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### **“Freedom of Choice, Freedom of the Road”**

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### **We Are Not ANTI-HELMET, We are ANTI-HELMET Law!**

One of the most popular misconceptions about ABATE is that we are anti-helmet. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are “anti-helmet law” if you choose to ride with or without a helmet it's your choice, it is your right to decide whether wearing a helmet is right for you. ABATE is an organization fighting to protect your rights.

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## President's Message

By the time you read this, the elections may be over or not so there may still be time to get out and vote for the person that you think can best run the country. If they are all ready over then we have to live with the one that we put in the office to run the country, like it or not.

I would like thank everyone that came out and made our 32nd Annual Rights Rally Party a great time at Mickey's on Sunday. It rained, of course. It wouldn't be an ABATE party if it didn't. I would like to thank all the vendors

that came out. Cyril from cgsfinejewelry, Fern from Chainmaille by Fern, Lauren from Warehouse 57, Brent and the Broward CMA for bringing out the Memorial Wall, Fireball and the Palm Beach CMA for the Boot Shine, Captain and the BBRA for setting up the Ramp-Free trailer and Clive who brought four vintage motorcycles. If you want to see hundreds more don't miss the Vintage Motorcycle Show at Frost Park on January 20, 2013. A special thank you to the Scurvy Few for their help with parking and security and Slyde Area for the music. Finally, I want to thank all the ABATE members who came out and made the party a success. Thank you ABATE.

And now an update on the person who caused the death of Luka Balenovic on Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>. According to the Miami New Times "Gerardo Valdivia was driving with a suspended license at the time of the accident. This isn't Valdivia first brush with the law. Aside from the moving violations that led to his license being suspended he was arrested in March 2000 for disorderly conduct, April 2001 for an alcohol violation, and March 2004 for consuming alcohol in public, Charges in all three cases were dropped or dismissed. He was also ticketed in March 2011 for driving through a stop sign. All told Valdivia has six moving violations on his record all picked up in the last 18 MONTHS" Valdivia did not show up for his arraignment in Miami Dade Court. A bench warrant has been issued for his arrest, however no criminal charges have been filed. Police have confirmed that the investigation remains open. We will continue to follow the investigation. The family has set up a website [www.lukabalenovic.com](http://www.lukabalenovic.com)

For the first time ever the Southeast Chapter of ABATE would like to put together a book of recipes from the people that ride. If you belong to a club or you are an independent we would like to hear from you. You can send in as many as you would like from appetizers to desserts and if you like send a picture of the dishes as well. If you are sending a file it will need to be in JPG or PDF. You can send them to Jackie at [abatecooking@gmail.com](mailto:abatecooking@gmail.com) or if you have questions call her at 954-816-0114. Please provide your phone number in case of questions, it will not be published. If we get a lot of recipes maybe it could become a yearly thing so start thinking about what you would to send in.

On November 11 we will celebrate Veterans Day. Originally the holiday was called Armistice Day to commemorate the end of World War I. It was supposed to end at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 1918, but it really ended at 6AM. I guess they needed five more hours to add to the 16 million dead and 20 million wounded making it among the deadliest conflicts in human history. It was called the "War To End All Wars". I guess we didn't learn our lesson because almost 100 years later we are still at war. When will we learn?

Remember  
HERE TODAY GONE TODAY  
Bars

# Membership Due

Thanks if you have already renewed

**November 2012**

Joe "Cowboy" Byerley  
Alice Calabrese  
Rafael Castillo  
Ronald "Rambo" Clark  
Kathy "ZZ Wolfman's Babe" DiBona  
John Dollard  
Lynn H Fremgen  
Joel Honeycutt  
Jack Kuharsky  
Hope Lanius  
Terry Lanius  
Raul Ortega  
Tony Perez  
Bart "Bart-Man" Piacente  
Malcolm Stewart  
Ben Stravato  
William "Streaker" Tessar  
Uli Fesseler von Stargard

# New Members

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Emmanuel "Mannster" Ayala Jr  
Thomas "Tom" Cann  
William "Catlow" Catlow  
Tammy G "Sunset Rider" Clute  
Richard "Donkey" Donk  
Billy "Wild Bill" Duenas  
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Bruce Haber  
Tara Hanin  
Randy "Iceman" Henriksen  
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Richard "Kick" Margolis  
Daniel Postal" Ortner  
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Stacy Stuart  
Justin "Reverend" Stuckart  
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For Membership Renewals contact, George Torrence by either email:  
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**\* PLEASE NOTE \***

*You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership, or be deleted from the State's List. Also (very important) be sure to notify us of any changes.*

We need your help. When you receive your renewal it is in your best interest if you fill out the renewal portion. I know this sounds stupid, but it does happen, more often than not, so please fill in the information SO WE CAN READ IT. You cannot believe the renewals we receive which are not filled out at all. So PLEASE take the time to fill out the renewal. Also make sure you renew in the month you joined and before the 30 day grace period ends.

## ATTENTION

Yearly membership pins are available for purchase when you renew your membership.

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## Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes

Oct. 21, 2012

President BARS called the meeting to order at 10:15am. There were 48 members, no guests. Total in attendance: 48. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and a prayer by "Poppi"

### Presidents Report

BARS thanked all members for coming. Our newest member today is Haida. A very special Thank you for all our members who helped at our annual event. Special recognition goes to the Scurvy Few MC, Stateside Chapter. They handled all of the security and bike parking. Many thanks to our brother MC's and associations attending today with representation from CMA Christian Motorcycle Association, Dirty White Boys, the US Military Vets and Keltics MC's. We need to show our support to the many clubs and associations who always support us. Last month we attended the Bilkers Memorial dedication at Café 27. We only had 5 bikes riding together. That changed for the Keltics event at Cowboys, we had 11 members riding. This is what we need to do. Show our support by riding in together. On a sad note: please keep the following in your prayers as they have taken their last ride: Roger from On the Road Magazine, Roger Green-States MC, Funk-Keltics MC. There will be a memorial at the pyramid next Sat. 10-27-12 for Funk at 400pm. afterwards there will be a get together at the Keltics MC clubhouse to celebrate his life. All are welcome.

### Vice-Presidents Report

Al "Big Wheel" Loper reported on next years drawing at Bike Week 2013. 1st prize is \$10,000.00 before taxes. All proceeds will support our cause on the State level. He then gave the following written notification to the Executive Board.

The below statement is verbatim:

I Alan Loper am stepping down from Vice President on this day Oct. 21, 2012.

He also stated that his resignation includes the all trustee positions, which he held.

***He then picked up his personal items and walked out the door.***

Question??? What do we do now? Our secretary advised the membership of our options. Discussion followed. A vote of confidence was called for to have Frank "Poppi" Cocci" installed as our Vice President filling the position until next years elections. Vote was unanimous. 48 in favor, none opposed. Congratulations Poppi and "Thank You"

### Secretary's Report

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

### Treasurer's Report

Frank was excused; our secretary read the financial report. A motion was made, seconded to accept the Treasurers report. All in favor, motion passed. For our annual event, membership participation was less than stellar. Discussion continued on thinking out of the box to find ways to increase our treasury.

### Sergeant at Arms Report

Geo was excused; No report

### Road Captain's Report

Big Wheel resigned. No report. A vote of confidence was called for to have Glenn "Wrench" Saunders installed as our Road Captain filling the position until next year's elections. Vote was unanimous. 48 in favor, none opposed. Upcoming group rides will be discussed under Good of the Order.

### Safety Directors Report

Dave reported up North is starting to cool off. Snowbirds are heading this way. Please be careful out there. Statistics show right now 1 out of 3 on the road in the 18 to 25 year old range are texting while driving. A vote of confidence was called for to have Glenn "Wrench" Saunders installed as our Assistant Safety Director. Vote was unanimous. 48 in favor, none opposed

## Products Report

BARS reported we have products. Get your Christmas list out. At our November meeting **will be having a big sale. ALL SHIRTS WILL BE ON SALE FOR ONLY \$10.00 per shirt. We need a member to step up. We need a Products Trustee. This is not a hard position but you do need to have** a vehicle that can transport the products. If any member is interested in becoming our Products Trustee please contact any board member. In the interim, if you need any products, please contact Alice @ 954-567-5720. Cycle Lab also carry's a limited supply of our products. Stop by and say "Hello". Rogue stated the need to have our products available for sale on-line. Discussion followed. The board will follow up on his request. Charter member Trash discussed the possibility of having our Chapter Patch re-made with reflective material. He currently has a patch on his back, which can be seen without a problem. The board will follow up on this.

## Events Coordinator

Big Wheel resigned. A vote of confidence was called for to have Princess Sharon and Shaky Bob installed as our events coordinators filling the position until next year's elections. Vote was unanimous. 48 in favor, none opposed. At this year's event the weather conditions were not the greatest. But what the heck, it would not be a Southeast Event if it didn't rain. Next event will be in January. Stay tuned.

## State Reps Report

The State meeting was held at Hillsborough County, Spooks and Scoots. Steve reported on the state meeting. Full details will be available in the Masterlink. Showing how much the economy has hurt events, last year there were over 1000 people present at Spooks and Scoots, this year 350.

## Highlights of the State Meeting

- If you have a beef with anyone in the chapter, work it out. Do not use social media in making derogatory comments about your chapter or the state. Keep it in house. What happens

at your meetings stays at your meetings.

- Please be careful, check the patches on your vest. 2 members in Central Florida were shot. Our understanding is it **was because** of the patches on their vest. Our constitution guarantees freedoms of speech, but you have to remember there are some patches that could be considered to be offensive. For example, there is a patch that states: Speak English or get the F—k out. You know what we mean.
- The campground at Tallahassee is all set for the next 2 years. Bike week is all set and ready to go. There will be a rodeo next year.
- If you take any pictures at meetings etc, please try to keep alcohol beverages etc out of the shot. We need to promote a professional image.
- Remember to thank Governor Scott. He line vetoed our safety money. The chapter must pay for all costs for any safety products we want to purchase. Please remember this when he seeks re-election or anyone running for office that supports him.

## Membership Report

George reported we have 655 members. Our newest Life Members are:  
Janet Woods, Kevin Boak, Sarah Barnes, James R. Graham Jr.  
Reminder: when you get your renewal in the mail, PLEASE take the time to fill out completely, send it in timely and when you fill it out, please do it in a way that we can read it.

## Newsletter Editor

Old Hippy reminded all members that all articles etc are due the day of the chapter meeting. If the articles are not turned in on time, they will not be printed. The only exception will be the minutes taken by our chapter secretary.

## Legislative Report

BARS reported all is quiet as legislation is still out of session.

## Public Relations

Fern was excused. No report. BARS reported you could always find Fern at almost all weekly motorcycle events doing what she does best, promoting the Southeast Chapter. Thank you Fern.

#### Advertising

Bruce reported all advertising payments are up to date. Please support our advertisers they SUPPORT us. If you were at the meeting, you know of the financial issues the chapter is dealing with. Our newsletter, our primary tool in communication needs to be self-sufficient. Currently it is not. We **have** one of the lowest advertising rates for any magazine or newsletter especially for the amount of circulation we have. 1600 copies per month. At only \$85.57 per year for a business card it is such a deal. Please ask wherever you go. All they can say is NO. You might be pleasantly surprised.

#### Social Directors Report

Patty reported this month's birthday party would be at Luke's on 10/27/12. Remember - It's on the way home.

Next month's birthday party will be held on Nov. 10, 2012 at Mickey's

#### Newsletter Distribution

Charlie was excused. BARS reported our newsletters are being delivered in a timely manner thanks to all of our members who deliver the newsletter.

#### Quartermaster's Report

Bob was excused. No report

#### Photographer's Report

Wildcat was excused. No report. Rogue and Old Hippy have been taking pictures while out and about. Check our web site.

#### Web-Master's Report

Mike reported the web site is up and running. We have received over 6000 hits in the past 5 months. If there is anything special you would like to see on it, please let him know.

#### Legal Council

Chris was excused. No report.

#### Old Business

Our cooker was donated to a good cause – Our Veterans.

Jackie reported we have sponsors for our cook-

book. If you have a recipe you want to share and have published, please email them to abatesecooking@gmail.com

#### New Business

Discussion on E-15 fuel. Steve provided a **very** interesting report

Discussion on fund raising

#### Good of the Order

10/28/12 – Widows Sons Spooktacular Poker Run and Toy Drive

11/4/12 – Motorcycle Racing at County line Drag way.

11/18/12 – Pink Tatas Poker Run

A motion was made, seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.

Please check the hotline for updated ride and event information.

All Southeast Chapter Group Rides start at our American Legion Post 321.

These minutes were summarized and submitted by:

*Paul A. Melcer*

Secretary





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# OldHippy's Corner



Complacency is one of the biggest dangers we face that can have effect on us as citizens in the USA as well as being a Motorcycle rider.

What is worse that a complacent car driver not paying attention to a motorcycle rider you might ask?  
The answer is: That motorcyclist being too complacent to notice the complacent car driver not noticing him/her.

Now we come to the average Joe, who somehow, before the decline of our economy, which has been directly to the bad business decisions by our largest companies, seem to be happy just the way things are. Yes we all set back and knew that the bubble wasn't going to last and got complacent that it would not happen.

According to Webster, Complacency is self-satisfaction especially when accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies, : an instance of usually unaware or uninformed self-satisfaction.  
Hum, sound familiar? Sometimes I think it is also the attitude that it is not my problem or it doesn't effect me right now, so why show I care? Kind of remind me of the mindset, which today there is still some evidents of it still going on today, especially in the upper class.

When our nation was first formed here has always been a strong isolationist streak in American political life. Americans separated by two great oceans have since the Revolution seen ourselves as different and apart from the rest of the World.

From the beginning of the Republic, President Washington warned of entangling foreign alliances. President Adams ruined his chance of reelection by keeping America out of the Napoleonic Wars. President Jefferson became unpopular in his second term by cutting of trade with Europe to keep America out of the Napoleonic Wars. President Madison finally entered the War and the results were near disaster. Gradually the principle of staying out of European Wars became an accepted principle of the American Republic.

Many Americans during the 1920s came to feel that America's entry into the War was a mistake. After the rise of the NAZIs in the 1930s and Germany's rearmament, it became increasingly clear that Europe was moving toward another war. There was considerable talk of war profiteering (can't be happening today, can it?). Many were determined that America should avoid war at any cost. This feeling was intensified with the Depression of the 1930s and the country's focus was on domestic issues. The anti-war sentiment in America and the memories of the men lost convinced many Americans that America must not get involved in any future European war. These sentiments combined with long-standing American isolationism resulted in the passage of a series of Neutrality Acts.

These Acts prohibited for United States companies to trade with belligerents. George Bush's grandfather, the late US senator Prescott Bush, was a director and shareholder of companies that profited from their involvement with the financial backers of Nazi Germany. The Guardian has obtained confirmation from newly discovered files in the US National Archives that a firm of which Prescott Bush was a director was involved with the financial architects of Nazism. His business dealings . . . continued until his company's assets were seized in 1942 under the Trading with the Enemy Act.

President Franklin Roosevelt used his 1944 State of the Union address to advance his "Second Bill of Rights": a broad vision of the role of government in making lives more secure through expanded government programs. The

recurring theme throughout is “security” and the necessary action called for is unrelenting war against the enemies of the New Deal, both foreign and domestic.

“Necessitous men are not free men,” FDR proclaims. Since “true individual freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence,” the original Bill of Rights must be supplemented by eight rights that “spell security.” The proposed rights include the “**right to a useful and remunerative job**”—not the right to work, but **the right to demand a job, and a well-paying one at that.** “Farmers have the right to obtain “a decent living” from their toil, and **businessmen have the right to be free of “unfair competition and domination by monopolies.” There are as well rights to “adequate medical care,” education, and the “right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation.”**

While no Congress has formally adopted these as rights, legislation has expanded the meaning of these benefits such that we now speak of rights to health care, work, education, housing, and salary levels. In what sense are these goods rights? The original Bill of Rights supposed that self-government required certain civic traits and freedoms, so it declared these activities, such as the freedom of speech, to be protected from federal government interference. By contrast, Roosevelt’s rights require ever-expanding federal government programs for them to exist. The right to “**adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident, and unemployment**” is a right to be free of an anxiety. Yet, if one is free of fear of **unemployment**, will one ever want work? How much does one need to earn to enjoy “**adequate...recreation**”? What is a right to “**a good education**,” a “**decent home**,” or “**good health**”? The questions never end, because the standards of what is “good,” adequate or “decent” constantly rise.

Good statement from Roosevelt January 11, 1944 To the Congress about the war:

However, while the majority goes on about its great work without complaint, a noisy minority maintains uproar of demands for special favors for special groups. There are pests who swarm through the lobbies of the Congress and the cocktail bars of Washington, representing these special groups as opposed to the basic interests of the Nation as a whole. They have come to look upon the war primarily as a chance to make profits for themselves at the expense of their neighbors—profits in money or in terms of political or social preferment.

Like Two-Time Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Major General Smedley D. Butler USMC, after his retirement on a nationwide tour stated in early 1930; WAR is a racket. It always has been.

He also said; The World War, (WW1) rather our brief participation in it, has cost the United States some \$52,000,000,000. Figure it out. That means \$400 to every American man, woman, and child. And we haven't paid the debt yet. We are paying it, our children will pay it, and our children's children probably still will be paying the cost of that war.

Back then he stated the normal profits of a business concern in the United States are six, eight, ten, and sometimes twelve percent. But war-time profits – ah! that is another matter – twenty, sixty, one hundred, three hundred, and even eighteen hundred per cent – the sky is the limit. All that traffic will bear. Uncle Sam has the money. Let's get it.

Full text of his speech is at <http://www.lexrex.com/enlightened/articles/warisaracket.htm>

As I see it nothing much has really changed.

Till next time  
Keep the shiny side up and Greasy side down

OldTippy



# From the desk of the editor

*First off I want to thank all the members and participate in our Rights rally at Mickey's, which did a jam up job hosting it for us again this year.*

*With the stepping down of one of our Executive Board member, who also held several trustee positions at the past meeting, we were luckily able to have members step up to fill the void.*

*We all need to welcome our new Vice President: Frank "Poppi" Cocci, Road Captain Glen "WRENCH" Saunders our new and again, Events Coordinator Robert "Shaky" Nieman along with the help from "Princess" Sharon.*

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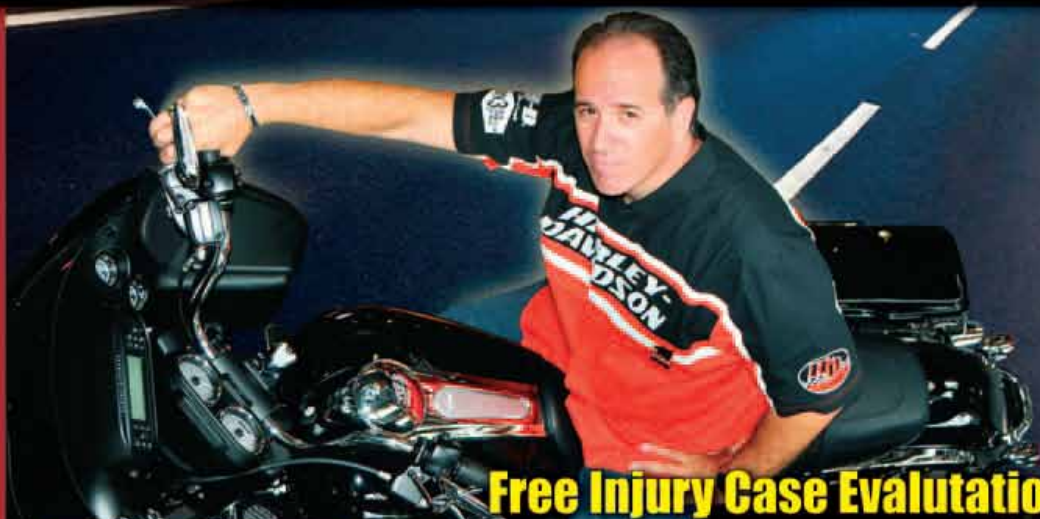
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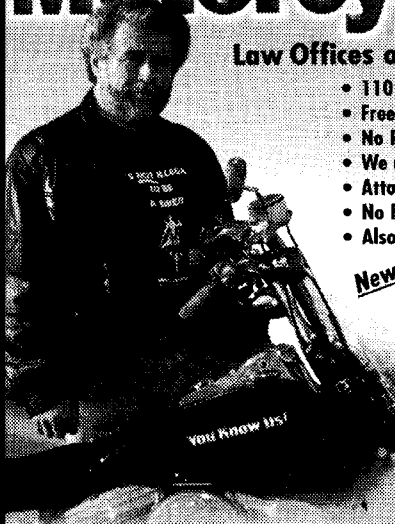
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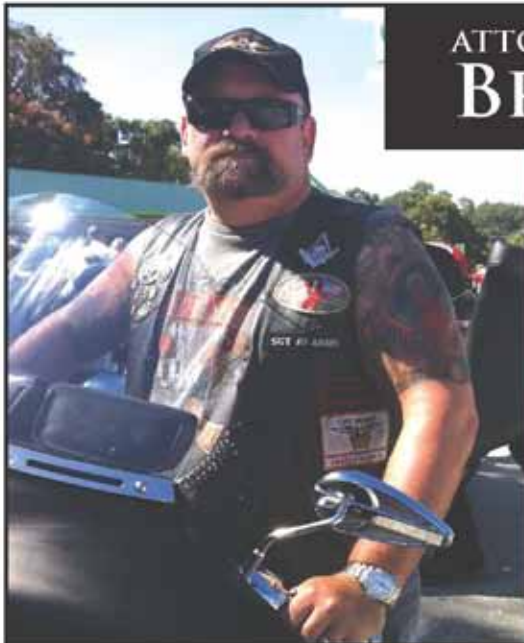
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4 <b>AOA Treasure Coast Annual</b>	5	6 	7	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	8 9	10 <b>USMVMC National Annual</b> <b>ABATE B-DAY PARTY</b>
11 <b>CMA Memorial Event</b>	12	13	14	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	15 16	17 <b>BOD- meeting</b> <b>States MC Memorial</b>
18 <b>Chapter Meeting</b>	19	20	21	22 	23	24 Luke's Place Bike Night
25	26	27	28	Cafe' 27 Bike Nite States MC Pompano Dinner	29 30	

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DECEMBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Luke's Place Bike Night
2	3	4	5	6 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite ----- States MC Pompano Dinner	7	8 Luke's Place Bike Night
9 <i>Toys in the Sun run</i>	10	11	12	13 Cafe' 27 Bike Nite ----- States MC Pompano Dinner	14	15 <b>BOD Meeting</b> Luke's Place Bike Night
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## NOVEMBER

- 4 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual**
- 10 - USMVMC National Annual**
- 11 - CMA Memorial Event
- 17 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Party — **canceled**
- 18 - Wings of Gold WPB Party
- 25 - USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

## DECEMBER

- 2 - ABATE Palm Beach Annual
- 9 - SFPC Toy Run**
- 15 - Toy Run Bike Drawing at Peterson's Harley
- 15 - Hermandad MC - Alfredo Pena Memorial Run
- 16 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
- 22 - SFLCOC Christmas Party
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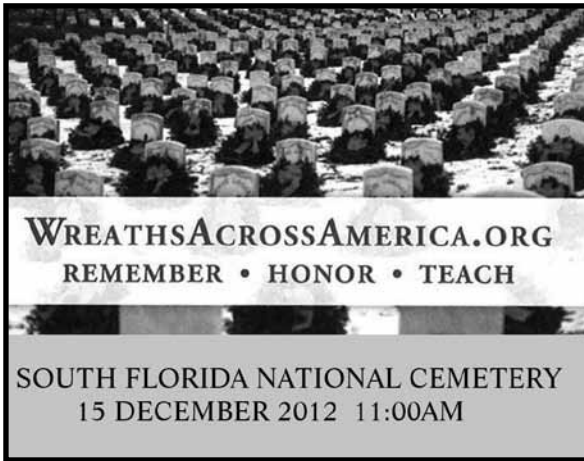
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The powder puffs are back in town. You know, those white balls of hair on top of the steering wheels. When you are behind them on the road, all you can see is a big puff of white hair just barely above the steering wheels. I was behind on the other day. Her left turn signal was blinking for 3 miles, before she made a right turn. Have you ever really watched one of those white hair balls drive? The reaction time reminds me of a sloth.

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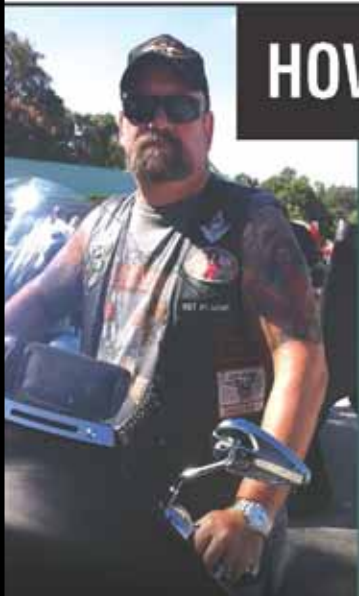
Be on the lookout for those white hair puffs, out on the road. They will not see you. For some it will be because the steering wheel was blocking their view. Some of the others could become hypnotized by the sound of the blinker as they go down the road. Then they are in a trance, and forget what and where they were going. The fastest some of them go is when they accidentally hit the gas instead of the break when they are trying to park. Ride with extra caution when you see one on the road. Do not ride beside them. If they decide to make a quick turn, the chances are great that they will not look for you before hand. Do not ride behind them for long period of time. You may become hypnotized by the blinking lights. You will be following them all around town, looking for the cheapest place to eat.

Wear your leather gloves. Put on the leather jacket. Make sure you are wearing boots, not sandals. Put on the skull wrap, to keep the hair in place. Then wear your helmet, and eye protection. Then when one of those white hair puffs pull out in front of you, or cuts you off, you have a better chance of getting back up with a little less road rash and you can then ask them, CAN YOU SEE ME NOW !!

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## NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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### FATALITIES FALL IN MICHIGAN AFTER HELMET LAW REPEAL

“The numbers speak for themselves,” said Vince Consiglio, president of ABATE Michigan, in announcing a decrease in motorcycle deaths since the state repealed their mandatory helmet law. Despite dire predictions to the contrary, motorcycle fatalities actually have dropped by 7% based on statistics obtained from the Michigan State Police and the Michigan Secretary of State.

On April 12, 2012, the requirement for motorcycle helmets was amended to allow adult choice for bikers 21 and older, providing they completed an accredited motorcycle-safety course or had a minimum of two years riding experience.

According to an ABATE press release, from 2011 (pre-amendment) to 2012 (post amendment) motorcycle fatalities dropped from 89 to 85 in Michigan, a 4.5% reduction. During the same time period, the number of motorcycle registrations increased from 261,658 to 266,589, so ABATE concludes; “If the fatality rate is adjusted to the total of motorcycle registrations it shows that the fatality rate has decreased from 0.034% to 0.031% since the helmet-law amendment - a seven percent reduction.”

“This data proves conclusively that the helmet-law amendment had no adverse effect on motorcycle safety,” Consiglio told The Detroit News.

### DEER TAKE DEADLY TOLL ON MOTORCYCLISTS

“When a deer collides with a vehicle that weighs a couple of tons, the fragile animal almost always gets the worst of it. When a deer meets a motorcycle on the roadway, both the rider and the deer may suffer the same fate,” stated the Washington Post in reporting on research by AAA that found that seven of the

eight people who died in crashes involving deer over a three-year period in Maryland and Virginia were motorcyclists. Nationwide, the auto club said, about 70% of deer-crash fatalities involve motorcycles.

“Because they are riding on two wheels, motorcycle riders and their passengers are especially vulnerable when they smash into a deer,” said John B. Townsend II, an AAA spokesman.

The deer mortality rate becomes most evident this time of year, as the mating season has more deer on the move. Their carcasses by the roadside attest to the danger that the lure of romance poses for them and for drivers.

In 2010, the latest year for which there are national statistics, 403 people were killed in accidents involving deer.

### MOTORCYCLE THEFTS DECLINE

A total of 46,667 motorcycles were reported stolen in 2011, and 17,199 of them were recovered, according to a report released today by the National Insurance Crime Bureau. That compares to 49,791 stolen bikes in 2010, a decrease of 6%.

California, the most populous U.S. state and the one with the most stolen motorcycles since the NICB began collecting data in 1996, retained its top spot with 5,927 thefts last year. It was followed by Texas, Florida, North Carolina and Indiana. The state reporting the lowest number of thefts was North Dakota (21) followed by Wyoming, South Dakota, Vermont, Alaska, and Montana.

Recoveries of stolen motorcycles were largely proportional to thefts, with California the leader in recoveries (2,085) followed by Florida (1,334), Texas (965), Indiana (769), and North Carolina (725). The overall average time of recoveries was 31 days.

July and August were the biggest months for thefts in the U.S. last year, with more than 5,000 each, compared with 2,147 in February, the report shows.



Whereas the number of thefts increases dramatically in the warmer months, the day of the week seems to be of no significance. On Mondays, the day of the largest number, there were 6,962 bikes stolen. The number on Sundays, the day of the lowest number, there were 6,422.

More than 500 motorcycle makes were among those stolen last year, but the highest percentage of bikes stolen were of the Honda brand, at 24%. Yamaha was next (19%), followed by Suzuki (16%), Kawasaki (11%) and Harley-Davidson (7%).

#### “UNFAIR” TICKETS LEAD TO PROPOSED FREE MOTORCYCLE PARKING IN NYC

City Councilman Peter Vallone Jr. (D-Astoria), an avid Harley-Davidson rider, is pushing for legislation that would make motorcycle parking free throughout the five boroughs. “We get tickets a lot,” Vallone said of motorcyclists in the Big Apple. “That is unfair.”

At issue are muni-meters; “There is no way for a motorcycle rider to affix a muni-meter (receipt) to their bike in a way that it won’t blow away and it won’t be stolen,” Vallone said.

State Assemblyman Michael DenDekker (D-Jackson Heights), a fellow motorcyclist who recently received a \$65 parking fine, has joined with Councilman Vallone in supporting a law to give motorcyclists a free ride. Due to what he calls “a faulty system,” DenDekker said making parking free for some 38,000 motorcyclists in New York City would put the brakes on the problem while being an environmentally sound move because motorcycles generate less pollution, need little space and use minimal gas.

“It would be a great idea to encourage other alternate forms of transportation like we’re doing right now with bicycles,” DenDekker said. “We also need to do that with motorcycles.”

Joe Sessa, director of New York City Harley Owners Group, said the parking situation in the city is only

getting worse, and American Brotherhood Motorcycle Club president John Cartier said bicyclists get help from the city, while motorcyclists don’t. “We pay \$42.50 in registration fees and pay our taxes, too. We make our contribution and we’re not getting anything back. We just want a level of equality.”

#### R.I. SALES TAXES HIGHER FOR MOTORCYCLES THAN CARS

Normally, if you’re buying a new car and you have a trade-in, you will only be charged sales tax on what you pay. But Rhode Island riders are roaring mad about an old law that forces motorcycle buyers to pay taxes on the full price of the bike regardless of the value of your trade-in.

Richard Unsworth of North Scituate, RI complained to a local news station that he was burned by \$600 in excess sales tax when he traded in his old bike on a new Harley-Davidson. “When I went to the registry I expected to pay about \$1,100 in taxes,” he said. “When I got done, it was like \$1,700!”

That’s because Unsworth was charged sales tax on the full price of the motorcycle, even though he had a trade-in valued at \$7,500. “My trade-in was taxed back in 1999,” he added. “I’m paying again for the same \$7,500! I don’t believe it’s fair.”

An investigation by WPRI-TV Call 12 For Action uncovered a law in Rhode Island that only allows passenger vehicles to get a reduction in sales tax for the trade-in. Passenger vehicles, according to the law, do not include motorcycles or pickup trucks.

“This was a law that was actually passed in the 1940s when pickup trucks were mainly used by farmers and motorcycles weren’t that popular,” said RI Tax Administrator David Sullivan. “Now that it’s 2012, things have changed, but clearly the law hasn’t.”

According to Sullivan, the revenue hit would be about \$5-10 million a year if the General Assembly were to change the law to include all vehicles.. That’s not expected to happen in the near future. Although there have been several attempts by legislators to

make the change, but it's been shot down every time.

## LEGAL BATTLES CONTINUE OVER MONGOLS CLUB COLORS

An unprecedented federal government effort to seize the Mongols Motorcycle Club's trademark has quietly become a quarter-of-a-million-dollar headache for the Justice Department, reports McClatchy Newspapers. Four years after prosecutors grabbed national headlines by seizing the Mongols' logo, an appellate court must now sort out what the federal government might owe the club's attorneys.

It could be a lot, in a free-speech case that's also a cautionary tale about aggressive federal use of forfeiture to seize private property.

"What they did was an outrageous violation of the First Amendment, and an absolute abuse of forfeiture and trademark laws," American Civil Liberties Union attorney David Loy told the paper. Rebuking prosecutorial overreach, a federal judge in Los Angeles ordered the Justice Department to pay \$253,206 to Loy and Alan Mansfield, an attorney with Consumer Law Group of California, who successfully challenged the prosecutors' attempt to seize the Mongols' trademark.

Forfeitures are big business for the federal government. Last year, the Justice Department seized some \$1.8 billion worth of forfeited assets. Typically, these are ill-gotten gains from drug trafficking, financial fraud and other criminal activity.

Los Angeles-based prosecutors claimed a huge haul in October 2008 when they announced mass indictments of Mongols MC members, and in addition to physical assets such as motorcycles, firearms and other property, prosecutors sought to claim the Mongols' trademarked name and logo. "If any law enforcement officer sees a Mongol wearing his patch, he will be authorized to stop that gang member and literally take the jacket right off his back," then-U.S. Attorney Thomas P. O'Brien declared at the time. But a judge in Los Angeles ruled last year

that prosecutors had gone too far. The judge reasoned that the trademark belonged to the organization, not to individuals, and therefore unindicted club members should still enjoy the right to use it.

Last February, another federal judge added that the Justice Department had to pay for the trademark fight because the government "violated settled First Amendment and trademark law." "The novelty of the government's position did not make it substantially justified," U.S. District Judge David O. Carter ruled. "Rather, it took unlawful action based on an ungrounded and unsubstantiated legal theory, and without sufficient factual support." Because the complex case "arose at the intersection of forfeiture, trademark and First Amendment law," Carter added, attorneys deserved the fair-market rates of between \$525 and \$650 an hour for the 461 hours spent challenging the government.

The Justice Department is appealing the judge's order to pay, however, with the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals likely to hear the case next year.

The new EU-wide regulations would supersede national safety inspection rules for four-wheel and two-wheel vehicles, and FEMA said the law would offer "no benefits expected in terms of safety, as proven by several independent studies."

Members of Belgium's Federation of Angry Bikers (FBMC) turned out in large numbers for the protest. "Only 0.3 percent of motorcycle accidents in Belgium and 0.6 percent in Europe are due to technical problems," FBMC head Joe Verrecke told the Belgian news agency Belga.

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