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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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Due to the large expense incurred mailing our monthly newsletter, effective January 2014 the newsletter will no longer be mailed to your home address. REMEMBER: The ABATE SE newsletter is free on-line at the Chapter's website: www.abatese.org. You may also pick up a copy of the newsletter at any of our 38 distribution sites located in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties or at our monthly Chapter meeting held on the third Sunday of the month at 10AM at various locations within our service area. Please call the hotline 954-310-4636 for meeting location or see our website. If you have any questions, please contact the SE Chapter President.

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Greetings once again brothers and sisters! Thank you for taking the time to pick up and read our newsletter! I hope that you and your families faired well through hurricane Mathew as it made its way up the east coast!!!

It was a close one for us down here, and fortunately Critter and I were able to go to ABATE of FLORIDA, INC.'s Fall State Biker Bash at the Peace River Campground in Arcadia October 7th, 8th, and 9th. We rode up on the 7th via 27 to 70, and that was a little sketchy with the winds gusting at around 25 to 30 mph, but we made it there safe and sound. The next day was picture perfect not just for

riding, but for the party as well! We first stopped in a little local "Ma & Pa" diner/greasy spoon for a hearty breakfast, and then rode over to the Arcadia Women's Club for the state meeting. There were a decent amount of members at the meeting, despite the inclement weather that threatened the eastern seaboard.

During the meeting, Doc proudly held up a new State ABATE of FLORIDA, Inc. patch designed by our very own Critter (which he gave her after he showed the delegation)! It is oval with a "safety" yellow field and black lettering that reads in the center "BIKER LIVES MATTER". They look really great and we will be putting them on order, so they will be available for your consumption soon.

After the meeting we went to the Fall State Biker Bash at the Peace River Campground, which was not even five (5) minutes up the road. What an awesome place to visit, camp, have a party, or just hang out!!! The party was awesome!!! After a little while of wandering around, we decided to head on over to The Open Road, which was [ironically enough, was just another five (5) minutes up the road...Peace River, the geographical oddity, everything is just five (5) minutes up the road...LoL...] a great way to finish off the night! The next day, we unfortunately had to head for home. But what a great day for riding it was, I could not have asked for nor created better riding conditions all the way back!!!

The following weekend of the 15th, Wavy, Madame Secretary, Prime, Critter and Yours Truly went to States MC for their "Rotten Ralph" Memorial for all fallen brothers and sisters from all clubs, and I have to say it was one of the best memorial services I have been to in quite some time. They had a burning of the casket [there should be pics of that further on in this newsletter], a very cool sermon by Saints MM, and as always-awesome food and drink. After that, we caged-it [because it was raining like a cow pissing on a flat rock] on over to Los Coquis MC's clubhouse for Salsa Night and what an AWESOME party that was!!! The band there was off the chain [as was the pulled pork], they let anyone come up and play, Prime could not help

himself jumping on the maracas, even Grasshopper from Keltics MC was getting down on the congas! Defiantly one of the most memorable nights I have spent in my native South Florida!

On Friday the 21st Prime, Wavy, Critter and Myself rode over to Wings of Gold MC's clubhouse for their open house and they had a righteous spread of delicious Italian food. Afterwards, we rode on over to the Keltics MC's clubhouse to finish off the night. Then on Saturday the 22nd, it was back over to Wheels of Man MC to attend their 43rd Halloween Party, and as always WOMMC did not disappoint! There were plenty of ghosts and goblins that showed up!!! They had Madame Butterfly, Maleficent, Old MacDonald and cow, a Viking, several pirates, a very cool steam-punk couple and Little Red Riding-hood with The Big Bad Wolf! Like I mention in the meetings, make sure Wavy has your contact information, because I encourage the membership to come out with us, or on your own, to these events not just to show our support, but to have a great time as we always do while attending them.

On Sunday the 30th (Hallows Eve) was our (Southeast Chapter's) 36th Annual Event held at Mickey's Tiki Bar in Pompano Beach and there was a good turnout. The Christian Motorcycle Association presented their Ringing of the Bell Ceremony, which was in good form. Then there were awesome live tunes provided by the NattyBõs. Good food, good drink, good live music, and good times were had by all!!! I would like to thank all those who came out to support us for this Annual Event, and Alan for letting us have it at his bar.

So with that, I thank everyone for their continued support to our chapter and our state organization!

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

With Honor and Respect, William G. "Ratchet" Prewitt, President ABATE of Florida, Inc., Southeast Chapter





Membership Due For November 2016

Alfredo "Newcomer" Acevedo
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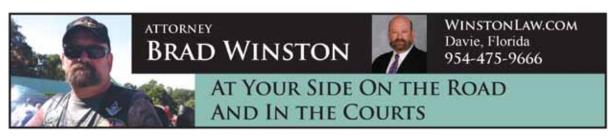


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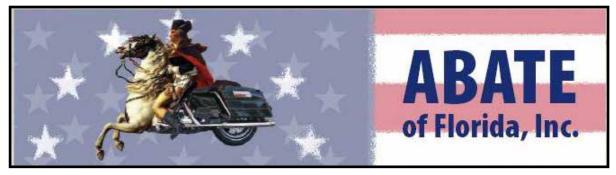
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For Membership Renewals contact, George Torrence by either email: membership@abatese.us or by phone: 954-560-5547 See Page 5 for Membership Application * PLEASE NOTE *

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.



Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Held at the Davie Moose Lodge October 16, 2016

Sgt @ Arms Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak called the meeting to order at 10:12 am. There were 17members and 3 guests. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence and a prayer by Poppie.

President's Report: Ratchet started the meeting with the reading of a list of grievances against Ada Hibbs. Ada was given the opportunity to speak on her behalf. Following the discussion there was a call for a vote to suspend her as a member of Southeast Chapter. The vote was 12 yes, 3 abstained to vote and no one opposed. Thus Ada Hibbs' membership in Southeast chapter is suspended. Ratchet thanked everyone for coming and recognized our guests, Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, our State VP and Legislative Trustee and his lovely guest. He then spoke about the burning of the coffin ceremony at States MC and the great time he and a few other members had at Los Coquis.

Vice-President's Report: Poppie thanked

everyone for coming and reminded everyone we need help for our upcoming event at Mickey's .

Secretary's Report: A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed. Seconded, no discussion, all in favor; motion was passed.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Critter read the financial report for September/October. A motion was made to accept the financial report. Seconded, all were in favor; motion was passed.

<u>Sergeant at Arms Report:</u> Steve spoke on needing help for our event at Mickey's. Please be there by 9:00 am.

Road Captain's Report: Jon "Wavy" spoke on how well we are doing with rides. He spoke on our adventures to States and Los Coquis despite the rain and the fact that we caged it. A good time was had by all. We have the pictures to prove it! He also spoke on the texts for the upcoming rides and events. He reminded everyone to be sure he has their information if they want to be contacted about upcoming events.

Safety Director Report: Prime thanked everyone for helping in his absence. He also spoke on a new article he will be writing - a FOOD article. He would like to start going to different places with a few people and critiquing the food to put in his article.

Products Report: Jon "Wavy" spoke briefly on the fact he is pitching in for products. We will have products at our October Event at Mickeys. Unfortunately, Jon will not be at the October Event due to a previous engagement. Marie will handle products in his absence. Ratchet spoke on the new shirts we have ordered and that we should have them for our October Event.

Events Coordinator Report: Jimmy Les spoke on our October Event that will be held at Mickey's. He also reminded everyone we will be needing help to set up and with parking. Please plan to be out there between 9:00 am and 10:00 am to help set up. We will also need help with the break down afterwards.

State Representative Report: Critter gave her report from the State Meeting. Inventory is due by the December State Meeting. Our chapter was recognized for the postcards that will be used for reaching out to legislative reps on future issue. They will be also be used to congratulate the winning candidates in our area. The State wants to know from each chapter their input on what ABATE should focus on for the Legislature (i.e. the anticipated helmet bill,

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safety money, vulnerable road users bill, etc.) Critter showed off the Biker's Lives Matter patch which will be available thru the State. T-shirts will the same design also be made up. Doc went up and testified at a meeting regarding the Jacksonville stops; they are being done correctly. It is that time again for the insurance cards to be sent out. If you don't want to be contacted about additional insurance, send the beneficiary card to the State – not the insurance company. The next State Meeting will be hosted by Gator Alley in Naples on December 10.

Membership Report: George was not present to report. A reminder, when submitting all membership forms PLEASE fill them out completely and send them in a timely manner. Thank you very much for your support and membership to the Southeast Chapter.

Newsletter Editor: Critter reported she needs the articlesfor the newsletter today. All photos are welcome.

Legislative Report: Brad was not present to report but our State Legislative Trustee, Darrin "Scribe" was present and was asked to speak by Ratchet. He accepted and mentioned that some of the State Reps are still dealing with the effects of Matthew. He spoke on how important it is to call our state and local legislative representatives, as opposed to sending them emails, when asked to contact them on certain issues. He said be positive, polite and quick. He also mentioned

that if there is another helmet bill introduced State Bash at Peace River. it will be ABATE's primary fight.

Public Relations: Fern was excused. She is always out there promoting ABATE.

Billing and Invoicing: Pixie was not present but has communicated with Rachet on who is up to date and who is past due.

Social Director Report: Patty brought the cake for the October birthdays to be enjoyed after the meeting. Next month we will be celebrating on Friday night, November 18, 2016 at Johnny's and then hopefully to Legion Post 321 afterwards for music.

Newsletter Distribution: Poppie reported all is well. He thanked Teddy Bear, Ace, Bars and Frank T for all of their help.

Quartermaster Report: Bob was present and reminded everyone that we need help serving for the event on the 30th at Mickey's.

Photographer's Report: This position is open. The membership is encouraged to submit photos of events they attend. Please email them to the newsletter editor.

Web-Master's Report: Rogue was not present but everything is up and running.

Legal Council: Demetrios and Brad were not present to report.

Old Business: Rachet spoke on the October

New Business: Our next meeting will at The Legion Post 312, November 20th.

Good of the Order: Wheels of Man Halloween Party October 22nd, Mystic 7 party October 29th, Scurvy Few Party October 29th, our Event at Mickey's October 30th. Cycle Lab is closing for good and has offered our chapter some trophies. Marie will make arrangements to get them. Joe Bakers party is October 29th.

We have SFPC Toy Run raffle tickets available, we do benefit from the sale of these tickets.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is November 20, 2016, at the American Legion Post 321 in Cooper City, FL.

Hope to see everyone there.

See you on the Road!

Marie Baxter. Secretary S. E. Chapter



PS. I just wanted to thank my date's wife, Anna, for letting Jon hang with us Saturday night.



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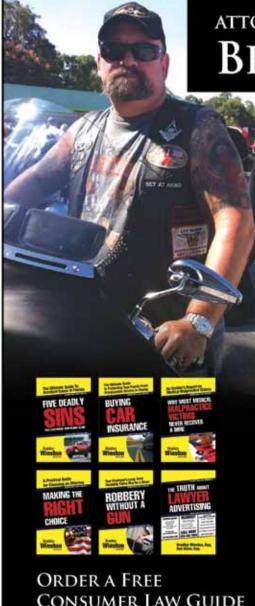
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I went to this casting call in North Miami, went inside and there was about fifty men that looked pretty much like me. Some were bikers that I had seen around, won't name ant names, and some were actors made up to look like bikers. Long story short, I got a part in a Molson beer commercial.

The people that made the commercial took us down to the middle keys, began to cast us, and gave us our costumes. Now at the time, I weighted about 320 pounds and all of that was belly and the costume they gave me was an anal floss Speedo bikini. I said there was no way I was going to wear it, so I settled for a regular Speedo bikini, not the anal one so it at least covered the crack of my butt. We were to wear our motorcycle boots and the Speedo - can you imagine what that looked like.

We filmed for about six hours; they had us acting like a bunch of bikers, playing on the beach with a non biker-looking guy that was forced to take us on vacation with him. It would take too long to go into the whole story.

The best thing about the whole day was the commercial was made to show in Canada only, and when I saw the finished commercial I was cut except a shot of my boots while lying on a beach chair.

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Your VP Poppie





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FROM YOUR SAFETY DIRECTOR OF





Sleep, so you don't sleep....While riding

Sleep is one of those things that cannot be avoided. According to the National Sleep Foundation people between the ages of

18-64 should have at least 7 to 9 hours of sleep. Sleep deprivation causes numerous types of issues including stress, anxiety, mood swings, delayed

response or poor reflexes, and an inability to pay attention, all of which can lead to an accident. One of the main things needed to safely operate your bike is the ability to pay attention to others on the road and hazards as well. If there is one lesson I learned when in boot camp it is that if you don't give your body rest, it will take it from you. If I could fall asleep while marching in ranks then it is very possible for anyone to fall asleep when walking, talking, or riding. There



are times when you may not be able to get sleep, for those times do not make an attempt to ride, drive a car, or any function that puts your life or the life of someone else in jeopardy. If you are getting ready for a long road trip then ensure that you get the proper amount of rest beforehand. You may be trying to get business taken care

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VETERANS STATS

The brave men and women who serve and protect the U.S. come from all walks of life; they are parents, children and grandparents. They are friends, neighbors and coworkers, and an important part of their communities. Here are some facts about the current veteran population of the United States.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are approximately 23.2 million military veterans in the United States.

- 9.2 million Veterans are over the age of 65.
- 1.9 million Veterans are under the age of 35.
- 1.8 million Veterans are women.
- 7.8 million Veterans served during the Vietnam War era (1964-1975), which represents 33% of all living veterans.
- 5.2 million Veterans served during the Gulf War (representing service from Aug. 2, 1990, to present).
- 2.6 million Veterans served during World War II (1941-1945).
- 2.8 million Veterans served during the Korean War (1950-1953).
- 6 million veterans served in peacetime.
- As of 2008, 2.9 million veterans received compensation for service-connected disabilities.
- 5 states have more than 1 million veterans in among their population: California (2.1 million), Florida (1.7 million), Texas (1.7 million), New York (1 million) and Pennsylvania (1 million).
- The VA health care system had 54 hospitals in 1930, since then it has expanded to include 171 medical centers; more than 350 outpatient, community, and outreach clinics; 126 nursing home care units; and 35 live-in care facilities for injured or disabled vets.

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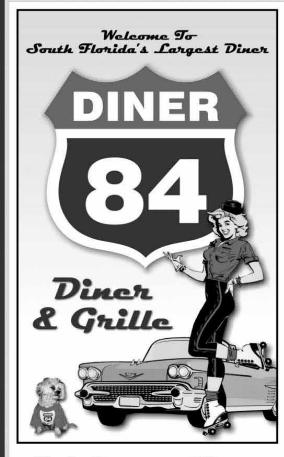
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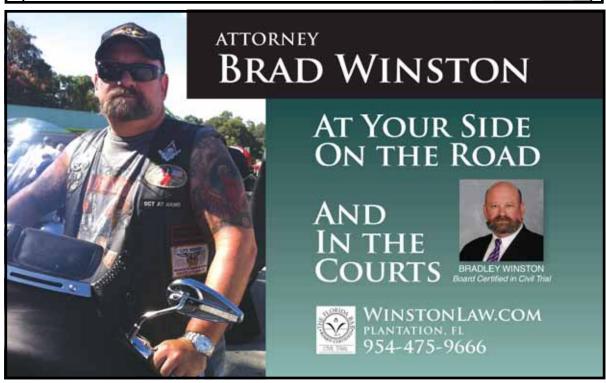
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Self-Driving Cars - Don't we have enough problems on the road?

NEWS FROM MRF

WASHINGTON, DC – Over the last several months, an influx of companies have announced plans to pursue the creation and manufacture of self-driving cars. GM, Daimler, Volvo, Ford, Jaguar, Land Rover, Audi and BMW are only a fraction of global automakers that have already announced their intention to pursue technology making some vehicle models fully or partially autonomous. And as they often do, the federal government has had to play catch up in taking a position on this emerging technology and where they fit in to facilitate the entry of autonomous vehicles onto American roads.

Recently, the Department of Transportation gave good indication of where they stand with the issuance of federal guidelines released on September 20. The guidance included a 15-point safety assessment for automakers to design, develop and test self-driving cars. The framework also includes options for federal transportation regulators to authorize automated vehicles under existing law, as well as lists legislative or regulatory changes that could be needed "as the technology evolves and is deployed more widely." In addition, automakers will have to document to federal regulators how they're addressing ethical considerations like whether to program a car to hit another vehicle rather than a pedestrian.

Importantly, the policy did make clear that federal and state roles needed to be clearly defined and insisted that the goal was to avoid fifty individual state standards thus creating a "patchwork" of autonomous vehicle laws. Instead, the guidance suggested that the state's role should focus more on traditional functions as they have in the past; specifically licensing and liability.

A number of states, however, have already begun taking steps to address the technology. According to the National Conference of State Legislators, Nevada was the first state to authorize the operation of autonomous vehicles in 2011. Since 2012, at least 34 states and D.C. have considered legislation related to autonomous vehicles. As more and more automakers announce intentions to also utilize the technology, the number of states pursuing legislation on the issue will likely grow.

Critics of the guidance say that the Department of Transportation (DoT) needs to establish formal and enforceable regulations governing self-driving vehicles. However, DoT countered saying that going through the traditional rulemaking process to establish federal regulations would not keep up with new technology and they needed to remain flexible to address new concerns as they

emerge. Supporters of the guidance agreed, saying that the policy gives automakers the green light to be innovative, but still keeps safety at the forefront through its recommended safety assessment. In addition, DoT announced that it intends to update the policy each year in order for it to remain upto-date and reflect the current technology and environment.

It appears through the issuance of guidance rather than regulations that the role of the federal government may lean heavily on oversight and enforcement. In fact, the guidance suggested that DoT may ask Congress for more oversight powers to achieve this. Just how and to what extent the federal government will be involved with this technology still very much remains to be seen. The question will be more closely examined over the course of the next few months with congressional hearings already in the works likely taking place during the lame duck session of Congress which kicks off after the general election in November.

Many people consider autonomous vehicles to be a significant part of the future of the automotive industry. For motorcycle riders, they too understand that self-driving vehicles will be on the road in the future, but have started to voice concerns from the perspective of concern for their safety. While not opposed to autonomous vehicles, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) maintains that federal authorities must require robust testing with regard to motorcycle recognition and responsiveness. Given their smaller profile on the road, it's a valid concern for many bikers. In addition, the MRF insists DoT must ensure that electronic security systems have strong standards to ensure safety and security precautions eliminate risks to motorcyclists. In addition, clear liability of fault must be established when it comes to crashes, and in doing so, motorcyclists should not face unfair advantages.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation plans to file comments on the DoT guidance echoing their concerns voiced above. To see the DoT announcement and review the federal guidance and fact sheets, visit:

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About Motorcycle Riders Foundation:

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for states' motorcyclists' rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond.



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ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Well once again another month is gone.

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Thank you States MC for your memorial which was nicely done, and talk about a food spread. After trying all the different foods I

needed to loosen my belt buckle. Thanks.

To Los Coquis MC, thank you for making us feel so welcome at your club house during your Salsa party. Critter really seemed to enjoy herself on the dance floor and Prime had a good time playing with the band.

And of course, A1 Promotions had an event at VFW off of State Road 84. Very interesting mix of entertainment. My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

To all of you that missed these events, you really did miss out. I would like to see more of us at these events even if there is not a scheduled ride.

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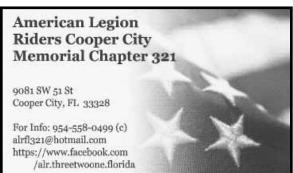
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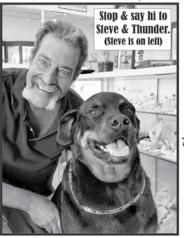
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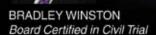
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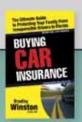
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ROAD TO ZERO MOTORCYCLES

For decades, motorcycle rights advocates have warned the riding community that advances in Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and the advent of autonomous (self-driving) vehicles could signal the end of motorcycles on public roadways. Indeed, "Vision Zero" has been under development primarily in Europe to remove human interaction from the operation of vehicles in public transit, therefore eliminating human error that results in traffic accidents...and since motorcycles require human operation they do not fit into the Vision Zero scenario.

Now, the U.S. Department of Transportation has unveiled plans for a new initiative called "Road to Zero" in concert with other federal agencies and the National Safety Council with the lofty goal of eliminating all traffic-related fatalities by the year 2030, and although bicyclists and pedestrians are taken into account, their plan makes no specific mention of motorcycles.

Citing increases in traffic deaths nationwide, accounting for more than 35,000 lives lost mostly due to human error and behaviors such as distracted and drowsy driving and driving under the influence, Road to Zero will focus on proactive vehicle safety, advances in automotive technology and cultivating human behavior.

But the new federal safety initiative, announced October 5, 2016 completely ignores a significant portion of America's road users, as Road to Zero apparently makes no accommodation for millions of motorcyclists vying to survive in an increasingly automated traffic mix.

FUTURE MOTORCYCLES WON'T REQUIRE HELMETS

BMW claims that motorcycles in the future will be so smart, it could eliminate the need for protective gear. To mark its 100th birthday, BMW recently unveiled a Motorrad Vision Next 100 concept motorcycle so advanced that the German auto and cycle-maker says riders won't require a helmet because its self-balancing system keeps the bike upright both in motion and even at a standstill.

BMW touted the motorbike's futuristic features, saying it would allow for riders of all skill levels to "enjoy the sensation of absolute freedom." Since the Vision Next 100 will liberate riders from the need to wear a helmet and protective clothing, BMW says the rider can be in touch with his/her surroundings, which will mean 'perfect synthesis between human and machine'.

Another traditional feature is also missing: a control panel. Instead, helmetless riders will wear a visor that acts as a smart display, although such information would not be needed all the time because the vehicle is equipped with self-driving technology and can sense the road ahead and react so that it theoretically can't get into accidents.

The futuristic motorcycle is also "zero emissions," because BMW said it believes the future of transportation is electric.

The Vision Vehicle celebrated its world premiere in Los Angeles on October 11 at the "Iconic Impulses: The BMW Group Future Experience" exhibition, and the bike was developed to address mobility issues some three decades down the road: "A time when mobility is yet more diverse and interconnected; a time when digitalization takes on a shape which we today perceive to be surreal; a time when motorcycling becomes an analogue and at the same time extraordinarily emotional experience."

A HELMET THAT CALLS FOR HELP

We've previously reported that BMW is planning to introduce an automatic system to call emergency services installed on some of its motorcycles next year (an "SOS" button), but now a Thai innovation is looking to achieve similar results from a newly-designed helmet.

While still under development, the HELPMET concept

is to automatically call medics only if it's subjected to impacts hard enough to result in unconsciousness.

It incorporates the basics of a smartphone, including a SIM card, GPS, and a connection to the phone network, as well as impact sensors and a rechargeable battery. The system is only set off after impacts of 95g or higher, so accidental knocks or even a light crash shouldn't have ambulances appearing, but they will come looking if you're lying unconscious in a ditch and they'll have the precise coordinates to find you.

Another element is that users of the system will be registered to a website where they can input various personal details, so not only will the HELPMET call emergency services, it will also be able to provide information about the rider's name and address. It can also warn of allergies or pre-existing medical issues, the sort of information that could be the difference between life and death for an unconscious rider.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY EFFORTS IN NEW MEXICO

Board members from the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (NMMRO) recently met with a representative of the state's Department of Transportation along with safety advocates of the bicycling community to discuss the LOOK FOR ME-WE'RE ALL GOING SOMEWHERE safety awareness campaign. This campaign is designed to help make the streets safer for everyone, and while the campaign is geared toward pedestrian and bicycle safety, the NM DoT did incorporate pictures of motorcycles in their advertising, which is displayed on city and school buses.

An important message relayed to roadway users is; "Please pay full attention. Don't talk, text, or use cell phone while driving. Remain sober and alert and obey the rules of the road." During their meeting, the DoT rep listened to motorcyclists' concerns and said they would incorporate more about motorcycle safety for the year 2017 and will include NMMRO in future meetings.

In addition, the NMMRO recently sent a list of 20 motorcycle high crash locations to the city of Albuquerque to put up "Watch Out for Motorcycles" signs in those areas, and the group also teamed up with Santa Fe Harley-Davidson to bring awareness to distracted driving with a Bash a Bike event, wherein folks paid to wield a sledge hammer on a bike with messages scrawled across it. "With today's technology

it's become easier to get distracted with texts, emails, phone calls and even on-screen maps for directions," said Annette Torrez, NMMRA Co-Chair and a member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) board of directors. "The bashing was a good way to not only get out frustrations for riders, but it showed drivers just how susceptible to danger a motorcyclist is when metal comes in contact with a motorcycle."

HIT-AND-RUN BILL VETOED BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR

In response to an "epidemic" of hit-and-run accidents in California, citing nearly 79,000 such collisions in 2014, Assemblyman Eric Linder (R-Corona) introduced AB 2088 "as an effort to reduce the number of hit-and-runs and bring justice to the victims by ensuring that offenders face consequences for their reckless decisions"

On behalf of such victimized motorcycle riders, ABATE of California supported the measure, and the legislation to mandate a six month license suspension or community service for leaving the scene of an accident causing injury or death, received strong bipartisan support and overwhelmingly passed the state Assembly 78-2 and was unanimously voted on in the Senate 39-0.

But despite strong support from a coalition of law enforcement and victims' advocates, Governor Jerry Brown disagreed with them all, and on September 27, 2016 he returned Assembly Bill 2088 without his signature along with the following veto message: "The prescriptive mandates contained in this bill dealing with one specific plea bargain scenario unnecessarily constrain judicial discretion," and added that "each sanction contemplated by this measure is already available to the court."

NEW LAW IN FRANCE MANDATES RIDING GLOVES

French law now requires that motorcycle riders wear gloves, and according to the website motofire.com, "Riders caught without hand protection will face a fine of \$76 and have a point added to their license."

France already requires motorcyclists to carry a hi-viz reflective jacket or vest in case of a roadside emergency, and wear a helmet that displays "at least 18 square cm of reflective material," a violation that carries a \$152 fine.

According to the report, France also requires riders

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to carry spare bulbs and an alcohol breath-testing kit, a rule widely ignored since a violation carries no fine.

Of course some riders have taken offense at the perceived violation of their civil liberties, and the FFMC, "FédérationFrançaise des MotardsenColère ("French Federation of Angry Bikers") has released this statement: "It's not that we are against the gloves, the problem is that we're forced to wear them under the threat of fines and losing points. There's no lives at stake here, and if we don't wear gloves then we aren't threatening other people's integrity."

May we have a show of hands on this matter?

GERMANY WANTS TO BAN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES

Germany's top legislative body, the Bundesrat, has voted to ban all internal combustion engines by the year 2030. According to Der Spiegel news magazine in Hamburg, the legislation calls on the European Commission to "evaluate the recent tax and contribution practices of Member States on their effectiveness in promoting zero-emission mobility," effectively asking for a ban on the lower level of tax on diesel fuel within the EU.

It also calls on European vehicle manufacturers to "review the current practices of taxation and dues with regard to a stimulation of emission-free mobility."

"If the Paris agreement to curb climate-warming emissions is to be taken seriously, no new combustion engine cars should be allowed on roads after 2030," said Greens party lawmaker Oliver Krischer. BMW Motorrad's head of development Karl Viktor Schaller told Britain's Motorcycle News publication, "It may be 10 or 15 years away, but urban traffic will be electric in the future. Maybe eventually electric vehicles will reach a range of 200km."

While the resolution is non-binding, it may not come to fruition, but the statement of intent carries strength, especially given that German regulations have historically shaped many EU regulations.

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Historically significant motorcycles could soon be documented and have their details preserved for posterity in the Library of Congress. The National

Historic Vehicle Register Act was introduced on September 22, 2016 by longtime motorcyclist U.S. Senator Gary Peters (D-MI), and is intended to help preserve the legacy of American cars and motorcycles and the vital role they play in American culture and history.

If passed, the Act would authorize the U.S. Department of Interior to establish a federal register of historic vehicles to document and preserve records of American automotive and motorcycle history.

The Historic Vehicle Association has been working with the Interior Department on the registry proposal since 2013, and the project would create a permanent archive of significant historic vehicles within the Library of Congress. The Library of Congress is the research library that officially serves the United States Congress and is considered the de facto national library of the United States.

This method of documenting notable motorcycles in history was inspired by what's been happening for nearly every other part of American society. Since the 1930s, the Department of the Interior has been working to document historic buildings and other historic sites throughout the United States. These efforts were bolstered by the National Historic Preservation Act in 1966, and since then the National Register of Historic Places has grown to include a multitude of buildings, landmarks, ships, aircraft, etc.

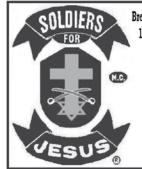
Although the National Historic Preservation Act made it possible for automobiles to be included in this database, none have yet been documented. The National Historic Vehicle Register will help document historic vehicles as they exist now, preserving their information for future generations.

There are standards and qualifiers for a motorcycle to be registered. Vehicles must be connected to a significant person or event in American history, or have a unique design or rarity, to be eligible for the register.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "For the saddest epitaph which can be carved in memory of a vanished liberty is that it was lost because its possessors failed to stretch forth a saving hand while yet there was time."

~ Justice George Sutherland (1862-1942), U.S. Supreme Court





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