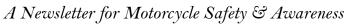


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# WHO WE ARE

- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.
- We promote motorcycle safety, training, and political awareness.
- We fund our work by holding a series of annual events at different locations within our service area and other motorcycle activities.
- We are your neighbors and friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community.
- We serve and support our country and believe in freedom.
- We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.
- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of Florida as a motorcycle rights organization or MRO. We are currently the only political MRO in Florida representing the interest of its members and the motorcycling public at-large.
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ABATE is open to all individuals age 18 and older interested in motorcycle rights, safety or education. It doesn't matter what you ride or even if you ride. Everyone is welcome to join ABATE of Florida, Inc., which ensures YOUR opinion and views on motorcycle laws will be heard.

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• On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.

• We've become the 4th largest State Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in the country (IN & IL are 1&2, we regularly switch for 3rd & 4th with PA).

• We got the handlebar heights law modified.

• We successfully fought a bill that would forbid our children from riding on our bikes.

• We successfully fought the bill that would confiscate motorcycles for going 30MPH over the speed limit.

• We developed an effective MSAP program that has raised motorist's perceptions and awareness of motorcycles, and have received funding from the State of FL totaling over \$750,000 to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.

• We successfully fought the bill against vertical tags that had over \$1,100 in fines for a first offense.

• Supported and fought for a texting-while-driving ban for the last few years.

• Our 2009-2010 Stiffer Penalties Bill made it through five of the FL House & Senate's committees; this is the farthest it has gone in the number of years we have tried. On the last day of session, a committee member strenuously attempted to attach a revival of the helmet law to our Bill. To avoid a new helmet law in Florida, we had to kill the Bill.

• We publish monthly Press Releases and/or Articles of Interest in many online & print publications, including Florida Full Throttle.

• The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. has been asked to be on and currently sits as a member of The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C. The Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation may appoint a representative from only two State MROs throughout the entire U.S.A. to be on this council.

• The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. sits as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Collation of Motorcyclists (NCOM). NCOM has over 1000 member organizations.

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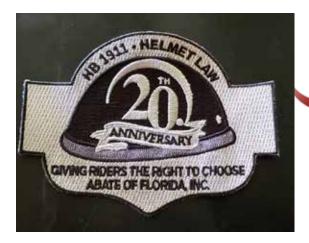
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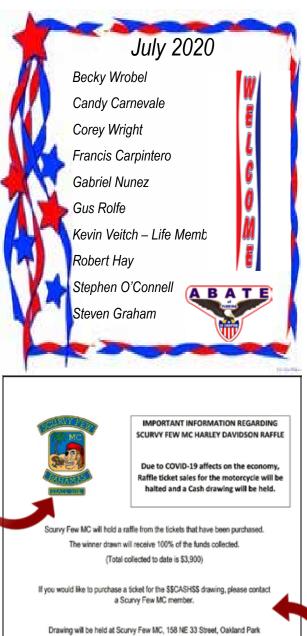
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July 18, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience or disappointment this may cause and thank you for your continued support.

### <u>From Your President</u>



Man, it's been a long time since we had a Chapter meeting or put out a newsletter. I would like to thank you all for your patience in this rough time. So let's pull things together and kick start our lifestyles. Let's get it rolling again, you know what I mean, crack the throttle and be free once more, free to go to restaurants and bars, Open Houses, and parties. So please go out and support our community. You can do this by going to places that are biker friendly, Mickey's Tiki Bar, Sharkey's Boulevard Lounge, Flossie's Bar & Grill, Josie's Too, Cagney's, Boar's Nest Saloon, Café 27, Wetz Pub, Road Dawgs, Shanks, J-D's Lounge, JP Mulligans, J

& S Lounge, the Sports Barn, and Premier Billiards, just to name a few. These are the bars that have always supported ABATE Southeast Chapter and the community over the years. We do have some restaurants that have supported us, as well, Skyline Chili (Lauderhill) and Antonio's Pizza Rant (Dania). These establishments really took a hit during the last few months, so when they are allowed to be open, lets show them the love, and stop in for a few. Let's not forget our American Legions and VFW Posts, who support America with their service.

Also the Open Houses are starting up again, so keep an eye on the newsletter for the who's, where's, and when's, okay everybody? You can also call our Hotline at (954) 480-1300.

If we want to get anything accomplished in Tallahassee in 2020, we have to go back to that old numbers game, the more members we have, the more clout we have with the politicians. The politicians look at each of us, and think that we have 3-4 friends who think like us, so that gives them 5 possible votes. So as of 2018, we have 587,499 motorcycles on the road, but we only have a little over 5,000 members in ABATE of Florida, state-wide, fighting for the rights of everyone else's rights and safety. This brings me back to the old saying "anyone who rides a motorcycle, should be a member of ABATE". I would like to see many more people joining ABATE across the State. We have Chapters all over Florida.

Please be safe, wear a mask when necessary, and think about your friends and family.

AND to the younger people out there, you have the chance to inherit an organization that stands up and fights for biker rights and safety. Help us make a difference, now, and for the future! And don't forget, paid membership also comes with AD&D insurance of \$4,000.

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Peace, Johnny Rose President Southeast Chaptor







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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes held at Mickey's Tiki Bar (outside) 350 SW 12th Ave, Pompano Beach, FL 33069 June 21st 2020

Mike Travis called the meeting to order at 0903 hrs. There were 23 Members Present. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by our Chaplain Bear.

### President's Report:

Johnny opened the meeting by thanking everyone for showing up in these difficult times. Thanked Alan, the owner of Mickey's, for hosting the meeting. Briefly touched on some things that he wanted to address for new business. Spoke about how Trash, a long-time member, passed away, and how he was considering taking a memorial Ride around the Lake. Long-time community member Gypsy also passed; Friends have set up a Supportful.com page to help with funeral costs. (Go to supportful.com and search Gypsy's Last Ride if you can help). Johnny also reported that the first round of nominations for the Chapter elections will be at this meeting during new business. Lastly, he reported that the board had decided not to reschedule the Memorial Day party, and to pool resources for the October event.

### Vice-President's Report:

Wavy reported that Harley Davidson has come out with a self-balancing motorcycle and that it was being made available only to riders 50 years of age or older for right now. He also reported that ABATE Southeast is having a T-shirt sale and select shirts are half off at the meetings, until they are sold out. You have to show up to a meeting to get them at this rate.

### Secretary's Report:

Marie was absent, and Zak stood (sat) in for her. Johnny stated that the Minutes from the last meeting are printed in March's newsletter. Abby Normal (Ada) made a motion

to accept the Minutes as printed, seconded by Jester, no discussion, all in favor; Motion was passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

Sheila read the Financial Report. Bear motioned to accept the Financial Report, Little bit Seconded, all were in favor; Motion was passed.

### Sargent at Arms Report:

Mike spoke about the importance of acting appropriately while wearing the ABATE patch. He went on to talk about if you are a known member, you need to be careful how you conduct yourself on social media. While we are an organization that represents freedom on the road, there is no need to be disrespectful or unkind while exercising your 1st Amendment Right of free speech. He also went on to state that ABATE is not permitted to have a ride or gathering without insurance

### **Road Captain's Report:**

Troy is absent and excused as he is currently on leave of absence. Zak aka Sparkles spoke about the importance of regularly checking the condition of your motorcycle, especially before long trips. Look for leaks, check your brake pads. Go around with a wrench and check for loose nuts and bolts.

### Safety Directors Report:

Wavy reported that both Johnny and he received their MSAP teaching certification. He stated that if anyone was interested in being certified, they would be able to instruct them through the process. If anyone in the Chapter can help us get audiences to teach people about Motorcycle Safety and Awareness, please do not hesitate to reach out. Wavy also reported that the amount of registered motorcycles in Florida is increasing. All Members should make efforts to increase membership and awareness of ABATE.

### **Products Report:**

Little bit reported that she would be having a sale on shirts to clear out old inventory. \$10 for any black shirt and \$5 for tie-dye and other colors.

### **Events Coordinator:**

Gabe was not present and was excused. No events have been taking place due to the Pandemic.

### **Representative Report:**

Zak reported that we covered a lot at the first State meeting back. It was voted that the date for the next Freedom Ride to the Capitol in Tallahassee would be April 11th and 12th 2021. The second round of nominations for the State Board took place, and as no office had any opposition, the Board was voted in on the spot. Board members info is available at abateflorida.com. Darren, the Legislative Liaison for the State, let everyone know that there is a YouTube channel, ABATE of Florida, Inc., and encouraged all to subscribe. The next State meeting will be held in Leesburg on August 8th.

### Membership Report:

Sheila reported that our membership has dropped down to less than 650 members. We did however sign a Life member during our hiatus.

### **Newsletter Editor:**

Abby Normal reported that there are extra pages available in the newsletter this month due to there being no pictures to post from events. She was looking for anyone to come forward with pictures of past events.

### **Legislative Report:**

Brad was not present, Johnny read a report from Brad stating that, as of right now, the bills that ABATE where working on died due lack of interest from the House and Senate. It was reported that Government officials at this time are working on resolving more pressing issues related to the Pandemic and growing civil unrest.

### Legal Counsel:

Brad had nothing additional to report.

### **Public Relations:**

Fern was not present. Johnny reported that the Hotline was up and running.

### **Billing and Invoicing:**

Sheila reported that July would be ABATE Stimulus month. All businesses that have donated to ABATE over the years will be receiving a free business card sized ad in the month of July. All paid advertisers are getting their July ads for free.

### **Social Director Report:**

Bear reported that there was gonna be a sick-ass way-rad party at Mike and Hope's house after the meeting, and if you weren't there it's because you're a heinous dude. Seriously, if you hate fun, don't show up. (This is NOT an ABATE party, only a birthday party for a few of our friends.)

### Newsletter Distribution:

Wavy reported that Distribution should continue this month as Newsletter production will be resuming. He also reported that the State website and Master Link is still having some problems, but they are working on it.

### **Quartermaster Report**:

Bob stated there was nothing to report.

### Photographer's report:

Boatman reported that there have been no events to photograph.

### Webmaster's Report:

Rogue was not present and was excused. Johnny reported that he had been in contact and was told that our website is up and running well.

### Chaplain's Report:

Chrissy was not present.

### Old Business:

Johnny reported that it had been decided by the Board that the Memorial Day event has been canceled, but we will have an all-out smack your momma in the face hootenanny in October. Someone might die...of fun.

### New business

Martin "Hunter" Nebojsic was appointed by Johnny Rose as the Officer of Elections. A statement was read, that while in the past, appointed positions in the Southeast Chapter have been voted on by members of the Chapter, due to the current state of emergency, and to expedite the election process, elections would be held for only the Board and certain Trustee positions. Martin "Hunter" Nebojsic opened up the first round of nominations. Nominations for the different offices were as follows:

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Fern Cameron
Dawne "Thunder" Kirk-Waters

### Good of the Order:

USMV Mongoose, Vinny Parlatore, came to speak about his candidacy for House Representative of District 101. He reported that early voting starts August 8th, and general elections are November 3rd. Wavy reported that there is a Chili Cook Off at the Wheels of Man MC on Saturday, July 25th starting at 4PM.

### "Sad" of the order:

Johnny reminded everyone to look for Gypsy's supportful. com to help with burial. He has known her for a long time. He then passed the hat to accept donations for Trash's wife to help float her for 3 weeks while the VA comes through with the benefits.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for by Jimmy Les, seconded by Sparkles, all were in favor meeting was adjourned at 1002 hrs. The next Chapter meeting will hopefully be held at the American Legion Post 142, In Pompano Beach, July 19th 2020, but check the Hotline (954) 480-3100, as they are not open yet and we don't know the future.

Zak "Sparkles" Storrs Assistant Secretary for this meeting Southeast Chapter





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### UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES WE LIVE IN



I've never lived in such an extreme time. Everything around us is so crazy. As a young girl, I remember hearing my parents talk about numerous riots. Then I witnessed social injustices for myself. Civil unrest was the theme of many songs written during the 60's and 70's, while the 80's and 90's had thematic problems of their own.

Here we are in 2020 and we didn't think it would look like this. So much good has been accomplished and yet, when bad things happen, that is what usually dominates every news channel. During our quarantine, all we had was the fridge and the TV and we got our fill of both! We kept up with statistics and studies only to learn that scientific facts were uncertain themselves. And just when we thought we were getting ready to walk out of the woods, the s#\*t hit the fan on high speed. Now every day, we are inundated with new, almost unthinkable events happening. Times are now changing more rapidly than before

As a believer, the first place I turn to for answers is the written word of God. I wondered if history was repeating itself, and if so, what can we learn from the past?

God is not surprised by any of these events. He warns us throughout the scriptures that in the last days such times would come. When do the last days start? As I read, I see that nearly every generation before me thought they were living in the last days. So I'm not going to try and answer that. I want to focus on an even more important issue.

Paul wrote a letter to a Christian church near the hub of the Roman Empire. They had serious concerns about the last days

and about the persecution facing them. In his letter, he wrote this:

1. Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, 2, Not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 3 Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction 4who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. (2 Thessalonians 2 1-4)

There are two points in this scripture to help us understand God's timeline: the first prerequisite is the rebellion talked about in verse 3. This may be referring to a rebellion of humanity against God as a whole. Personally, I see this marker as being established. It seems there is far less tolerance for good than there is for evil. There used to be some measure of gray area; now it's just black and white. There's nothing wrong with picking a side... just make sure it's the right one.

The second prerequisite is that the man of lawlessness must be revealed. This person will be utterly opposed to the things of God and have hostility towards anything Godly. In other parts of scripture, it says he will come bringing peace, but it will be a false peace. Right behind his or her brilliant answers and solutions, under their rule will come sudden destruction.

Sorry for the heavy load I just packed for you. You can rest assured; we aren't quite in the place described here in the book of 2 Thessalonians.

But as your friend and Chaplain, I feel compelled to help you understand the times in which we live. I'm sure you'll agree there has been a shift in the atmosphere and business is NOT as usual. The point Paul was trying to make to the early church was 'not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed.' Don't let the news reports steal all your peace. Trust God who sees the whole picture and knows the beginning from the end. Give your heart completely to

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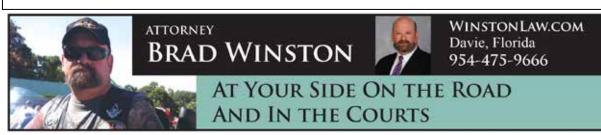
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# Fice- President

Well I hope all did well thru these last few months.

ABATE S.E. had its first meeting in June and all went well. Hopefully we can start having the meetings back at American Legion Post 142. I miss their breakfasts.

It is good to see the MCs having their annuals again and seeing everyone and catching up.

I would like to bring up something I feel is important. When making your purchases, try to start buying locally rather than on the internet. I know it is sometimes cheaper and more convenient but our local businesses need your support to stay afloat. You know they have closed and the employees have all been out of work. We need to get these people working again and the only way to do this is by making your purchase locally. If we all start shopping, eating etc. locally, it may well be one of your friends or a family member's business that we are helping Don't forget to visit our advertisers, they help us out so we need to help them.

ABATE is back at work, so keep reading the newsletter for information on what is going on locally and throughout the state for Legislative news.

Thank you for picking up the newsletter, glad we are back!

VF

Jon "Wavy" Viger





### From Our Road Captains

How Florida Ranks in the Nation

The following data was compiled from various sources between 2017 and 2019, and being provided to sharpen your awareness about the latest trends affecting Florida. These estimates serve as a reference for you to keep in mind as a motorcycle rider. The numbers are constantly changing daily but reflect a glimpse of motorcycle ownership, theft, and fatalities.

Number of motorcycles by state:

1 - California	840,000
2 - Florida	570,000
3 - Ohio	410,000

Stolen motorcycles per state:

1 – California	7035
2 – Florida	4279
3 – Texas	3073

States with highest motorcycle fatalities:

1 – Florida		590
2	California	500

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When do most motorcycle accidents happen? It is estimated that 52% of fatal motorcycle accidents occur on weekend nights between 3 pm and 9 pm.

Ride safely at all times and remember to properly secure your bike. Your Road Captains, Zak and Troy





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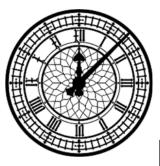
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Him and learn to ride at His pace. It's harder to reject Him than it is to accept the totally free gift He has for you.

There are waves beating upon our society and they most certainly will try to beat against those who follow the Lord too, but we will prevail! Years of history prove that every turbulent episode passes, and more may be around the corner. But our God is always triumphant!

Chrissy Leonhardt

Chaplain









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In Loving Memory Pete "Trash" Strout 10/1947 - 04/2020









"He had two personalities. Trash was a biker when he walked out the door, but he was my husband Pete when he came home." That's what his loving wife and best friend Patti, of 33 years told me as she reminisced about her late beloved.

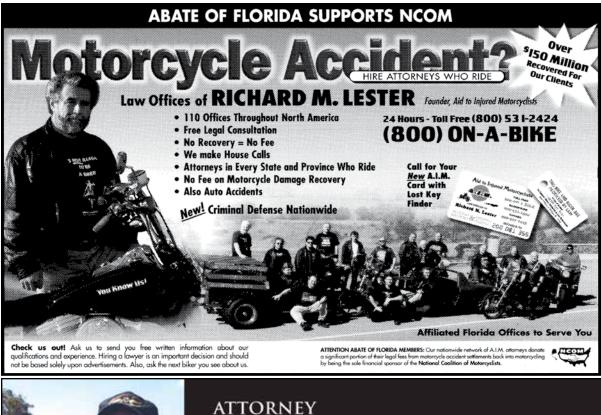
Pete grew up in Maryland, later joining the Navy to serve his country in the Vietnam War. He was a medic and also a trained helicopter pilot. After six years in the military, he started his life-long career as a construction worker. It was there that he learned the value of hard work and how to stick to a job until it was done. And as Pete would say, "It's my way or no way"

Listening to music soothed his war-torn soul and as a result, Trash had quite a collection of 70's and 80's record albums. He collected recordings from the eras he lived through. He also collected porcelain eagle figurines, which expressed a deep sense of patriotism and freedom.

His freedom was also found in riding a Harley Davidson Low Rider. If there was one pastime when Trash was happiest, it was when he was partying with his brothers. Many knew him as a badass biker, but he was also known for his willingness to help anyone in need. Pete never thought twice when it came to doing things for others. Its no wonder many remember him for being genuinely kind and caring.

During the last year, Pete struggled with the complications of Diabetes. Death tried to knock on his door many times but Trash had a fierce will to live. With his wife and caregiver Patti by his side, he passed away on April 24th, 2020. There will be a ride in is honor set at a future date. Pete 'Trash' Straut, you will truly be missed.

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24th-Sat	WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY
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### A Biker's Perfect World (by Rambling Mind)

Cages are outlawed, my lane is for me. I'm riding in America, home of the free!! No road gators or lit cigarettes are after me. NO cell phones and NO make-up, this is my plea.

I look down the highway and it's so damn clear. It's time to fuel up, get some food, and a beer. Ape hangers, loud pipes, and black leather vests, and she should be able to show off her

breasts

(I did say biker's world now) Thirty bikes or more are in every pack. The run is to Mickey's then Flossie's and back. Café 27 to start and to end. DAMN!!

It's only Saturday...can't wait to see my friends. Tomorrow....I know there's a party to go to, so see you at noon, in some parking lot!!!!



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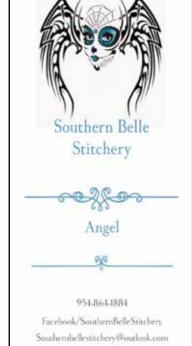
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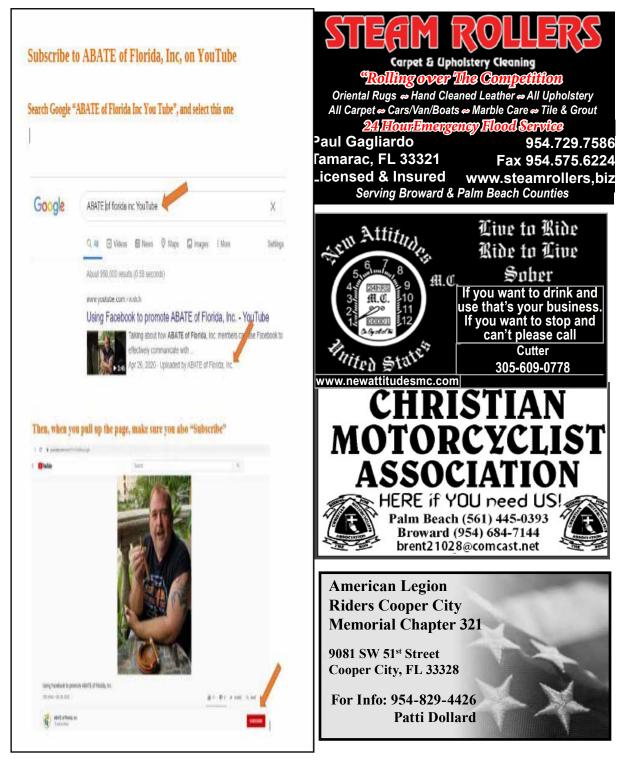


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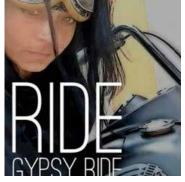
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In Loving Memory

Yomi 'Gypsy Ryder' Philippi

9/15/1968 - 6/2/2020



To her biker sisters, she was kind, strong, loyal, beautiful, respected, unique, and a free spirit like no other. To the animals she rescued, she was a compassionate, helpful hero who gave herself to as many warm-blooded creatures as she possibly could. To those she worked with, she was focused and dedicated, a salesperson with the buyer's best interests at heart. This merely touches the surface of who Gypsy Rider was to those who knew her.

Yomi was not native to the United States but grew up in beautiful Venezuela. Leaving her childhood home behind, she left to pursue a life in South Florida. Her mother and two brothers remained in Venezuela and in time preceded her in death.

She also left her own furry family behind. Yomi had two dogs, and one cat that thanks to the biker community she was a part of, were immediately placed in loving homes. Rescue animals were her passion and she just couldn't give enough when it came to any four-legged friend. She supported many rescue groups with her time and energy hoping to make a real difference.

Making a difference with animals wasn't her only passion. She truly loved her biker sisterhood. As a former member of the Chrome Angels, Gypsy Ryder rode with strength. She was known and loved by many. Her friends would agree, she lit up a room with her presence and her personality was magnetic. If you needed a hug, Gypsy knew how to give them. She was able to show you love while making you feel cared for and accepted.

She cared for her co-workers and customers as well. Yomi worked for Rick Case Honda, as well as Alligator Alley Harley Davidson in motorcycles sales. But it wasn't just about the sale... it was fitting the individual with the right ride that mattered.

Sadly, sometime between the evening of June 1st and June 2nd, Gypsy Ryder rode into eternity. She died peacefully in her sleep due to an existing heart condition that took her sweet soul at the age of 52.

A Celebration of Life and a ride will be planned in her honor that will be announced at a future date. For more information, check out her Supportful Fundraising page at https://www.supportful.com/9ca6e19d-606d-42f2-a731-072b47fb914b

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#### Educate, don't legislate – stuff we thought you might like to know

-by: Sheila, Sandy, Little Bit, & Thunder

#### How did the Coronavirus affect motorcycle riders?

Riding a motorcycle is "wind therapy". Riding can clear your head after a stressful day, or week, or even months.....the Coronavirus has led to a lot of stress, for everyone, some more than others. Riding also meets the definition of "social distancing". It's pretty easy to stay 6 feet away from another rider.

As much as we all love a good, long, solitary ride, we are social people, who also love the gatherings that bring our community together, the group rides, the bike fests, the parties, the biker bars & restaurants, the celebrations, etc. These add a lot to our riding experience, meeting up with our brothers and sisters. This Coronavirus affected the whole world, not just down here, in South Florida.

ABATE of Florida Inc. and their Chapters have been affected, with many meetings and events cancelled or postponed or even done online. ABATE of Florida Inc. is putting out some very informative YouTube videos. Please see earlier in this newsletter for information on how to subscribe.

Bike fests have been cancelled or postponed. This was such bad news for so many vendors who depend on the festivals and parties for their livelihood. We were all looking forward to going to Leesburg Bikefest this April, but nope, cancelled, oh wait, change that, rescheduled to November. That's cool, cooler weather, that is.

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, coming up on its 80th year, is still on, but with significant changes to the city-sponsored events. Attendees will be asked to practice social distancing and taking personal responsibility for their health by following CDC guidelines. Enhanced safety and sanitization protocols will be carried out for rally goers, including public hand sanitizing stations throughout the downtown area and nightly sanitization of sidewalk areas will take place in the downtown area. The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is an icon of American Freedom and Independence and we are glad they did not have to cancel this year.

Down here in South Florida, we don't have a big racing circuit, but around the country, racing was cancelled or postponed. World championship and national racing series—from MotoGP to American Flat Track to Supercross—are postponed. The AMA cancelled most events, depending on the location.

Our calendar was full of upcoming parties and events that were cancelled or postponed. Our own ABATE Southeast Chapter Memorial Day party was cancelled. We also, sadly, had some people pass away during this time, not due to Coronavirus, but still, we had to postpone memorials. We are so, so glad that many parties were rescheduled, and as of this writing, we already have 3 parties coming up, and clubs are doing Open Houses again, yay!!! Call our Hotline (954) 480-3100, for more info on what is going on in the community.

Bars and restaurants were closed. We are sure that a lot of people missed going to Mickey's Tiki Bar, one of our favorites, as well as the Boar's Nest, Café 27, etc. Some were able to stay open, if they sold food, but with a great hit to their sales, as they could only do curbside, like Flossie's. Please, everyone, try and make it a new weekly habit to go to a local bar or restaurant, and help them get back going strong.

Motorcycle sales have been down for a while, but this Coronavirus made things a lot worse. Triumph sales are down 22% & BMW down 20% after 8 years of growth. Motorcycle sales were down all over the world, 15% in France, 16% in Australia, 24%

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## **OLDHIPPY'S CORNER**

(throw-back August 2009) The Do Not Care Groups

Motorcycle Rights Organizations fight for our rights, plain and simple. You, as a Member, may be fighting to protect your freedom to choose or fighting to gain your freedom of choice; or you maybe are fighting to keep bureaucrats from taking your ride because it's too loud, or too polluting; you may be fighting for the privilege to go riding in a specific area or riding at all. We all know there is a host of other reasons and causes for which to fight for.

And then there are those who don't care. Certainly, the general public doesn't give a rat's ass, they don't ride, and it doesn't affect them. They are too busy racing to soccer games and ballet lessons or talking on their cellphones; obviously they don't care. Our bureaucrats claim they care, but they are too busy justifying their own existence and so called "doing their job", but do they really give a crap? I must be fair, there are some of our elected officials that do care, but they are few and far between. It is entirely understandable that in these hard times, with everything costing more, people making less and having to do more with less, unemployment looms, free time is a prime resource that we all guard and only give away to the most deserving causes. This is the life we live and reality as it stands.

You can say we might have covered it all but; the people that don't care, that bugs the crap out of me. I need to say that they are not bad people, they are just caught up in their own needs. Dealers and the companies that are caught up in making the bottom line are also ones that do not care. They just want to make money; why else would they make a bike that can do 220 MPH out of the box and sell it to someone who promises to get a motorcycle endorsement maybe in the future.

Then we have the, what I call, "free riders"; they are the general public riders that ride and are oblivious to the fact that they are in danger of losing their ability to travel the roads on their chosen mode of transportation. Why do I call them "free riders", you might ask? Well, they are the ones that ride on the freedom that so many have fought for years to protect, and many of them don't have a clue or are informed of the where's, when's or how's. Unfortunately, many of them just don't care.

Now we go to the group that bugs me the most; these are the ones that are inside the motorcycle rights movement, the ones that went ahead and signed and joined an MRO like ABATE. They had good intentions when they joined; to protect their rights; to work for motorcycle safety; to help in the fund-raising for the organization or community charities. Some of them rise to leadership, but they get caught up in their day-to-day affairs and have forgotten the reason for joining the MRO in the first place. It's not they don't care, they are confused. Others join for the parties and events, and, they do not really care because when asked to write a letter or step up to help with some task they are somehow busy, or it's not



### **OLDHIPPY'S CORNER**

their area of expertise; or their pet snake is expecting triplets.

Then you have the ones that join to gain some kind of self-promotion, like being a big fish in a little pond; they do not really care; they are looking for self-promotion. Some join and pay their dues and figure "well I've done my part". I don't need to do anything more there is plenty of other people that can do it; they do not care.

The last group concerns me the most; they are the ones who cared the most but for some reason or another they seem to not care anymore. These are the people that gave and gave and gave to a point that they got burned out, in their hearts, I'm sure they still care. They lead, they followed, they worked until there was nothing left to give and now, they have faded to the sometimes forgotten past. Some of them are remembered and some of them are just ignored once they are no longer useful, and some, we didn't even know they were there until they were gone and something wasn't getting done, most of them just slip into obscurity.

Need to ask yourself this.....what group do you see yourself? And do you really care? Oh, by the way..How are the triplets doing?

Keep the shiny side up the greasy side down

Old Hippy







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#### President's Rant Corner

I'm just glad that no motorcycles are made in China, that I know of anyway. So let me get this straight, they gave us toys with lead paint for our kids, poison in our dogs' treats and food, even toothpaste and cosmetics have had recalls, and all the diseases that have been coming out of China. Going back at least as far as the Black Plague in the mid 1300's, that killed between 30-60% of Europe's population. and now, this most recent pandemic that is crippling the world, and hurting so many of my friends economically, just really pisses me off. You know, I think it's time for a new industrial revolution. Bring back all manufacturing to the U.S. and charge a 50 % tariff on anything made in China when they try to bring it into our country. Screw them, this is my rant, so I can be mad about all this crap, you know. And I haven't even begun to talk about all the deaths that have happened because of China. That being said, I know that tariff could never happen, we have a global economy.

Anyway, the only good thing about this, is that we have been able to go riding for the last three months with hardly any cars on the road, which makes it safer for us. You know we are six feet apart on the motorcycles and we wear masks when we fuel up. As far as I'm concerned, China is the reason that I haven't been able to hang out with my brothers and sisters at Open Houses and parties. And now, I'm gonna bitch about the thing I hate the most about China....that's right, those f\*\*kers eat dogs (and cats and bats), no sh\*t!! They literally raise them to slaughter for food. So me and Diddles say, think twice when it is made in China. Better yet, it seems like, sometimes, everything is made in China, that's how dominant China is, on the world market. They can do whatever they want and get away with it. That's a bunch of crap. How many Americans have died from the Coronavirus and now it's peaking again. I can only imagine what's been going on in China with this Coronavirus, with such a dense population that lives so close to each other, you know they aren't going to release how many Chinese really died from it, or how many are really sick, those poor people.

I want to make this perfectly clear. I am not talking about the Chinese people when I complain about China. I'm talking about the communist government there. Check the labels

when you buy stuff, look for "Made in America". I was made in America, and so was Diddles.

Well that's my rant... just sayin'.....

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#### NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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#### **RIDING BACK FROM COVID-19**

All 50 states are now in various stages of reopening, and along with restrictions being lifted and the COVID-19 curve flattening, hopes for more normalcy are high; and none higher than amongst the motorcycling community.

Most industries have been hit hard by the global pandemic, and motorcycle sales and production have been among the most impacted, with factories shut down, dealerships closed, events cancelled or postponed, and even ridership restricted in many parts of the world.

Rules around travel and mixing in groups are being relaxed because new infections of the Coronavirus are declining and within the capabilities of the health system to cope, and soon groups will be able to ride together again, and gather at their local watering holes, maintaining social distancing and observing other safety protocols, of course.

Around the globe, motorcycle manufacturers and the supply chain are reopening production, shops and dealerships are doing business within certain constraints, and bikers are realizing a late-Spring bloom amid the gloom.

Harley-Davidson is reopening its U.S. factories in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania and will accelerate production in phases, launching a new five-year strategic plan to revive sales.

Looking forward, the landscape is changing, as major events are planning comebacks. Americade in Lake George, NY, after much deliberation, has decided to move their dates from June to July 21-25. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina's spring Bike Week and Atlantic Beach Bikefest have been postponed, with Horry County leaders giving their blessing to a July motorcycle rally date. Laconia Motorcycle Week, America's "Oldest Running Motorcycle Rally," has officially postponed their 97th annual event in Weirs Beach, NH, to August 22-30, following a unanimous decision by their city council. The 80th annual Sturgis Rally in South Dakota is still on track for August 7-15 as experts predict COVID-19 will have peaked and continue into decline before the end of the summer.

Speaking of 'track', the MotoGP World Championship racing calendar is expected to drop the checkered flag in July, adapting to a new format of hosting motorsports events with minimal staff and without spectators, while employing social distancing where possible.

#### ILLINOIS BIKER BAR FIGHTS TO REMAIN OPEN UNDER CORONAVIRUS ORDERS

A popular 24-year old biker bar near Rockford, IL has had enough with Illinois' stay-at-home order, and has decided to sue Governor JB Pritzker, claiming his executive orders are unlawful.

Like many businesses, Poopy's Pub & Grub is feeling the economic sting of the pandemic, and after being shut down by local authorities when bikers began congregating on his property this spring while ordering curbside service, owner Kevin Promenschenkel hired a lawyer to make a legal run at the governor's executive order.

Specifics of the lawsuit, shared by Northwest Herald (nwherald.com) assert that "...he (Governor Pritzker) lacks the statutory authority to issue executive orders putting restrictions on businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, and therefore a cease-and-desist order issued to the biker bar as a result of such an order should be voided."

In addition, only the Carroll County Health Department, acting through the Illinois Department of Public Health, has the "supreme authority" vested by the constitution to shut a business down for health code violations, and it has not done so, according to the suit filed in Carroll County Circuit Court.

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#### TRAFFIC FATALITIES DECREASE FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) early estimates of 2019 Motor Vehicle Traffic Data show reduced fatalities for the third consecutive year. According to preliminary estimates for the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), 2019 data on highway crashes demonstrate a continued decline in traffic fatalities. The nation saw a decline in traffic deaths during 2018 and 2017, and these newest estimates suggest a continuing decline in traffic-related deaths.

"Safety is our top priority so this report that traffic fatalities appear to have decreased again for the third year is great news," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

Fatalities decreased in most major traffic safety categories: Drivers (down 3%) Passengers (down 4%) Motorcyclists (down 1%) Pedestrians (down 2%) P edalcyclists (down 3%)

A statistical projection of traffic fatalities for 2019 shows that an estimated 36,120 people died in motor vehicle traffic crashes, representing an estimated decrease of about 440 (down 1.2%) from the reported 36,560 fatalities in 2018, even though Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) increased by 0.9%. As a result, the fatality rate for 2019 was 1.10 fatalities per 100 million VMT, down from 1.13 fatalities per 100 million VMT in 2018. If these estimates are reflected in the final data, the fatality rate per 100 million VMT would be the second lowest since NHTSA started recording fatal crash data.

#### IN-CAR INFOTAINMENT SYSTEMS MORE DANGEROUS THAN TEXTING OR ALCOHOL

For a few years now, most new cars have come with hightech, flashy infotainment systems that can control everything from the stereo, air conditioning, and even seating position, but a recent European study has determined that car infotainment systems can be as detrimental to a driver's reaction times as texting, alcohol and even cannabis are.

Among the results, IAM RoadSmart found that motorway stopping distances were increased by between four and five car lengths when the driver was using infotainment systems. The study also found that drivers took their eyes off the road for as long as 16 seconds while driving (equivalent to a distance of nearly 550 yards at 70 mph), while using the touch-controlled systems -- results that are even worse than texting at the wheel.

Among the key findings from the report;

- Controlling the vehicle's position in the lane and speed suffered significantly when participants failed to react to stimulus on the road ahead.

- Reaction times were slower when selecting music through Spotify while using Android Auto and Apple CarPlay.

- Drivers would take their eyes off the road for longer than 12 seconds.

- Participants underestimated time spent looking away from the road, by as much as 5 seconds.

"We're now calling on industry and government to openly test and approve such systems and develop consistent standards that genuinely help minimize driver distraction," said Neil Greig, policy and research director at IAM RoadSmart. "Anything that distracts a driver's eyes or mind from the road is bad news for road safety."

#### HONDA PATENTS EXTERNAL AIRBAGS FOR CARS

While external airbags are not a new idea in the automotive industry, the new system patented by Honda is smarter than just an airbag mounted to the front of a car, and could cut injury rates for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcycle riders.

Instead of having just one airbag that deploys automatically in the event of an accident, the new system scans the road looking for a potential hazard. Once located, the system actually measures the target, determining the size, shape, and location in order to deploy the appropriate airbag at the proper pressure for each scenario. For instance, if a large target is detected, the largest airbag will fire and the bonnet of the car will raise slightly and move backwards, an action designed to help catch the person, rather than bouncing them over the roof of the car. If a smaller person or child is detected, the airbag deploys at a lower pressure to keep them from bouncing off the car and onto the ground or into traffic.

For motorcyclists, the Honda airbag system could help in certain situations, and ultimately the extra crash protection

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for us and other vulnerable road users can only be a good thing.

#### WASHINGTON STATE EXPANDS PROTECTIONS FOR "VULNERABLE ROAD USERS"

A new law in Washington protects pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists and other "vulnerable roadway users" from careless motorists who cause serious injury or death.

Senate Bill 6045: "Concerning vulnerable users of a public way," was passed unanimously by the state legislature (45-0 in the Senate on Feb 12, and 97-0 in the House on Mar 6) and signed into law on March 25 by Governor Jay Inslee (D), becoming effective June 11, 2020. If convicted, a negligent driver could face penalties up to \$5,000 in fines and have their driving privileges suspended for ninety days.

# SOUTH DAKOTA CLARIFIES CONCEALED CARRY OF FIREARMS ON MOTORCYCLES

When the state legislature in 2019 passed its concealed carry reform, often referred to as "Constitutional Carry," making it legal for every South Dakotan eligible to own a firearm to keep it concealed without a permit, it didn't apply that right to motorcycle riders, snowmobilers and ATV riders. So, this legislative session, state senators and representatives are addressing that oversight to make it clear that motorcyclists can conceal firearms while riding in South Dakota.

"It was brought to our attention that people on motorcycles were having a little trouble with the definitions of law and whether they were allowed to carry concealed," Rep. Thomas Brunner, (R-Nisland), a sponsor of the measure, testified in support of HB 1094. "Certainly, our intent wasn't that once you get on a motorcycle, snowmobile or four-wheeler that the law changes."

The legislation went on to pass both chambers overwhelmingly (64-4 in the House and 33-2 in the Senate) with the backing of the influential motorcycle lobby group ABATE of South Dakota (A Brotherhood for Awareness, Training and Education), and was signed by Governor Kristi Noem (R) on March 25, 2020.

Dianna Miller, representing ABATE, said left in the state statute, despite passage of last year's concealed carry legislation, are two provisions that restrict possession of firearms on motorcycles and off-road vehicles. That caused confusion for law enforcement and motorcycle riders, especially during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, she said.

#### **'NAKED RIDER' SPURS ATTIRE RULE**

A "naked rider" wearing only a helmet and briefs was apprehended by local authorities in metro Manila, Philippines, and for two seconds enjoyed social media fame, which has prompted authorities to revisit an "attire rule" requiring all motorcycle riders to wear heavy/padded jackets and riding pants as it would be safer to ride wearing all the riding gear.

Last year, during a press briefing, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) General Manager Jojo Garcia told reporters that the agency is looking to penalize motorcycle riders, including pillions (passengers), who wear shorts when riding their motorcycles.

The MMDA GM also said that their office met with their counterparts in the LTO (government) to recommend the creation of laws and policies concerning the proper attire for motorcycle riders; "Protective devices shall include: helmets, goggles, leather boots, and protective clothing such as heavy pants, heavy jacket, leather gloves, and rain suit" added GM Garcia.

Local motorcycle groups do not agree with the proposed rule, citing that with the hot, humid tropical weather in the Philippines, requiring motorcycle riders, especially in congested traffic conditions, to wear heavy jackets and pants may do more harm than good.

So far, the laws of the land concerning proper attire for motorcycle riders require only: a standard helmet and closed-toe shoes, but it's important to note that sometimes stupid is as stupid does, and inappropriate actions such as motorcycling in your skivvies can invite unwanted and unnecessary attention.

#### NCOM CONVENTION -- MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The 35th annual NCOM Convention in Indianapolis, originally planned for Mother's Day weekend at the Marriott Indianapolis East (7202 East 21st Street), has been rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic to October 16-17, 2020 at the same location, so SAVE THE DATE and make your plans now to

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in Mexico & Latin America, 44% in Spain, and (yikes) 58% in Germany. Factories were shut down. Harley Davidson, Indian, Yamaha, Husqvarna, and Ducati, among others stopped production temporarily. Harley Davidson took a 16% hit in the first quarter, after the strongest start they had in 12 years. We do know that our local motorcycle dealers and shops were able to stay open. They are essential, thank goodness!!

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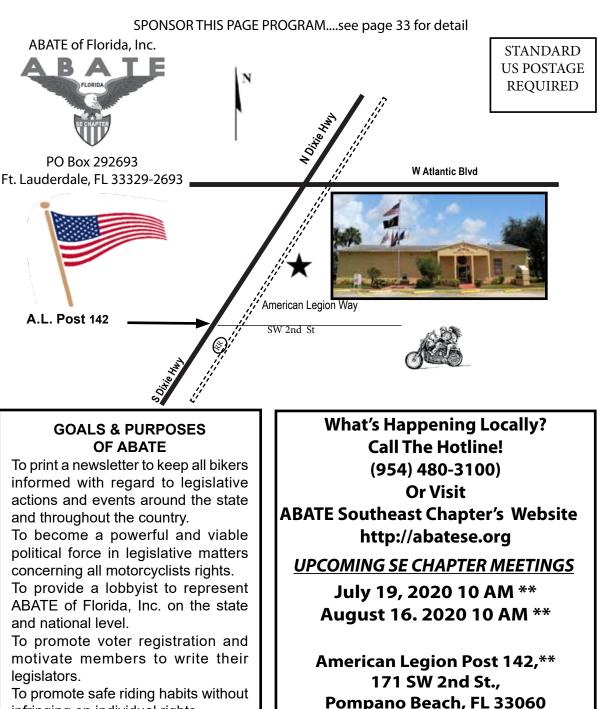
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