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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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# Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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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# Memberships Due For May

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# <u>From Your President</u>



I'm writing my article today with a heavy heart. I lost another friend and someone I looked up to, Perv from the Mystic Seven MC, may you ride in peace, bro! Last month, we lost Pepsi from States MC. Both were unexpected. And both those guys were true old school, damn, that sucks!

Anyway, on a positive note, we rode up to Tallahassee for the Ride to the Capitol on April 15th. Anybody who missed that ride, missed a great ride. I had so much fun. Anytime you can use up

three tanks of gasin one day riding, you know it's a good day. We all rode to the Capitol and gathered on the steps for a Color Guard and the Ringing of the Bells for lost brothers and sisters. We all the opportunity to talk to our Congress people and for our voices to be heard. I recommend that everyone try to get time off for next year's Ride to the Capitol, which is scheduled for some time in February. When I find out the date, I will let you know.

We started the elections process for our Chapter, with nominations at our April meeting. Next month, we will have any additional nominations, and then in June, we will vote. If you have the time and would like to step up and help Southeast Chapter on an official level, come to the Chapter meeting in May. ABATE is so cool, you can even nominate yourself.

I am looking forward to continuing to help Southeast Chapter grow and I will help in any manner that the Chapter needs me to. We have a really good core of people behind us and this gives us Assistants for many positions as well. The more people that help, the less work each person has to do. It's nice to see the brotherhood and sisterhood building in the Chapter. I am totally enjoying being Southeast Chapter's President. I look forward to every monthly meeting so I can see everybody.

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!!!!

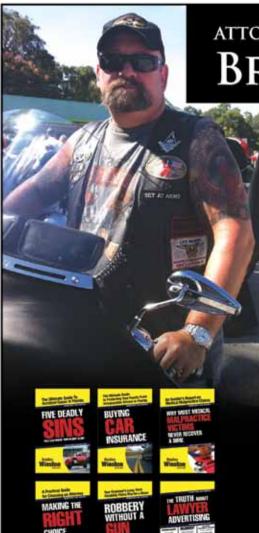
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Peace, Johnny Rose, President ABATE Southeast Chapter





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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Held at the AMERICAN LEGION POST 222
Oakland Park, FL
APRIL 21, 2019

Johnny Rose called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. There were 26 members present. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence, and prayer by Bear.

# President's Report:

Johnny thanked everyone for showing up on Easter. He spoke on how great the Ride to the Capitol was and that The State again recognized our chapter with the most members and how well we are doing. Johnny spoke at the State Meeting and got a standing ovation. He also mentioned he is invited to speak at a new group called BACA spreading the good word about ABATE. He also mentioned that two of his friends, Pepsi (from States MC) and Perv (from Mystic Seven MC and an ABATE member), recently passed away. Both were well loved and respected in the community. Ride in Peace, Pepsi & Perv!

# Vice-President's Report:

Old Hippy also thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone that we needing help for our May event, and spoke on how we need to focus on Safety getting the safety back into the schools like before. Unfortunately we are #1 in fatalities and he is going to do more research on this.

# Secretary's Report:

A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed,

seconded, no discussion, all in favor; Motion was passed.

# Treasurer's Report:

Sheila read the financial report. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded, all were in favor; Motion was passed.

# Sergeant at Arms Report:

Nighthawk reminded everyone about our upcoming Event Memorial Day and that we will be needing help and he also thanked Mike, Assistant Sergeant At Arms, for all of his help.

# Road Captain's Report:

Russ was not present. He is nursing a bad back.

# Safety Director's Report:

Teddy Bear was not present. He is having problems with his legs, feel better, Teddy Bear.

# **Products Report:**

Little Bit (Laurel) was present and reported we have more challenge coins and pins if anyone needs any. .

# **Events Coordinator**:

Gabe was not present and most likely in Chile.

# State Representative Report:

Marie read the notes she got from Wavy on the State Meeting in Tallahassee, since Wavy was still away with bike issues. Doc spoke mostly on the ride to the Capitol. There was a three hour meeting that Doc attended regarding the safety money for Driver's Ed, getting the program back into the schools, and ads. There was 1.5

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million dollars in the fund from the license plates last year and only \$400,000.00 was used, so where is the rest? Doc had a meeting with the Northern Florida COC, and was informed they will be supporting ABATE. The State of Florida is cracking down on Sales Tax Certificates. If there is an event where products are being sold, WE MUST HAVE THE Sales Tax Certificate visible. If not. there is a \$5,000.00 fine. Doc touched on HB 71, & SB 158 These bills are still of interest and important for ABATE. Next State Meeting is in St Augustine in June. Southeast Chapter was again awarded a certificate for most members in February, and Southeast leads with the most members in the State. Doc asked Johnny to speak and tell the other chapters how we are able to get so many new members. After Johnny was done speaking, he got a standing ovation from all the chapters. And as a side note, Doc loved our new table clothes with the logo.

# Membership Report:

Sheila read the membership report and reported we have over 600 members in the Southeast Chapter and going strong with over 200 members just since last July.

# Newsletter Editor:

Abby Normal (Ada) mentioned things are going great, just keep getting her lots of pics.

# Legislative Report:

Brad was present and reported that the Vulnerable Road User Bill had a reading in the Senate. They are still trying to pass mandatory No Fault Insurance. Brad won't be here next month he is giving his proxy to Marie & Johnny, if necessary.

# Legal Counsel:

Brad had nothing to report.

# **Public Relations:**

Fern was not present, but all is up and running.

# **Billing and Invoicing:**

Sheila reported everything is up to date and we have

two more new advertisers, Bruce Klaiber, Realtor and Nam Knights.

# Social Director Report:

Sandy was not present and is excuse. Bear brought some wonderful brownies to share.

# **Newsletter Distribution**:

Wavy was not present, so Johnny called him and he reported all is going good and thanked everyone who is helping with the deliveries.

# **Quartermaster Report:**

Bob was not present and excused. He is still nursing bad knees.

# Photographer's Report:

Barry reported he took lots of pictures from Tallahassee s and just getting back on board so Ada reported she is taking lots and lots of pictures.

# Webmaster's Report:

Abby Normal (Ada) reported that all is running and up to date.

# Chaplain's Report:

Our new Chaplin, Chrissy, unfortunately had to work but she is doing an excellent job and making Poppie proud.

# **Old Business:**

Brad mentioned he will research for Darren, our State VP, about ABATE possibly sponsoring a bill, about bikes using strobe lights and neon lights for safety,

# **New Business**:

Our May Memorial Day Event & State Meeting in August were discussed. Wavy has secured the venue and food. Ada brought up about handicapped accessibilities' at Mickeys for the Vets. There was discussion about a handicapped port-a-potty.

Martin was appointed Officer of Elections and kindly accepted. With that nomination were opened.

President: Johnny Rose

Vice President: Old Hippy (Bob Leavitt),

Wavy (Jon Viger)

Secretary: Marie Baxter Treasurer: Sheila Rose,

Martin Nebojsic

Sgt at Arms: Nighthawk (Steve Chomiak)

Asst Sgt At Arms: Mike Travis
Road Captain: Russell Edgell,

Zach Storrs, Troy Waugh, Mike Travis

Safety Director: Wavy (Jon Viger),

Zach Storrs

State Rep1: Marie Baxter,

Old Hippy (Bob Leavitt), Troy Waugh & Sharon

State Rep2: Zach Storrs,

Uli Fessler Von Stargard

State Rep

Alternate: Nighthawk (Steve Chomiak),

Martin Nebojsic

Products: Little Bit (Laurel Conner

Membership: Sheila Rose
Events Coordinator Gabe Carrera

Newsletter Editor: Abby Normal (Ada Hibbs),

JR from States

Distribution: Wavy (Jon Viger)
Legislative Liaison: Brad Winston
Legal Counsel: Brad Winston

Public Relations: Fern Cameron, Hope Travis

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Bear (Barry Crown),

Suzanne Les

Quartermaster: Bob Anz

Photographer: Barry Blundell,

Abby Normal (Ada Hibbs),

Uli Fessler Von Stargard Abby Normal (Ada Hibbs)

Webmaster: Abby Normal (Ada F Chaplain: Chrissy Leonhardt

Assist Chaplain: Paul Baglio

Assist Chaplain2: Bear (Barry Crowns)

Nominations were then closed until next month's meeting on May

19, 2019.

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#### Good of the Order:

May 26th Southeast Chapter ABATE Memorial Party at Mickeys, April 26 -28 Leesburg Bikefest, May 5th Southern MC in Homestead, May 11 Outcast party at Mickeys, May 10 NCOM in Orlando, and don't forget States MC Taco Tuesday.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Next chapter meeting will be at the American Legion Post 222, In Oakland Park, May 19, 2019.



See you on the Road (real soon) Marie Baxter, Secretary, Southeast Chapter







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# *Fice-*President

Being number one has its good points and in some circumstances it is dreaded.

For example; being first inline for the most part a good thing as long it has some form of benefit as being the first at a concert or sporting event. The being first to be arrested or even killed may or may not be a good thing depending how you look at it.

The Southeast Chapter of Abate of Florida has the honor of being the number 1 largest chapter in the state.

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Of course all # 1 things are good, like being # 1 in Motorcycle deaths in the USA.

California has 842,543 register motorcycles, Florida has 586,267, yet we have had more make their maker before his time.

This has to stop somehow!

Training, laws or whatever works it needs to be addressed and the sooner the better. Training, laws or whatever works it needs to be addressed and the sooner the better

This is why we setup Safety awareness booth and push laws to try to help in some way stop this waste of good people

That's what ABATE's goal is and why it's a good time to get involved.

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OldHippy





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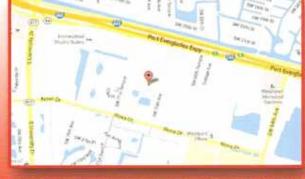










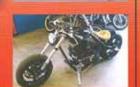








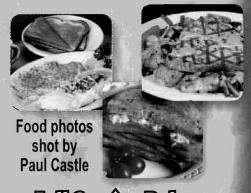




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You saw me before I was born.

Every day of my life was recorded in your book.

Every moment was laid out
before a single day had passed.

How precious are your thoughts about me,[b] O God.

They cannot be numbered! Psalms 139:16-17

What do you think of when you hear the word, 'Mother?' Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." She's the center of our affections and said to be the heart of the home. Moms will forever hold a place of honor. For some, the word 'Mother' causes a deep sense of warmth, bringing a tear of joy to the eye. But for others, this word is a source of pain and may even trigger some feelings of abandonment.

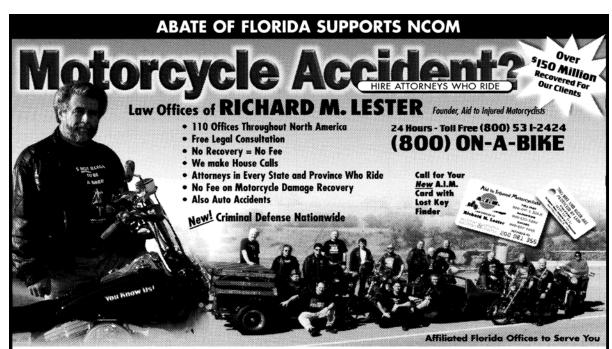
Fortunately, my mom is still living. I was actually born on Mother's Day and blessed to grow up in a very loving environment. My mom didn't have an outside job and was always there when I came home from school. She loved all six of her children, nurturing as well as disciplining us to become healthy, thriving adults. I personally know this is a hard job because I had four children of my own. Motherhood done correctly is a selfless job with long, full days and plenty of sleepless nights.

Sleepless nights weren't invented just for mothers. For some, a feeling of estrangement filled your young, tender heart and kept you awake at night, wondering where she was and why she didn't make you her priority. You might have had to fend for yourself at an early age and the love that was supposed to be lavished on you was instead spent on a stranger. Unfortunately, many of you had to live in the dark shadows of a childhood that should have been easy and carefree. For others, Mom has already passed on and no longer in the picture. Whatever the situation, our mothers have greatly influenced our lives.

Mothers have a lot to do with how we view life and the way we love. They shape and mold us both for good, as well as the not so good. But there is One who knew you and shaped you before you were ever formed in your mother's womb. Psalms 139 says He (God) knit you together and formed even your smallest, most complex parts in the secret place. Verse 16 says before one single day of your existence passed, this amazing God mapped out every moment of your messy life. No matter how you were raised or what you've been told, you have value and worth. The Maker of the universe took time to skillfully craft you into being. His love is the deepest love you'll ever know.

If your mother supported you and loved you well, make sure to tell her 'thank you'. Give her a big kiss, if you still can. But if the memories of her cause you sorrow, remember this... God loved you long before your mother ever came into existence. He loves you with an everlasting love and that love will never, ever end.

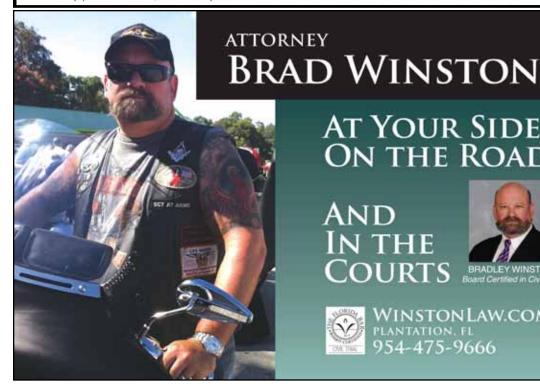
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# From Our Road Captain

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Thank you, Russ Road Captain, Southeast Chapter







# WEEKLY EVENTS



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and Mickey's Tiki Bar,

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#### **SUNDAY**

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#### **MONDAY**

Ladies Nite at Sharkey's 9pm-2am 2-for-1 drinks

#### WEDNESDAY

Blues Nite at Mickey's

# **THURSDAY**

Mickey's Bike & Cruise Night 7:30PM Scurvey Few MC Texas Holdem/Karaoke -7:30PM

#### **FRIDAY**

States MC Pizza 6-8PM

#### **SATURDAY**

2nd Saturday
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JUNE

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7th-Sun ALTERNATIVE MC-ANUAL

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21st-Sun

27th-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-

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**AUGUST** 

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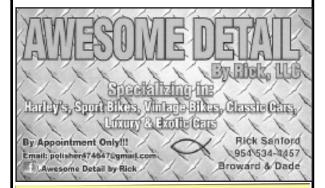
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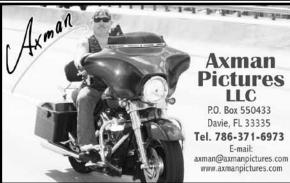
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# A tribute to Pepsi from States MC

Brother Pepsi passed away he's probating for that big Rider Club in the sky along with Tattoo Dave and Perv, old school Brothers, and I could go on forever, much love and respect.





The custom of giving a coin to the dead is as old as history. Kharon was the ferryman of the Dead, an underworld spirit in the service of King Hades. He received the shades of the Dead from Hermes who gathered them from the upper world and guided them to the shores of the Akherousian Mer. From there Kharon transported them in his skiff to a final resting place in the Land of the Dead on the other side. The fee for this service was a single coin that was placed with the corpse at burial. Those who did not receive the coin and where are unable to pay his fee, were left to wander the upper Earth hunting the upper world as ghosts. The custom is still practiced today, a coin for the ferryman to help our brother Pepsi pass to the other side was given by all his States brothers and sisters. States forever forever States. And the discussion continues....













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# **OLDHIPPY'S CORNER**

Well, if you didn't know yet, after few years of cultivation I cut my hair and just like Samson, who got his cut, did not come without some sort of retribution. Samson lost his strength, I just got stupid.

In most industries there is what is called PPE, or personal protection equipment, which can be anything as simple as eye protection and gloves to foot wear to help reduce injuries. Well that is where I got stupid. I have been harping on all the riders I have seen that do not wear long pants and proper foot wear about the exposure that can be subjected to as rider burns from pipes and so on. I even saw, can you believe a dude on a Goldwing in shorts and flip-flops once. Granted the bike is encased in plastic, but somewhere down the line you got to put your foot down which anybody, who has worn them, can tell you they can make you fall on your ass when the surface is slick and wet. Mine was just a simple of case of not wearing shoes at all and dragging an old large boat of an Anchor TV out to the curb for bulk pickup in our neighborhood. I was in a rush because the truck arrived before 0700 hrs and I only had a half cup of coffee down me which I'm sure clouded my judgment a little. Dressed in only a pair of shorts that accented the white legs that haven't seen the sun in a coon's age, I grabbed the TV by the cord and proceeded down to the street dragging the dead TV. All was going well till almost the end when, I guess I pulled a little too hard, sending the unit into my unprotected large toe on my right foot. After using a ton of four letter metaphors and looking like a person doing an audition for River Dance, I looked down to see that I had managed to take the toe nail up about 30 degrees and bleeding. OUCH! Well I bandaged it and sacrificed an old pair of Sperry Topsiders that I have had for over 10 years so I can

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# **OLDHIPPY'S CORNER**

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at least walk around, but once again it took this incident to remind me of the effect of not being careful and wearing that right stuff for the iob. Granted it seemed like it was a nothing task, but it shows that anything can happen no matter how simple it can be. This brings me to the reason that I am telling this stupid act on my part. We all have a choice, sometimes, for whatever reason we make decisions that can have an effect on ourselves as well as others and it is in these times we can make a decision that, unfortunately, made in haste can lead to events that we did not foresee, like mine for example. Mine was not wearing shoes and being in a hurry, ours as a biker riding burns for exhaust caused by wearing short pants, not could be: having proper eye protection in case something might fl y in your face, riding on that tire that you know needs to be replaced, deciding to ride when you know you have had a little too much to drink and so on. We need to stop and think before doing and constantly reminding ourselves that we need to look a little further than the moment. In some cases, it is a like Newton's third law; "For every action there is (in our case, "could be) an equal and opposite reaction". This is it for now...

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#### President's Rant Corner

I can't believe that there were only one hundred and fifteen (115) bikers for the ride to the Capitol. That's not cool. All you motorcycle riders out there, you have to understand that it's a numbers game in Tallahassee. I think we should get as many bikes to go up there as possible. So when our elected officials look down the road and see miles of motorcycles, they will pay attention, and also then we will fill up the courtyard with motorcycles and have a big crowd in front of the steps of the Capitol for the ringing of the bell for all the lost brothers and sisters that we have lost in the past year. How else are we going to get bills passed that benefit motorcycle riders, or bills that we need squashed because they are not motorcycle friendly.

We need all motorcyclists, no matter what they ride, and no matter how many wheels their bike has, two or three wheels, to go to the ride to Tallahassee next year and make our presence be known. I know some riders have talked to me about it, that we didn't have near enough people to even think about presenting to our elected officials.

So help us with motorcycle rights and let our elected officials know what we stand for and what we are about. It's only \$20 a year to join ABATE and that membership also gives you AD&D insurance. It seems like a no brainer to me guys, just saying....

Johnny Rose, President, Southeast Chapter



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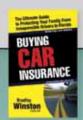
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## FEDERAL ANTI-PROFILING RESOLUTION INTRODUCED IN U.S. HOUSE

Last December, the United States Senate passed a nonbinding resolution by unanimous consent calling for an end to the discriminatory profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement, and now the U.S. House of Representatives has introduced an identical bipartisan measure in the 116th Congress, H.Res.255; "Promoting awareness of motorcycle profiling and encouraging collaboration and communication with the motorcycle community and law enforcement officials to prevent instances of profiling."

Sponsored by Congressman Tim Walberg (R-MI), the anti-profiling resolution was introduced in the House on March 26 to thwart "the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States," as profiling is defined in the resolution's text.

"Michigan has a strong and vibrant riding community, myself included, that use motorcycles as a source of recreation and transportation," Walberg said in a statement. "Making sure riders are free from profiling coincides with motorcyclists' appreciation for our law

enforcement community. I'm proud to work with Rep. Burgess on this effort to foster a greater understanding of the issue of motorcycle profiling and ensure our roads and highways are safe for all to enjoy."

Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (R-TX) is one of three original cosponsors, among 12 cosponsors from both sides of the aisle, and said that with Texas being home to thousands of motorcyclists, he is committed to advocating for riders both on and off the road.

Walberg and Burgess are also co-chairs of the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus which aims to improve public knowledge of motorcycle issues, promote safety on the roadways, and encourage Americans to enjoy responsible motorcycle riding.

All motorcyclists are encouraged to contact your Congressional Representative and ask that they join their colleagues as a cosponsor of H.Res.255 and help put a stop to law enforcement unfairly targeting motorcycle riders for traffic stops, questioning and citations.

#### <u>TWIN PEAKS UPDATE --- PROSECUTIONS</u> <u>UNRAVEL</u>

It was portrayed in the national press as a gang war shootout at a family restaurant on the edge of a shopping center in Waco, Texas on May 17, 2015, leaving nine bikers dead and more than 20 wounded.

Nearly two hundred bikers were incarcerated in the aftermath of that deadly melee involving police who had surrounded motorcycle club members attending a regularly scheduled Texas Confederation of Clubs and Independents meeting at the Twin Peaks restaurant, raining down a hail of police gunfire.

From the start, lawyers and others pointed out that it was very unlikely indeed that all the 177 arrested had committed any crimes at all, and that the initial \$1 million bond set for each of them charged with a blanket crime of "engaging in organized criminal activity"

seemed unreasonably punitive. The police strove in the aftermath to keep a detailed account of what actually happened from reaching the public eye, or that of defense attorneys.

Over the next four years, as the cases began moving into the courtroom one-by-one, they each began to fall apart until ultimately only two dozen remained indicted, with not a single successful prosecution to date. The first and only case to go to trial ended in a hung jury and mistrial in November 2017.

McClennan County District Attorney Abel Reyna, the D.A. at the time of the arrests, lost re-election last year, and before leaving office he "dismissed the vast majority of the 154 pending indictments his office sought in the Twin Peaks shootout," according to the Tribune newspaper. On April 2, 2019, newly-elected D.A. Barry Johnson announced that his office has chosen not to prosecute the remaining 24 cases, calling the way the former D.A.'s office handled the situation "a harebrained scheme" that was "patently offensive."

his is a difficult decision which must be made based on the existing facts and evidence in accordance with the laws of this state and in the interest of justice," stated Johnson.

McLennan County reports that the shootout has run up \$1,317,835.96 in total identifiable costs, with nothing so far to show for it, and all the while realizing the final cost is not yet calculated for the defendants and in some cases may never be.

Many of those bikers who've had charges eventually dropped, after spending months in jail on million dollar bonds, have subsequently filed civil rights suits, and as of January there were 133 federal lawsuits naming McLennan County, Waco police, the district attorney, the sheriff, police chief and individual officers, charging violations against the 4th and 14th Amendment Constitutional guarantees, plus a number of other civil rights violations.

Texas AIM Attorney Bill Smith will be presenting an update on the Waco situation during the Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting at the upcoming NCOM Convention in Orlando, Florida, Mother's Day Weekend May 10-12, 2019 at the Doubletree by Hilton - Universal Orlando.

## MONGOLS CASE STILL PRESENTS A THREAT DESPITE PATCH VICTORY

"The recent decision by Judge David Carter in US v. Mongol Nation that the First and Eighth Amendments to the US Constitution prohibits the government's request to seize the collective membership marks of the Mongols MC, including their club name patch and center-patch, is a victory for all," writes Kit Maira of Easyriders Magazine in his Biker's Rights blog. But, he adds; "Beyond the issues of forfeiture, a brandnew strategy to target motorcycle clubs under RICO has been born and legally confirmed. The idea that a motorcycle club can be indicted under RICO as an entity, regardless of other members' personal guilt, should equally alarm everyone."

Although the government can't take a club's patch, they can seize a club's property and impose huge fines, he explains, noting that while federal law enforcement spent more than a decade on a failed mission to take away the Mongols' collective membership marks, their property and patches, they stumbled upon a new theory of prosecution; "determining guilt for an association."

What element is required to find an association guilty of RICO? An implied connection to leadership is apparently enough. Judge Carter argues that Congress may constitutionally impose criminal liability upon an entity for acts of its agents, even though it's not necessary for the government to prove that the act was authorized by the entity – thereby setting a very low threshold of proof to establish that an act was committed "at the implied direction of leadership."

"The Mongol Nation is guilty of substantive RICO and

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RICO conspiracy," determined the judge, going on to proclaim that, "The criminal organization is subject to sentencing fines and criminal forfeiture consistent with this Order," the extent of which will be determined at a sentencing hearing in late April.

"There is no way to predict what the federal government will do moving forward with the newfound strategy of targeting a motorcycle club as an entity under RICO. but there are empirical reasons to believe that whatever strategy authorities employ will not advance civil liberties. writes Maira, concluding that; "The Constitution does not seem to be a barrier in the decision-making calculus of authorities' intent on targeting motorcycle clubs."

#### 'LANE FILTERING' NOW LEGAL IN UTAH

Utah legislators have endorsed lane splitting, or "lane filtering" as it is referred to in HB149, signed into law by Governor Gary Herbert on March 21, making the Beehive State the second behind California to legalize "filtering" through lanes of traffic.

The Utah Lane Filtering Bill does not allow lane filtering on freeways, and only on roads where the posted speed limit of 45 mph or less. Also, the motorcycle can only filter through stopped traffic at 15 mph or less -- different from California's lane splitting law that allows riders to pass moving traffic.

The bill was sponsored by State Rep. Walt Brooks (R-St. George), whom the Salt Lake Tribune reported was rear-ended twice, prompting the 'safety' measure. The newspaper further reported that between 2011 and 2017, there were 1,288 incidents of a motorcycle getting rear-ended in Utah.

The bill takes effect May 14, 2019 but contains provisions for the law to expire on July 1, 2022 if the legislature takes no action to extend it.

48 U.S. states, Canada, and a few other countries prohibit motorcyclists from traversing lanes of cars in slow or stopped traffic, though it is common practice throughout Europe and Asia. The only other state currently considering lane splitting for motorcycles is Oregon, HB2314, which like California would allow lane spitting on freeways.

#### **NEW YORK CITY TO IMPLEMENT CONGESTION** TOLL

On March 31, 2019, New York state lawmakers approved a first-in-the-nation plan to implement congestion pricing in the busiest parts of New York City, hoping that this new toll will ease traffic congestion during the busiest parts of the day by encouraging people to take mass transit instead of driving a car or, apparently, riding motorcycles.

The price has not yet been set, but a trip to lower Manhattan during peak hours may cost \$10, and there are no exemptions for any other type of vehicle, though low-income or disabled drivers may be exempt. The city plans to use the revenue to repair their subway system.

These tolls will not go into effect until 2021, so now is the time, New Yorkers, to start making noise to have motorcycles exempted from this toll.

#### TEXAS LAWMAKERS AIM TO MAKE CHANGES TO **HELMET LAW**

Legislation is being considered in Texas to make changes to the state's motorcycle helmet law, aiming to make sure riders who choose to ride without a helmet are still riding legally. House Bill 748, sponsored by Representatives Victoria Neave and Ana-Maria Ramos -- both from the Dallas area -- would allow police officers to pull over motorcycle riders who are not wearing helmets to make sure they're following the law. In Texas, you're allowed to ride without a helmet, but only if the rider is 21 or older, has completed a motorcycle safety course and has adequate health insurance.

The issue the bill aims to fix is that currently police officers are not allowed to pull someone over simply because they're not wearing a helmet, so that means they're unable to check to see if the rider is following the rules unless they're caught breaking another traffic law. The bill is now in the transportation committee.

## NCOM CONVENTION IN ORLANDO WELCOMES ALL RIDERS NATIONWIDE

One of the largest gatherings of motorcycle rights activists in the world will take place in Orlando, Florida as the 34th annual NCOM Convention draws hundreds of bikers from motorcycle rights organizations (MROs) and Confederations of Clubs (COCs), as well as independents and other allied riders from across the country.

This year's NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 10-12, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton - Universal Orlando, and will address such topics as Motorcycle Profiling and "Save the Patch" among the many issues concerning our nation's motorcycle community.

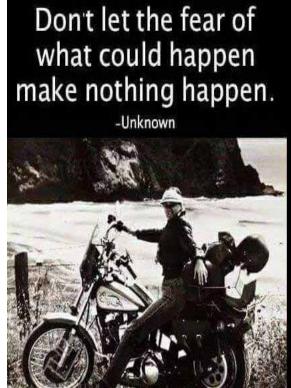
Agenda items will cover various legal and legislative issues, with additional seminars regarding RICO And Its Effect on Your Organization, Restoring Your Rights, Leadership 101 and "Share the Road" Motorcycle Safety.

A Silver Spoke Awards Banquet will cap off the gathering, highlighted by the recognition of those freedom fighters who have distinguished themselves from within our ranks; Congressman Tim Walberg of Michigan (GOVERNMENT), James "Hollywood" Macecari of Insane Throttle Motorcycle Magazine (ENTERTAINMENT), Jim Wear, founder of the Salute to American Veterans Rally (COMMERCE), with SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS presented to David Duff of ABATE of Iowa, William Bird of ABATE of Florida and Mike Friend of Bikers For Christ. NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award will go to "JR" Reed -1%er of Sons of Silence MC and Smitty 1%er of the Outlaws MC.

For more information, or to pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) ON-A-BIKE (662-2453) or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

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To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

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