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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.
- WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG.

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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Become informed – ABATE of Florida, Inc. Southeast chapter publishes a monthly newsletter (online & in print) that provides first-hand knowledge of legislative updates, bills & regulations that are being proposed, introduced or up for vote in the Florida House and/or Senate, as well as some regulations coming out of the Federal Government that affect or could affect us as riders.

The more members and voters we have, the more pressure our lobbyist can put on Lawmakers to pass legislation that helps us and stop legislation that hurts us. Join us not only in our fight for our freedoms, but also in the camaraderie in the brotherhood/sisterhood of ABATE of Florida, Inc.

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings brothers and sisters, once again, thank you for picking up and reading the 419th issue of our chapter's monthly newsletter, and for all of you Fathers out there, Happy Father's Day!!!

Critter and I have accepted positions on the state board of ABATE of Florida, Inc., so this will most likely be the last article that I will write for this newsletter for quite some time. Even though our terms as officers of Southeast Chapter come to a dénouement, it will be our intent to be present at as many events as we can, to show our support to the local community in conjunction with serving it on a higher level as members of the state board.

I would like to once again thank all the members of the SFPC for having patience and allowing me to complete my tasks, which was keeping the council informed and educated on the legislation that would effect our community, and what we could attempt to do to change it towards our advantage. I would also like to take this opportunity to again thank AOA, their affiliates and allies for all that they do for our community and way of life! They have brothers out there dying so that we can maintain this lifestyle and community! So thank you brothers, for that, you have my respect and admiration!

I would also like to thank all of the Southeast Chapter membership that came out in the monsoon rains to volunteer and support our Annual Memorial Day event on May 26th at Mickey's Tiki Bar. A special shout out goes to Frenchy (from Seminole County Chapter) for coming down and volunteering to help us out! We also had an awesome surprise visit from Billy Bird (VP of Peace River Chapter) and his lovely companion Kimmy Hollan (Peace River Chapter's Secretary) that came to help support our event! Thank you for coming, it is always great seeing the both of you! Of course a HUGE thank you goes to Alan Brownfeld, who not only always gives us a great deal for having our events at his venue, but is also a huge supporter of the community as well, so thanks for always being there for us Alan!

Last, but most assuredly not least, I would like to thank my awesome wife Critter for all the hard work, dedication, due diligence, and profoundly infinite tolerance that she has given over these past couple years as my never wavering strong right hand! I love you baby, you are the best of the best!!!

One final thing I would like to convey goes to who so ever may pick up this newsletter to read it that is not a member. If you are a motorcycle rider, no matter what make or model, or just a motorcycle enthusiast, or someone who is a family member of a rider or enthusiast, I would strongly urge you to consider becoming a member. I cordially invite you to attend our next chapter meeting in order to get a better idea of how we operate and what we stand for.

So with that, I'd like to thank everyone for his and/or her continued support of our chapter and state organization and as always...

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

With Honor and Respect,
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**Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Held at American Legion Post 222
Oakland Park, FL
May 20 2018**

Nighthawk called the meeting to order at 10:21am by standing up and asking everyone to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Suzanne Keene then led us in prayer. There were 25 members present.

President's Report: Magneto thanked everyone for coming out during the inclement weather. He thanked Suzanne Keene for doing a great job giving the prayer without any notice and for being this year's Officer of Elections. He mentioned that there would be a volunteer sign-up sheet passed around for anyone who wished to help us with our May 26th Memorial Day event at Mickey's Tiki Bar.

Vice President's Report: Johnny Rose thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He said that everyone should volunteer, if they can help. He thanked Mike Travis for volunteering to bring the trailer to our event.

Secretary's Report: Sheila Rose called for a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the May newsletter. A motion was made, then seconded, and all were in favor. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Critter read the Treasurer's Report for April. She mentioned that she has drawing tickets for the State rifle drawing which will be held at the December State Meeting. Anyone who wishes to purchase tickets, or sign out a book to sell, was asked to see Critter after the meeting. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report, then seconded, all were in favor and the motion was passed.

Sergeant at Arm's Report: Nighthawk thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He then mentioned that Memorial Day Event is something that everyone looks forward to. He also mentioned that the members should pass the word about our event to anyone they may come in contact with in the community or otherwise.

Road Captain's Report: This position is open.

Safety Director's Report: This position is open.

State Representative's Report: Critter mentioned that there are only two state board positions that are being contested, State President and State Treasurer. The two nominees for State Treasurer are Debby Hamby (Palm Beach Chapter) and Carol DeCelle (Blackcreek Chapter). The three nominees for State President are James "Doc" Reichenbach (current State President), Steve Kliemish (Treasure Coast Chapter) and Roy DeCelle (Blackcreek Chapter). Critter then read statements that each of the nominees wrote describing their qualifications. There was a discussion and then a vote to which our chapter voted for the best candidates based on the information provided.

Products Report: This position is open. Sheila currently has the products at her home and will bring them to our Memorial Day Event.

Membership Report: Sheila Rose reported that membership is going well. We had 5 new and renewing members since our last meeting in April.

Events Coordinator: This position is open.

Newsletter Editor: Critter mentioned that the June newsletter will be her last issue. She then reminded everyone that all articles are due today.

Newsletter Distribution: Poppie was excused. Johnny Rose thanked Randy for helping with this and doing a great job.

Legislative Report: Brad was excused.

Legal Counsel: Brad was excused.

Public Relations: Fern was excused.

Billing and Invoicing: Sheila reported that all current advertisers are up to date.

Social Director: Sandy brought cupcakes for May birthdays.

Quartermaster's Report: Bob Anz will not be at the event next weekend, but will get together with Johnny Rose to make sure we have water.

Photographer's Report: Barry said he is looking forward to our event and taking a lot of great pictures.

Webmaster's Report: Rogue is excused.

Old Business: This is the second and final round for Chapter Board and Trustee nominations. Suzanne Keene is the Officer of Elections. She read the nominations from the previous meeting and called for any additional nominations. The results are as follows:

- President: *Johnny Rose - Accepted*
- Vice President: *Bob "Old Hippy"*

- Leavitt - Accepted*
- Secretary: *Sheila Rose - Accepted*
- Treasurer: *Marie Baxter - Accepted*
- Sargent at Arms: *Steve “Nighthawk” Chomiak - Accepted*
- Road Captain: *Russell Edgell - Accepted, Randy Gettinger - Declined, Alan “Big Wheel” Loper - Declined*
- Safety Director: *Barry “Teddy Bear” Sadoff - Accepted*
- State Reps: *Marie Baxter - Accepted, Jon “Wavy” Viger - Accepted, Steve “Nighthawk” Chomiak - Accepted, Alan “Big Wheel” Loper - Declined, Barry “Teddy Bear” Sadoff - Accepted*
- Products: *Laurel Conner - Accepted, Hope Travis - Declined*
- Membership: *Sheila Rose - Accepted*
- Events Coordinator: *Fern Cameron - Declined, Gabriel Carrera - Accepted*
- Newsletter Editor: *Lee Ann Lefkowitz - Accepted*
- Newsletter Distribution: *Frank “Poppie” Cocchi - Accepted*
- Legislative Liaison: *Brad Winston - Accepted, Chris Sharp - Declined*
- Legal Counsel: *Brad Winston - Accepted*
- Public Relations: *Fern Cameron - Accepted*
- Billing and Invoicing: *Sheila Rose - Accepted*
- Social Director: *Sandy Strickland - Accepted, Patti Dollard - Declined*
- Quartermaster: *Bob Anz - Accepted*

- Photographer: *Barry Blundell - Accepted*
- Webmaster: *Mike “Rogue” Hager - Accepted*
- Chaplain: *Frank “Poppie” Cocchi - Accepted, Duroy Burnett - Declined*

New Business: Bob Anz said that the next meeting is also on Father’s Day. There was discussion about moving the meeting date but the consensus was to keep the same date.

Good of the Order: Johnny said that it is important that we all support the community and that we try to attend as many events as we can.

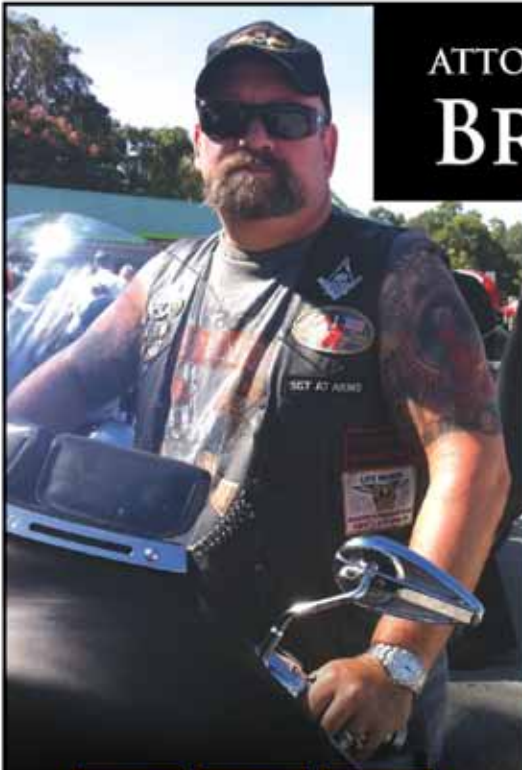
Magneto entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

Our next Chapter meeting is June 17, 2018 at the American Legion Post 222, in Oakland Park, FL. Hope to see you all at our next meeting!

Four wheels move the body. Two wheels move the soul. ~ Author unknown

Sheila Rose
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1. Which president made Father's Day a national event?
2. What is the official flower for Father's Day?
3. True or False – In 1972 President Richard Nixon signed a public law that made the Father's Day celebration permanent.
4. What is the most popular Father's Day gift?
5. How much will be spent nationally on Father's Day cards?
6. Who is considered the "mother" of Father's Day?

Answers hidden somewhere in this issue

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A Message From Your Vice President

When I was President, back in 2011, I got a phone call from a distraught woman, whose son was killed on a motorcycle and he was not wearing a helmet. She was crying and asking me why are we anti-helmet. I gave her my condolences. Then I calmly explained to her that we are not anti-helmet, we are anti-helmet law. I told her that if my wife breaks down, I can go pick her up, give her my helmet, and then ride us both home safely and without worry of a ticket. I know she didn't really understand what I was saying to her, but I think she felt better about ABATE and that I took the time to talk to her. I'll never forget that phone call. It was heart-wrenching. Now, in 2018,

I met a motorcyclist who did not have a helmet. I have more than I need at home, so I gave him one of mine, not thinking anything of it, just one brother helping another brother. The other day, I was having a bad day at work and I was stuck in traffic due to the rain. I was pissed off and aggravated. While I was sitting there, upset about not being able to get home anytime soon, I got call from Willie, the motorcyclist that I gave the helmet to. He was in the hospital after a serious motorcycle accident. He thanked me for saving his life. I said that I didn't do anything, and he said that God brought me to him to give him the helmet that saved his life. This lifted my spirits, that I did something to help a fellow motorcyclist, and this made the ride home better. I went to visit him in rehab and he is doing better. I left him some ABATE newsletters to read. Once he is up and around, I am expecting to see him at our meetings. I am honored to be a member of ABATE, which is first and foremost, a motorcycle rights and safety organization and we always look out for our brothers and sisters.

I am also honored to your nominee for President of our Chapter, for this next term. Thanks for your confidence in me. I also want to thank everyone else who stepped up to fill all the positions in our Chapter.

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!

ANYONE WHO RIDES SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF ABATE!!!!

God bless America!!!!

Peace,
Johnny Rose
Vice President
Southeast Chapter



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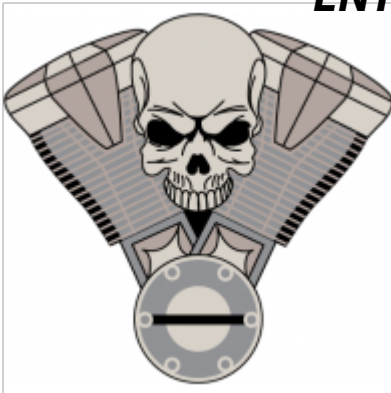
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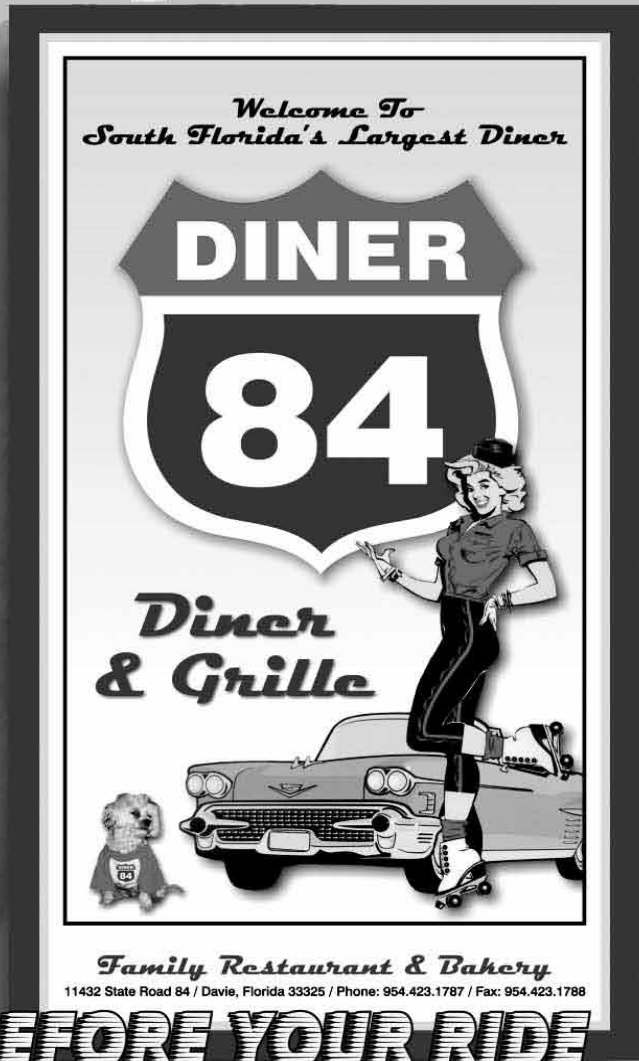
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U.S. Rep. Austin Scott (R-Ga.) and U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel (D-Fl.) have introduced the “Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2018” in the U.S. House (H.R. 5855). The American Motorcyclist Association supports this bill.

The AMA has repeatedly warned of the dangers of E15 (15 percent ethanol by volume) for motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles because none of the estimated 22 million motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles in use in the United States is certified by the Environmental Protection Agency to operate on fuel containing more than 10 percent ethanol. Inadvertent use of E15 in vehicles not designed for its use can damage fuel system and engine components and void manufacturer’s warranties.

This bipartisan legislation would require the EPA to revise the labeling requirements for fuel pumps that dispense E15 and conduct a consumer education campaign to inform the public about the risks of improper use of E15 and the vehicles and equipment that are prohibited from using E15. To learn more and send a prewritten message to your representative, visit <https://cqrcengage.com/amacycle/Federal>

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MORE CITIES JOIN CHALLENGE TO GUN-LAW PENALTIES

BY NSF STAFF - MAY 16, 2018

An additional 10 municipalities have joined a challenge to the constitutionality of a state law that imposes strict penalties on local governments and officials who violate a restriction on regulating guns and ammunition. The lawsuit was filed last month in Leon County circuit court by 10 South Florida communities and numerous local officials, and an amended complaint was filed Tuesday that added 10 municipalities and more officials. The additions were Boca Raton, Surfside, Tallahassee, North Miami, Orlando, Fort Lauderdale, Gainesville, St. Petersburg, Maitland and Key Biscayne. The case is rooted in a decades-old law that gives the state power to regulate firearms and ammunition and “preempts” the ability of local governments to approve such regulations. In 2011, the Legislature approved stiff penalties for local governments and officials who violate the state preemption law, including potential removal from office and fines. The municipalities allege in the lawsuit that the penalties are unconstitutional on a series of grounds. In a statement issued Tuesday after the amended complaint was filed, lead attorney Jamie Cole described the penalties as “onerous” and “unprecedented” against local governments and elected officials. “Municipalities and elected officials from across the state, in urban, suburban and rural communities, have all joined the fight to protect the home rule authority of local governments, and to reflect the passion of their residents,” said Cole of the firm Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman.

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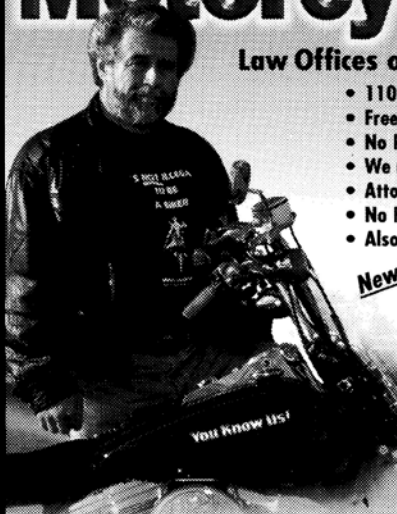
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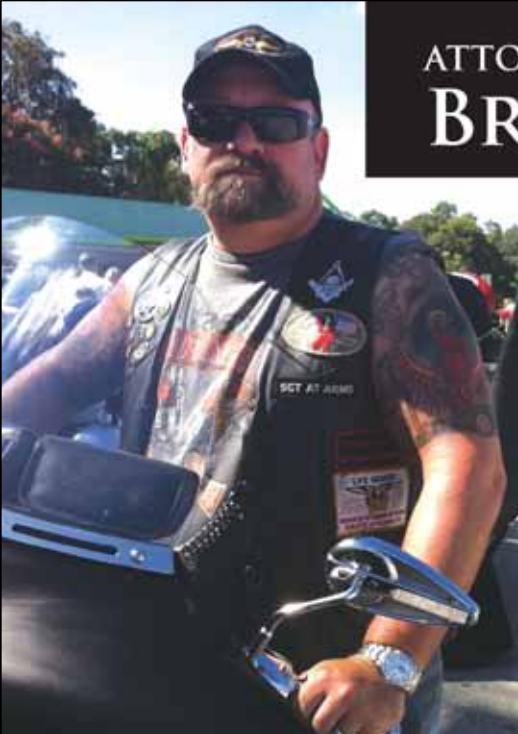
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May is Motorcycle Safety Month, and it has never been more relevant than now for Floridians.

Florida Highway Patrol reported 9,500 motorcycle crashes in 2017. About 611 people died in those accidents.



Safety is at the heart of reducing accidents and deaths. The fact is, motorcyclists are 27 more times likely than passenger car occupants to die in a crash and more likely to be injured.

“Don’t text and drive. Don’t talk on the phone and drive. Ensure that you are paying attention to the road and that your mind is on the road, your eyes are on the road, and your hands are on the wheel,” said Capt. Tim Pikul, with Florida Highway Patrol, a report published by WWSB, ABC-7 in Sarasota.

Here’s a look at some of the leading causes of motorcycle accidents (not ranked):

- Inexperienced Motorcyclists: We recommend that motorcyclists take a course before hitting the road.
- Speeding: Who hasn’t been surprised by a motorcyclist zipping through traffic. The higher the speed, the greater the chance of impact and the severity of the injuries.
- Lane Changing: Passenger car drivers often don’t check for motorcyclists when switching lanes. Blindspots can be an added hazard when drivers fail to double check before changing lanes.
- Car Doors Opening: Motorcyclists have been known to have severe accidents when they hit a car door that suddenly opens, knocking them off their bikes.
- Drinking and Driving: Alcohol is believed to be the main reason for motorcycle accidents.
- Lane Splitting: When a motorcycle operator drives between two lanes of stopped or slower moving cars. In Florida, lane splitting is illegal.
- Road Conditions: Wet and slick roads, road construction, and poorly maintained roads can all cause motorcyclists to lose control and crash.

Is insurance necessary?

Florida is one of the few states that does not require much motorcycle insurance. Motorcyclists in Florida, for example, do not need to carry personal injury protection (PIP). Floridians, however, are required to meet a financial threshold in case of injuries.

What should you do if you’re planning on riding a motorcycle regularly on Florida roads?

Follow these tips to stay on the road:

- Get insurance; Whether you’re injured, or someone else is, you need protection.
- Equip yourself with protective gear.
- Take a motorcycle safety class.
- Don’t drink and drive.
- Abide by the rules of the road.

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10 WINGS OF GOLD MC ANNUAL (Ft. Lauderdale)	11	12	13	14 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	15	16
17  CHAPTER MEETING & Elections	18	19	20	21 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	22	23
24 LEATHERNECKS MC ANNUAL	25	26	27	28 Mickey's Tiki Bar BIKE & CRUISE NIGHT	29	30

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JULY 2018



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2018 CALENDAR

MANDATORY CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD



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FEBRUARY

- 3: US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD-ANNUAL**
- 11: AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
- 14: Valentines Day
- 17: SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY
- 24: WHEELS OF MAN MC - 45th ANNUAL**

MARCH

- 4: HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL**
- 9-18: 77th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
- 17: St. Patrick's Day
- 18: KELTICS MC - ANNUAL**
- 25: US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY

APRIL

- 1: Easter
- 1: CMA - EASTER SERVICE**
- 7: MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
- 15: STATES MC - ANNUAL**
- 22: ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL**
- 27-29: LEESBURG BIKEFEST

MAY

- 6: SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL**
- 13: Mothers Day
- 20: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL**
- 26: S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
- 28: Memorial Day

JUNE

- 3: NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL**
- 9: AOA SOUTH FLORIDA MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers
- 10: WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL**
- 17: Fathers Day
- 24: LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY

JULY

- 4: Independence Day
- 8: US MILITARY VETS MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL**
- 15: SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC BROWARD - ANNUAL**
- 28: WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

AUGUST

- 5: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
- 3-12: 78th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
- 10-12: SOUTH FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION
- 12: AOA FT. LAUD.-51st ANNIV. PARTY-MOLDY'S B-DAY
- 19: SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL**
- 26: KINGDOM OF BROTHERS MC - ANNUAL**

SEPTEMBER

- 2: SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN(??)
- 3: Labor Day
- 9: STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
- 14-16: PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN(??)
- 23: KELTICS MC - PARTY

OCTOBER

- 7: MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL**
- 14: S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL**
- 18-21: DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
- 20: WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY
- 27: ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY
- 28: CMA - MEMORIAL

NOVEMBER

- 3: HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL**
- 11: Veterans Day
- 11: USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL**
- 17: LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL**
- 22: Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

- 9: SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN**
- 15: ALIGATOR ALLEY TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
- 15: HERMANDAD MC-ALFREDO MEMORIAL & TOY RUN
- 15: USMVMC - REATHS ACROSS AMERICA
- 16: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN
- 25: Christmas Day



MONTHLY EVENTS



FRIDAY

Outlaws MC WPB Open House at 7pm
 USMV MC Ch 2 Open house at 8pm (Dania Bch)
 Der Krieger MC Open House at 8pm
 Mystic 7 MC Open House...Ladies drink FREE!
 Keltics MC Open House 8pm
 Scurvy Few MC Open House at 7:30pm
 States MC - Fri Night Pizza 6-8pm
 1st Fri - Soldiers for Jesus Open House 7-10pm
 1st & 3rd Fri - Kingdom of Brothers Open House
 2nd - US Military Vets Dirty Dozen Open House
 3rd Fri - Wings of Gold MC Open House Davie
 4th Fri - American Legion Post 36 Bike Night

SATURDAY

1st & 3rd Sat - AOA MC Dania Open House 8pm
 2nd Sat - USMV MC Ft. Laud. Open House
 2nd & 4th Sat - Mystic 7 Open House
 2nd & 4th Sat - Kingdom of Brothers Open House

SUNDAY

Free pool at Sharkey's Lounge Margate
 Wind Rider Church Services at Mickey's

WEEK DAYS

Mon - States MC Pompano Dinner Nite 6:30pm
 Mon - Ladies nite at Sharkey's 9-2, 241 drinks
 Tues - Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House
 Last Tues - USMVMC Palm Bch Open House
 Wed - Blues Nite at Mickey's
 2nd & 4th Weds - States MC Open House 8pm-?
 Thurs - Leathernecks MC Open House 8-mid
 Thurs - Hermandad MC Open House, 8-2am
 Thurs - Mickey's Bike & Cruise Night, 7:30pm
 Thurs - Scurvy Few MC Open House/Texas Holdem
 3rd Thurs - Peterson's Harley South Bike nite 6-10pm



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Answers to trivia on page 14

1. President Calvin Coolidge in 1924
2. Roses - red rose worn in the lapel if your father is living, white if he is deceased
3. True
4. Necktie, followed by hammers and golf clubs
5. Approximately \$100 million
6. Sonora Louise Smart Dodd, of Spokane, Washington, started the tradition of Father's Day in the honor of her dad, William Smart, a widowed Civil War veteran.



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| Daytona (Triumph) | Magna (Honda) | Super Glide (HD) | V-Max (Yamaha) |
| Dominator (Norton) | Ninja (Kawasaki) | Super Hawk (Honda) | Vulcan (Kawasaki) |

Words in (parentheses) are not part of the puzzle.

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Frank "Phantom"
Jake "Lowjack" Edwards
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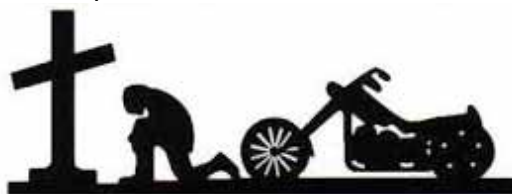
We pray for the new B.O.D, and all the people taking leadership positions. Help them to have the

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ELECTION 2018 UPDATE

CORCORAN TOSSES SUPPORT TO PUTNAM IN GOP PRIMARY

BY LLOYD DUNKELBERGER

TALLAHASSEE --- House Speaker Richard Corcoran on Wednesday dropped his potential bid for governor and endorsed Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam in the Republican primary.



Corcoran, a four-term House member from Land O'Lakes, said he re-evaluated his long-sSpeculated bid to succeed outgoing Gov. Rick Scott and decided against running.

"Florida is an expensive state. It costs a lot of money to run," Corcoran said during an appearance with Putnam in Tallahassee. "I don't think we had the resources to move forward."

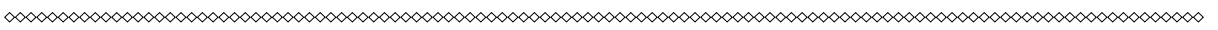
Through the end of March, Corcoran's Watchdog PAC political committee had raised \$6.86 million and spent \$4.6 million, with \$3.7 million spent in the first three months of this year. Despite the spending, which included a controversial television ad on so-called "sanctuary cities," Corcoran never gained much traction in the GOP race with Putnam and U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis of Palm Coast.

Corcoran said he would adhere to his pledge to either run for governor "or go home," ruling out a move to another statewide race, such as the contest for attorney general. He also said he would not serve as Putnam's lieutenant governor if asked to join the ticket.

"I've passionately said for the last year that I was going to run for governor or go home. And I'm proud to say that that decision is clearly that we're going home," Corcoran said.

Corcoran said he decided to endorse Putnam because he believes the two-term state Cabinet member will continue and extend the conservative legacy of the Scott administration, including on tax cuts and educational reforms.

"Adam is sincere. He is authentic. He is principled. He is passionate. He loves this state," Corcoran said.



COMMISSION FILES EIGHT MEASURES FOR NOVEMBER BALLOT

BY NSF STAFF

The Florida Constitution Revision Commission formally concluded its work Wednesday, sending eight proposed constitutional amendments to Secretary of State Ken Detzner for placement on the Nov. 6 general-election ballot. "After holding more than 15 public hearings, the most in CRC history, and reviewing thousands of public comments, we submitted a compelling set of transformational proposals that have the potential to benefit Floridians for generations to come," commission Chairman Carlos Beruff said in a statement. The eight measures contain 20 potential changes to the state Constitution, including a proposed ban on coastal oil drilling, higher ethics standards for

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public officials, expanded rights for crime victims, term limits for school board members, a ban on greyhound racing and a prohibition on vaping in workplaces. Six of the measures group multiple changes in single ballot items, while two measures, dealing with ethics and dog racing, are single-subject items. The eight proposals will join five measures already on the general-election ballot, meaning voters will face 13 proposed constitutional amendments when they go to the polls. It will be the most presented to voters since 1998. Each ballot proposal must receive support from at least 60 percent of the voters to be enacted. The 37-member commission, which meets every 20 years and has the unique power to place constitutional changes directly on the ballot, had until Thursday to submit its final report to Detzner's office. The commission approved all of the amendments during its last meeting April 16 in Tallahassee.

STUDY POINTS TO TAX HIKE IF BALLOT PROPOSAL FAILS

BY NSF STAFF

Florida TaxWatch released a study Tuesday projecting property taxes could increase by more than \$700 million on non-homestead properties like businesses, apartments and second homes. According to the group, the increase would happen if voters reject a proposed constitutional amendment on the November ballot. Known as Amendment 2, the proposal would extend a current 10 percent cap on annual increases in assessed values of non-homestead properties, a cap that voters approved in 2008. TaxWatch Vice President Kurt Wenner said many Floridians are not aware of how much taxes could go up if the cap is lifted. "If Amendment 2 fails to pass, it doesn't mean that the cap is just no longer going to be in effect going forward," Wenner said during a media event at the Florida Press Center. "It means that all of this property will suddenly be assessed at full value. This can be quite a big sticker shock when some people get their tax bills." Wenner said he expects potential tax increases would be passed along to renters and business customers, making the issue important whether someone owns property or not. Supporters of the amendment say it is currently polling at just under 60 percent, which is the threshold for amendments to pass. The Legislature in 2017 decided to put Amendment 2 on this year's ballot. Senator Tom Lee, a Thonotosassa Republican who sponsored the proposal in 2017, estimated at the time that failure to extend the cap would effectively lead to a \$688 million tax increase. In all, the November ballot will include 13 proposed constitutional amendments.



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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish,
National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

NCOM CONVENTION MOBILIZES BIKERS RIGHTS ACTIVISTS IN MOBILE

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists was founded over three decades ago during the turbulent formation of the bikers' rights movement to foster unity among diverse segments of the motorcycling community in order to advance a more cohesive political agenda. Unity and cooperation were the buzzwords at this year's 33rd annual NCOM Convention in Mobile, Alabama as hundreds of representatives from Motorcyclists Rights Organizations (MROs), clubs and associations from across the country came to listen, learn and share information on a variety of issues important to today's riders.

"While not the largest attendance at an NCOM Convention, those who were there had a good time and the Convention was a success," notes Convention Committee Chairman David "Animal" Reid, who says "Attendees at the various seminars and presentations were attentive, asked pertinent questions and left with current information on a wide range of subjects and issues."

Among the many meetings, seminars and breakout sessions conducted throughout Mother's Day Weekend, May 10-13, 2018 at the Renaissance – Riverview Plaza Hotel, were seminars on civil rights, profiling, RICO, veterans affairs, motorcycle insurance, and featured a Mock Legislative Session presented by the NCOM Legislative Task Force. "The Mock Committee Hearing went over very well," says NCOM-LTF Chairman Frank Ernst, adding that "Those in attendance gave our committee much positive feedback and they appreciated the information provided by the LTF," including a new "Biker's Guide to Making Law" free informational brochure on how to impact the legislative process.

Spreading some good news finally, after more than

three years in litigation, A.I.M. Attorney Bill Smith of Texas gave an update on the deadly Waco shootings and reported that most of the nearly two hundred bikers arrested and charged under RICO with murder have now had their cases dismissed, including longtime bikers rights activist Paul Landers, former NCOM-LTF Chairman who had to resign due to the miscarriage of justice that cost many innocent Freedom Fighters their jobs, homes, relationships and even children taken from them.

During the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to "Improving The Image of Motorcycling", including; GOVERNMENT: New Hampshire State Rep. Charlie St. Clair, Executive Director of Laconia Motorcycle Week; MEDIA: Vernon & Melanie Schwarte of Thunder Roads Magazine - Iowa; LEGAL: Michael DeKruif, AIM Attorney—California; ENTERTAINMENT: Stunt Rider Bubba Blackwell; and NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Charlie Boone of CBA/ABATE of North Carolina, member of the NCOM Board of Directors.

Next year's 34th Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 9-12, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Orlando, Florida. For further information, contact NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

TWIN PEAKS CASES UNRAVEL Three years ago on May 17, 2015, the bodies of nine dead bikers lay in the parking lot of the Twin Peaks restaurant in the infamous Waco shootout as the District Attorney had police round up and arrest everyone there to attend a Confederation of Clubs meeting.

Many of the nearly two hundred bikers arrested that night would spend the next several weeks jailed on million-dollar bonds. It was a risky legal strategy, one that had never been tried on this scale: Throw a wide net around a complicated crime scene and charge everybody involved with engaging in organized criminal activity.

Now, with the 3rd anniversary of the cases upon us, the failure of that audacious strategy has become clear as prosecutors dismiss most of the cases, the district attorney lost re-election by a landslide, and 130 bikers line up to sue over civil rights violations. The only case that has gone to trial ended in a hung jury and mistrial

in November.

"In the last three years, the 192 bikers arrested in the Twin Peaks shootout have lived under a cloud," reports the Waco Tribune. "Some have languished in jail, lost jobs, lost vehicles or lost spouses. In some cases, ex-wives used their arrests to seek modifications in child custody or visitation orders. Most were under strict bond conditions that restricted their travel and freedom to associate with their friends."

The Twin Peaks debacle may also have ended a promising political career for D.A. Abel Reyna, who suffered an overwhelming defeat in the March primary in which his opponent accused him of corruption and prosecutorial overreach. Since the electoral loss, Reyna's office has dismissed 124 cases en masse, and has re-indicted 24 remaining defendants on a variety of charges including riot, murder and tampering with evidence, superseding the original organized crime charges.

"Meanwhile, the raft of civil lawsuits stemming from the Twin Peaks cases leaves the city and county in potential financial jeopardy," according to the Waco newspaper, noting that the massive volume of cases had put a severe strain on court operations and on county resources already.

CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLE CLUB CLAIMS PROFILING AND POLICE HARASSMENT A video posted recently on YouTube shows members of the Jus Brothers Motorcycle Club "doing nothing wrong" when a Sonora, CA police sergeant started harassing them and photographed the license plates on their parked motorcycles. "They say police unlawfully profiled the club members as a motorcycle gang," reported the Modesto Bee newspaper.

Jus Brothers members from its Mother Lode and Stanislaus County chapters were waiting for a club event to begin at the nearby Intake Grill restaurant and sports bar, a monthly meeting geared toward sharing information about motorcycle legislation and is open to the public.

"We get this kind of hassle from Sonora PD all the time," a member told The Bee. "I think they're just trying to keep us out of downtown. They come around taking pictures of our bikes, nitpicking to see what they can find."

Club members in the video (www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZN4fDjL17M) tell the sergeant that they plan on posting the video online with the department's phone number, so callers can tell officials what they think of it: "That way America can see what it's like to live in a police state!"

Another Jus Brothers member in the video asks the sergeant if police will do the same to the other vehicles parked along the street, and the sergeant seems to indicate they're only doing this to "outlaw motorcycle gangs."

The Sonora Police Department has responded to the allegations of profiling local bikers; "The police sergeant in the video was simply engaging in intelligence gathering on a public street," according to the official police news release.

In the video, the Jus Brothers members tell the police sergeant about Assembly Bill 2972, a bill to prohibit peace officers from engaging in "motorcycle profiling." If passed, police would not be allowed to consider a person riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle or motorcycle club-related clothing as a factor in enforcement decisions.

MOTORCYCLE CLUB RETALIATES WITH CYBER ATTACK Management at Marion Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba received a harsh dose of virtual reality as they suffered the wrath of the Manitoba Nomads, a chapter of the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club.

According to a news posting on www.rideapart.com, "It all started when members of the Nomads were refused access to the hotel for sporting their colors." Unwilling to let the offense go unpunished, the chapter President invited his people to boycott the establishment. The members joined forces and on March 27 targeted their Facebook page by submitting a tsunami of one-star reviews. This lowered the hotel's otherwise respectable rating of 4.5 to a mediocre 3 overnight, forcing the hotel to take down its page.

"Hell hath no fury like a biker gang scorned, and the gang proceeded to do the same with the hotel restaurant's page," even turning to the Marion Street Eatery's TripAdvisor page.

Previously, the club expressed disagreement with

what they considered discrimination against bikers by targeting Headingley Sport Ltd./Indian Motorcycle Winnipeg for forbidding colors from a riding event. "Once the shop withdrew from the event, the perpetrators were asked to modify their ratings, which they did."

A ROAD TO ZERO MOTORCYCLES A recently released National Safety Council report entitled "A Road to Zero" is the federal government's vision for achieving zero roadway deaths by 2050, but it fails to identify any significant procedures to reduce motorcycle fatalities except for helmet laws and hi-tech.

Despite input from motorcycle organizations, the NSC relies heavily on automotive technologies such as driver assistance systems and autonomous vehicles to pave the way to a safer future, ignoring such rider safety issues as motorcycle awareness, rider training, impairment, distracted driving and proactive measures to prevent car-versus-motorcycle collisions.

The report also endorses using insurance to price some high risk operators and vehicles off the road, opening the door to allow insurance companies to effectively achieve zero motorcycles.

ZERO EMISSIONS, ZERO DEATHS, ZERO TOLERANCE Bandit and his Bikernet Crew at www.Bikernet.com posted on their blog about a California Air Resources Board meeting regarding new rule making for motorcycles. Every manufacturer of motorcycles was there, as CARB talked about embracing all aspects of the market before making their recommendations in 2020...that's the good news.

"They discussed anti-tampering, competition with the EU and Zero emissions," writes Bandit. "They talked about moving California to zero emissions by rebates on electric bikes, and they want California riders to be riding 5 million electric bikes by 2025 by executive order from the nice California Governor."

Bandit et al go on to state their case:

"Two points: One is that word Zero again. They use that word in two other regulatory segments, Zero deaths on the highways and Zero tolerance when it comes to drunk driving or drugs. Zero sounds good from one side of the coin, but the other is ultimate control or Zero Freedom.

The other point I hope to make is that motorcycles

represent such a small number in the emissions mix we should be left alone. One of the administrators mentioned two areas of emissions they walked away from and I hope to help make motorcycles a third or at least the aftermarket motorcycle industry."

MILLENNIALS' STUDENT LOAN DEBT HURTS MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY Student loan debt has been hindering millennials for years; now it's causing harm to the motorcycle industry, according to MarketWatch.com, which further states the motorcycle industry has been increasingly struggling due to millennials' disinterest in purchasing motorcycles in light of financial burdens.

Young millennials and Gen-Z/Millennials, born between 1990 and 2003 respectively, are two-thirds as likely to be interested in motorcycles as baby boomers during their pre-family stage, Bernstein financial advisers say. Yet, even an interest in motorcycles may not be enough to keep the industry alive, as "The average millennial has almost twice as much student debt today during their 'pre-family' life stage as did the average Gen Xer," according to Bernstein analyst David Beckel. "That may not sound like a large enough increase in debt to sway one from buying a motorcycle," Beckel said. "But for the individual 20 million millennials with student debt, the difference between \$15,000 and \$26,000 of student debt is \$130/month, which is the equivalent to a monthly loan payment on an \$8,000 bike."

In 1990, 50% of college undergraduates had taken out student loans with an average borrowing of \$15,000. By 2012, up to 70% of undergraduates had taken out student loans with an average borrowing of \$25,000.

The typical new motorcycle will cost around the same as today's average student loan debt, which makes it difficult for young millennials to purchase cars let alone a motorcycle.

Bernstein analysts additionally theorized that rebellion, the characteristic often attributed to motorcycle culture, doesn't appeal to debt-burdened millennials like it used to appeal to older generations, who are aging out as the lead target audience.

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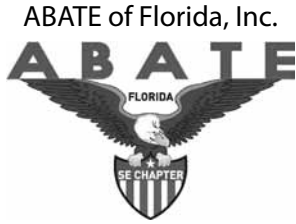
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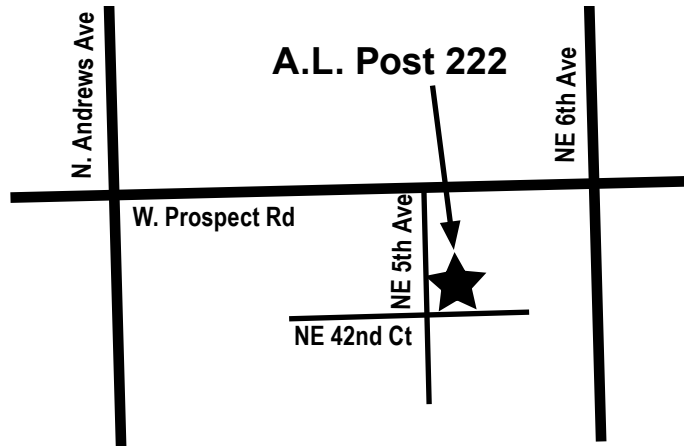
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