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President's Message

Jimbo Sherrow



By now, most of you have probably heard that the 29th Annual Rights Rally, which was scheduled for October 25th at Wetz Pub, was cancelled. Unfortunately, we ran into some problems obtaining the required permit and insurance, and as a result, the party could not go forward as planned. On behalf of the Southeast Chapter I apologize for the mix-up but sometimes even the best laid plans are ruined by events beyond our control.

Luckily, we were able to reach a deal with Mickey's in Pompano Beach to host the rescheduled 29th Freedom Rights Rally on Saturday, November 7th. The party will start at 6:00 p.m. and end whenever the last person is still standing, or the bar closes, whichever is later! We have had some great parties at Mickey's in the past and we are excited about returning for another great event. There is a flyer for the Rights Rally in our newsletter and Wheels on the Road, but if you have any questions about the new date, you can call the ABATE hotline or contact any Board Member. November 7th is also the Saturday before Veterans Day and in addition to the ABATE party, there will be lots of events that weekend to honor the brave men and women whose eternal vigilance allows us to enjoy the freedoms that we all too often take for granted.

On October 11th, the state meeting for ABATE of Florida was held in Brooksville, and was attended by our State Representatives and former Chapter Presidents, Chris Sharp and Jimmy Les. September and October are usually important months for ABATE because we start to learn what bills are being introduced in Tallahassee for the legislative session that starts in January. So far, there is good news to report in that no bills have been introduced to take away our freedom of choice, but the legislative season is still young, so ABATE will continue to monitor the situation and we will let you know if there are any items that affect motorcyclists or threaten the freedom of the road that ABATE has fought so hard to protect. Our State President and Lobbyist still thinks that a mandatory helmet bill will be introduced at some point before the session is over, so we need to be ready to make our voices heard in opposition if it happens. Chris Sharp and our Legal Counsel Demetrios Kirkiles were also recently appointed as co-chairs of a committee that is updating the by-laws for ABATE of Florida, so if any Chapter members have suggestions for them, give them a call or email your thoughts to bylawsuggestions@abateflorida.com. The next State Meeting will be held December 12th in Middleburg, and will be hosted by the Black Creek Chapter.

In addition to looking out for any mandatory helmet bills, ABATE also plans to introduce some of our own bills this year, including a stiffer penalties bill for drivers who injure motorcyclists by failing to yield the right of way. We have tried to get this bill through previously without success, but it will hopefully be passed in 2010. There is also talk of a bill in 2010 that would either ban cell phones from automobiles or require hands-free devices, but until we see that actual wording, we do not know whether ABATE will support it or not. If you have any ideas for bills that ABATE should file or support in 2010, bring them to the next Chapter meeting on November 15th. At the local level, the City of Parkland recently passed their own city ordinance that bans texting while driving, and it looks like other cities in Broward County may follow suit. It will be interesting to see the impact of these local laws and whether they actually reduce the number of accidents caused by distracted drivers.

Unfortunately, I have to end this column on sad note, since the Southeast Chapter recently lost one of our Life Members, Peggy Meade, after a long battle with cancer in which she was supported in every way possible by her loving husband Ken. She will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved her. A memorial service was held for Peg on October 10th at the Fraternal Order of Eagles and though it is always hard to lose someone you love, she is definitely in a better place, and there are plenty of Southeast Chapter members up there that she can now ride with once again. In lieu of flowers, you can make a donation to The Humane Society of Broward County in Peg's memory and if you need any information about how to make the donation, give me a call.

Remember, ABATE is for everyone, no matter what you ride. For more information, check out the Chapter newsletter and the website, www.abatese.org, or stop by one of our monthly meetings and get involved. There is no better time than now to step up and protect your rights as member of the motorcycle community. You can also call me at 954-305-1599. Ride safe and free, and remember that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance, so make sure you get out and celebrate Veterans Day on November 11th after you attend the Rights Rally at Mickey's on November 7th.

Jimbo

President

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**ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 10:14am by Sgt @ Arms BARS with 52 members, 2 At-Large members and guests in attendance. Total in attendance: 54. Followed by the Pledge of Alliance, a moment of silence for our Life Member Peggy Meade who recently lost her battle with cancer., the meeting started with a prayer given by our chaplain; Poppi.

President's Report

Jimbo thanked all our members for coming and introduced our new members Fran & George Decastro. On a sad note chapter members Steve Thomas and Rick Kaiser were involved in accidents. Steve is in Broward General and Rick is in Westside Memorial. Please stop by and give them your support and please keep them in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery. Next Sunday is our 29th Annual Rights Rally which is being held at Wetz's Pub on Oakland Park Blvd, just west of University Drive. We need all the help we can get from our members to make this a successful event. Many hands make for little work. Any time that you can volunteer will be greatly appreciated.

Vice-President's Report

Old Hippie reported there are events every week where we go out support other clubs and organizations, relax and have a good time. We only have 3 events for ourselves where we work and raise the necessary capitol to support our chapter. Please come out and support YOUR CHAPTER next Sunday. We need everyone's help.

Secretary's Report

A motion was made to accept the minutes of Septembers meeting as printed in the newsletter. Motion seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

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Treasurer's Report

Alice read Septembers report. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurers report. All in favor, motion passed. We have tickets for the motorcycle drawing at next year's bike week.

Sergeant at Arms' Report

BARS reported we will be loading the trailer for our event next Saturday at the warehouse at 10:00am. This does not take a long time. Please stop by for 1 hour to help out. At 100pm we will be meeting members from Calvary Chapel at Wetz's Pub. They have graciously donated their huge 20X40 tent for our event and will need at least 10 members to help them put the tent up. On Sunday 10/25/09 we will be meeting between 800am and 900am for our event set-up.

Road Captain's Report

Chris reported right after today's meeting we will be headed to the Keltics Miami MC Annual.

10/24/09 – 10:00am- Load the trailer at the warehouse for our event. At 1:00pm meet at Wetz Pub to put up the 20X40 tent with the members of Calvary Chapel

10/24/09 – Miami Mikes 10th Anniversary Celebration at Mickey's Bar in Pompano Beach.

10/25/09 – **ABATE OF FLORIDA SOUTHEAST CHAPTER 29th Annual Rights Rally** at Wetz's Pub

10/31/09 – Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party in Deerfield Beach

11/1/09 – Alternative MC Annual at Pompano Harley-Davidson

11/8/09 – US Military vets MC Annual Dice Run at Seminole Coconut Creek Casino

11/14/09 – Soldiers for Jesus MC West Palm Beach

PLEASE CHECK THE HOTLINE 943-310-4636 FOR MEETING PLACE AND TIMES FOR ALL EVENTS.

Safety Director's Report

Geo reported we will have our safety booth at our event. Please stop by to help out. A special Thanks to George Torrence, our Membership trustee in taking inventory and care of all our safety products. Membership and Safety have been working hand in hand. Any one interested in becoming an instructor, please contact Geo.

State Rep's Report

Jimmy Les reported on the state meeting which was held in Hillsborough. Spooks and Scoots is a great event, if you weren't there you lost out on a great time. Full details of the meeting will be in the Masterlink. Highlights include: Our chapter received certificates for the most new members in July and August. BG, P/R Trustee retired, Lockdown our web-master will be filling in. The monies for the states safety program have been added to the general fund for the state. We must now fight to get any money for safety. The By-law committee is moving forward. If you have any suggestions, please e-mail the committee at: Bylawsuggestions@abateflorida.com.

NCOM convention in Orlando next year. The 5 Star Chapters will have a hospitality room and are asking for a \$50.00 donation from the chapter for support. We will not have the states Flashback party next year due to a low turnout this year. Orange County is the newest ABATE Chapter located in the Orlando area. Next state meeting will be hosted by Black Creek on 12/12/09. Black Creek is located in the Jacksonville area. Bike week all set for next year and the state office has moved.

Products Report

Susan reported we received the products we ordered from the state and will be all set for our event next week.

Membership Report

George reported we now have 619 members. Our newest Life Members are: Wayne Bragg, Timothy Farina, Raul Acosta and Warren Bremser. If you know of anyone on the list in the newsletter who has not renewed, please get them to renew. Reminder, when filling out the application form, PLEASE WRITE OR PRINT LEGIBALLY.

Newsletter Editor

Suzanne reported we returned to Brian for the printing of the newsletter. Their quality is worth it. if you have any articles of interest please get them to her no later than Wednesday 10/21/09 as we want to go to press no later than Thursday. Please patronize our advertisers and let them know you saw their ad in our newsletter.

Legislative Report

Jimmy Les reported on the upcoming bills: Stiffer Penalties, Cell Phone usage and a Sound Regulations Bill. We need to keep a close eye on this one as it is not specific to motorcycles but will affect us. Discussion followed. Currently there is no helmet bill in the works, but do not be surprised if one shows up.

Public Relations

Marjorie reported she contacted 4 radio stations asking them to promote our Rights Rally event next week. So far 93 Rock has agreed to provide free time for us. Hoping the others will also. She has been in contact with the Presidents of the various Sport Bike MC's and the Sport Bike Council advising them of our event and asking for their support.

Advertising

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Events Coordinator

Shaky Bob reported we are all set for our event next week. We will have 14-20 vendors. Jimmy Les has offered to handle the transportation of the trailer. We still need more door prizes. Anywhere you go, just ask all they can say is no. We will be having our final committee meeting tomorrow night here at the Legion starting at 700pm to tie up any loose ends. Please come out next Sunday, volunteer a little of your time in helping our chapter have a successful event.

Social Directors Report

Karin thanked all those who came out for this month's birthday party. The count was 22 who had a great time. Next month's birthday party will be on 11/21/09 right here at the Legion starting between 7 & 800pm. Do to computer issues, her birthday list was deleted. She is working on a new list. Please contact her with your birthday information.

Quartermaster's Report

Bob Anz reported were all set for our event.

Photographer's Report

Axman is out of town. No report

Web-Master's Report

Ricky Mouse reported if you send him pictures to be posted, please include information on the photos and who took them to get recognized.

Web address is: www.abatase.org

Trash master's Report

No report.

Legal Council

Demetrious reported on the loud noise ticket which was issued in Oakland Park and discussed on the upcoming Nuisance Noise Bill.

Old Business

None

New Business

None.

Good of the order

Marti reported the American Legion Riders are up and running. Any post member may join. To join the post, SAL (Sons of the Legion), or Ladies Auxiliary please see her. As in years past, the legion will be hosting our veterans from the Sandy Nininger Nursing Home for Thanksgiving Dinner on 11/26/09. We have had the honor to escort our veterans from the nursing home to the post. Volunteers are needed for this year. Those who volunteer are welcome to stay for dinner. Please contact Marti if you can attend so she can plan accordingly. We will be meeting at the post between 10:00am and 11:00am and leaving at 11:30am. Old Hipper reported on the upcoming Veterans Day Parade in Palm Beach. Poppi reported if you were a member of the Eagles and have your membership lapse, please renew your membership. There will be no initiation. If you are interested in joining the Eagles, please stop by. They are located off Davie Blvd just west of I-95.

A motion was called for and seconded to adjourn, all is favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34pm

These minutes are summarized and respectfully submitted

Paul A. Melcer

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Secretary





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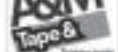
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VICE Prez's Page

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Almost every time any council, commission, committee or congress meets in America today, they are discussing a new rule or regulation and that is the main reason that ABATE has to exist.

With old and young policy makers that are being lobbied by big money, couple with fact that they feel that they have to write something makes our job even harder in protecting our Rights and Freedoms because it can come at you in different ways, tacked on somewhere.

With our rescheduled event we may not be able to generate the funds we had anticipated. Therefore we need all the help we can get. Please if you are not a member, join. If you are a member, submit your dues when it is time.

Till next time

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Old Hippy's Corner

Freedom and Rights

Even with the Rights Rally a thing of the past. Even though, do to circumstances beyond our control it became bust. I did make me reflect on our Rights and where, I see we have evolved from what our forefathers have set down in the Bill of rights.

The only unalienable right that has been truly endowed to us by our Creator is freedom of choice.

The “unalienable” rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as stated in the Declaration Of Independence; the right to freedom of religion, the right to freedom of speech and the press, the right of the people to keep and bear arms and all the rest of the words contained within the first ten amendments of Constitution we refer to as the Bill of Rights are just that — words — nothing more. It was our blessed founding fathers who gave us the timeless words; it was “We”, the people who made these words the law of the land and it is “We”, the people who are responsible for enforcing the law of the land.

According to The Bill of Rights, which were put in place to GUARANTEE the God-given rights of We the People to freedom from ANY oppressive government?

Let’s look at a few that really caught my eye and see if they still hold true:

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

The USA PATRIOT Act wiped this one (and to be honest, all the other ones as well) from existence, but even before that onerous piece of toilet paper was written and enacted, RICO Statutes violated this one BIG TIME. Roadside checkpoints, airport anal probes, papers on demand, no-knock raids, and warrants issued solely upon the ‘testimony’ of criminals seeking to lessen their own culpability, etc., etc., etc. Police can stop you anywhere, at any time, and demand “your papers please”, your failure to cooperate and bow and scrap before your masters with a badge and a gun directly correlates to the amount of physical abuse you will receive from them.

Amendment V

*No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without **due process** of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.*

More people should evoke their 5th Amendment rights when dealing with the Police State, but sadly, most people do not know enough about our Constitution to do so. Unfortunately, you CAN be ‘deprived of life, liberty, or property, without **due process of law**’, it happens all the time. Excessive ‘bail’ (see Amendment VIII), Tasered for asking questions and demanding your rights, IRS confiscations and with the forfeiture law they can seize anything on a whim. Incredible as it sounds; civil asset forfeiture laws allow the government to seize property without charging anyone with a crime. Even a false statement on a loan application can trigger

forfeiture. Physicians are subject to forfeiture of their entire assets based on clerical errors in Medicare billing. The government even tried to forfeit a farmer's tractor for allegedly running over an endangered rat.

Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

'Speedy'? Today? Not likely. It often takes MONTHS to get to trial on any issue, and these trials often take MONTHS to reach jury deliberation. As a case drags on and on, the defendant often finds he or she is out of funds for proper defensive representation, leaving them relying on case-heavy "public defenders", who most often are nowhere near as proficient and capable as a paid attorney. Bankruptcy is all too common when fighting Behemoth, who has unlimited taxpayer-extorted dollars to throw at any conviction they wish to secure. Dragging a case out as long as possible only increases the chance of conviction, or at least a 'plea bargain' of some sort. Innocent people 'cop a plea' all the time to avoid being bankrupted by the government and bet a lot of riders knows this to be true.

Amendment VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Is \$500,000 excessive? \$1 million? Happens all the time. Let's face it, most people could not afford \$25,000 bail, let alone the amounts we see coming out of our judicial system today. How about 2 years for possession of marijuana? Unusual? 10 years for tax 'evasion'? Cruel? 5 years for EACH count against you? Right. Count stacking is a cruel and unusual tool to get even innocent people to 'plea bargain' to 'lesser charges' just to stop the madness.

Amendment IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

This is an easy one! The Constitution was not designed to 'give' us rights, it is supposed to KEEP THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN CHECK. Our rights come from God and are breathed into each sovereign person at birth, the Constitution was specifically designed to throttle the government from abusing its simple and proper authority, and the Amendments were to guarantee our rights against a government run amok.

These are just my observations on just part of the 10 Amendments that make up the Bill of Rights and have been interpreted in different ways.

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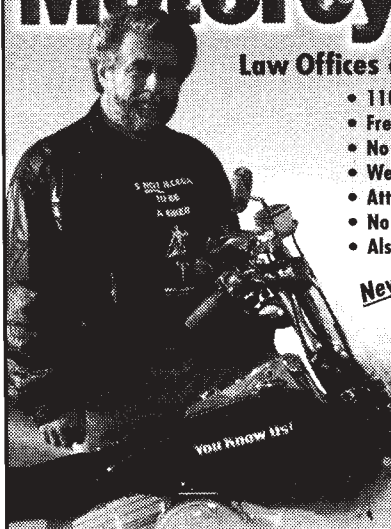
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The cake will be provided by the Legion. Our thanks goes to Eddie.

We'll meet at the same time as always between 7-8 pm and for directions listen to the hotline please.

I hope to see everybody there and have a wonderful Birthday to everyone below!



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“Geo” Bograkos

This month, I'm going to address something most of us do, or have done, at one time or another and that is taking a drink and riding our scoots.

One of the unfortunate elements of our 'biker culture' is alcohol. Poker runs, bike shows, MC Club events, and other motorcycle related gatherings usually have alcohol available. So often we see rows of bikes parked outside of these events. Perhaps the riders in there are drinking coffee or sodas, but the alcohol related fatality numbers would suggest otherwise.

You'll hear people say, or you may have said, that they can ride fine with a few drinks. Here is the bottom line:

1. Judgment, vision, and undivided attention skills are affected by even small amounts of alcohol. Judgment is the most critical.
2. Reaction time and coordination are also affected and this is where it becomes critical. Just a half second delay in reacting to a car pulling out in front of you can make the difference between a close call and a 911 call.

Our best remedy for avoiding these crashes and fatalities is each other. Drinking is not the problem; it's what we do after we drink that can be the problem. Let's face it; you know when one of your bro's shouldn't ride. And guess what, your bro's also know when you shouldn't ride. "Knowing" isn't the problem. The problem is that we typically don't take action to stop something we know could result in disaster.

As ABATE members, we often take action when legislative issues arise or when our "rights" are being threatened. What about our "right" to stay alive and make sure our bro's do the same? Other issues where we take action without hesitation could be that one of the riders in the group is having a problem with their bike, or it starts to rain, or maybe there is a speed trap or road hazard ahead. We recognize the situation, we know what needs to be done, and we take care of it. In these ways, we look out for each other.

Alcohol is no different – please – look out for your bro's and yourselves and take action when you know someone shouldn't ride. It's your choice. Make the right choice – ride sober.

Our new MSAP program has a lot of new material and different content. We will be, once again, contributing to the Drivers Ed programs in Broward County as well as homeowners associations, membership groups, etc. Anyone who drives cars can benefit from seeing this presentation and seeing it just might save a life. If you are a member of any such organization, please see if this presentation would be welcomed by and appropriate for your group and let us know.

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- 27 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & Party

OCTOBER

- *4 - *Mystic Seven MC Annual*
- 11 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
- 15-18 - Daytona Biketoberfest
- 18 - Keltics MC Miami Party ← DATE CHANGE
- 24 - WOTR 10th Anniversary Party at Mickeys
- 25 - SE ABATE 29th Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally
- 31 - Wheels of Man MC 36th Annual Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

- *1 - *Alternative Ft. Laud. MC Annual*
- *8 - *USM/ MC National 22nd Annual*
- 14 - Soldiers for Jesus MC West Palm Beach Party
- 15 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach Party
- 22 - CMA Memorial Event
- 22 - Heaven Cycles 32nd Anniversary Party ← DATE CHANGE

DECEMBER

- *6 - *22nd Annual SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run*
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- 13 - ABATE West Palm Beach Party
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(Thought for the Month)

I wish to welcome you all to my first article with one thought, God Loves Us All. I would like to start and ask you to reflect on a few things that have been happening in our world recently. For instance:



- The violence in our schools and among our young people
- The Government in a mix of which problem to try to solve first
- The economy causing more crime and killing of innocent people
- The natural disasters causing death and more homeless people
- Wars and our brave men in the military

Or perhaps you have had a cross to bear in your own life. When these things happen people seem to have questioned why God lets these things happen. The only thing I can bring to you is what Billy Graham's daughter stated in an interview on the Early Show and Jane Clayson asked her 'How could God let something like this happen?' (regarding Hurricane Katrina)....

Anne Graham gave an extremely profound and insightful response. She said, 'I believe God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we've been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives.. And being the gentleman He is, I believe He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and His protection if we demand He leave us alone?'

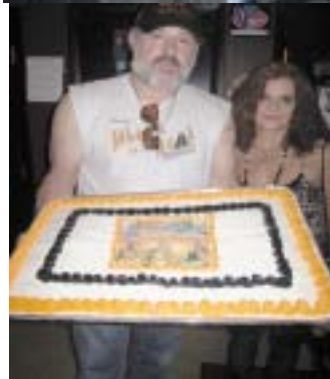
My good friends this is so true. I became a born again Christian 16 years ago and brought Jesus Christ into my life. My life has been blessed in many ways in which I never thought it could, even coping with trials and tribulations. Do not hesitate if you are looking for that one thing in your life that will change it forever, try it, what do you have to lose.

We all need to bring God back into our lives and enjoy his blessings. Its funny how we worry about what people think of us more than what God thinks of us.

Pray for our country, the world, our children and our Government, and last but not least for each other.

In closing may God Bless you all and keep you safe in your lives and especially on the road. Till next month

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Chris Brennan

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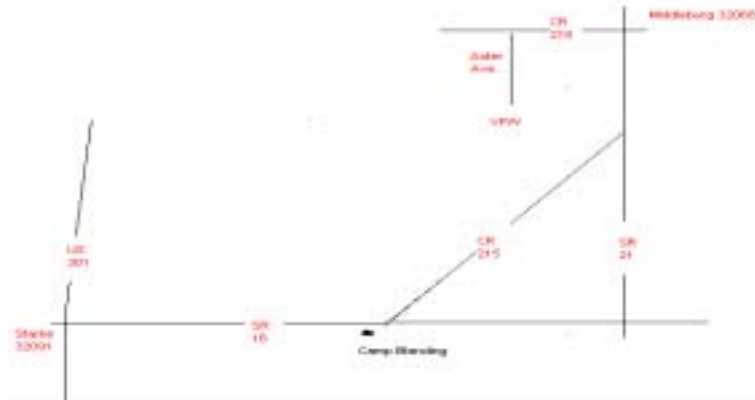
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**WORLDWIDE MOTORCYCLE SALES
PROJECTED TO RISE**

Global demand for motorcycles, including electric bicycles and mopeds, is forecast to increase 7.6% per year over the next five years, reaching 114 million units by 2013. “This growth is being fueled by rising standards of living in developing parts of the world, making motorcycles a more affordable alternative to walking, bicycling or using mass transit,” states a recent study of the worldwide motorcycle market. Sales value will expand at a slower pace, climbing 7.2 percent annually to \$66.6 billion in 2013, because of an expected decline in sales-weighted prices due to fast market growth in low priced electric motorcycles and smaller internal combustion engine (ICE) motorcycles. These and other trends, including market share and product segmentation, are presented in “World Motorcycles”, an industry analysis released September 23rd by The Freedonia Group, Inc., a Cleveland-based international business research firm. The study forecasts that electric motorcycles, which are extremely popular in China but account for a minimal share of demand in most other parts of the world, will register the strongest market advances. Sales of battery-powered bicycles, scooters and other two-wheelers will be driven by their generally lower purchase prices, low cost of operation and lack of harmful emissions. However, ICE motorcycles will continue to account for more than 95% of all demand outside of China in 2013. Researchers predict that the strongest rise in sales will be registered in the Africa/Mideast region due to several factors, including the fastest population growth of any region, the lowest median age and the lowest (but climbing) per capita GDP. Population increases and higher standards of living will also help stimulate demand in the Asia/Pacific region, which will post the second strongest gains, followed by Eastern Europe (rising from a very small current market base) and Latin America. China alone will account for 55% of all additional sales through

2013, spurred by very strong electric motorcycle demand and solidifying its position as the biggest national motorcycle market. Growth is also expected to be healthy in Indonesia and lower-volume markets like Nigeria, the Philippines and Vietnam.

**SCALED BACK MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT
STUDY UNDERWAY & UNDER FIRE**

The first major study of motorcycle crashes in nearly 30 years is underway in Los Angeles, as researchers attempt to pinpoint why resultant fatalities have soared over the last decade. The last in-depth investigation of motorcycle crashes in the U.S. — the Hurt study — was released in 1981. Efforts to update that information have been stymied by funding issues, reports the Los Angeles Times, and the study will be a scaled-down version of what was originally planned, and some motorcycle groups are criticizing the effort including a leading industry-backed safety group that says the sample size will be too small to properly resolve the questions. The National Transportation Safety Board originally recommended that the study include a sample size of 900 to 1,200 crashes. But researchers at Oklahoma State University, tapped to conduct the new study, said use of such a large sample would cost \$10 million to \$12 million, far exceeding the federal government’s \$4.2-million estimate. The Motorcycle Crash Causation Study is currently moving forward with a sample size of 300 crashes. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation, a nonprofit group funded by major manufacturers, had offered \$2.8 million in 2007 for a study if it included a sample size of 900 crashes, but the group refused to contribute to the abbreviated study because industry and safety experts believe it “will not provide adequate sampling to achieve appropriate statistical significance and may not provide new insights,” the organization said in a statement. “This limited study will likely lend only a minimal degree of validation to the major, already known contributing motorcycle crash factors.” There are about 100,000 motorcycle crashes in the U.S. each year, 5,290 of which resulted in death in 2008. According to the MSF, major crash factors include rider error, such as overbraking and running wide in a curve; and alcohol involvement.

**“SMART AGING” STUDY INVESTIGATES
BRAIN STIMULATION WHILE RIDING**

Yamaha Motor has announced a second round of joint research into “Smart Aging” with Tohoku University in Japan on the subject of the relationship between motorcycle riding and brain stimulation. The focus of this research will be the measurement and analysis of the cause and effect relationship involved in the operation of various types of vehicles and brain stimulation and measuring the changes in such stimulation over time by means of data gathered from a long-term mass survey in the market. The findings of the first research project in 2008 included: When riding a motorcycle, the brain of the rider is stimulated; Differences in brain use and level of brain stimulation can be observed in motorcyclists who ride regularly and in motorcyclists who have not ridden for extended periods; Incorporating motorcycle riding into daily life improves various cognitive functions and has positive effects on mental and emotional health such as stress reduction. The second research project has now begun and Yamaha will provide motorcycles for the study, make its test courses available for subject testing, and solicit test participants and staff. Testing will continue through December, and Yamaha hopes the results will contribute to the vitalization of the motorcycle market.

MEN AT HIGHER RISK OF HEARING LOSS

From motorcycles to lawnmowers, life is full of noise, but new research shows that it presents a bigger danger for some people than others. A study of more than 5,000 people in the United States aged 20 to 69 found that males were three times as likely to have noise-related hearing loss as women. The research was recently presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Otolaryngology — Head and Neck Surgery in San Diego, California. Occupational and recreational noise exposure, as well as service in the armed forces, are likely explanations for why men are at greater risk, said Dr. Hamid Djalilian of the University of California, Irvine, Medical Center, who collaborated on the research. While the study did not focus on specific root causes, anecdotally Djalilian sees patients whose hearing problems most likely stem from music at concerts or night clubs, or outdoor activities with “powered instrumentation” such as chain saws and

motorcycles. Sound travels in the ear as vibrations of air molecules, and hearing loss can result from both duration and loudness. Activities such as hunting and motorcycle-riding, which men typically do more than women, create high levels of noise that may impair hearing. Some of the hearing damage is temporary, but a small portion is permanent, and these permanent losses accumulate over time because hair cells in the inner ear may not grow back after being damaged or destroyed. Noise-induced hearing loss is the number one preventable kind of hearing loss, experts say, and if you are concerned about losing your hearing while doing a noisy activity, wear earplugs.

BUELL MOTORCYCLE COMPANY OUT OF BUSINESS

After 26 years of building American-made sportbikes, the Buell Motorcycle Company has reached the end of the road, and officials thanked their customers, employees and dealers for an unforgettable ride. “I will always be proud of what we have accomplished. It is a testimony to what a small group of passionate and inspired people can do, and with brilliant innovations, we’ve produced some of the best-handling bikes of all time,” said Buell Chairman and Chief Technical Officer Erik Buell. “I personally look forward to exploring how I can continue to work with Harley-Davidson to bring advanced product technology to riders.” Parent company Harley-Davidson announced that it will “discontinue” the Buell product line in the wake of dismal economic conditions and declining motorcycle sales, and will “focus both our effort and our investment on the Harley-Davidson brand, as we believe this provides an optimal path to sustained, meaningful long-term growth,” said Harley-Davidson CEO Keith Wandell. Buell Motorcycle Company President Jon Flickinger said a limited number of new Buell motorcycles remain available for sale through authorized dealerships, and also stressed that Harley-Davidson will continue to provide replacement parts and service through their dealership network and that warranty coverage will continue as normal for Buell motorcycles. Founded in 1983 by Erik Buell, the Buell Motorcycle Company has produced more than 135,000 motorcycles and won numerous design accolades and

awards, as well as countless races and championships around the world, including the prestigious AMA Pro Daytona SportBike Championship in 2009. Harley-Davidson also announced that it would divest the MV Agusta/Cagiva properties, acquired last year at a cost of \$109 million.

AUSTRALIAN BIKERS VICTORIOUS IN COURT

Two members of the Finks MC who had been banned from meeting other bikers under strict anti-association laws passed in South Australia designed to disband outlawed “bikie gangs” by restricting their movements, appealed their case to the Supreme Court which has ruled the orders were invalid. Similar anti-bikie legislation is pending in Queensland and New South Wales, but members of the United Motorcycle Council, a biker lobby group formed in response to the laws, says the high court’s ruling should come as a warning to the government that such laws are “illegal and unconstitutional”. A UMC spokesman said the decision was a victory for members of clubs and organizations everywhere. “The laws give police unfettered power to use secret, false and illegally obtained evidence against individuals, take away the right to an open and fair trial, and reverse the time-honored presumption of innocence,” said Ferret. “They trample long-standing legal and civil rights of all citizens, and they have no place in a democratic and civilized society.”

WEIRD NEWS: MUSLIM EXTREMISTS BAN WOMEN FROM MOTORCYCLES

Hamas, a militant Islamic political party that governs the Gaza Strip, has banned women from riding motorcycles. Effective immediately, Gaza women will not be allowed to drive motorbikes and men are forbidden from carrying them as passengers, raising fresh concerns over the movement’s ultra-conservative agenda. In a decision that would raise eyebrows in other parts of the globe, the Interior Ministry said it was banning women from two-wheelers to limit accidents and to “to preserve citizen safety and the stability of Palestinian society’s customs and traditions”. The group insists compliance with the campaign is voluntary and reflects Gaza’s conservative ways, but reports have surfaced of offenders being beaten or arrested. The

move is the latest step in an “Islamification” campaign by Hamas, which has been classified as a terrorist organization by the U.S. and European Union. Hamas seeks to impose a strict interpretation of Islamic code, including obliging female lawyers to wear headscarves in court and attempting to ban the display of women’s underwear in shop windows.

AIM ATTORNEY RALPH VINJE KILLED IN RIGHT-OF-WAY VIOLATION

Aid to Injured Motorcyclists is saddened to report that North Dakota A.I.M. Attorney Ralph Vinje, 67, of Bismarck, N.D. has died from injuries suffered in an accident while on his way to work. According to police reports, Vinje was northbound and was struck at an intersection by an eastbound car whose driver failed to obey a Yield sign. Vinje was a well-known attorney in the area, handling criminal defense and civil cases. He was a longtime Aid to Injured Motorcyclists attorney who served as legal counsel for the Confederation of Clubs of North Dakota and provided legal representation to motorcyclists in accident cases and other litigation proceedings. He represented ABATE of North Dakota in a battle over a noise ordinance in Bismarck that discriminated against motorcycle enthusiasts. Over the years, Vinje fought to stop a law that lowered the legal driving limit for alcohol from .10 BAC to .08, and also tried to prove sobriety checkpoints unconstitutional. In court, Vinje was known for his mild manner and calm demeanor, while outside of the courtroom he enjoyed the outdoors as an avid hunter, fisherman, traveler and motorcyclist who rode his motorcycle every Wednesday afternoon as long as the weather was good with the Freedom Riders Motorcycle Club. He also was part owner of the Broken Oar Bar in Mandan and was a Vietnam veteran who earned a Bronze Star for his service to our country. His daughter-in-law, Tiffany Johnson, told the newspaper that “He was a rebel spirit” who had helped scores of people with battles that needed fighting.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “A nation of sheep will beget a government of wolves.” Edward R. Murrow (1908-1965) U.S. broadcast journalist

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