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## From Your President



It is with great sadness in my heart that I write of the passing of Patty Lefkowitz While on May 7th 2015. Patty was Lefty's sister from the States MC of Pompano Beach. She is survived by her three children and two grandchildren. Jerry Goodner from the Saints Motorcycle Ministry performed the service. I know that she was much loved because you couldn't find a seat and there wasn't a dry eye in the place. I have never met such a vivacious person in all my life. She packed so much life in her 57 years. When we would have Christmas dinner at her house you would think she was feeding an army. I know that I have said this before but Patty I will truly miss you.

On Sunday May 3rd the Southeast Chapter of ABATE took a ride down to the Southern MC Annual at their clubhouse in Redlands. We had six bikes and one cage with three people in it. I can't believe all the work they are doing to Rte 997 past the Four Corners gas station. It looks like they are going to make it four lanes for about twenty miles. With the way the state works that should take about ten years. It was still a nice ride anyway. The music was by DJ Hermen and DJ Bert playing tunes all day long and the food was by Boss Hog, who always make sure you have plenty to eat. This is one of the parties that I never miss. Great job Southern!

On Sunday May 17th the Southeast Chapter of ABATE held our monthly meeting and final round of nominations for our Executive Board and trustees. I am pleased to announce that we have had people step up to keep our chapter going. Frank T Hammons will be our new President and Marie Baxter will be Secretary. We will be voting for Vice-President; either Frank "Poppie" Cocchi or Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff and for Treasurer; either Rick "T-Man" Molina or Joel Hunnicutt. Several trustee positions will also be voted on. The elections will take place on June 21st at our next meeting at the American Legion Post 321 in Cooper City. Please make sure that you bring your membership card to be eligible to vote.

On May 24th the Southeast Chapter of ABATE held our Annual Memorial Day Event at the Elks Lodge #1898 in Pompano Beach for the second year. I want to thank the Elks for letting us have our party there. It is a great place with plenty of trees and grass. This is no parking lot party. The food was great as only they can do it and the music was provided by Hangar 26 who kept the place rocking all day. We hosted the Vets from the Sandy Ninninger Nursing Home who served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. When I was talking about them and their service I got a little teary eyed and choked up but I didn't care. Twisted, from the Outcast MC, was the first to show up with his lady and Just John and his lady were the last to show up. I would like to thank all the bikers, both clubs and independents, that came out to make my last party as President of the Southeast Chapter of ABATE a great success. Please continue to support ABATE and our new president Frank T as you have supported me.

As I write my last article for our newsletter and Miami Mike's Wheels on the Road magazine I



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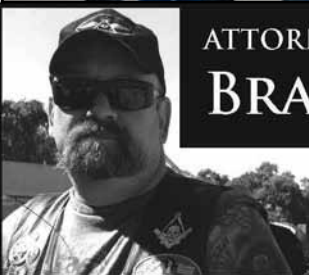
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## **Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes May 17, 2015**

President BARS called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. There were 34 members, no guests. Total in attendance: 34. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence and a prayer by Poppi

### **Presidents Report**

BARS thanked all members for coming. We do not have any new members today but as always we have the show of support from our brother MC's and Associations with representation today from the Brothers of the Third Wheel, American Legion Riders Post 321, Post 180, American Freedom Riders Post 36, & Widows and Sons. Today is our final round of nominations, you can self nominate yourself if you are interested in any position. Our chapter secretary clarified to the members the requirements needed to hold any of the Executive Board Positions and explained the process if no one will run for any of the Executive Board Positions.

### **Vice-Presidents Report**

Poppi reported please keep your thoughts and prayers for the family of Debbie Corso whose brother Kevin is battling a debilitating disease and also Lefty from the States MC. Lefty is a Life Member whose sister lost her battle with cancer and John who just lost his mother.. We will need help at next week's event. We only have 3 events a year to raise the funds for our chapter to operate and be prosperous. He thanked the membership for all their hard work. We need qualified members to step up to the Executive Board Positions in order to keep the Southeast Chapter alive

### **Secretary's Report**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of April's meeting with the following corrections: Under nominations Bruce Sonnenfeld's name was listed as

Barry with the corrections the motion was seconded all in favor motion passed. Paul also reiterated that the SE Chapter is not closing. The term of the current Executive Board comes to an end on 6-21-15. That does not mean the chapter comes to an end on 6-21-15. There is a process in place by the by-laws in order to keep the chapter alive and move forward.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Frank read the financial report for April. A motion was made to accept the financial report; the motion was seconded, all in favor motion passed. Frank advised he has been proud to serve as your treasurer for the past 3 years. We will have no choice but to follow the by-law process if no one qualified steps up to serve on the Executive Board. Next week the American Legion Riders are gathering to provide an escort to our veterans who will be attending our Memorial Day Event. If you want to ride, you can either meet here at the legion between 0930 and 1000 or meet at the Sandy Ninnenger Nursing Home with KSU at 1130am.

### **Sergeant at Arms Report**

Nighthawk was excused. No report

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

Postal has resigned his position as he is Probating for the States MC. Therefore no report. However, Postal Thank you for your service not only to our chapter but to our country

### **Safety Directors Report**

Gambler reported the rainy season is upon us. Please check to ensure your tires are in good shape. He then gave a history of the Vietnam Veterans Wall in Washington DC. There were too many veterans who fought in Vietnam that were not welcomed home, yet they still fought and gave their all so we may enjoy today's freedoms.



### **Products Report**

Joel reported if you need anything, feel free to give them a call at 954-818-4481.

### **Events Coordinator**

Sharon and Shaky were excused. We are all set for our Memorial Day event. We do need door prizes. Any where you go, all you have to do is ask. All they can say is no. Set-up between 9:30 -10 Sunday May 24 at the Elks Lodge 1898.

### **State Reps Report**

There was no state meeting. In place of Daytona bike week campground, this year ABATE will be hosting a 3 day event in Avon Park Florida, Set up is 10/1/2015; tear down is 10/5/15. The event is scheduled for 10/2, 3 and 4.

In addition to financial support from every chapter, the state is requesting **manpower support from every chapter**. The success of this event depends on the support of the members.

### **Membership Report**

George reported we have **545** members on the books. Reminder when you get your renewal in the mail, **PLEASE, PLEASE, 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. We are not mind readers. We have New Life Members cards for:  
Jack Mienero & Glenn Malinstrom.

### **Newsletter Editor**

Squeezer reported all articles are due today with the exception of our Presidents report and the minutes of today's meeting by our chapter secretary.

### **Legislative Report**

Brad was excused. Squeezer reported that the legislative session ended early. A special Thank You to our legislators who did not want to finish the job they were elected for. Since the legislature bailed out early on their responsibilities the following bills were not even heard: Vulnerable Road Use & Stiffer Penalties. One of the bills that Governor Scott signed was a bill where police departments cannot impose quotas on the amount of tickets that need to be issued by their patrol officers. The bills that were important to us will have to start from scratch for the next legislative year. Do not forget who are in office at this time, since they cannot get the job done they should not be allowed to

run for office again. Shame on them.

### **Public Relations**

Fern was excused. She is set up at most events promoting ABATE. Thank you Fern and for doing a great job with the hotline.

### **Billing and Invoicing**

Pixie was excused. BARS reported all billing is up to date.

### **Support our advertisers, they support us.**

### **Social Directors Report**

Jimmy Les reported there will be no birthday party next month.

### **Newsletter Distribution**

Charlie reported this has been a very tough month personally. We were able to get it done but it was tough. We have been adjusting the amounts which are being distributed to each stop. This is being done monthly to ensure our newsletter distribution is being utilized effectively. We will extras this month if anyone needs some.

### **Quartermaster's Report**

Bob reported there was nothing to report.

### **Photographer's Report**

Ada reported please send pictures to our newsletter editor and our web-master.

### **Web-Master's Report**

Rogue reported web up and running, no issues reported. Approaching 19000 hits.

### **Legal Council**

Brad was excused. No report

### **Old Business**

3rd and final round of Nominations for the 2015-2016 Executive Board and Trustee Positions

Alice Calabrese has volunteered to be our elections chairperson.

**ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter  
Nominations for 2015-2016 Board of Directors and  
Trustees  
Executive Board Positions Final Round**

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## Nominations May 17, 2015

### **PRESIDENT**

- [Frank T. Hammons - Accepted](#)
- [Robert "BARS" Calabrese - Declined](#)
- [Frank "Poppi" Cocchi - Declined](#)
- [Jimmy "Les" Lesniak - Declined](#)
- [Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff - Declined](#)

### **Vice President**

- [Frank "Poppi" Cocchi - Accepted](#)
- [Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff - Accepted](#)
- [James "Gambler" Willard - Declined](#)
- [Brad Winston - Declined](#)
- [Demetrious Kirkiles - Declined](#)
- [Brad Winston - Declined](#)
- [Frank T. Hammons - Declined](#)

### **SECRETARY**

- [Paul A. Melcer - Declined](#)
- [Marie Baxter – Accepted](#)

### **TREASURER**

- [Rick "T-Man" Molina - Accepted](#)
- [Joel Honeycutt - Accepted](#)
- [Frank T. Hammons - Declined](#)
- [Joe Baker - Declined](#)
- [Allen "Ace" Ryant - Declined](#)
- [Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak - Declined](#)
- [Steve "Jester" Eulis - Declined](#)
- [James "Gambler" Willard - Declined](#)

### **Sgt @ Arms**

- [Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak - Accepted](#)
- [Harry Ness - Accepted](#)

### **Road Captain**

- [James "Gambler" Willard - Accepted](#)
- [Allen "Ace" Ryant - Accepted](#)
- [Daniel "Postal" Ortner - Declined](#)
- [Rick "T-Man" Molina - Declined](#)

### **Safety Director**

- [James "Gambler" Willard - Accepted](#)

### **State Representatives**

- [Demetrious Kirkiles - Accepted as Alternate](#)

### **Only**

- [Ada Hibbs - Accepted](#)
- [Axel "Axman" Wojnar - Declined](#)
- [Chris Sharp - Declined](#)
- [Brad Winston - Declined](#)
- [Beverly Swazy - Declined](#)
- [James "Gambler" Willard - Declined](#)
- [Robert "BARS" Calabrese - Declined](#)
- [Alice Calabrese - Declined](#)
- [Royce Taylor - Declined](#)

### **Legal Counsel**

- [Brad Winston - Accepted](#)
- [Demetrious Kirkiles - Accepted](#)

### **Products**

- [Kathy & Joel Honeycutt - Accepted](#)

### **Membership**

- [George "Blue Trike" Torrence - Declined](#)
- [Bruce Sonnenfeld - Accepted](#)
- [Rick "T-Man" Molina - Accepted](#)

### **Newsletter Editor**

- [Cesar "Squeezer" Tejera - Accepted](#)

### **Legislative Liaison**

- [Brad Winston - Accepted](#)
- [Demetrious Kirkiles - Declined](#)

### **Public Relations**

- [Fern Cameron - Accepted](#)
- [Alice Calabrese - Declined](#)
- [Amy Sonnenfeld - Declined](#)

### **Events Coordinators**

- [Patty Dollard - Declined](#)
- [Allen "Ace" Ryant - Declined](#)
- [Ada Hibbs - Declined](#)
- [Bob Anz - Declined](#)
- [Jimmy "Les" Lesniak - Declined](#)
- [Lee Ann Lewis - Declined](#)
- [Joel Honeycutt - Declined](#)
- [Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff - Declined](#)

### **Social Director**

- [Patty Dollard - Accepted](#)
- [Suzanne Keene - Declined](#)
- [Jimmy "Les" Lesniak - Declined](#)

### **Quartermaster**

- [Bob Anz - Accepted](#)

### **Photographer**

- [Ada Hibbs - Accepted](#)
- [Rick "T-Man" Molina - Accepted](#)
- [Mike "Rogue" Hager - Declined](#)
- [Axel "Axman" Wojnar - Declined](#)

### **Web-Master**

- [Mike "Rogue" Hager - Accepted](#)

### **Chaplain**

- [Frank "Poppi" Cocchi - Accepted](#)
- [Suzanne Keene - Declined](#)
- [Paul Baglio - Accepted](#)
- [Dave Gregory - Declined](#)

Members running unopposed will be voted into office by a yes vote from the chapter secretary. Positions with multiple nominees will be voted on by the

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membership at the next chapter meeting June 21, 2015

**New Business**

None

**Good of the Order**

- 5-24-15 Southeast Chapter Memorial day Event @ The Elks Lodge
- 5-31-15 Los Coqui MC 10th Anniversary Event
- 6-13-15 South Florida AOA Memorial Event for Jerry, Roger & Kenny
- 6-14-15 - Wings of Gold Event Ft. Lauderdale Annual Event

A motion was to move next month's chapter meeting date since it falls on Father's day. Seconded. Discussion Vote called for. 4 in favor, 30 against. Motion failed. Next month's chapter meeting will take place as scheduled on 6-21-15. The new American Legion commander spoke on the changes he intends to make. Don't forget the States MC has dinner every Thursday at their clubhouse.



...President's Message continued from page 4

would like to thank the members of my board of directors: Vice-President Frank "Poppie" Cocchi, Secretary Paul Melcer, and Treasurer (and our next President) Frank T Hammons for all the help they gave me for the past three years. As I Look back I have been to 101 parties, 18 ABATE state meetings, and too many club night open houses to count. Even though I am stepping down as President I am not going anywhere. I will still be around. Thank you to all the members of the biker community for all the support you gave me and please continue to support the Southeast chapter of ABATE. Again I thank you.

Remember,

HERE TODAY GONE TODAY

Bars

**Please check the hotline for updates and any changes. 954-310-4626**

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned 11:10am

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

***Paul A. Melcer***  
**Secretary**



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As of April 2013's Official State Membership Report, the S.E. Chapter is comprised of 632 members of which, 42% are Lifetime Members and 58% Annual Members. I am a Lifetime Member and when I joined I thought that a bulk of the \$150.00 fee would go to support the Chapter. In reality, only \$50 of that fee goes to the Chapter and the remaining \$100 goes to Florida State Abate, and our Annual Members pay a \$20 fee, the Chapter only receives \$10 with the State collecting the remainder. Therefore after five years, the Chapter's Lifetime Members no longer financially support the Chapter with any sort of annual dues payment. If you have been a Lifetime Member for over five years, you do not provide any financial support to the Chapter unless you: buy ABATE Chapter products; pay to attend Chapter events; post an ad in our Newsletter; or make a monetary donation. It is very financially difficult to support 632 members when 42% of the memberships, after five years, have no obligation to do so. Some state ABATE's, California for example, charge a onetime lifetime membership fee (\$450) and then each year afterwards "in order to maintain your lifetime status and benefits", must pay \$50 per year sustaining fee. Florida ABATE does not do that, yet.

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## PRESS RELEASE

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Date: May 18, 2015  
Contact: Richard Lester,  
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The Confederation of Clubs Deeply Saddened by  
May 17, 2015 Waco, Texas Motorcycle Club Incident at a local Confederation of Clubs  
meeting

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists and all of its local affiliates are deeply saddened by the incident that occurred on May 17, 2015, and are praying for those involved and their families. Immediately prior to the start of a Texas affiliate's monthly meeting, a motorcycle club that was NOT a member of the Confederation of Clubs arrived with over 50 people and attacked members of the Confederation.

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Great news ABATE SE Chapter is going forward we are here to stay. We have members who have stepped up to fill the positions needed. We will be holding general elections at June's meeting. Anyone who would like to vote then come to the meeting and do so. We are hoping for a big turnout. We still need members to fill other positions needed to help conduct chapter business going ahead. Hope to see everyone there to vote and continue to keep ABATE SE Chapter going in the right direction.

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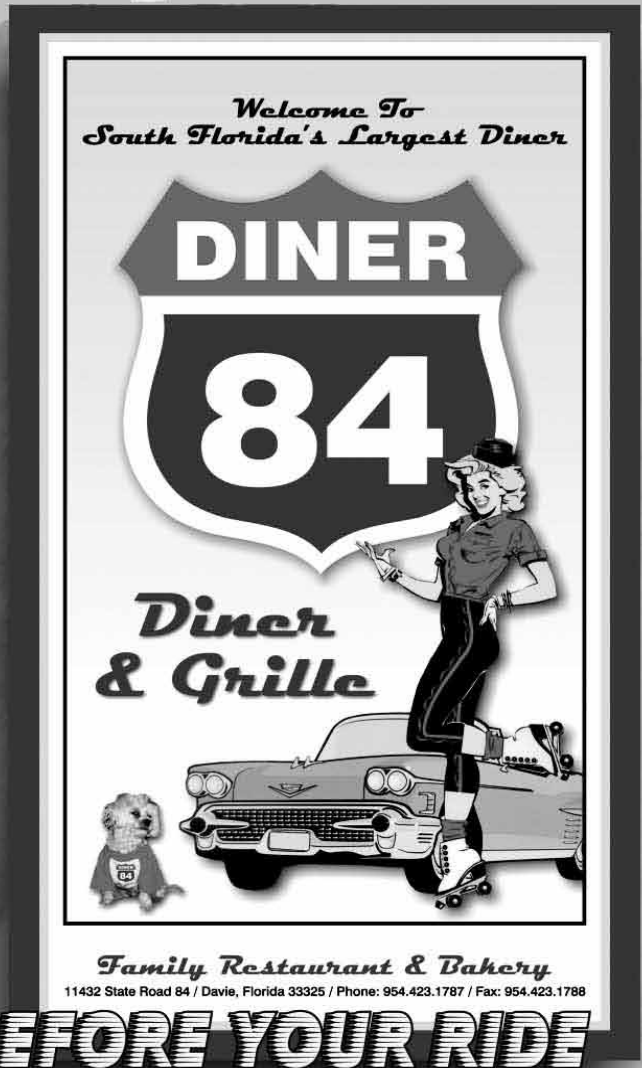
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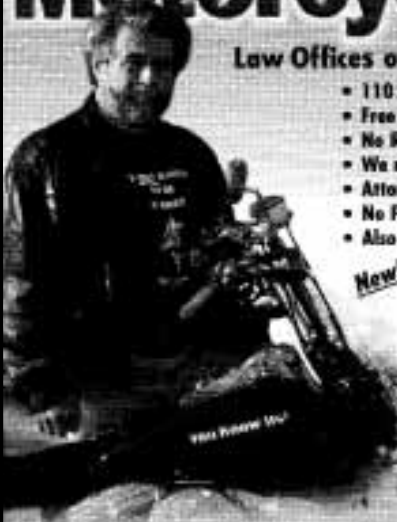
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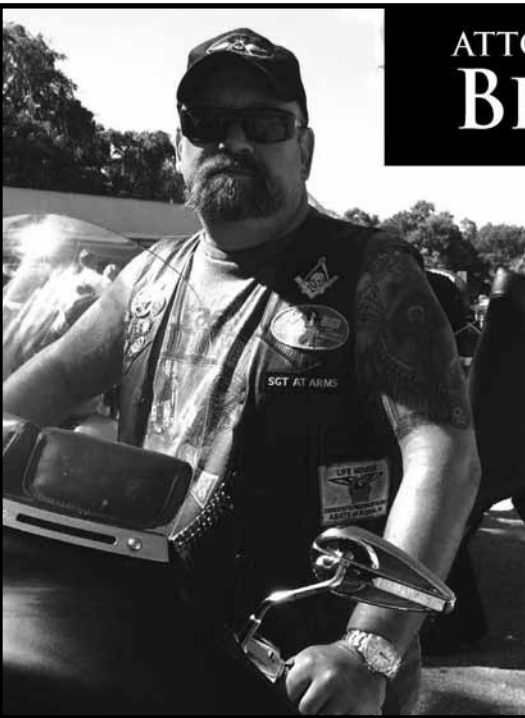
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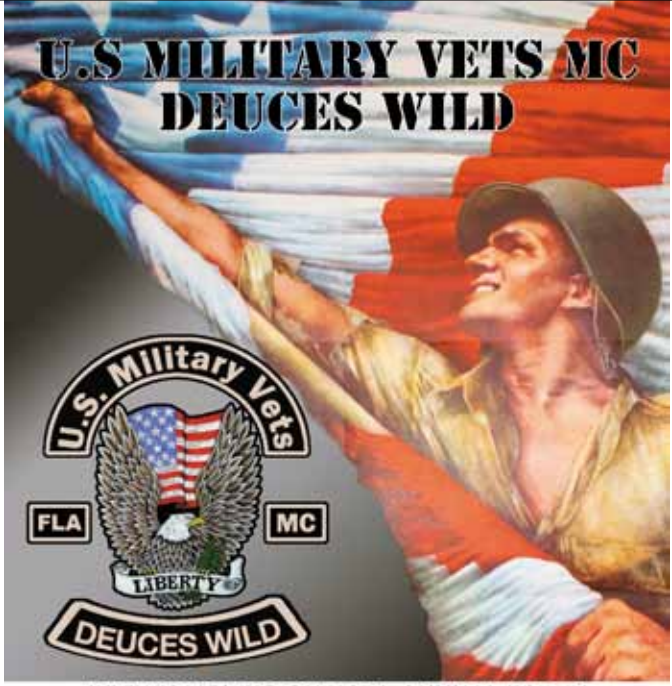


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June

2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 States MC Pompano Dinner	5	6
7 NEW ATTITUDES MC - PARTY	8	9	10	11 States MC Pompano Dinner	12	13 AOA - MEMORIAL
14 WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL	15	16	17	18 States MC Pompano Dinner	19	20
21 <b><u>Chapter Meeting</u></b>	22	23	24	25 States MC Pompano Dinner	26	27
28 US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD	29	30				

**Additional Info:**

06/07/15 - NEW ATTITUDES MC - PARTY

06/13/15 - AOA PAULY, JERRY, ROGER, AND KENNY MEMORIAL

06/14/15 - WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL

06/28/15 - US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROW - ANNUAL

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July

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 States MC Pompano Dinner	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 States MC Pompano Dinner	10	11
12 ALTERNA- TIVE MC - PARTY	13	14	15	16 States MC Pompano Dinner	17	18 WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK- OFF
19 <b><u>Chapter Meeting</u></b>	20	21	22	23 States MC Pompano Dinner	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 States MC Pompano Dinner	31	

**Additional Info:**

07/12/15 - ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY

07/18/15 - WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

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# 2015 CALENDAR

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## JUNE

- 7-NEW ATTITUDES MC - PARTY
- 13-AOA PAULY, JERRY, ROGER, AND KENNY 1%'ers MEMORIAL
- 14-WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL
- 28-US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROW - ANNUAL

## JULY

- 12-ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY
- 18-WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

## AUGUST

- 2-WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
- 4-74th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
- 8th-10th SO FLORIDA TATTOO EXPO
- 9-AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNIVERSARY PARTY
- 22-LOS COQUIS MC - SMOKEY/DIESEL B-DAY

## SEPTEMBER

- 6-SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN
- 12-OUTCAST MC - PARTY
- 13-STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
- 18th-20th PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
- 27-KELTICS MC - PARTY

## OCTOBER

- 4-MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL
- 10-NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL
- 11-S.E. ABATE RIGHTS RALLY
- 16th-19th DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
- 25-WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY

## NOVEMBER

- 7-US MILITARY VETS MC CH 1 - ANNUAL
- 8-CMA - MEMORIAL EVENT
- 14-HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL

## DECEMBER

- 6 SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
- 12-PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
- 12-HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEM/TOY RUN
- 13-WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN
- 19-SFLCOC - CHRISTMAS PARTY
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Timmy "Da Man"  
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Sam Keeney  
Jake Edwards "Lowjack"  
Lionel Arista "Primo"  
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**Birthdays**



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If I can digress for a moment...

### **Is there still racism in America?**

Of course there is! There has been since the beginning of civilization and there always will be some kind of racism, even amongst people of the same race. However it is not as bad as the media tries to make it out to be. Why does the media try to fan the flames of racism? The media has an agenda to create high ratings; trying to make racism appear worse than what it really is fits perfectly into that agenda. Higher ratings equals more advertisement dollars. The media is currently trying to do the best they can to make "Blue" out to be the biggest racist. Why, because they want protest, especially if they end up in violence. This will provide them with plenty of film footage and talking points for them to fill their 24-hr news cycle. It irks me to see how in "many" incidents that have resulted in use of force by police lately, the media finds it necessary to use the words "White Police Officer" and "Black Man" multiple times in their articles. Notice I used the word "many" and not the word "all" in the previous sentence; my reasoning being that the media for some reason does not find a need to use color as a defining characteristic when the police officer involved is any color other than white or the victim is any color other than black. Why is that? Why is the media trying so hard to make one particular group think they are the only victims? Why is it that whenever a law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty the media does not feel the need to use color as a defining characteristic? Why would an article headlined "Retired corrections officer chases down and shoots an unarmed man" have no mention at all of either man's race in the entire article? Is it because the video shows the shooter to be black and the victim white/Hispanic? "Police officer in Ft. Lauderdale punches and kicks a handcuffed woman." No mention of anybody's race in that article either. Why is that? Is it because the officer is black and the woman was white? "Police officer killed the day before she starts maternity leave", no need to use color in the article to describe anybody. Why? "Six teens arrested in the rape of a 16 year old girl in central Florida." No color used in the description of any of them, however the victim was white and the attackers were not. Can you see a pattern here? The media only seems to use color as a description when they feel that it will give them the response they want, which is to anger one particular group of people into protesting and rioting. Why is the media doing this and are you taking their bait and assuming racism is worse than it actually is? What is the hidden agenda?

Your editor - "Squeezer"





## Don't Worry Be Happy

Let's stop beating ourselves up over things we really don't have control over. Stop thinking about what could have been, that's the past and we can't do anything about it. Let's stop trying to take on our problems we're having right now, like jobs, health, relationships, finances, by ourselves. Most of the time we can't, we need advice or help from somewhere or someone.

We ask our friends, our family and other loved ones, but the answers we get aren't always the right ones. So what can we do? We should ask the one who has all the answers; the one who knows all about our past, our present, and our future.

He forgives our past, He helps with our present, and knows our future.

He will never give us the wrong answers, all we have to do is go in the direction He leads us. I've said it before and I'll say it again let your faith in The Lord Jesus Christ be your guide.

Jesus says in Matthew 11:29 "Place my yoke over your shoulders, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest for yourselves". He also says in Matthew 6:34 "so do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will care for itself, each day has enough trouble of its own".

What I'm saying is have Faith in Jesus Christ; He has a destiny for all of us. Just follow His lead, and you will have The Joy of the Lord in you always.

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## From Your Safety Director



You all know the song;

### **DOES SHE STAY OR DOES SHE GO?**

Well we need to ask ourselves the same question about this Chapter.

I am writing this article before our May 17th meeting, for the June Newsletter, and at this time I do not know the outcome or the results of the nominations. As of the April meeting no one has accepted the nomination for President, Vice President or Treasurer. If all four of the Board positions are not filled there will be no Southeast Chapter. The other positions are called Trustees and do not have to be filled to continue the Chapter.

I know what you may be thinking; why haven't you stepped up Gambler? Believe me I have been wrestling with the thought of taking one of the top two posts and after much deliberation, I cannot because of my busy schedule. The best I can do is to remain your Safety Director.

If this Chapter does close I hope that you all remain members of ABATE whether with another Chapter or as a Member-at-Large and continue our message of Motorcycle Safety and Awareness,

To all the members out there that care about keeping this Chapter active please think about accepting or nominating someone you feel will fulfill these top board positions. Regardless of the outcome, let's continue to support our MC's as they have supported us.

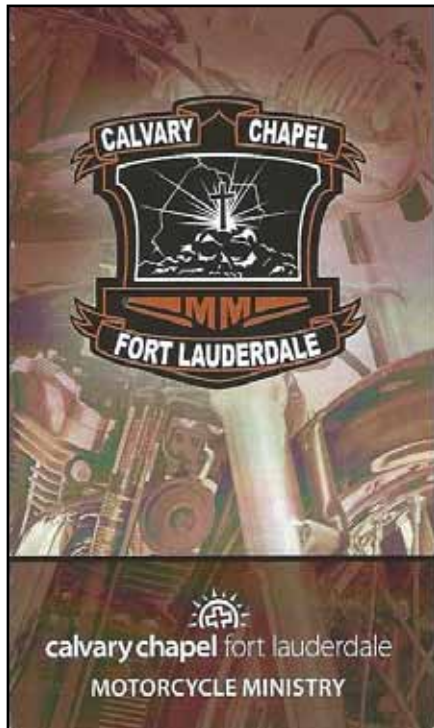
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## NCOM HAILS THIRD DECADE WITH DENVER CONVENTION

You could smell it in the air, as distinct as a Denver dispensary and just as intoxicating; unity, and cooperation in the face of critical challenges affecting today's motorcyclists. "Coming Together" in one of the largest gatherings of bikers' rights activists in America, the 30th annual NCOM Convention, May 7-10 in Denver, Colorado addressed issues of mutual concern for the betterment of biking.

For three decades, over Mother's Day weekend the National Coalition of Motorcyclists has provided a forum for diverse factions of the motorcycle community to meet in the spirit of teamwork to tackle topics such as Biker Anti-Profilng legislation; Save the Patch litigation; Freedom of the Road and Use of the Courts; as well as seminars on Public Relations and Social Media, Lobbying 101 and Working with your Legislators.

Friday's Opening Ceremonies was one of the best-attended ever, and the energetic congregation of concerned riders from across the country encompassed various segments of motorcycling from clubs to rights organizations, and from touring groups to sportbikers; all there to learn and share with mutual respect.

Special Meetings were on the weekend's agenda in support of NCOM's many outreach programs for Women In Motorcycling; Clean and Sober Roundtable; National Sport Bike Association (NSBA); and Christian Unity Conference, in addition to the Confederation of Clubs General Patch Holders Meeting.

During the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to "Improving The Image of Motorcycling", including; MEDIA: Joe Teresi - Easyriders Magazine; COMMERCE: New York Myke - San Diego Harley-Davidson; LEGAL: Joe Ritzo - AIM Attorney for ME, NH, MA & VT; ENTERTAINMENT: Danny "The Count" Koker - "Counting Cars" History Channel TV show; SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Larry Lindsey - Dixie ABATE, AL; and NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Jerry Theophilopoulos - AIM Attorney for Florida. Next year's 31st Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 5-8, 2016 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. For

## RIGHT-TO-REPAIR DECISION EXPECTED FROM U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE

In July, the U.S. Copyright Office (USCO) is expected to issue a decision about a vehicle owner's right to alter any of the computer software or code that controls the vehicle's operations. Though the decision is based on briefs filed by agricultural and automotive vehicle manufacturers, it could potentially have implications for motorcycles, ATV, UTV, personal watercraft and other vehicles that use computer software to control ignition, fuel, stability, traction, braking and other vehicle operating systems.

In the briefs, the manufacturers argue that allowing owners, non-manufacturer approved service technicians or anyone but their own designated technicians to view or alter the computer software or codes is not allowed under the anti-circumvention prohibition in Section 1201 of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) which, if applied as manufacturers suggest, restricts vehicle software inspection, repair, and modification. The original intent of the DMCA, however, was more to prevent code copying that could involve copyright infringement.

Every three years, the Librarian of Congress, working with the Copyright Office, hears requests from members of the public whose speech and other rights are affected by the law and considers whether to grant exemptions.

## MARYLAND ENACTS BAN ON MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS

The Maryland legislature has joined a growing list of states to prohibit law enforcement officers from conducting roadside checkpoints that specifically target motorcyclists. H.B. 917, introduced by Maryland Delegate Benjamin Kramer (D-Wheaton) and companion bill S.B. 716 introduced by state Senator Jamie Raskin (D-Takoma Park) state that "a police officer at a motor vehicle checkpoint may not target only motorcycles for inspection or evaluation."

The bipartisan legislation passed unanimously in the House 137-0 on March 19, and the Senate 47-0 on March 29, and was signed into law on May 12, making Maryland the eighth state to pass a law against motorcycle-only checkpoints, while another 11 states have prohibited such discriminatory roadblocks either on constitutional grounds or by judicial action.



## **KANSAS LAW CREATES NEW “AUTOCYCLE” VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION**

Under a new law in Kansas, “Autocycle” is now defined as a three-wheel motorcycle that has a steering wheel and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride it. House Bill 2044, signed into law by Governor Sam Brownback on May 7, 2015 after passing the legislature near-unanimously by both chambers, creates the new classification of vehicles which proponents say are neither cars nor motorcycles and need their own classification to protect drivers from breaking the law.

The federal government classifies any vehicle with less than four wheels as a motorcycle, which requires a motorcycle license to operate, but some say the motorcycle license test isn’t helpful for operating autocycles because they aren’t driven the same way. “It’s a requirement that makes absolutely no sense,” said Joel Sheltroun, vice president of governmental affairs for Elio Motors, a Phoenix company that plans to start making autocycles in 2016. “My customer base, a lot of them, don’t have motorcycle licenses and they’re not going to go out and rent a motorcycle, learn how to drive it, go down and take a test just so they can drive our vehicle, especially seniors.”

HB 2044 allows drivers to operate an autocycle without a motorcycle endorsement, and Sheltroun said about 18 states are working on legislation for autocycles and six states already passed laws for defining autocycles. Otherwise, out-of-state drivers could run into trouble if they drive into a state where a motorcycle license is required, as drivers would automatically be breaking the law and could face tickets or possibly get their vehicle impounded until they could prove they had a motorcycle license.

## **OREGON SENATE PASSES LANE SPLITTING BILL**

Oregon motorcycle riders are one step closer to splitting lanes thanks to SB 694. The bill, which would legalize lanesplitting under specific traffic conditions, passed 18-10 in the state Senate with bipartisan support, and now moves on to the Oregon House for debate and a final approval vote or amendment. The measure would allow lanesplitting when traffic is stopped or slowed to 10 mph or less, with motorcycle riders allowed to split lanes not in excess of 20 mph. Lanesplitting is only permitted on roads 50 mph or higher and forbidden between lanes going in opposite directions.

During the committee discussion that sent the bill to

the Senate floor, lawmakers complimented advocates for the legislation. “It’s been some of the most effective citizen lobbying I’ve seen on a bill,” said Senator Sara Gelsler (D). “It was persistent, helpful, useful and fact-based and I really appreciated it.”

Another committee member, Senator Ginny Burdick (D), also said of the measure: “I can’t remember a time when I’ve ever been more opposed to a bill, then turned around and supported it. The advocates on this did a very nice job.”

## **WISCONSIN ACTS TO LEGALIZE COLORED LIGHTING**

The Wisconsin legislature has passed a bill legalizing colored motorcycle lights. Current Wisconsin law (and in most U.S. States) prohibits operating a motor vehicle with lights other than white or amber in front and red in the rear.

The bill’s Assembly sponsor, John Jagler (R-Watertown), says colored LED lights are becoming more popular on motorcycles. He says more lights will increase motorcycle visibility, making them safer. Under the bill, people could equip their motorcycles with any color lights aside blue as long as they don’t flash or rotate.

The Assembly passed the bill last month. The Senate passed the bill on a voice vote on May 6, sending the measure to Governor Scott Walker.

In the meantime, a similar measure HB3944 would amend the Illinois Vehicle Code to “Provide that a motorcycle may be equipped with auxiliary accent lights, including standard bulb running lights and light emitting diode pods and strips. Provides that the auxiliary accent lights shall not be red or white or oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights. Defines “auxiliary accent light”. The measure passed Senate Transportation Committee 16-0 on May 13 and has been placed on the Senate calendar.

## **GEORGIA GOVERNOR VETOES “DEAD RED” BILL**

Georgia Governor Nathan Deal has vetoed a bill passed by the state legislature that would have allowed cyclists, both bicyclists and motorcyclists, to ride through unresponsive red lights, sometimes referred to as “dead red” legislation.

On May 12, 2015 the governor nixed Senate Bill 76: “Motorcycle Mobility Safety Act” relating to the safe operation of a motorcycle; inoperative traffic-control

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signal, issuing the following veto message: “While I am sympathetic to the concerns and causes of motorcyclists and bicyclists, this legislation does not provide an adequate solution and presents a confusing exception to motorists. Furthermore, Senate Bill 76 would eliminate the current 15-inch height restriction placed on motorcycle handlebars. Motorcycles equipped with handlebars more than 15 inches in height pose a safety hazard due to the increased difficulty in steering and decreased control. In 2014, crashes involving motorcycles and bicycles accounted for 13 percent of the fatalities on Georgia roads, and I do not see how this legislation will enhance roadway safety. Therefore, in the interest of providing the necessary roadway safety Georgians deserve, I hereby VETO Senate Bill 76.”

### **AUSSIE COPS DROP TERM “CRIMINAL MOTORCYCLE GANGS” FOR P.C. “OUTLAW” TAG**

Queensland police have dropped the term “criminal motorcycle gangs” for bikies in a sign of a new political climate; quietly reverting to the more widely used “outlaw” tag, the description used by the new Labor police minister.

The term CMG was coined by the former Newman government, which directed police to adopt it from the outset of its legislative and public relations campaign against bikies in 2013. However, the new Palaszczuk Labor government is reviewing the controversial “bikie laws”, including anti-association and mandatory sentencing provisions, after pre-election promises to repeal them.

A government source told Guardian Australia that all other Australian police forces, as well as the Australian Crime Commission, refer to the bikies as OMCGs, adding that bikies refer to themselves as outlaw motorcycle clubs, “1%” clubs or simply motorcycle clubs.

### **WEIRD NEWS: BRITON DEPORTED FOR RIDING NUDE**

A British man was to be deported from Cambodia after he was caught riding a motorcycle naked. The 24-year old student from the University of the West of Scotland, was booted out for “violating the beautiful customs and culture” of the country.

He spent the weekend in jail after being caught with two other nude riders, a 22-year-old Finnish woman and a 30-year-old Italian man, appearing in a video posted on YouTube before being stopped by police 50 miles after shedding their clothes. It’s been reported

they are to be permanently barred from Cambodia for indecent exposure.

Kandal police chief Eav Chamroeun told the Phnom Penh Post: “I think that this was the first time there have been foreign people driving motorcycles naked in Cambodia. Their actions have seriously violated Cambodia’s integrity, the beautiful customs and culture of Cambodia, and Cambodian law. We cannot allow them to commit pornography like this in our country.” Sok Phal, head of the Ministry of Interior’s immigration department, said: “The General Department of Immigration has asked the leadership of the Ministry of Interior to expel them from the country as punishment.”

### **INSURER CLAIMS MOTORCYCLISTS ARE THEIR OWN WORST ENEMY**

According to Progressive Insurance, single-vehicle mishaps accounted for more motorcycle-related claims last year than any other event. The insurer processed 3.5 times more of such claims than for rear-end crashes, the next-most common motorcycle incident. Excess speed is the most common rider-related factor in fatal motorcycle accidents. Riding while intoxicated on alcohol or controlled substances is another leading cause of motorcycle accidents where another vehicle is not involved.

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