander C. Knox, the Declaration was transposed on paper, adopted by the Continental Congress, and signed by John Hancock, President of the Congress, on July 4, 1776.

On **August 2, 1776**, a parchment paper copy of the Declaration was signed by 56 persons. Many of these signers were not present when the original Declaration was adopted on July 4. One signer, Matthew Thornton, from New Hampshire, who agreed to the Declaration and having joined the Continental Congress,

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NEW MONTHLY EVENT- GIRLS NITE OUT Starting 8PM Wed July 17th Vendors, Live Music, Munchies, Games w Prizes, Grab Bags! BOGO on domestics & well \$3 Shot Specials Pink Pussies, Red Headed Sluts! Bring a guy and he gets his 2nd drink on us!

NY Dolls Tribute Show 9PM Friday. July 26th

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Just one among some – Forgotten Men

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Just living among those Forgotten Men

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JULY

- 20 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook off
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- 3 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Party
- 5-11 - 73rd Annual Sturgis Bike Week (New Date)
- 9-11, The 17th South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 11 - AOAMC 45th Anniversary Party

SEPTEMBER

- 7 - Outcast MC Party
- 8 - States Pompano MC 20th Key West Party
- 15 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party
- 19-22 Peterson's 40th Key West Poker Run
- 29 - Keltics MC Party

OCTOBER

- 5 - MYSTIC SEVEN MC Annual**
- 12 - New Attitudes MC Party
- 13 - SE ABATE Annual Party
- 18-20 Biketoberfest
- 26 - Wheels of Man Deerfield Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

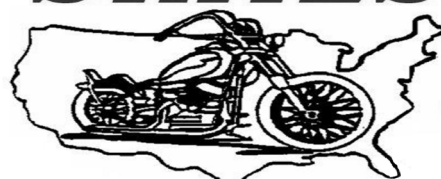
- 9 - USMVMC CH 1 Annual**
- 9 - CMA Memorial Event
- 16 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Party

DECEMBER

- 8 - SFLCOC Toys in the Sun Run**
- 14 - Toy Run Bike Drawing at Peterson's Harley
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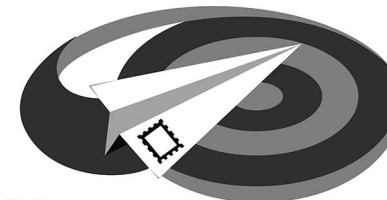
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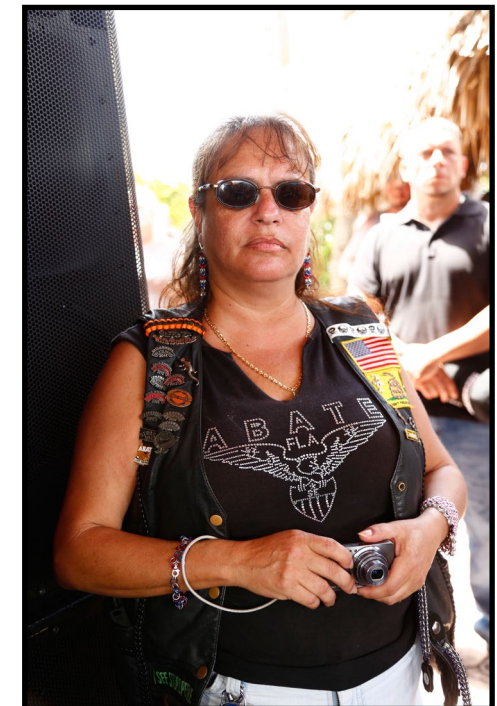
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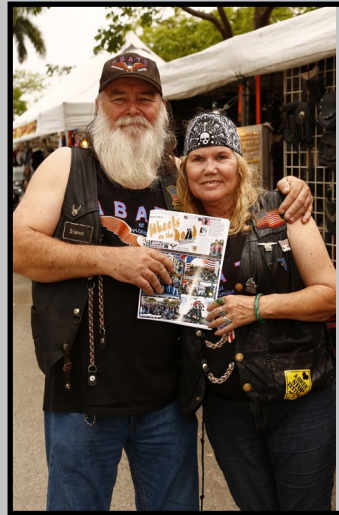
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We were up in Bonafay, that's in the Panhandle. We were attending the backwoods bash- that was one of ABATE 's State meetings. It's about a ten hour ride, and it was in August.

We stayed the weekend and it was Sunday morning and we were heading home. We just had breakfast at the local Waffle House, and getting ready to leave.

It was Chuck Widle, Big Ed, Big Wheel, Val, a few more and myself. I can't remember everybody off hand.

Chuck mentioned to me there was nothing on the radio but country music, and he was tired of listening to it. I offered him one of my cassettes, I had a few with me. I gave him what I thought was a rock & roll cassette, but when it started playing I heard it was one of my praise & worship cassettes. I offered to give him another one but he said no, that he would listen to it, it was ok, and we headed out.

We headed east on I 75, and the weather wasn't bad but it was cloudy and looked like it might rain. As we headed east it started to look more like rain but didn't. We got all the way to Sebring with the loud volume of that praise and worship tap and **NO RAIN**. We stopped at the Wild Turkey bar and it had rained while we were in there but we didn't get wet when we left, **NO RAIN** on us!!!

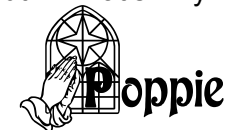
Headed south on US 27 and we could see rain on both sides of us, and in front of us and it was raining behind us the road was wet but **NO RAIN** on us. At one time we could see a rain storm in front of us, looking like we were going to ride right into it , and guess what, **NO RAIN** on us. Playing that tape, we stayed dry.

We made it to Holiday Park where they had a memorial for Keith earlier that day and we wanted to have a drink in his honor. Still **NO RAIN** on us and wouldn't you know there was a beautiful rainbow waiting for us when we got there.

We called some friends around Ft Lauderdale and it was raining everywhere around town but needless to say **NO RAIN** on jus !!! We rode about 1200 to 1500 more miles in the next few months and as long as we played that praise & worship cassette, which only worked in Chuck's radio, and for all those miles we rode and had **NO RAIN** on us

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Let me be the first to thank our good friend and brother Gimpy for the fine job he did as the previous Safety Director. Neither I nor anyone could ever imagine filling his shoes.

Well here we go again. It's Hurricane Season and that that means it's going to rain almost daily making riding miserable for us all. You will surely get caught in the rain at some point this season. The best solution is to pull over under a covered area or grab a cup of coffee and wait it out. You know what they say, "its Florida, wait 5 minutes and the sun will be shining".

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This is also a good time to ask yourself, when was the last time I check my tires and brakes? (We will be covering maintenance in another article.) Both the tires and brakes are crucial in our ability to stopping in time and can make a difference whether we get there safe or becoming another statistic. We must also need to keep in mind that drivers in cages have a hard time seeing Bikers when the sun is out; let alone when the skies are grey and rain is pouring down on their windows. Make sure to check the lights and signals on your bike as well, it helps us to see and also to be seen. Be careful, stay alert, be aware of your surroundings, anticipate others movements, and slow down.

One more thing, make sure you have a good motorcycle rain suit, one that fits properly; rain covers for your boots, and gloves. Don't forget protective eye wear and I recommend a mask of some kind, either half face or full face. It wouldn't hurt to also wear a helmet either.

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National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) FEDERAL RULE WILL REQUIRE A "BLACK BOX" IN NEW VEHICLES

Congress failed to pass legislation that would have required manufacturers to install event data recorders (EDRs) in all new vehicles, so a federal safety agency is using its rulemaking authority to mandate that all new cars sold in the United States be equipped with so-called "black boxes" - capable of capturing what happened in the moments before and during a crash.

Citing privacy concerns, House Republicans had succeeded in removing a Senate provision requiring EDRs from the final transportation bill last year, so the Obama administration is bypassing the legislative process in favor of the administrative rule.

Insisting the devices are meant for crash investigation purposes, and not for invading privacy, the U.S. DOT National Traffic Safety Administration mandate will require all automobiles and light trucks manufactured after September 1, 2014 to have an EDR device that stores driving information for federal investigators.

Automotive EDRs are similar to -- though not nearly as sophisticated as -- the black boxes used in commercial airliners, and they are already installed in nearly 92% of today's vehicles, according to industry officials, and provide important information for industry engineers and, in some circumstances, law enforcement authorities.

But Horace Cooper of the National Center for Public Policy Analysis called the move "an unprecedented breach of privacy for Americans." Cooper said that contrary to what is being claimed, EDRs "can and will track the comings and goings of car owners and even their passengers" -- and what they can record is virtually unlimited.

In the meantime, U.S. Representatives Mike Capuano (D-MA) and Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) have announced their intentions to introduce the "Black Box Privacy Protection Act" that will protect drivers' and riders' rights by requiring dealers to disclose to consumers if a vehicle is equipped with an EDR, would require manufacturers to allow consumers to deactivate the device, and clarifies that the owner of the vehicle owns the data and it cannot be accessed without permission.

"Consumers should have control over the information collected by event data recorders in vehicles that they own and they should have the option of disabling the device if they choose to do so. This is a basic issue of privacy," said Rep. Capuano.

DESPITE MEDIA HYPE, MOTORCYCLING IS SAFER

Record numbers of motorcycles over the past few years have resulted in an increased number of annual motorcyclist fatalities, and in light of overall motor vehicle fatalities steadily decreasing gives the impression that motorcycling is becoming more dangerous, but just the opposite is true.

While so-called safety experts point to more and more states relaxing their helmet laws as the root of all this evil, it's in fact a numbers game that motorcycle enthusiasts are winning.

Over the past five years, since 2007 when there were just over seven million motorcycles in the U.S., motorcycle registrations nationwide have ballooned to eight and a half million; an increase of 15% more motorcycles on the road today, while at the same time fatalities per 100,000 registered motorcycles has actually decreased by nearly a quarter! Moreover, over the past decade motorcycle registrations have risen 40.7% (from 5,004,156

in 2002 to 8,437,502 in 2011), but the fatality rate dropped 17.3% (from 65.35 per 100K to 54.66). Check out the most current statistics acquired by the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), compared to motorcycle registration numbers found on the U.S. DOT Federal Highway Administration website:

Year - Registered Motorcycles / Rider Fatalities = Fatality Rate per 100,000 Motorcycles
2007 - 7,138,476 / 5,174 = 72.48
2008 - 7,752,926 / 5,312 = 68.52
2009 - 7,929,724 / 4,469 = 56.35
2010 - 8,009,503 / 4,518 = 56.40
2011 - 8,437,502 / 4,612 = 54.66

**NOTE: According to these data analyzed by the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, motorcycle registrations have increased 15.4% over the past five years, while fatalities decreased by 10.9% and the fatality rate declined 24.6%...why isn't the news media reporting THESE facts?

GERMAN STUDY CLAIMS MOTORCYCLE HELMETS COULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY SAFER

A study carried out by the German Hohenstein Institute in Bönningheim shows that motorcycle helmets could indeed be a lot safer if some other measurements would be taken into account, concluding that inner shell size alone is not enough for providing the best protection-to-fit ratio, and the head shape is just as critical.

The Hohenstein Institute study narrowed the head shapes to 6 major categories, with an amazing width variance of 3.5 cm (1.37"), determining that one helmet size cannot possibly offer the best fit for all these head shapes, even provided the circumference is the same.

With the way the inner impact layer fits on the rider's head being one of the critical elements in shock absorption and G-dispersion, it's apparent that the same shape will create different pressure points on a motorcyclist's skull, leading to various outcomes in similar crash conditions.

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liner result in less optimal protection in case of an impact, and such anthropometric head data could improve helmet design and manufacturing significantly, should the leading brands take notice of the study's finding.

JAYHAWKERS SEE THE LIGHT

The Kansas legislature unanimously passed House Bill 2318 which allows a motorcycle's headlamp to be wired with a headlamp modulation system, which must meet federal standards. The bill also allows certain types of lights on the sides of motorcycles, visible only from the side and not from the front or rear and to not protrude beyond or outside the body or wheel of the motorcycle. The side lights may emit white, amber, or red light without glare. The legislation was signed into law on April 4, 2013 by Governor Sam Brownback and goes into effect July 1st.

RED-LIGHT CAMERA COMPANIES FIGHT LAWS AND RULINGS AGAINST TICKET CAMS

Purveyors of red-light cameras continue their quest to place cameras on every street corner in the nation, and one strategy is to put the hit on states that have traditionally been "protected" from cameras either through legislation or court ruling.

Redflex lobbyists recently swarmed over the Minnesota Statehouse pushing a bill to allow ticket cameras into the state. The bill was written to thwart a 2007 Minnesota Supreme Court ruling that Minneapolis' red-light camera program was unconstitutional. The bill was defeated in committee, thanks in part to the efforts of ABATE of Minnesota and the National Motorists Association (NMA).

In Michigan, where a 2007 ruling from the state's attorney general has been keeping cameras at bay, recently introduced camera legislation has turned Michigan into the latest photo enforcement battleground state.

The NMA (www.motorists.org) warns that if you live in one of the 15 states that have taken steps to keep cameras out, stay alert. Chances are that a camera company lobbyist is cozying up to a friendly state lawmaker with a nice campaign donation

and a pre-written camera bill that needs support. HONDA & BMW EXPERIMENT WITH "AUTO CANADIAN INSURER TO TRACK MOTORCYCLIST BEHAVIOR WITH "TELEMATICS" With an eye to calibrating insurance rates, Saskatchewan Government Insurance plans to use new technology to track how fast and how far motorcycles go. It's called telematics and someday could be used to help set insurance rates, among other things, but for now SGI is just trying the technology out with a pilot program.

It's looking for several hundred motorcycle users to volunteer to have their bikes equipped with telematic
POPE BLESSES HARLEYS & RIDERS
Thousands of Harley riders from around the world were blessed by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, June 16 as one of the stops in a worldwide celebration of the famous motorcycle maker's 110th anniversary, which will roar across 11 countries before concluding in Milwaukee over Labor Day Weekend.

Choral music mixed with revving engines as the Holy Father blessed a sea of Harley-Davidson motorcycles and riders from all parts of the planet flocking to Italy over the weekend of June 13-16 to celebrate Harley-Davidson's milestone, and earlier in the weekend festivities, the leader of the Roman Catholic Church was presented with two white classic Harley-Davidson motorcycles for use by Papal police and his own black leather jacket. Get in on the action while the anniversary tour is still in high gear. Check out www.110.Harley-Davidson.com for schedules and cities.

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