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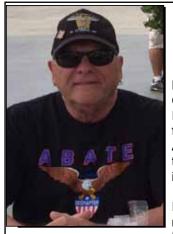
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from Your Prezident

ABATE President's Newsletter Article JULY 2016

Elections are over. Never did I think I would be president of the Southeast Chapter of ABATE. But don't get me wrong, I will not take my job lightly. I have been blessed because every board and trustee position has been filled with dedicated men and women who all believe in Motorcycle Safety, Awareness and Biker Rights. We are the only Motorcycle rights organization in Florida and we have a full time lobbyist working to keep our rights intact.

I Before I go any further I want to thank our past President Frank T. Hammons for stepping up last year and ensuring that this chapter did not fold. He worked very hard and I have some big shoes to fill. Let's not forget

our past Vice President Frank "Poppie" Cocchi. Poppie is also our Chaplain and as such he was planning to step down as Vice President last year, but being the dedicated man that he is he stayed on as Vice President one more year. Thank you Poppie. Like many of us this past year Frank T and Poppie held more than one job, just like Rick "T-Man" Molina whom was both our Treasurer and Membership Person this last year.

Now a little about me. I've been with ABATE for four years. Three of which I have been the Safety Director and this past year the Road Captain too. I'm also a certified instructor for ABATE's Motor-cycle Safety and Awareness Program (MSAP). I was in the Army for three years, I served in Viet Nam and I'm a Purple Heart recipient. I served with the Eighth Special Forces Group in Panama, 173rd in Viet Nam and 82nd State side. Airborne all the Way. I had my first motorcycle when I was stationed in Panama in 1967. Thanks to the GI Bill I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business and an Associate's Degree in

Marketing. Now that's enough about me and buttering up to my predecessors.

Thank you to everyone that came out to our annual Memorial Day Party held at Mickey's Tiki Bar. The turnout was not as big as in the past and that could have been because several other bars and some dealerships held their own Memorial Day Event, but we are appreciative of all of you that did come out and support your motorcycle rights organization. The veterans from Sandy Nininger Retirement home sure had a good time and they loved talking to and flirting with all the cool biker chicks. The band Bombshell was playing all day and they were excellent. I look forward to hearing them again. Much thanks goes out to all of the ABATE members and their family (too numerous to mention them all) that helped make this event a success. And last but not least Thanks to Mickey's for hosting our event. Allan is always a gracious host.

Jimmy Les retired from the School Board of Miami Dade County and his retirement Party was held at the Keltic's Club House on June 3rd. What a great time. So many friends showed up to celebrate his retirement. So much food. Everything you your little heart desired. It was like as trip around the world. Music was provided by a two-man band called GIMME. The music was soft and mellow. So cool. June 9th was Gabe Carrera's "Engage Local Candidates" Meeting held at American Legion Post 180 in Plantation. ABATE had a Safety and Membership Table set up. There were more than 30 candidates

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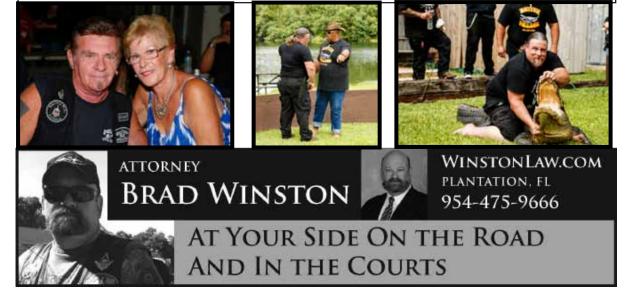
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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes

JUNE 20, 2016

Sgt at Arms Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak called the meeting to order at 10:12 am. There were 35 members and one guest. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence and a prayer by Poppie.

Presidents Report: Frank thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and told everyone Happy Father's Day. He reminded everyone that elections are today. He touched briefly on a few things that happened at the State Meeting. He mentioned the tickets for the State Party in October and the Rifle raffle tickets (say that one three times) And the issues in the Legislature.

<u>Vice-Presidents Report</u>: Poppi thanked everyone for coming and he spoke on his tenure as our VP.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed, with two corrections to the spelling of two names. Seconded, no discussion, all in favor; Motion was passed.

<u>**Treasurer's Report:</u>** T-Man thanked everyone he has worked with this year, then read the financial report for May/June. A motion was made to</u> accept the financial report, seconded, all were in favor, Motion was passed.

<u>Sergeant at Arms Report</u>: Steve reminded everyone about the schools that are still having classes thru the summer and warned about speeding. Tickets will be issued

Road Captain's Report: Gambler spoke Riding your Bike to Work Day and it started in 1992. And thanked everyone while he was Road Captain and asks all to do the same with John Viger whom is our new Captain. He also mentioned a couple of events coming up in June.

<u>Safety Director Report</u>: Gambler thanked everyone for helping with the Safety Booth at our event at Mickey's on Memorial Day. He spoke about the Tattoo Expo and anyone wanted to help at the booth, the Seminars in Vero Beach are July 9 & 10 the new Safety Director will attend – Duroy (Prime) Burnett.

<u>Products Report:</u> Frank is turning all our supplies to the new Products person, Frank (Road Dog) Gartin. A big Thank you was given to Mrs. Frank (Lisa) for ALL of help

Events Coordinator: Frank let Jimmy Les speak since is our new Events Coordinator. Jimmy thanked everyone for their help at our Annual at Mickeys and the Salute to the Military. He thanked everyone individually, with a special

thank you to Alan, the owner of Mickeys for leading the Pledge of Allegiance . And to T-Man and Jason; and the guys that did the 21 gun salute. Great job to all. A *very* moving ceremony. And lastly Suzanne for her help.

State Representative Report: Critter gave her report from the State Meeting that was held in Sebring, FL at the Elks Lodge. A synapsis is as follows: Dues are now \$20.00/\$600.00. insurance for runs is now \$378.50, three insurance companies have submitted quotes for insurance for ABATE. Senator Clemens is still at it. He is up for reelection in Palm Beach District 27 so if you know anyone in that District tell them to vote against Clemens. The Jacksonville stop issues was discussed and what they are watching and looking into is stopping every third car, then BIKE to make it look legal There is another Lawsuit pending against ABATE of Florida. The October party was discussed and the camping ground prices. The ride to Tallahassee dates still not certain. If you should win the rifle and cannot pass background check you will not get riffle

<u>Membership Report</u>: T-Man reported we had 8 new members join, 20 renews and 1 new Life members for a total of 540 active SE Chapter members. T-Man handed out the New Life Member Card and Patches. We also received a Certificate of Excellence from the State, for our Membership. Our newest member John Malone was recognized. Welcome John. A reminder, when submitting all membership forms PLEASE fill them out completely, send it in a timely manner, so that we can read it. Thank you very much for your support and membership to the Southeast Chapter.

Newsletter Editor: Squeezer was present and thanked everyone he had worked with during

his time as Newsletter Editor and mentioned he has given everything to Ada for her to take over including the new laptop.

Legislative Report: Brad spoke on the Helmet Bill that is being brought back in to the Legislation. We are going to have to watch this carefully. And when the bill comes out we need to hit up our representatives hard and heavy

<u>Public Relations</u>: Fern was excused. She is always out there promoting ABATE

Billing and Invoicing: Pixie was not present to report but all is well. Frank reminded everyone when getting a new add remember to get the application filled out and get the check. Please remember to support our advertisers, because they support us.

<u>Social Director's Report</u>: Patty spoke on how well the birthday party went. Next month's party will be at Chit Chats, July 23, 2016, starting at 7:30 p.m.

<u>Newsletter Distribution</u>: Poppi reported all is well and is doing a great job. He thanked everyone for all of their help with the deliveries.

Quartermaster Report: Bob was not present to report. But he is still our Quartermaster and best hotdog and burger cooker!

<u>**Photographer's Report:</u>** Ada reported she wants any and all pictures that anyone takes sent to her.</u>

<u>*Web-Master's Report:*</u> Rogue was absent but reported everything is up and running good.

Legal Council: Demetrios was present and reported on the Jacksonville issue with stops and check points and they it's a matter of time before there is a lawsuit filed.

<u>**Old Business:</u>** The Chapter secretary cast her vote on behalf of the chapter for all positions running unopposed. WE had a brief recess while the votes were being counted. Alice Calabrese elections chairperson announced the results of the voting for positions with multiple members running for office.</u>

The results are:

Vice-President – William "Rachet" Prewitt, Sgt. At Arms – Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak, State Reps. – Ada Hibbs & Joanne "Critter" Napoli, Alt. State Rep. – William "Rachet" Prewitt.

Your new ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter 2016 – 2017 Board of Directors and

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<u>New Business</u>: Gambler as new president took the floor and thanked everyone for their support and said he was lucky to have a board and trustees full of members who care as much as he does about this chapter and by working together we will have a great year. He then presented certificates of appreciation to the outgoing board members. Marie thanked Alice for her help in the elections.

Good of the Order: Going's On:

July 9th at the Moose, there will be a lobster dinner - \$23.00

Oct State Party was talked about, 3-day event July 1st Black Creek Chapter is having an event

The next state meeting is in Ocala, August 13, 2016

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is July 17, 2016, (my actual birthday) at the DAVIE MOOSE. Hope to see everyone there.

See you on the Road - Wheels up.

Marie Baxter, Secretary S· E Chapter,

(round three)



speaking, each of which gave their views and telling us where they stand, including on motorcycle rights, and we got to ask questions. When I say candidates I mean running for Sheriff, Judges, School Board, State House and much more. Plus, there were representatives speaking on behalf of Clinton, Trump and Johnson for President. It was quite an experience indeed.

June 11th was AOA's Memorial Event to celebrate and remember their past brothers who has passed away. No band was needed because this was a gathering of bikers to give our AOA brothers our support. Plenty of cool drinks and hot food. Rest in Peace my friends.

Sunday June 12th was the Wings of Gold Annual Stars and Stripes Party was held at the Carolina Ale House in Weston. My first time there and the Ale House is a really nice place for a party. Soulicide was playing and as always put on one hot show. We had our Safety and Membership Booth set up along with numerous other vendors. Even Sheriff Scott Israel came by to talk to the crowed. Some of the issues this year that we will be working on, along with many other Motorcycle Rights Organizations, are of course the Helmet Law, not just in Florida but across the entire country, and E-15 Ethanol being blended with the gas we use in our bikes. The newest thing on our agenda is the \$500,000.00 grant given to Duval County for the purpose to Profile motorcycles on the false pretense of stopping all types of vehicles to cut back on drunk driving and minimizing fatalities (my opinion). There could be as many as 60 different check points. By law these check point locations must be published in advance. More on these issues and others as we get additional information.

If you are a motorcycle enthusiast and you don't belong to the only motorcycle rights organization in Florida protecting your rights, ask yourself why not? Visit our website, (abatese.org) stop by our safety and membership booth or come by our meetings and find out more about ABATE and see what we are all about. Your membership includes a \$4,000.00 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy. We meet the third Sunday of each month at the Moose Lodge located at 4483 SW 64 Ave. (Davie Road) Davie FL 33314, and don't forget to pick up a copy of our monthly newsletter. The newsletter contains our meeting minutes, safety information, and much more. Plus, we will keep you informed of any and all legislation effecting your rights. Call our hot line at 954-310-4636 for our weekly updates on rides and club events. AS of July 1, 2016 Annual membership dues will remain \$20.00, Lifetime has increased to \$600.00.

Finally, ABATE of Florida, Inc is holding their Fall State Biker Bash October 7,8 & 9, 2016 at the Peace River Camp Ground 2995 NW Highway 70, Arcadia FL 34226. This is the States one big money maker for the year so please come out and support ABATE of Florida, Inc. There will be food, beverages, bands, 50 50's and on Saturday they will hosting the Iron Horse Rodeo. There is primitive camping available and numinous hotels close by. For additional information go to abateflorida.com. In addition, your local ABATE Chapter will be holding our 36th Annual Event in October as well. The tentative date is October 30. The location will be announced soon.

Until next time stay alert, stay alive.

Gambler

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Abate Southeast Chapter Vice President's Message July 2016.

First and foremost I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership that turned out for the June 19th meeting, and put their faith and trust in me by electing me as Southeast Chapter's new Vice President. I am honored to serve and represent ABATE of Florida, Inc., as it is (and you may well know) the only Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in Florida who's mission is to provide motorcycle safety education and driver awareness, as well as fighting to protect our constitutional rights as bikers, riders, and/or motorcycle enthusiasts.

For those of you that are not familiar with me, or even know who I am, I will now provide a brief background to enlighten: Born in Fort Lauderdale; grew up there but mostly in Plantation; served in the United States Army for six years on active duty then another two in the Florida Army National Guard; I attended Broward Community College (now referred to as Broward College) studied and received an Associates of Science in Networking Services Technologies with a Microsoft MCSE Option; then I attended Nova Southeastern University studied and received my Bachelors of Science in Paralegal Studies; life member of ABATE of Florida, Inc.; life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars; life member of the American Legion local member of Post 321 and Legion Riders of the same.

My commitment to ABATE of Florida, Inc. Southeast Chapter's mission runs strong and deep, like the roots of the trees in the mighty Redwood Forrest. In 1980, my father was murdered by a truck driver while riding home from work on his motorcycle (which for economic reasons was his only means of transportation). My father was not shot; stabbed, or bludgeoned he was run down. The truck driver's penalty was minimal our loss however was immeasurable. A couple of wise men, friends, mentors, and former Presidents of this chapter gave me a nickel's worth of free advice that was: "Never say anything negative in front of the membership." For the most part I agree and will adhere to that advice, however, I also believe that sometimes it is necessary to mention the negativity so that we may be motivated to strive towards the positive. One can never truly appreciate the light without first truly knowing the darkness.

Again I thank everyone that supports ABATE of Florida, Inc. and most especially Southeast Chapter. I am also compelled to mention that there are some rough roads ahead of us, as we will be called upon again to prevent certain legislation that is allegedly rising against us, and our attempts at passing legislation to ultimately benefit us. I urge the membership and it's supporters to be steadfast during these arduous times ahead and remember what motivates you as I mentioned above.

With that may Saint Christopher, Holy Patron of Travelers, guide and protect you and your loved ones so you may RIDE FREE AND RIDE SAFE my brothers and sisters!!!

With Honor and Respect,

William G. "Ratchet" Prewitt Vice President – ABATE SE Chapter





MewsLette Editor

Hello. My name is Ada Hibbs and I am your new Newsletter Editor for ABATE of FL., Inc., Southeast Chapter. Also included in my other titles for ABATE, I am the Photographer, the one behind the camera at many of the bike functions, and I am one of the Chapters Delegates representing our Chapter at our State meetings.

A brief introduction about myself. I joined ABATE approximately three and a half years ago. Not having a bike and not knowing how to ride, I decided that if anybody could offer some advice, ABATE was certainly the folks to ask. Little did I realize how much of a part of my life ABATE folks have become.

I have many ideas to submit to this newsletter. One includes doing a "Blast from the Past". And with that being said, I am hoping you will join me in submitting some of your photographs from days gone by.

As a reminder, elections are just around the corner.. If you haven't yet register to vote, please do so. And go out and vote.

If you would like to include some new ideas for our publications or comment, please do submit them as well.

I am looking forward to hearing from yall. Sincerely, AdaHibbs, Newsletter Editor news@abatese.us





















Hello,

To start, Thank you for electing me as your Road Captain. I can only hope to meet your expectations. A little about me, I have been riding for over 40 years, had a few years with no bike but luckily just a few.

I have been an ABATE member for a several years now. Actually it was Bars and Alice that got me to sign up the year that he became President. And have enjoyed the ride!

I hope you all will bear with me as this is unfamiliar territory for me, this being the news letter writing duty above the Road Captain duty. But I will always be open to suggestions and constructive criticism.

On Saturday, June 11th, Gambler and I rode to the AOA Memorial and met Jimmy Les there. They had great food and an actual gator pit. They had a real good turn out and those that were not there missed out.

On Sunday, June 12th, a group of us rode to the Wings of Gold Annual at Carolina Ale House in Weston. Gambler had the safety booth set up when we got there. Once again the booth was very well displayed. Of course good food and drink were available. All together it was a good time.

That's it for now, hope I get the chance to send out next month's letter....

Jon V, your Road Captain.





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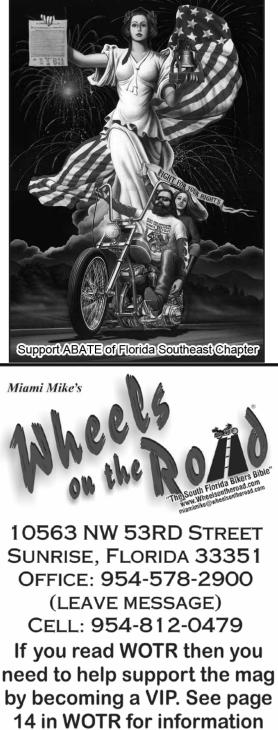
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SEPTEMBER 2016

4: SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN 5: Labor Day 11: STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY 16-18: PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN 25: KELTICS MC - PARTY

OCTOBER 2016

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- Fri USMV MC Ch 2 open house at 8PM (Dania Beach)
- Fri Der Krieger MC Open House at 8PM
- Fri Mystic 7 MC Open House... Ladies drink FREE!
- 1st Fri Soldiers for Jesus Open House 7-10PM
- 1st Fri Enforcers MC First Friday of Month Party
- 2nd & 4th Fri. Los Coquis MC open house, 954-274-5523
- 4th Fri American Legion Post 36 Bike Night
- Fri & Sat Keltics MC Open House, 954-864-9764
- 1st & 3rd Sat AOA MC Dania Open House
- 2nd Sat USMV MC Ft. Laud. Open House
- 2nd & 4th Sat Mystic 7 Open House Free Food
- Sun Wind Rider Church Services at Mickeys
- Mon States MC Pompano Dinner Nite 6 start
- Tues Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House
- Last Tues USMVMC Plm Bch Open House 561-715-2570
- Wed Scurvy Few MC, Open House, 954-325-6838
- Thurs Leathernecks MC Open House 8-mid
- Thurs Hermandad MC Open House, 8-2am, 305-299-4731
- 3rd Fri Wings of Gold MC Open House Davie







The God Webrust

Very happy to be ABATE SE Chaplain again, and we're getting a new co Chaplain, so you won't have to be stuck with me all the time. "Prime" is his name, and I think he will be a big help sharing the duties of Chaplain. Prime's assistant Chaplain is Paul Baglio who will also big a big help. We're looking forward to the new year.

We pray for the new B O D, and all the people taking leadership positions. Help them to have the knowledge and support they need to get their jobs done. We're looking forward to another great year for our Southeast Chapter.

God Bless all our brothers and sisters.

As always Your Chaplain Poppie







# <u>From Your Safety Director</u>





Good Day my Brother and Sister Bikers, My Name is Duroy R. Burnett Jr A.K.A Prime and I am your new Safety Director. In my new position, my mission is to make you safer riders, weather you are a seasoned rider or a new rider on the road.

As we approach this summer here in Florida we are faced with very diverse weather patterns, rain on some days and immense heat on other days. Regardless of the day you are on the road it is always a good thing to stay hydrated, the suggested amount is at least 8 ounces of water a day but because of the amount of heat we deal with as bikers, I would suggest as much as you can stand above the 8 ounces.

On hot Florida days a lack of water intake can make for an EXTREMELY messed up day. Extreme fatigue, dehydration, and blackouts may occur......I think that we can agree that if any of those things take place on a ride, whether near or far, it can be a life threatening situation.

For those coffee drinkers out there I would suggest that you consume as much water as you can as well because of the diuretic (drug that causes you to piss) nature of caffeine. I would say match each cup of coffee with one glass of water just to play it safe.

I would never suggest drinking alcohol and riding.....If you do drink alcohol please make sure that you stay hydrated because alcohol is also a diuretic. If you do drink please allow yourself enough time to sober up before you decide to drive whether in a cage or on two wheels.

Although I am not one to ride on rainy days for those that do and have your rain gear on, dehydration is a great possibility if you are not hydrated. Please make sure that you consume as much water as possible.....you need your concentration on the road. Please stay hydrated and stay safe on the roads. Thank you for taking the time to read this article and I hope that you heed my warnings......they may save your life.















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#### ROCKFEST RESCINDS "NO COLORS" BAN

When Rockfest announced on their website that no motorcycle club colors would be allowed in the Kansas City music festival, members of the motorcycle club community and the Kansas Confederation of Clubs (www.kscoc.net) reacted promptly, and within 24 hours event promoters rescinded the policy.

"This ban is tantamount to profiling motorcycle club members based on how they look and prevents them from exercising their rights of free association and expression guaranteed under the First Amendment to the US Constitution," wrote spokesperson Brian Cohoon in an open e-mail to Rockfest promoters, sponsors and every club in the Kansas COC condemning "in the strongest terms this outrageous ban on Motorcycle Clubs wearing their colors to Rockfest. News of this ban and our reaction to it is being disseminated by the most expeditious means possible to every Motorcycle Club in this region. We strongly encourage you to reconsider this ban and allow Motorcycle Club members to attend in whatever attire they deem appropriate in their individual judgment."

In addition to many individual clubs and representatives also voicing their disapproval to the radio station promoting "North America's largest one-day music festival," the Chairman of the neighboring Missouri Confederation of Clubs e-mailed Rockfest promoter KQRC-FM 98.9 The Rock in protest of the policy, and the Kansas A.I.M. Attorney (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) was tasked with sending a letter condemning the ban.

As a result of their coordinated activism, online language referring to the colors ban was immediately taken down and the show went on as usual May 14 without incident, just as it has since 1992.

#### **CLUB COLORS BARRED FROM HEADSTONE**

Before biker Richard Cody died on Sept. 5, 2013, he told his family and friends he wanted the logo of his beloved South Madison Motorcycle Club on his headstone, but nearly two years later his son Jeremy was forced to file a lawsuit against the city of Painesville, Ohio to make sure his father gets his last wish.

Representing the family and club, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Ralph C. Buss filed a motion for preliminary and permanent injunction to prevent city officials from removing, defacing, touching or changing the headstone of the Vietnam veteran buried in Riverside Cemetery, after officials informed the Plaintiff that the club colors engraved into the back of his father's grave marker, "is not deemed appropriate" and ordered the S.M.M.C. artwork to be removed within 60 days at their own expense.

Buss told The News-Herald in a May 10 interview with the newspaper that "the headstone's logo is not vulgar or offensive in any way, and it complies with the requirements that were in place in 2014 when it was installed" and further charged that new regulations "conveniently" passed afterwards violate the First Amendment and "are nothing more than a license allowing city employees or agents to judge a person's expression and deny it without any reasoning."

All the media attention and ensuing barrage of publicity, including a 3,500-signature petition asking city council to allow the headstone to remain unaltered, and accompanying legal actions, resulted in the desired effect.

"When I first got the letter from the City of Painesville telling me that after two years I had to remove my father's headstone due to it being "offensive", I was outraged," Cody recently told Ridin' On Motorcycle Magazine (www.RidinOn.com). "My only thoughts were 'I don't think so!' For two months I pleaded with the city to change their minds and they were not budging. So I then got social media involved and contacted my attorney Ralph C. Buss, who just happens to be known for helping other motorcycle enthusiasts when in need. Within three days the City of Painesville decided it was in their best interest to let the stone be left there. It was my father's wishes to have his club patch engraved on his headstone and I was not about to let that wish be taken from him."

#### NEW IMPROVED LANE SPLITTING BILL AMEND-ED IN CALIFORNIA

Motorcyclists in California are allowed to travel

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between lanes of traffic because unlike the other 49 states there is no law against such maneuvering, creating a legal grey area, so AB 51 was introduced last year to codify the act of lane splitting and provide legal guidelines (no faster than 50mph, and no more than 15mph faster than traffic).

But if it isn't defined, it isn't breaking the law, so motorcyclists generally opposed regulating "lane splitting", preferring to leave well enough alone and not create another new crime, and so AB 51 was pulled by its sponsor, Assemblyman Bill Quirk (D-Hayward), because "Lane splitting is a very complex issue and the author feels he needs more time to work out the details so that it's more likely to be signed." At the time, the bill had passed the state Assembly and was on its way to the California Senate floor.

Now, AB 51 was recently resurrected and amended to its purest form, simply riding between cars, with no limiting language in the current wording of the bill, retaining the spirit of lane splitting and let the rider decide what's safe. Even under current statutes, a rider can be cited with other violations for unsafe maneuvering.

The new improved AB 51 strikes all references to miles per hour conditions, and simply defines "lane splitting" as "driving a motorcycle between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the same lane, including both divided and undivided streets, roads, or highways."

Quirk's office said the current bill has the expressed support of more than a dozen key organizations, among them motorcycle organizations such as ABATE of California, as well as multiple law enforcement agencies.

AB 51 was swiftly approved by the State Assembly on May 28, 2016 by a vote of 58-14 and sent to the Senate where it passed Transportation and Housing Committee unanimously 11-0 on June 14 then rereferred to Appropriations Committee before coming up for a floor vote.

Although lane "filtering" is common throughout Europe and Asia and many other countries, California is the only state where it is not expressly illegal. A bill to legalize lane-splitting in Nevada was voted down in 2013. A similar bill in Oregon was defeated in 2015. Other bills have surfaced and died in Arizona and Texas.

#### SUZUKI RIDERS THE ANGRIEST, SAYS SURVEY

Suzuki riders experience the highest levels of road rage followed closely by owners of Harleys and then Triumphs, according to a recent survey in Britain. A thousand British motorcyclists were asked to assign a road rage score from 0-10 to a series of hypothetical scenarios such as drivers texting at the wheel.

Suzuki riders typically assigned higher levels of rage to the scenarios than owners of other bikes, earning an "average road rage score" of 71%. Harley riders scored 68.7% and Triumph riders 67%.

The survey, performed by dealer chain Jennings Harley-Davidson in the U.K., also found the thing that angered riders most was drivers texting, with a score of 86.5%, followed by "bike blindness" at 83.2% and "getting cut up (cut-off)" at 82.5%.

"We wanted to highlight the fears that many motorcyclists have around riding on the road, and the ignorance that often comes with motorcyclists' safety," said Jennings H-D director Sohail Khan. "It was important for us to show the severity of their fears amongst sharing the road with car drivers."

#### **MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES UP IN 2015**

Following two consecutive years of decreasing motorcycle fatalities nationwide, the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) reports that more than 5,000 motorcyclists were killed in the U.S. in 2015, which represents an estimated 10% increase over 2014.

The annual study attributes the increase mainly to increased travel nationwide and better weather leading to a longer riding season in many states. Low fuel prices also contributed to a 3.5% rise in motor vehicle miles traveled last year over 2014, according to federal data.

This crash data -- based on an early look at current data, trends, and developing issues -- reports that this is more than 450 motorcycle fatalities over 2014. GHSA says it projects the final motorcyclist fatality total for 2015 will be 5,010 -- only the third year in U.S. history, and the first time since 2008, in which the fatality number topped 5,000.

The increase is consistent with preliminary numbers
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from the government that show traffic deaths overall rising an estimated 8% last year after trending downward for the past decade, marking the largest year-to-year percentage increase in a half-century and making 2015 the deadliest driving year since 2008.

The report takes data from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and compared to 2014, motorcycle deaths by state increased in 31 states, decreased in 16, and remained the same in three others along with the District of Columbia.

While acknowledging contributing crash factors such as alcohol and drug use, increased speed limits, and a record number of vehicles on U.S. roads, the GHSA calls for restoring helmet laws in the 31 states that don't mandate helmets, and requiring DOT standards.

#### TRUMP STUMPS AT ROLLING THUNDER MOTORCYCLE RUN IN D.C.

Throngs of bikers listened on Sunday, May 29, as presumptive Presidential GOP nominee Donald J. Trump delivered annual Rolling Thunder motorcycle run over Memorial Day weekend that is dedicated to accounting for military members taken as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action (POW/MIA).

For the blunt-spoken real estate mogul and television celebrity, who stresses his desire to strengthen the military and improve how veterans are treated, the gathering provided a receptive audience. "Look at all these bikers," Trump said with admiration. "Do we love the bikers? Yes. We love the bikers."

Wearing a red "Make America Great Again" hat and forgoing a necktie, Trump told the crowd of seeing large numbers of bikers at his campaign events. "I said, 'What are they all doing here?' and my people would say, 'They're here to protect you, Mr. Trump," he said. "It's an amazing thing. And I want to tell you, some of these people are tough," but added when he shakes their hands, "there is love, and it's an incredible feeling, and that's why I wanted to be with you today."

Trump's supporters include a group called "Bikers for Trump," which boasts more than 61,000 "likes" on Facebook.

"I'm not a huge biker, I have to be honest with you, O.K.?" lamented Trump to the motorcycle gathering, "I always liked the limo better."

Nancy Regg, a spokeswoman for Rolling Thunder, told the New York Times that the group had invited Mr. Trump to appear. The group did not extend an invitation to Hillary Clinton or Senator Bernie Sanders, she said.

#### AIM/NCOM WEBPAGE UPDATES

"To best serve the motorcycle community, it is always our aim to keep our Aid to Injured Motorcyclists / National Coalition of Motorcyclists (AIM/NCOM) webpage at www.onabike.com up-to-date, convenient, and useful," wrote AIM/NCOM Executive Coordinator Sarge in an open letter to the motorcycle community. "To do this, we are in the process of revamping a few pages including providing some important NCOM links to and from other WebPages. We have a list of the NCOM Members at www.onabike.com/national-coalition-ofmotorcyclists/members.htm available, but would like to expand it to include all of our NCOM Member Groups, Confederations of Clubs plus more clubs and associations."

Here's what you're asked to do if your MRO / COC / Club / Association is on the NCOM Member Groups list:

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If your motorcycle organization is not on the NCOM Members List and would like to be added, please send information and e-mail address to Sarge at ncompms@aol.com.

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