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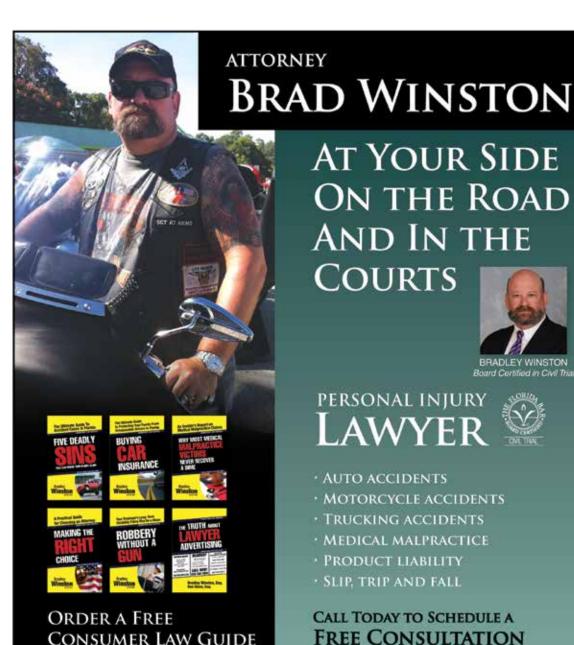
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- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving 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.
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Some of ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Accomplishments

- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.
- We've become the 4th largest State Motorcycle Rights Organization (MRO) in the country (IN & IL are 1&2, we regularly switch for 3rd & 4th with PA).
- · We got the handlebar heights law modified.
- We successfully fought a bill that would forbid our children from riding on our bikes.
- We successfully fought the bill that would confiscate motorcycles for going 30MPH over the speed limit.
- We developed an effective MSAP program that has raised motorist's perceptions and awareness of motorcycles, and have received funding from the State of FL totaling over \$750,000 to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.
- We successfully fought the bill against vertical tags that had over \$1,100 in fines for a first offense.
- Supported and fought for a texting-while-driving ban for the last few years.
- Our 2009-2010 Stiffer Penalties Bill made it through five of the FL House & Senate's committees; this is the farthest it has gone in the number of years we have tried. On the last day of session, a committee member strenuously attempted to attach a revival of the helmet law to our Bill. To avoid a new helmet law in Florida, we had to kill the Bill.
- We publish monthly Press Releases and/or Articles of Interest in many online & print publications, including Florida Full Throttle.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. has been asked to be on and currently sits as a member of The Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) to the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C. The Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Transportation may appoint a representative from only two State MROs throughout the entire U.S.A. to be on this council.
- The President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. sits as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Collation of Motorcyclists (NCOM). NCOM has over 1000 member organizations.

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From Your President





I would like to thank our members that are in the South Florida Presidents' Council for renewing their memberships. I would also like to thank all of our independents for renewing their memberships as well. My Membership Trustee is asking for overtime pay, so I told her, yes, I would pay time-and-a-half of her usual pay of nothing per hour. It's great to be part of this South Florida community of bikers who support and respect each other.

I also have a special thanks for the advertisers who have been loyal and with us all this time and a big thanks to all of our new advertisers. It is because of you we have been able to keep our newsletter going. I also have a special thanks to Barry Boatman, our ABATE Photographer, because he has really been out there, going the extra mile, talking about ABATE, and he got us four new advertisers in the past few months. You rock, Boatman!!!

This has been a very difficult year for our biker community. We have lost far too many brothers and sisters this year. A few have been motorcycle accidents, but most have been health related, and harder to recover sometimes, when you are older. We must get some young blood in the community, so when you are out, and you see someone on a bike, go talk to them, tell them about ABATE, hand them a newsletter, if you have one. If not, pick a few up to keep on your bike, so you always have them handy. We will need to teach them the biker ways; loyalty, respect, freedom, love, and safety, and of course, FUN!

On the good side of things, we are starting to be able to have Annuals and parties again. It's really good to get out there and see everybody. I never realized how much I loved the biker lifestyle, until it was taken away from me because of this China virus. I am looking forward to getting out there and seeing everyone and helping out at our Safety Booths.

Please remember to be an educated voter and VOTE!!

And to the younger people out there, you have the chance to inherit an organization that stands up and fights for biker rights and safety. Help us make a difference, now, and for the future!

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

God bless America!!!!

Peace, Johnny Rose President Southeast Chapter



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Although motorcycle hand gestures are something that most riders learn when they first start to ride, often they are forgotten and not used when actually needed. For example, if your signal lights are damaged, or if you're riding in a large group, communication between riders via hand signals is critical to staying safe at all times





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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Held at American Legion Post 142 171 SW 2nd St Pompano Beach, FL, 33060 October 18th, 2020

Sgt at Arms Mike "Bubba" Travis called the meeting to order at 1002HRS. There were 22 members present. The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer by our Assistant Chaplain, Bear.

President's Report:

Johnny "Pimp Daddy" Rose thanked everyone for coming. Especially the US 129 South Florida Dragons. He spoke about all the members lost this year. Two more have passed on since the last meeting. JR of the States MC and Lynda" Boots" Sadoff, wife of Barry "Teddy Bear" Sadoff. Johnny wants to organize a memorial ride around Lake Okeechobee now that things with the virus are starting to calm down. Johnny reported on the importance of getting out and voting to make sure our voice is heard.

Vice President's Report:

John "Wavy" Viger reported that The Dania Beach Antique Motorcycle Show is currently on hold. The date has not been finalized yet due to the pandemic, but it has not been canceled. He handed out informational packets on how to vote and what is on the ballots, the important amendments, in the upcoming election.

Secretary's Report:

Zak "Sparkles" Storrs requested a motion to accept the minutes as printed in last month's newsletter. A motion was made, Seconded, no discussion, all in favor; Motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Sergeant at Arms Report:

Mike "Bubba" Travis was joined today by Nighthawk, the former Sergeant at Arms. Mike spoke about the importance of properly representing ABATE, to ride safe and respect the rules of the road, especially while wearing your ABATE patch, lead by example. Nighthawk spoke about schools opening back up. He has received reports from his contacts in Broward And Miami Dade Sheriff's Offices that over 10 kids have already been involved in traffic accidents related to people not obeying speed limits in posted school zones.

Road Captain's Report:

Troy is still out of town on business. Sparkles reported that winter is coming which means riding season in Florida is about to be in full swing. It also usually means more tourist traffic. Exercise patience out on the roadway. Be understanding that people who are from out of town may turn suddenly or brake quickly while trying to find where they are going. Give them a wide berth.

Safety Director's Report:

Wavy reported upcoming Safety Booth at Alligator Alley Harley Davidson. The next one would be on Friday, October 23rd from 6PM to 9PM. And another of note, is at Post 142 on November 21st. Check our calendar for times and locations. Spoke about the MSAP (Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program) and how, when the presentation was being done in high schools, motorcycle accidents decreased by 18 percent.



Products Report:

Little Bit reported that we got a new order of patches, still have plenty of challenge coins for sale. And we now have ABATE sunglasses for sale.

Events Coordinator:

Gabe was not present and excused. No events currently finalized due to the Pandemic.

State Representative Report:

Sparkles reported that the October State meeting was canceled due to Hurricane Delta. The next State meeting will be December 12th, 2020 at 130005 NW 135th Street, Ft McCoy, FL, 32134 at 1400Hrs. He reported that this would be the last chance to submit gun raffle tickets for the State raffle to win the Henry riffle or 12-gauge shotgun.

Membership Report:

Sheila talked about making sure the beneficiary card is up to date. Anyone wanting to get on the mass text list can get their information to Sheila. She read the Membership report. ABATE SE is currently over 640 members.

Newsletter Editor:

Abby was absent and excused. Johnny reported on how members get free classified ads. Please send pictures to Newsletter Editor and Webmaster via email if you want them included in the newsletter.

Legislative Liaison:

Brad Winston was absent and excused, currently visiting the Treasure State.

Legal Counsel:

Brad is lost somewhere in Big Sky Country, and has nothing to report.

Public Relations:

Thunder is absent and excused.

Billing and Invoicing:

Hope reported that Johnny got us two new advertisers, Patch sewing by Gus and Barb and Powerline Marine

Social Director's Report:

Next month there's gonna be baked goods for Thanksgiving.

Newsletter Distribution:

Wavy reported that Distribution is going well. "Boatman" got us 4 great advertisers. Let everyone know that we still have room for advertisers in the newsletter and advertising is extremely affordable.

Quartermaster Report:

Bob Anz is absent and excused.

Photographer's Report:

Boatman got pictures at JR's Celebration of Life party and looks forward to taking pictures at upcoming events now that they have started happening again.

Webmaster's Report:

Webmaster Rogue was absent and excused.

Chaplain:

Chrissy was absent and excused

Old Business:

State is concluding its raffle for the Henry rifle and tickets must be submitted at the next State meeting in December. The November Chapter meeting will be the last chance to purchase them.

New Business:

Johnny reported that the Board has started to draft Bylaws specific to the Southeast Chapter of ABATE to be used in conjunction with the State Bylaws. This process will take a while, as after the Board drafts them, then Brad will review them, then it goes up to the State for final review and approval. The Toys in The Sun Run was discussed at the SFPC meeting but has yet to be finalized.

Good of the Order:

Saturday, October 24th Wheels of M MC will be having their 47th Annual Halloween Party. Friday, October 30th, Fearless MC will be having their first ever Halloween party. Saturday, November 7th Heathens MC will be having their Pirates Ball at Gilbert's in Key

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Largo. Super Sport Customs will be having its Grand Re-opening party on Saturday, November 14th, and US Military Vets are having their Annual Veterans Day Party on the same day. Make sure to check the events calendar for times and locations.

Motion to adjourn was made at 1104Hrs. Seconded. All in favor. Next meeting should be held at Post 142 at 1000Hrs, Barring any pandemic related complications.

Ride it like you stole it Zak "Sparkles" Storrs Secretary Southeast Chapter.





The Mongoose Political Corner

Dear Fellow Bikers

As President Reagan stated in one of his speeches "Loosing Your Freedom Is Only an Election Away". Be careful what you wish for. Nothing is free.

The founding fathers and framers of our Constitution put safeguards in place to prevent the government representatives from becoming oppressive to the people they serve. One of those safe guards is the 2nd Amendment. The right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. It cannot be any clearer to the meaning.

When government becomes tyrannical and oppressive to who they serve then revolution becomes justified from the oppressed. It didn't work when the British tried taking over our country. What makes them think it will work now?

If you look back in history anarchists had to rid certain elements of society in order to instill their own values upon us, as they put it "the new man". Tyrannical governments first had to destroy and eliminate such things and educational institutions, history, archives, firearms and any other form of self-protection they deemed could be used in an uprising against tyranny. History good or bad is just that. Something that has happened in the past and it can't be changed. We can only strive to make things better for the future.

Certain factions within the 435 members of congress have begun the removal of archives, statues and painting from the halls of congress to be put in storage. The relics that ae supposed to represent us masquerading as political leaders are those themselves who need to be put in storage. They forget who they work for and tax money isn't their money.

In closing don't believe everything you hear and only half of what you see.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE LEGACY OF Richard 'JR' Locascio 1943 – 2020

When you think of hardcore, old school bikers, the annual Blessing of the Bikes, Friday Night Pizza Nights, Taco Tuesdays, or one of the States MC Charter Members, who comes to mind???

His name was Richard Locascio, better known to you and I as JR. Besides serving his country as a Petty Officer in the United States Navy, Richard grew up in New Jersey and sharpened his business teeth working at barber shops and bars, cutting hair to make money. An entrepreneur and businessman at heart, he learned to be a success at whatever he put his hand to do. It was old school work ethic that he applied to a bike club that he loved.. There was the right way, the wrong way, your way, and JR's way.

Many called him a grumpy old man. And most of the time he was! Why? Because he could be. The buck stopped with him. Not only did he keep the books and kept them balanced, he did all the paperwork, taxes, paid the bills, ordered product, kept track of inventory, and handled every kind of detail. Often times he would make purchases, load and unload product, and stocked the club all by himself. If the bar or a toilet needed cleaning, he taught by example and cleaned it. Back pain, foot pain, COPD, even a triple heart bypass didn't stop him. He became a States member in 1987 and was faithfully at the States Clubhouse every single day serving the brotherhood he loved so dearly. Not even a worldwide pandemic stopped him from going to the club and feeding the cats.

JR's push for brotherhood was genuine. One of his favorite things to do was grab a bunch of brothers and say, "We have an event to advertise. Let's ride." Being that he had not achieved Honorary Member status yet meant he still honored his financial commitments and attended all club events and rides. "I got more miles on my kickstand than you got on your bike." The only miles he missed were between the hospital and the rehab center. As a mentor, his Pro-

bates were trained right. He explained the rules and bylaws, teaching them every little detail. Yes, his expectations were high and he probably let you know if he didn't like you. But if he loved you, you knew it.

Judy, his beloved wife knew it. JR loved and respected Judy more than anything. Although their personalities were night and day, she was the absolute love of his life. Together, they were original members of the States Cycle Club and wore the original white jean jacket vests.

So many more things could be mentioned... the stories he told with that certain swagger about the old bike clubs in Miami, the Bee Bop crooners and oldies music he loved to listen to with close friends like Pepsi and Postal, JR's Bitchin Kitchen with his homemade sauce, fresh pizzas, or steamed clams. He was opinionated and outspoken, yet inspirational, encouraging and kind. He kept his bike and his show cars immaculate, just like the hair on his head! Maybe you met JR for breakfast at the American Legion, maybe he sat with you under your vendors tent, maybe you sat with him at an ABATE meeting, or maybe you didn't really know him but you watched him from afar because you KNEW just by looking at him he was an icon and a legend.

As your Chaplain, I feel the need to take this opportunity to appeal to my MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY on behalf of JR's life. Please track with me as I give you spiritual insight from JR's life:

Elijah was a prophet in the Old Testament sent by God. There is no book of the Bible named after him but he is mentioned in 2 Kings for taking care of God's business, if you know what I mean. Elijah had a friend (with a similar name) Elisha who had the same prophetic calling and helped along side Elijah. (A Probate of sorts.) Cut to the end of the story: Elijah wore a 'vest' and that 'vest' represented an anointing that rested on his life. Before Elijah was taken to heaven, he asked Elisha if there was anything he wanted him to do for him before he left and Elisha said, "Yes. Let me have twice your spirit." When Elijah was taken to heaven, his 'vest' fell and Elisha took it. This 'vest' represented the anointing or calling on Elijah's life. But Continued on page 20

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Fice- President

Good Day,

I hope everyone is doing ok thru this difficult time. Though some things are starting to get better. Let's hope it keeps up.

As far as ABATE of Florida Inc., things are slow as the ABATE of Florida Inc. had to cancel the October State Meeting in Pensacola. So there is not much to talk about on that. It would have been a nice ride, always is. Our next State Meeting is Dec. 12, 2020 in Ft. McCoy,. If you want to attend, information will be in the November edition of our newsletter.

I would like to thank all who support ABATE and for those that don't, you should.

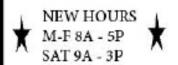
As of now the Dania Beach Vintage Bike Show is postponed until further notice. We will keep you updated on this. I know this is something we all look forward to.

Thank you for reading this newsletter and thank you for your support.

Jon "Wavy" Viger VP ABATE S.E. Chapter









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with that calling came responsibility. That was why Elisha needed twice his spirit.

Certain circumstances had to take place, but in the end, Elisha got the 'vest' and Elijah's anointing. Everyone who had once followed the two came out to meet Elisha, bowing down before him showing Elisha their respect. 2 Kings 2:5-15 CBV

This story has always stood out to me. I admire the way Elisha stood along side his friend and mentor, God's business being their common goal. And when asked what Elijah could do for his friend before his earthly departure, Elisha's only request was that he might have a double portion of what Elijah had in order to continue.

I'm not sure if it's harder being the one who is leaving or the one who is left behind. Sometimes when people pass away, we don't get to have that conversation. Oftentimes we don't get to say goodbye, much less instructions about how to execute Plan B. In JR's case, these are big shoes to fill, a tough act to follow. From what I gather, five people couldn't do the jobs JR did! In cases like this, we have a choice: either quit, or make a plan and move forward.

Jesus found himself with a similar dilemma. He knew his time was short and took the opportunity to train and mentor successors. He was given 12 brothers (really 11 because Judas was out bad) and spent the last three years of his earthly life getting them prepared to follow in his footsteps, teaching them everything he could about what had to be done, and how to do it. Like Elijah, he told his brothers he was leaving, but promised them if they would patiently wait for it, they would not be without help. Jesus also left them a double portion 'vest' but it was in the form of the Holy Spirit. He promised them/us in John 14, "Anyone who believes in me will do what I have been doing." It was that simple.

When a leader or legend passes away, we often say, "They broke the mold when they made him," or "They don't make them like that any more." I would like to set a challenge before us: As we say goodbye to a well-respected, old school biker, could we consider that all along JR was mentoring those who would pick up 20

the 'vest' as it fell just like Elisha did, or wait for the double portion Jesus promised? We too can ask God for a part of the 'vest', to walk in their anointing or calling and carry on the legacy.

How does this translate to you and I? Be dedicated to your club. Do things right. Play by the rules and bylaws of your club. Take your turn. Honor your brothers. Upkeep is important... both you and your bike. Be a brother your brother can count on. Don't stop until the job gets done. Take on more club responsibility, not less. Can you cook? Make your specialty for others to look forward to at your events and annuals. Open your clubs to special weekly or monthly events that promote community.

We're on our own now. It's time to inherit the 'vest.' Many still grieve, as the time to grieve has not yet passed. It feels different, it looks different, it IS different. We will still talk about 'the way it used to be' and compare. That's natural. Eventually, we find a way forward... first as an individual, then as a club, and finally, as a community.

JR WILL BE MISSING AT THE TICKET TABLE.

NO ONE CAN TAKE HIS PLACE.

BUT MANY OF US CAN CONTINUE HIS LEGACY.

Chrissy Leonhardt Chaplain



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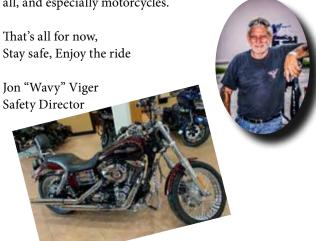
Just a few things I would like to say about when you are driving your vehicle –

First, use your turn signals when changing lanes and turning. I know most motorcycle riders are good drivers but sometimes we forget the simple things like the turn signals. Also when in your vehicle and it is raining, please turn on your lights. Some vehicles don't have daytime running lights and some, such as my wife's car the DRLs don't turn the rear lights on. Also always look twice for motorcycles.

We now have MSAP (Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program) instructors in the SE Chapter of ABATE.

This program is to help all drivers to be more aware of motorcycles. This course is mostly for people who do not ride a motorcycle. It really does work, statistics have proven this. If you know of a person or a group that may be interested, please contact our Safety Director, the number is in the newsletter.

This course only takes about an hour and is well worth the time. This also helps ABATE of Florida Inc. by showing the legislators in Tallahassee that we are busy and doing our part in helping to make the roads safer for all, and especially motorcycles.











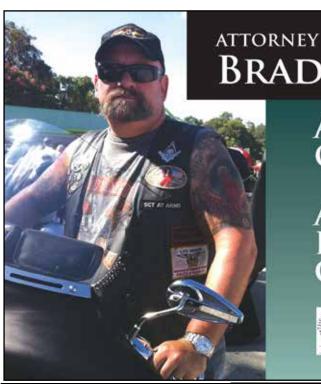








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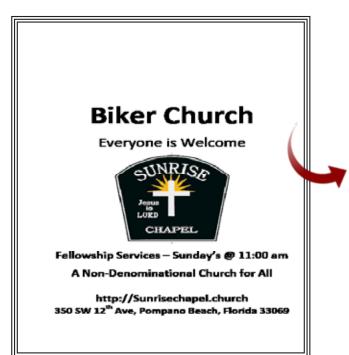
















WEEKLY EVENTS

ABATE Southeast Chapter Safety and Membership Booth will be at :

2nd Tuesday of the month: Thursday before the Chapter Meeting Cycle Gear Bike Nite 5-7PM ABATE SE Chapter EBoard Meeting



SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

>Blues Nite at Mickey's

THURSDAY

>Mickey's Bike & Cruise Night 7:30PM

FRIDAY

>4th Fri - Fly-in Wheels Open House

<u>SATURDAY</u>

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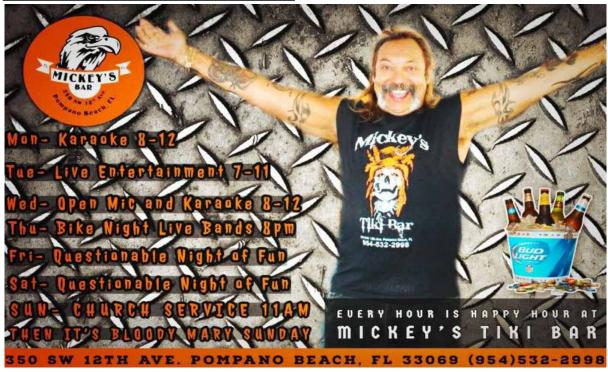
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7 HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL
8	9	10	11 TERA	12 E-Board Meeting	13	14U SMV MC CH 1 - ANNUAL
ABATE SE Chapter Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21 LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL
22	23	24	25	26 Happy thankspiring a	27	28
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Hermandad MC Open House, 8PM-2AM Scurvy Few MC Open House at 7:30PM

THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

Der Krieger MC Open House - 8PM
Mystic Seven MC- Open House - 8PM
Scurvy Few MC Open House at 7:30PM
States MC - Fri Night Pizza 6-8PM
1St & 3rd Fri - Kingdom of Brothers MC Open House
2nd Fri- US Military Vets Dirty Dozen MC Open
4th Fri - Fly-In Wheels Open House 9PM
Every other Friday

Fearless MC Open House 8PM-1AM

SATURDAY

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2nd & 4th Sat - Kingdom of Brothers MC Open House
2nd Sat - Scurvy Few Monthly Birthday Party
2nd Sat - Fly-In Wheels Open House 9PM
Last Sat - Leatherneck MC Charity Poker

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 SFPC Toys In The Sun Run	7	8	9	10	11	12 Hermandad MC Alfredo Memorial & Toy Run ABATE State Meeting USMV MC - Wreaths Across America
13	14	15	16	E-Board Meeting	18	19
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7th-Sat HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL

11th-Wed Veterans Day

14th-Sat USMV MC CH 1 - ANNUAL

21st-Sat LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL

26th-Thurs Thanksgiving Day

<u>DECEMBER</u>

6th-Sun SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN

12th-Sat HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEMORIAL

AND TOY RUN

12th-Sat USMV MC - WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

25th-Fri Christmas Day

JANUARY

3rd-Sun STATES MC - BLESSING OF THE BIKES

10th-Sun WINGS OF GOLD FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL

17th-Sun ABATE S.E. - SEMI ANNUAL 24th-Sun DER KRIEGER MC - ANNUAL

31st-Sun US MILITARY VETS MC HOMESTEAD -

ANNUAL

FEBRUARY

7th-Sat SCURVY FEW MC - PARTY

14th-Sun Valentines Day

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Approximately 40% of our members are Life Members, which means they do not pay annual dues, so they do not financially support the Chapter through dues. They do buy products, pay to attend events, post ads in our Newsletter, and make monetary donations, but they have no obligation to do so. This is another opportunity for them to contribute, if they wish, but anyone can do this.

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*Educate, don't legislate – stuff we thought you might like to know

-by: Sheila, Sandy, Little Bit, & Thunder





This year, two of our members, our President, Johnny Rose, and our Vice President, Jon "Wavy" Viger, became certified MSAP Instructors. Thunder works at a Harley dealership and they teach riding classes there. It got us talking about it, maybe Johnny and Wavy would go to some of the classes and teach new riders about safety, so we mentioned it to Wavy, and he said the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program, MSAP, is not to teach riders, but to teach drivers. We wanted to find out more, so here's what we found.

Quoting straight from ABATE of Florida Inc. website www. abateflorida.com:

"It is imperative that drivers understand the proper and safest way to share the road with motorcycle riders. Recognizing the need, ABATE of Florida, Inc. created the "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program" to educate the public and help prevent fatalities and crashes and to help save lives. Also known as MSAP, it was developed and copyrighted by ABATE of Florida, Inc. ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s commitment is strong, and we continued to improve the program and expand our reach. With now more than 900,000 motorcyclists coming in and out of the State of Florida the need to reach more of the driving public is even greater... The program is given to non-motorcyclists or any organization to educate them how to safely share the road with a motorcyclist. It is taught in local schools, Drivers Education Programs, and civic organizations at no charge in hopes of reducing motorcycle fatalities and crashes through education not legislation.

Trained members of local ABATE chapters, from the Panhandle to the Keys present the MSAP program and provide valuable insight and information necessary to make the roads safer for everyone. We are continuing our efforts to develop more outlets. We are united in our efforts to teach everyone to "Watch for Motorcycles".

Wow, so MSAP is to teach drivers of four-wheeled vehicles, car and truck operators, to watch out for motorcyclists. Communication and outreach in our local communities are key in this effort. For the rest of this article, we are going to refer to motorcyclists as "bikers" and car and truck operators as "drivers".

Motorcycle awareness campaigns are second only to rider training in helping to keep bikers safe. There is data that shows that, in most cases, when motorcycles are involved in a crash with a car, it is because the driver violated the biker's right of way. We all see this, every day, whether on our bikes or in a car. A driver just doesn't see the biker, isn't aware the biker is there. The drivers many times just pull out into traffic, into a lane of oncoming traffic, but claims they didn't see the biker approaching. The driver looked but didn't see. We always say, "Look Twice, Save a Life". We teach our kids and grandkids, when crossing the street, the saying that our parents taught us, but add a part at the end, you know the one, "look left, look right, look left again for motorcycles".

Through MSAP, we try and teach the drivers to look twice and pay more attention. Motorcycles do present smaller visuals than a car or truck, so harder to see, especially when someone is in a hurry or distracted.

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Sheila, Sandy, Little Bit and Thunder are not MSAP certified, but here are some common-sense things we wanted to share with the drivers. Down here in South Florida, as the weather cools down, and we all want to ride more, we also get more tourists coming down, to escape the chilly weather. They may not know the roads as well and become distracted looking for their destination.

We all know that cars, trucks, SUVs, and vans make up the majority of motor vehicles on the roads, but there are more than 570,000 registered motorcycles in Florida. Bikers have to follow the same traffic rules as drivers, but bikers are SO much more vulnerable. This is because we don't have a "cage" of metal surrounding us and also due to the small size, compared to cars, of our vehicles. When an accident occurs involving a motorcycle and another vehicle, the biker and their passenger have a higher risk of serious injury or being killed compared to the driver and passengers in the other motor vehicle., motorcycles don't protect the rider and their passengers with a frame or airbags.

Even though "motorcycles" vary in shape and size and can include, mopeds, scooters, cruisers, off-road bikes, sport bikes, dirt bikes, choppers, touring bikes and other models, they are all still smaller than a car. It is so important for drivers to not only "watch for motorcycles", but to give bikers extra space and time to complete their turns or lane changes or braking, etc.

Motorcycles can be difficult to see sometimes, but it's important for drivers to remember

- 1. Allow extra space between your vehicle and a motorcycle. When sharing the road with motorcycles, it is extremely important to allow extra space between your car or truck and a motorcycle. Don't tailgate
- 2 .Be aware of your blind spots. Motorcycles are significantly smaller than cars and this presents an added safety challenge. Make sure to perform a visual cross-check in both of your side view and rear view mirrors when turning or merging into traffic. Don't forget to check your blind spots.
- 3. Slow down when you're behind a motorcycle, because motorcycles are more sensitive to changes on the road and cannot handle road debris, such as a shredded tire or "road gators" as we like to call them down here in South Florida, the same as a car or SUV. Give yourself room so that you have the time and space to react to a motorcyclist making a quick unexpected stop or turn.

- 4. If you see one motorcycle on the road, watch for others. Bikers tend to ride in groups, and it is important to keep this in mind because you may not see the entire group at once.
- 5. Use your turn signals. You should always use your turn signals so that you can help other drivers and bikers anticipate your next move.
- 6. Be extra careful taking left turns. Be aware of motorcycles on the road and their speed if you are turning. Due to a motorcycle's size they may appear to travel at a slower speed, but that is not always the case. When in doubt, it may be best to wait until the motorcycle passes before making that left turn.
- 7. Dim your headlights when on the road at night. Using your high beams or "brights" at night can be blinding, and these lights are especially blinding for bikers. It is important to dim your lights when you pass a motorcycle at night.
- 8. Don't drive distracted. This includes, checking your cell phone, playing with the radio or Bluetooth, eating, and even talking to other passengers in the car. Your full attention should be on the road at all times.

High schools used to have a lot more Driver Ed classes than they do now. It seemed like it was almost mandatory, everyone we knew took Drivers Ed. ABATE Southeast Chapter used to ride their bikes, right up on the school steps, and go in and teach motorcycle safety and awareness to the new and young drivers. It was something to see, those motorcycles rumbling up at school and that made such a great impression, but not as much as the awareness program did. Motorcycle fatality rates went down 18% when the program was part of the Drivers Ed classes. AND on that note, if you would like Johnny or Wavy to come out to teach your group or organization about Motorcycle Safety and Awareness, please give them a call or text. They are happy to do that. Johnny's phone number is (954) 868-4390 and Wavy's is (954) 261-9242.

"Risk is good. Not managing your risk is a dangerous leap."

Evel Knievel







Most adults consider Thanksgiving a straightforward holiday. We show our gratitude with gluttony, holiday football and a tryptophan overdose.

Kids have a different view...

Kiera age 10 ..Thanksgiving is very busy. My mom cooks for days and days and dad goes to the store a lot. Grandma comes over and helps cook and then takes a nap and snores on the couch. We have lots of food and then we eat turkey sandwiches every day till it's gone.

Hannah almost 7 ..Thanksgiving is not my favorite day because All will do is eat.

Will age 4.. I like gravy that's it

Lily age 8..I like that my family all come to visit but mostly I just like the desert.

Frank age 16..Thanksgiving is like Christmas with no presents just family and fun

Cory age 7 I like turkey and gravy forever And pie.

Lots of pie

Brianna age 11 ..The Pilgrims had the first Thanksgiving to celebrate mother earth and God and then they wanted to share it with the Indians

Joey. Age 8..it's about turkey and family but I don't know why. Maybe it's because the Indians didn't have any food and we need to learn to share.

Jeremy Age 8..buy a turkey and you take the plastic off and put it in the refrigerator. then you take it back out and make sure the wires are out and put it in the oven for a really long time at 80°. Then you invite your whole family over to eat it.

Krista almost even years old ...Thanksgiving is the only time my mom makes pies. She buys bananas and a crust and then mashes the bananas and puts it in the oven for a while then we eat it

Lauren age 9..sometimes we eat chicken instead of turkey. Dad goes hunting to find a turkey to kill to bring home and cook. If he's gone for a long time he just buys a chicken on his way home.

Kids are honest to a fault and seem to have a pretty good grasp of what Thanksgiving is all about. But let's hear what some locals have to say.....

John ..Thanksgiving is an emotional time. People travel miles and miles to be with family that they only see once a year, only to discover that once a year is way too often.

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(throwback November 2012)

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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 was directly due to the bad business decisions by our largest companies, seem to be happy just the way things are. Yes, we all sat 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 affect me right now, so why show I care? Kind of reminds me of the mindset, which today there is still some evidence of it still going on today, especially in the upper class. When our nation was first formed, there 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 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.

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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

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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."

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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 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

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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 Old Hippy

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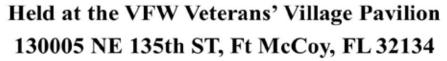
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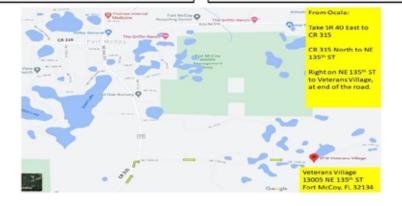
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No, there are no pages with the answers.

Johnny's Rant

I have been traveling a lot in the Tri-County area for my job, picking up and delivering materials. I wish I got extra pay for every car I've seen running red lights. This is crazy, and it seems that this COVID-19 pandemic has affected drivers' brains, and no one remembers the traffic laws anymore. I see drivers going 60+ miles an hour in a 45, just to keep up with traffic. And they just get away with it. I know the police can't be everywhere, but right now it seems that people don't care as long as they get home quick. We bikers got to remember that we're out in the open and we don't have any metal cage surrounding our bodies and this freakin' pisses me off, this extra carelessness lately, no one paying attention. So please, when you see the light change to green, wait a little bit before you haul ass or these idiots will hurt you.

And for those of you who don't know, if somebody runs you over and injures or kills you, they get a \$65 ticket while your family or Club gets to bury you. We have been trying to get our Vulnerable Road Users Bill passed, but some politicians don't think it's important to protect Vulnerable Road. What the bill is, is that we want stiffer penalties for people who kill us and run us over, if they're not on drugs or alcohol. Don't get me wrong, I don't want to see grandma going to prison for something like that, but I would like to see her lose her license, pay fines, and attend a driver improvement course where they get to see those gory movies that show you what happens when a bike and a car collide. We should have mandatory drivers ed back in all the high schools. Then we can teach the kids to "look twice - save a life".

P.S. For those of you who don't know, the Vulnerable Road Users Bill includes motorcycles, scooters, bicycles, skateboards, joggers, pedestrians, roadside workers, first responders, people in wheelchairs, and even horse riders. This Bill is sponsored by Senator Dennis Baxley and Representative Stan McClain, just in case you want to know who's up there in Tallahassee, helping us fight for your rights.

Anyway I am looking forward to being able to go out in the community and see all of you again, so be safe and watch out for vehicles running red lights.

Peace, Johnny Rose







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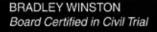
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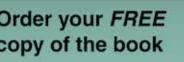
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BIKERS FROM ACROSS AMERICA BRAVE PANDEM-IC TO ATTEND NCOM CONVENTION

Although smaller than normal, due to the COVID-19 threat, the rescheduled NCOM Convention held Oct. 16-18 in Indianapolis succeeded in "being here for those dedicated Freedom Fighters who were determined enough to brave a deadly health crisis to be here for each other," explained a masked NCOM Chairman James "Doc" Reichenbach.

Legal and legislative seminars and roundtables were socially distanced but fairly well attended, considering the dire circumstances, and seats at the dinner tables were mostly filled for the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet to honor bikers' rights activists such as author and filmmaker John E. (Black Dragon) Bunch II (ENTERTAINMENT); Jad Breiner - Sons of Silence MC, editor of Brothers Behind Bars (BBB) Newsletter (MEDIA); Pete Leehey - AIM Attorney, Iowa (LEGAL); with SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS going to Nancy Nemecek and Fred "Sarge" Matthews, and NCOM's RON ROLOFF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD presented to John Bilotta Jr., Operations Director for ABATE of Virginia.

Dates and location for the 36th annual National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Convention in 2021 have yet to be finalized, so stay tuned for further details as they are announced.

<u>CALIFORNIA BECOMES FIRST STATE TO BAN</u> GAS-POWERED VEHICLES

Governor Gavin Newsom (D) announced that he

will "aggressively move California further away from its reliance on climate change-causing fossil fuels" by issuing an executive order on September 23rd mandating that all new passenger vehicles be zero-emission by 2035.

His historic action will require all passenger vehicle manufacturers to shun internal combustion engines and fully electrify their line-up, meaning that manufacturers that wish to continue to sell in the Golden State will only be allowed to sell new electric cars and trucks after the deadline.

Motorcycles are not included in the definition of "passenger vehicles," but the order does contain a clause to achieve "100 percent zero-emission from off-road vehicles and equipment operations in the State by 2035," which would presumably include all new ATVs and dirt bikes.

The executive order only applies to the sale of new vehicles and will not prevent Californians from owning gas-burning automobiles or selling them on the used car market.

"This is the most impactful step our state can take to fight climate change," said Gov. Newsom as California has become the first U.S. state to join with 15 countries that have already committed to phase out gasoline-powered vehicles.

ATVs GET APPROVAL FOR USE ON CITY'S STREETS

Off-road tourism got a boost with news that a city has opened its streets to side-by-side and ATV traffic. In central Wisconsin, the Tomah Police Department reports on its Facebook that "ATV/UTV routes within the City of Tomah are now legally opened for operation and use. Now that all City of Tomah signage is erected, streets within the City of Tomah are now legally opened for ATV/UTV traffic."

Some key points related to ATV/UTV operation within the City of Tomah, WI:

- Unless otherwise posted, the routes within the City of Tomah include all roads with a speed limit of 35mph or less;
- ATVs and UTVs may only be operated on approved routes from 6am 10pm;

- Operators must be 16 or older and possess a valid license and proof of insurance;
- All other state statutes related to the use and operation of an ATV/UTV are applicable.

INNOCENT BIKER'S PERSISTENCE NETS NEW HARLEY

The Texas biker may have deserved a speeding ticket, but he didn't think the traffic stop warranted the questioning, roadside investigation, pat-down search, or enduring an hour of detainment along the roadway waiting for a drug-sniffing dog to arrive on the scene; resulting in inconvenience and embarrassment because a law enforcement officer had guessed wrong.

Statistically, police are terrible at determining which motorists are worthy of being detained and searched, often relying on signs of a driver's deception such as twitching, fidgeting or lack of eye-contact, all of which research long has debunked as signals of lying.

"There are no nonverbal and verbal cues uniquely related to deceit," a 2011 review of deception research concluded, while a 2005 study of Texas police found officers performed barely above random chance in being able to discern a person telling the truth from a liar.

Texas police performed just under a million searches during traffic stops last year, according to figures reported to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, and though "hit rates" vary by department, only about 1 in 5 resulted in contraband being found. Yet Texas law enforcement agencies seized about \$50 million in forfeited funds in each of the past five years; with proceeds split between police and prosecutors and used to fund more searches.

Police once needed probable cause that a crime was occurring to investigate motorists during a stop. But in 1968, the U.S. Supreme Court allowed brief stops based on a lower standard of "reasonable suspicion" of wrongdoing. A later decision clarified that if the officer can't specify why he suspects a crime is afoot, a traffic stop may last only long enough to check the driver's paperwork and write a ticket or warning.

Most recent national analyses of traffic stops have fo-

cused on the disproportionate rate of police searches of Black and Hispanic motorists, though a federal measure currently under consideration in Congress could add motorcycle riders to that profiling study group.

And so this biker was relieved to finally be allowed on his way with just a ticket, but knew it wasn't right and figured his motorcycle club vest must have raised the officer's suspicions.

Innocent people rarely protest meritless searches, so finding an attorney to take his case was difficult. The overwhelming number of legal challenges occur in suppression hearings, when an officer's suspicions were correct; contraband was discovered and the defendant seeks to have the evidence tossed on procedural grounds.

With the help of an Austin attorney who represents motorcyclists, the angry biker filed a lawsuit against the Texas trooper in early 2019. Soon after reviewing the dashcam video, lawyers for the Texas attorney general's office said they were ready to settle.

According to the story posted in Insane Throttle (www. HarleyLiberty.com), the two sides agreed on \$11,000 to compensate wronged rider Thomas Kost for the unjustified intrusion, and he used the settlement money to buy a new Harley.

BLACK MOTORCYCLE CLUB SUES COUNTY OVER EVENT CANCELLATION

The East Bay Dragons, founded in the 1950s as the first all-Black motorcycle club to exist in California's Bay Area, has filed a federal lawsuit against Solano County alleging they concocted a reason to cancel a planned club event at the fairgrounds after hearing that one of the club's members had an association with the Black Panthers.

Still in its early stages, the suit claims that the Dragons planned a 60th anniversary event at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo, but the event was canceled at the last minute, after the Dragons had spent thousands in fees and planning.

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According to the lawsuit, the trouble for the planned August 2019 event started when a county employee learned that a member of the Dragons owned a bakery in Oakland, proudly located at the site of the Black Panthers' first headquarters

The suit claims all of this was a problem for the county employee, who allegedly remarked that the Black Panthers were "the greatest threat to the internal security of the country," and started working to cancel the Dragons' event. As a result of this, the suit alleges, fairgrounds staff invented the ruse that there was a credible threat to the safety of the event, "but there was no credible threat at all."

"This insidious belief of EBD's threat traveled all the way to Oakland and with the help of the Oakland Police Department, at the conclusion of the 60th anniversary celebration on September 2, 2019, the EBD were surrounded by Oakland Police Department officers due to racist motives," the civil complaint says.

In East Oakland, the biker club is beloved, says Councilman Larry Reid, who said their clubhouse in his district has distributed food on Thanksgivings and toy drives during Christmas.

MOTORCYCLE MECHANIC GETS COMPENSATION OVER BIKE 'PHOBIA'

A mechanic at a Harley-Davidson dealership in England has received over £60k (\$77,665 USD) settlement after being left unable to work due to "motorcycle phobia" sustained in a work-related accident with an atfault car whose driver admitted liability.

The mechanic was road testing a customer's bike at the time of the crash, resulting in physical and psychiatric injuries, including a newfound fear of riding the motorcycles he had to work on, rendering him unable to continue doing the job he loved.

Despite receiving support from his employer, the mechanic left the bike business and now has hopes to become a photographer.

MOTORCYCLISTS 'A DANGER TO THEMSELVES' SAYS TRANSPORTATION REPORT

A transport consultation released by the Oxford County Council has branded motorcyclists as pollution emitting liabilities to safety. The paper outlines transport and connectivity plans, which are clearly biased against motorcycle riding, and goes to great lengths to champion bicycles, walking and public transportation.

Rather than just side with pedal power and walking, the public document goes on to set a worrisome precedent by labeling motorcycles and their riders as dangerous polluters; Just two of the anti-motorcycle statements read: "Statistical evidence suggests motorcyclists are a danger to themselves" and "Motorbikes are mostly still using fossil fuels to run, meaning they are environmentally unsound, not sustainable, and contribute to air pollution."

The British Motorcycle Federation (www.BMF.co.uk) has now picked up the case and are chasing the council to have the anti-biker rhetoric dropped from the official paper. "The Oxfordshire Transport Panel have cynically used the current COVID-19 crisis to attempt to force through the adoption of this outrageous Transport Plan," charged their Chairman, Jim Freeman, further stating that "The BMF urge all members to be especially vigilant at this time in scrutinizing local authorities and other bodies who may use this crisis to 'bury news' concerning similar discriminatory attitudes and moves."

BRITISH MOTORCYCLE RACER RECOGNIZED BY THE QUEEN

TT champion Ryan Farquhar, one of the world's most esteemed and successful motorcycle road racers, was awarded a BEM (British Empire Medal) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

The Northern Irishman received the award for his "Services to Motorcycling" over a career that has seen him secure three Isle of Man TT wins, five North West 200 victories and nine Ulster Grand Prix triumphs, clinching an incredible total of 357 road race victories.

Farquhar says he was completely taken aback by the

news of his award, saying it is "very special" to have his achievements recognized in such a high-profile manner outside of the sport itself. "I never ever dreamed I would receive an accolade like this. Motorcycle racing in general, and particularly road racing, doesn't generally get the recognition of other sports."

AIMEXPO, IMS POSTPONED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

Following a meeting of the MIC (Motorcycle Industry Council) Board of Directors, the difficult decision was made to postpone the 2021 AIMExpo, the industry's annual trade show, to 2022 due to COVID-19 directives "limiting gathering size, travel restrictions, and a myriad of other obstacles created by the pandemic, there are too many unknown factors limiting our ability to create a safe environment that will also deliver the experience and ROI our exhibitors and attendees expect."

Likewise, the International Motorcycle Shows (IMS) have announced that its annual November through February winter tour across the U.S. has been cancelled "as a result of COVID-19 and the risks involved with large crowds at indoor venues" and, in its place, has launched Progressive IMS Outdoors; revamping the tour's nearly 40-year stint to "transition from the traditional convention center setup to a new open outdoor experience" to take place between May and September of 2021.

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~ Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), 16th President of the United States

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to recognize exactly what and who we are thankful for.

Big D..Thanksgiving ..another day off to ride my bike and the day after I visit my friends for a turkey sandwich.

Joe...as people gather together to express their gratitude and appear to be together, there's a small barrier between the children and adults. I'm referring to the "kids table"... one of the worst experiences of my life. I was so grateful when I came to the age to sit at the "adult table" and I didn't have to trace a turkey from my hand ever again.

Pete..I'm from Canada so Thanksgiving is a day off in the middle of the week to eat my food then usual. I'm thankful for that

Dr. B..Thanksgiving is the only national holiday That explicitly calls on us to be grateful. I like to think we are grateful every day. Other holidays offer fireworkS, parades, concerts etc. But Thanksgiving is the best because it offers each and everyone of us a special time

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Marie..Thanksgiving is a day of thankfulness but it can be stressful too. I'm always grateful.

Mary ..Thanksgiving is the time to count our blessings one by one

Debbie ..I like football. My old man cooks and I clean up!

Tammy. .Thanksgiving is my special family day. I make a different pie for each of my kids and I make it a fun day but in the end we are very thankful

As I talked to the kids and fellow riders, it was nice to hear positive thoughts about a holiday that is not one of my favorites. With that being said..

It is not what we say about our blessings but how we use them in the true meaning of Thanksgiving. My heartfelt wishes for a joyful and cheerful Thanksgiving and hope you are all surrounded by friends and family. I'm grateful for so much and so many ..health and roof over my head. loving friends and family and my Prince.

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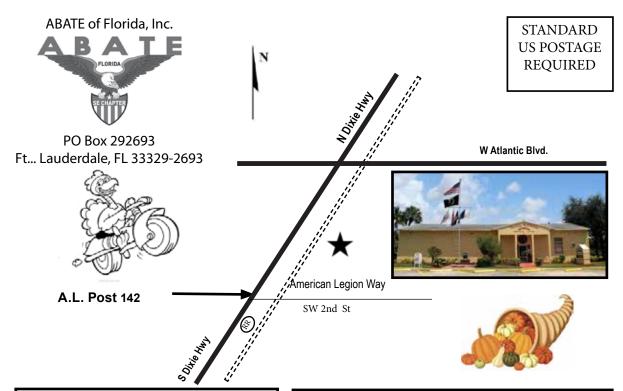
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