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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 you enjoy some of the new additions that were added to make it a bit more new and exciting for you!

On September 11th (Patriot Day) Critter, Marie "Madame Secretary", Wavy, and yours truly went over to the States MC clubhouse for their 23rd Annual Key West Tune-Up Party to set up and run a safety booth, and MAN what a great party

it was!!! The food, beverages, and the live music were all just fracking awesome!!!

According to the results of the Primaries, it might be a long hard road for motorcycle rights legislation here in Florida. From what I gather, there are a good amount of supporters for motorcycle rights in the Senate. However, we didn't do as well in the House of Representatives. Perhaps one saving grace might come in the form of our next United States Vice President. If Trump gets elected in November, we will have a motorcycle friendly VP in Governor Mike Pence. Governor Pence has been an avid supporter of motorcycle rights, working directly with ABATE of Indiana, and rides several times a year participating in the Ride with the Governor event. Who knows, maybe this time next year there will be the nation's first ever Ride with the Vice President event.

We are also still keeping an eye on the E15 (15% ethanol) situation at the pumps. According to the AMA (American Motorcycle Association), the American Coalition for Ethanol is telling stations that they should have a minimum purchase of 4 gallons at "blender" pumps offering E15 and post signs saying that buying less than 4 gallons may violate federal law. Supposedly, these "blender" pumps can keep as much as a quart of the E15 in the hose after a "cage" finishes fueling, and that's enough to potentially damage an engine not designed to operate on E15. As you may well know, most motorcycles are not designed to run on ethanol blends higher than 10 percent and accidental fueling with E15 is a major concern. Fortunately, for now, the EPA will require that stations using the "blender" pumps (dispensing E10 and E15 from the same hose) also provide a separate E10 pump for consumers who are not buying at least four gallons. So be aware when you're fueling up!

Just a few days away, ABATE of FLORIDA, INC.'s Fall State Biker Bash at the Peace River Campground in Arcadia October 7th, 8th, and 9th. Tickets are available at the gate and they will be \$35, which includes entrance and camping for the whole weekend. I'll be there and I hope to see all of you there as well. Also, as you have seen on the cover, ABATE Southeast Chapter's 36th Annual Fall Rights Rally is scheduled for October 30th at Mickey's and we'll see you there!

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



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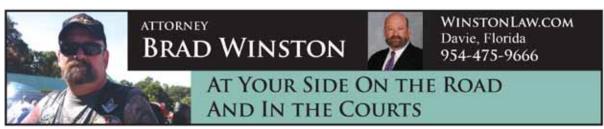
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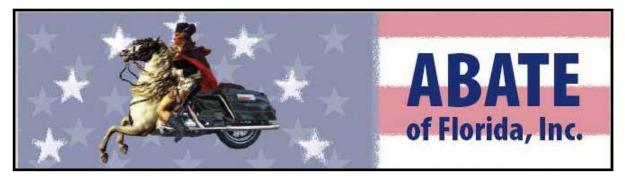
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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Held at the Davie Moose Lodge September 25, 2016

Sgt @ Arms Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM. There were 24 members and 1 guest. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and a prayer by Prime.

Presidents Report: Ratchet started the meeting by with the reading of Gambler's resignation letter, his ascending to President per the by-laws, and the appointment of Poppie as Vice president. He then called for a vote of confidence for Poppie as VP. All were in favor no one opposed. Poppie now assumes the VP position again. Ratchet also appointed Critter as Newsletter Editor, a vote of confidence was called for, all in favor, discussion followed. Critter is now Newsletter Editor.

<u>Vice-Presidents Report:</u> Poppie was not present to report and was excused.

<u>Secretary's Report</u>: 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 August. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded, all were in favor, Motion was passed.</u>

Sergeant at Arms Report: Steve spoke and reminded the membership that what happens in this room stays in this room. If there is a problem, solve it first within the chapter DO NOT contact the State.

Road Captain's Report: John "Wavy" spoke on the funeral he & our president attended for a fallen Marine in Dade County. He spoke again about doing a ride to the Navy Seals Museum in Port St. Lucie/Vero Beach sometime in November. More info on that to follow when the time gets closer. He also mentioned that if he doesn't call for a ride there is no reason

why other members cannot go on their own and show support to the clubs and promote ABATE. For a list of clubs and their open houses, see Wheels on the Road. We will be putting the same in our newsletter. [See page 26]

<u>Safety Director Report</u>: Prime thanked everyone for helping in his absence. He is swamped with New Daddy duties.

Products Report: John "Wavy" spoke briefly on the fact he is pitching in for products. We will have products at our October Event at Mickeys. John unfortunately will not be at the October Event. He has a previous engagement to attend so Marie will be helping out. Ratchet spoke on the new shirts we have ordered and that we should have them for our October Event.

Events Coordinator: Jimmy Les spoke on our October Event that will be held at Mickey's. He spoke about the food and what we will be cooking and serving. We will need help to set up and with parking. There was discussion on people coming and going without a wristband. Brad suggested that the bartenders inside check for bands – no wristband, no service. Jimmy and Suzanne will be out there the night before with their camper. Please plan to be out there between 8:00am and 9:00am to help with the set up. **State Representative Report:** There was no State Meeting to report on this month. The next State Meeting is scheduled for October 8 during the Biker Bash in Arcadia.

<u>Membership Report</u>: George reported that we had 6 new members, no new life members and 10 renewals for a total membership of 514. As a reminder, when submitting all membership forms PLEASE fill them out completely, so that we can read it and send it in a timely manner. Thank you very much for your support and membership to the Southeast Chapter.

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

Legislative Report: Brad spoke on the Palm Beach primary and reported that Irv Slosberg, a long time supporter of safety, was defeated by Jeff Clemons. The new Legislative session starts March 7th so it will be quiet for the next few months.

<u>Public Relations</u>: Fern was excused. She is always out there promoting ABATE

<u>Billing and Invoicing:</u> Pixie was not present but has communicated with Ratchet on who is up to date and who is late. **Social Director's Report:** Patty was excused. She is attending a Legion Riders Directors' Meeting, but has given the monthly birthday cake to Suzanne for after the meeting. Today we are celebrating two birthdays: Critter and Prime.

Newsletter Distribution: Poppie was not present but Teddy Bear, who helps Poppie, reported all is well. He thanked everyone for all of their help with the deliveries.

Quartermaster Report: Bob was present but had nothing to report.

Photographer's Report: Ada said she will continue on as photographer.

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

Legal Council: Demetrios was not present to report. Brad spoke on his support of the current board.

<u>Old Business:</u> Ratchet spoke on the October State Bash at Peace River.

<u>New Business</u>: Ratchet spoke on moving the meeting back to Post 321. There was a motion brought to the floor by Teddy Bear to stay at the Davie Moose, Motion was seconded and discussion followed. Brad brought up the fact that it is the discretion of the President where we meet.

Suzanne spoke on a point of order about notifying the state of the location change. A concession of the members was called for. We will stay at the Davie Moose until their situation changes.

Good of the Order: Suzanne spoke on an old ABATE member passing, Mike Speed. Teddy Bear spoke about the Walk for Autism and how well it went. Critter showed the cards that Bob Anz printed up for us to send to out congratulating the newly elected people on their win, and for other uses. The State Meeting and State Biker Bash in Arcadia were discussed. We still have discounted admission tickets till the end of the week. We have drawing tickets left for the rifle and now have Toy Run drawing tickets for December.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is October 16, 2016, at the Davie Moose, Davie, FL. Hope to see everyone there.

See you on the Road!

Marie Baxter, Secretary S. E. Chapter



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Everywhere I ride I usually get to talk to different people, usually they are other bikers. The subject we mostly talk about is how dangerous it is to ride the roads in South Florida, every biker has a near miss or two.

The worst stories are about encounters with drivers in cages. We must realize that we have to be alert and aware of what's around us at all times.

Cell phones, texting, reading and eating are

just some of the things cage drivers do. These things distract them, and can ultimately cause an accident or worse.

So we must try to be aware of what's going around us at all times.

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Be careful out there!!!!

Your VP Poppie





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NEWS from our State Legislative Rep Darrin "Scribe" Brooks



From the AMA

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The American Coalition for Ethanol is telling fuel retailers they should require a minimum purchase of 4 gallons at blender pumps offering E15 and post signs saying that buying less than 4 gallons may violate federal law. The advice, found in the E15 & Flex Fuel Retailer Roadmap, 2016-2017 Edition, is intended to convince retailers to carry more E15 fuel (15 percent ethanol) and use blender pumps to dispense it. In 2012 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed the 4-gallon minimum purchase as part of its misfueling mitigation plan. But the agency withdrew the proposal after the AMA pointed out that motorcycle fuel tanks hold only 3-5 gallons. In addition, as much as a quart of the higher-ethanol fuel could remain in the dispenser hose after a vehicle finishes fueling, potentially damaging an engine not designed to operate on E15. Motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles are not EPA-approved to operate on ethanol blends higher than 10 percent and inadvertent misfueling with E15 is a major concern. The EPA requires that stations dispensing E10 and E15 from the same hose also provide a separate E10 pump for consumers who are not buying at least four gallons.

I have a sample letter below that I would like to encourage you to "copy" to your specific US Congress Member. You can easily go to your Congress members webpage and "paste" this into their "Contact Me" section. It will only take you a few minutes.

Dear Congressman Please support HR 5180

American Bikers Aimed Towards Education (ABATE of FL, Inc.) is an organization that is committed to educate lawmakers and the public and to promote motorcycle safety, training and political awareness. Representing over 5,000 motorcycle enthusiasts around FL, we must share our concerns regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program, particularly dealing with ethanol standards and the effect it could have to motorcyclists everywhere.

The E15 fuel is not good for small engines such as motorcycles, boats, lawn mowers, etc. This fuel causes engines to burn hotter, wear faster, prematurely cause engine to break, and will void the warranty. Ethanol fuel is hydrostatic, meaning that when it is open to the air it absorbs moisture. Due to the great amount of humidity in FL this Ethanol fuel will be even worse for Floridians to use in their fuel tanks. We support HR 5180, which would provide much needed relief by capping the maximum volume of ethanol blend at 9.7 percent. We would ask you to consider becoming a co-sponsor. HR 5180, sponsored by Rep. Flores (R-TX), Peter Welch (D-VT), Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), Jim Costa (D-CA), Steve Womack (R-AR) and Cedric Richmond (D-LA), would also require the EPA to meet its statutory deadlines in setting its annual RFS volume requirements. The EPA has missed its annual RFS deadlines for the past three years. We urge you to support and co-sponsor this reasonable legislation that will benefit Floridians for years to come. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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COURT BACKS CITY IN RED-LIGHT CAMERA FIGHT

Urging the state Supreme Court to take up the controversial issue, an appeals court Wednesday rejected a motorist's arguments that a South FL city had given too much authority to a company that operates red-

light traffic camera programs. The 3rd District Court of Appeal overturned a Miami- Dade County judge's ruling against the city of Aventura in a case involving a motorist who received a ticket for improperly turning right at a red light. In challenging the ticket, motorist Luis Torres Jimenez contended the city had illegally given "unfettered discretion" to a red-light camera company to review images of potential violations and to print and send out citations. Miami-Dade County Judge Steven Leifman dismissed the citation, pointing to a 2014 decision by the 4th District Court of Appeal in a similar case in the Broward County city of Hollywood. But Leifman also requested that the 3rd District Court of Appeal, which handles Miami-Dade cases, rule on the issues. In a 29-page ruling Wednesday, the 3rd District Court of Appeal upheld Aventura's program, which it said relies on police officers - not the private contractor - to make decisions about ticketing motorists. "Not only do the bright-line standards promulgated by the city ensure the vendor's tasks regarding images are purely ministerial and non-discretionary in nature, but the record reflects that no notice or citation is issued unless and until an individual officer of the city weighs the evidence in the images and determines in his or her professional judgment that probable cause exists," said the ruling, written by appeals-court Judge Thomas Logue and joined by judges Kevin Emas and Linda Ann Wells. "The officers make these decisions in the same manner they decide to issue a roadside citation." But saying the "lawful use of cameras to enforce red lights has attracted the attention of the public, local governments, and the Legislature," the judges also called on the FL Supreme Court to take up the case, a move known as certifying issues to the high court. The role of companies hired by cities to operate red-light camera programs has been highly controversial in recent years. While proponents of the cameras say they improve traffic safety, critics argue that the devices are more about generating money for local governments and the private vendors.



WASHINGTON, DC

This week [9/17], Pete Pettalia, a lawmaker who served in the Michigan State Legislature was fatally injured when a pickup truck turned directly into his lane. It is important to note that, Pettalia, was wearing a helmet at the time of the incident.

State Representative Pettalia was an avid motorcyclist rights defender and advocate playing a key role in what would eventually become the repeal of the helmet law in Michigan state in 2012. News sources like CNN quickly tried to appeal to the irony that a critic of a universal helmet law was killed in a motorcycle accident. CNN's headline read, "Lawmaker Who Opposed Universal Helmet Law Dies in Motorcycle Crash." You would expect CNN to be more professional, the headline infers that the lack of a helmet was the reason for the fatality. This biased headline and notion is completely false as reports confirmed that the lawmaker was wearing a helmet at the time of the incident.

This particular occurrence is, very unfortunately, one that has been repeated in the past. Despite helmet use, drivers of the four-wheeled variety often fail to see motorcyclists for a multitude of reasons that can include distracted or reckless driving, or simply the failure to be aware of their surroundings. It is for reasons like what caused the crash involving Mr. Pettalia and others like him, that groups such as the Motorcycle Riders Foundation emphasize the concept of crash prevention rather than safer crashing. The reality is, even if riders choose to wear and helmet and all the protective gear available, it is often not enough to stand up to reckless and distracted driving by motorists who fail to adhere to the oft-repeated biker adage. "Look Twice, Save a Life."

Biker Rights' activists including SMROs (State Motorcyclist Rights Organizations) are doing their part to emphasize rider education for motorcyclists and driver awareness for the majority of the population behind the wheel. The battle is likely to mount, as referenced by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's recent Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) report which showed that crashes due to 'human choice' errors, specifically distracted driving, increased in 2015 by almost nine percent.

Though it's not clear what caused the pickup truck driver to drive into Mr. Petallia's lane, a safe assumption is that it could have been prevented and that, in this instance, a helmet did not make any difference in keeping the lawmaker safe. Yet, there are many, many groups across the nation that point to helmet use as the 'cure all' problems. However, the tragedy that occurred this week speaks to what many bikers have been saying for years; let's work together on a meaningful campaign to enhance motorcycle safety to adopt a strategy that focuses on avoiding motorcycle crashes and not merely surviving them.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Hello Everyone,

Once again it's time for the Road Captain's article which I really suck at. If not for my wife, Anna, fixing the errors, it would be really bad.

Not many rides last month, but there were a couple. I was having some health issues during the month. Hopefully all is back to "normal". Hope everyone that went on the Key West run enjoyed themselves and came back safe.

I would like to thank States MC for having us set up our Safety Booth at their KW Tune-Up Party. The group of us had real good time, if you didn't go you really missed out. And then there was the Keltic's party at Vixens. A group of us rode from the meeting to the Keltic's party and were able to miss all the rain. The Keltic's put on a great party, from the food truck outside to the hot women inside, they sure know how to party. If you weren't there, you should have been.

Hopefully this month and the coming months we will have many more rides and I will be up to joining in. I want to remind everyone to support all of the local MCs and that you are always welcome at their



houses on open house nights even if we don't have a group ride, members need to visit the clubs.

Thank you to the local MCs for your continuing support of ABATE.

Until next time, Road Captain Jon "Wavy" Viger







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OCTOBER 2016 2: MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL 8: NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL 14-16: DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST 22: WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY 30: S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL & CMA - MEMORIAL (combined event)

NOVEMBER 2016

5: HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL
11: Veterans Day
12: USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL
19: LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL
20: ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL **Date Change**
24: Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER 2016

4: SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN 10: PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING 10: HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO PINO TOY RUN 11: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN 17: SFLCOC - CHRISTMAS PARTY 25: Christmas

FRIDAY

Outlaws MC WPB Open House at 7PM USMV MC Ch 2 Open house at 8PM (Dania Beach) Der Krieger MC Open House at 8PM Mystic 7 MC Open House... Ladies drink FREE! Keltics MC Open House 1st Fri - Soldiers for Jesus Open House 7-10PM 1st Fri - Enforcers MC First Friday of Month Party 2nd & 4th Fri - Los Coquis MC Open house 3rd Fri - Wings of Gold MC Open House Davie 4th Fri - American Legion Post 36 Bike Night

SATURDAY

Keltics MC Open House Something happening at Chester's 1st & 3rd Sat - AOA MC Dania Open House 2nd Sat - USMV MC Ft. Laud. Open House





MONTHLY EVENTS

2nd & 4th Sat - Mystic 7 Open House

SUNDAY

Chesters Ft. Laud. Demo Sunday & Free Hot Dogs Free pool at Sharkey's Lounge Margate Wind Rider Church Services at Mickeys

WEEK DAYS

- Mon States MC Pompano Dinner Nite 6:30pm start Mon - Ladies nite at Sharkey's 9-2, 241 beverages Tues - Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House Last Tues - USMVMC Palm Bch Open House Wed - Scurvy Few MC Open House 954-325-6838 Wed - Blues Nite at Mickey's Thurs - Leathernecks MC Open House 8-mid Thurs - Hermandad MC Open House, 8-2am
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The Scandal Called Saudals



The other day as I was riding I saw a couple on a bike just across the way at the light on the opposite side of traffic. The guy that was steering the bike was perfectly dressed from head to toe with protective gear but I noticed that the person I can only assume was his 'ol lady had on a helmet, jeans, and sandals. I couldn't help but to think to myself what kind of injuries that poor woman would get if something were to happen. I have seen people riding with

sandals, sneakers, and all sorts of footwear unfit for the road. Boots that go above your ankle are made from top to bottom with features to protect you if you were to go down. From the non-skid foot of the boot to the strapped up laces that stabilize your ankle. I am sure that I am not the only one that has seen pictures on the internet

of foot injuries from people who went down without boots. If you have not seen any such pictures...

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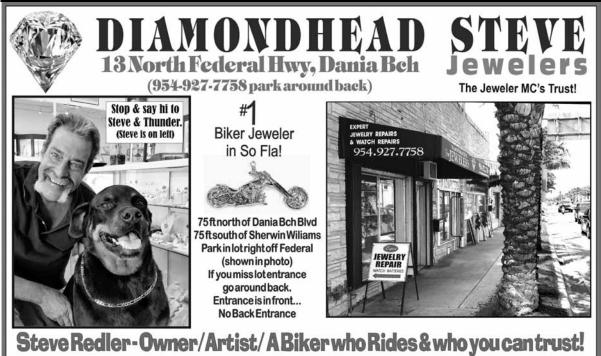
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But there are the times in our lives when things happen that we can't take care of, but as humans we still try.

I've been asked for advice on how to deal with these kind of situations. My answer is always look to Jesus and ask Him for help, and He will take care of any of your needs. There is nothing He can't do.

The key is letting go of control and I know that's not easy. We tend to hang on to what we can't handle, and try to fix it ourselves.

Have Faith in the fact that God is always in control, especially when we ask Him for help.

Proverbs 3:5&6 "Trust in The Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, and in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct paths."

In closing, here's a prayer you might want to remember:

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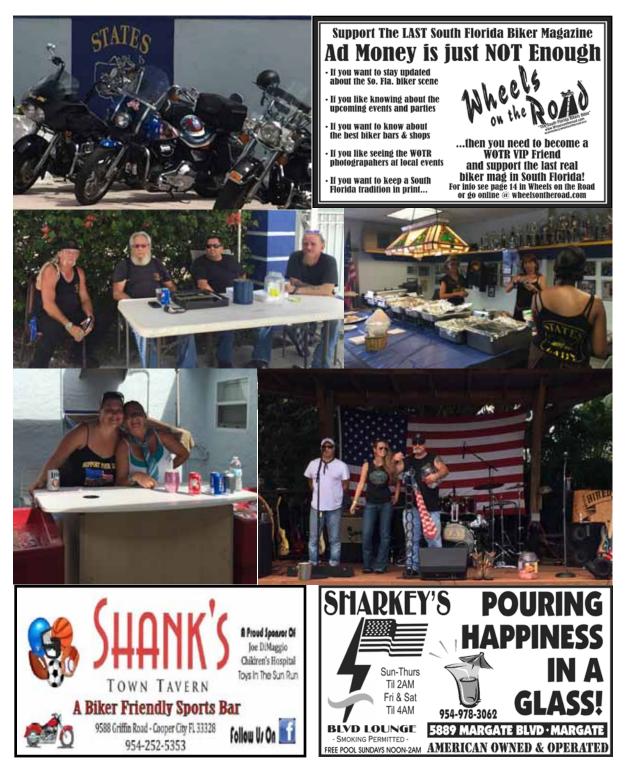
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PROSECUTOR DROPS EFFORT TO SEIZE DEVILS DICIPLES TRADEMARK 'COLORS'

As Motorcycle Clubs continue to fight to save their patch, federal prosecutors have dropped a controversial bid to seize the trademark owned by the Devils Diciples MC, though the move does not end trademark challenges involving club colors.

In filings made on August 29, 2016 in federal court in Detroit, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan filed a notice dismissing the DDMC Trademark forfeiture, which states; "The government hereby provides notice that it is not seeking to forfeit the DDMC Trademark in this criminal proceeding and hereby dismisses it from the First Forfeiture Bill of Particulars."

Most law enforcement asset-forfeiture efforts target conventional property, but prosecutors began trying to seize the Devils Diciples' trademark as a byproduct of a criminal case in which prosecutors in October 2014 itemized property they wanted to seize, from guns to slot machines, and at the end of the 32-page property listing prosecutors included the club's trademark.

"These trademark cases are important to the clubs, whose free association has been threatened by the attempts by (prosecutors) to enjoin use of their membership (marks) by non-indicted persons," Devils Diciples attorney Fritz Clapp told the McClatchyDC news site, adding that such cases have established important precedents regarding forfeiture of collective membership marks and the implications of free speech and association.

The prosecutor's decision now to leave the Devils Diciples' trademark alone does not put the brakes on other attempts to seize clubs' colors as, most notably, the government is still taking aim at the Mongol Nation, whose intellectual property has been sought by federal prosecutors since 2008. A federal appellate court is now considering the Mongol Nation case.

OREGON BIKER SCORES A WIN IN DISCRIMINATION CASE

After 14 years of spotless service, Ron Godwin was fired from his job as an Oregon youth corrections officer because of his club patch. A Grants Pass, Oregon police officer saw Godwin on his bike, wearing his club patch, called his boss and said Godwin was a member of a "criminal gang." After a brief, so-called investigation, Godwin's boss fired him.

Oregon's AIM (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) and COC (Confederation of Clubs) Attorney Sam Hochberg took up the case and filed suit in Federal Court in Medford, with assistance from lawyer Chris Bottoms. Depositions were taken, and with the help of ACLU volunteer lawyer Sara K. Staggs, the case was thoroughly briefed. The trial court ruled that, based on statements in depositions, Godwin had no case under the law. The case never got to the jury, but the ruling was appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and argued by ACLU volunteer lawyer Cody Hoesly.

On August 10, 2016, a three-judge panel from the Ninth Circuit issued a 17-page Memorandum opinion, including one dissent, and reversed that decision, sending it back to District Court for trial.

The panel analyzed cases about government employees' rights of free speech and association, and found the State showed no legitimate interest that outweighed Ron Godwin's First Amendment rights.

As a Memorandum decision, the "unpublished" ruling can be cited in any Federal Court, so it's useful nationwide.

"This is an important decision for the free speech and free association rights of all bikers, and club members in particular," says Hochberg, now "Of Counsel" to Christopher Slater, the new Oregon and Washington AIM and Oregon COC Attorney.

The case of Ronald Godwin v. Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility, et al, now goes back to the trial court, absent further appeal or settlement.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS SHOW RISE IN FATALITIES, FEDS ISSUE CALL TO ACTION

Statistics compiled by the U. S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show that 35,092 people died in traffic crashes in 2015, ending a five-decade trend of declining fatalities with a 7.2% increase in deaths, reflecting 2,348 more fatalities from motor vehicle crashes than in 2014.

Fatalities increased from 2014 to 2015 in almost all segments of the population—passenger vehicle occupants (+6.6%), passenger cars (+5.7%), large trucks (+11%), SUV occupants (+10.1%), van occupants (+9.3%), pickup truck occupants (+4.7%), pedestrians (+9.5%), bicyclists (+12.2%), motorcyclists (+8.3%), alcohol-impaired driving fatalities (+3.2%), male (+7.0%) / female (+7.4%), daytime (+7.2%) / nighttime (+7.1%).

The estimated number of police-reported crashes increased by 3.8%, from 6.0 to 6.3 million, and there were 105,000 more people injured in motor vehicle crashes.

According to NHTSA, job growth and low fuel prices were two factors that led to increased driving, including increased leisure driving and driving by young people. More driving can contribute to higher fatality rates.

In 2015, vehicle miles traveled (VMT) increased 3.5 percent over 2014, the largest increase since 1992, nearly 25 years ago, though the fatality rate per 100 million VMT increased to 1.12 from 1.08 in 2014 which was the lowest since NHTSA began collecting fatality data through the Fatality Analysis Reporting System in 1975.

Upon releasing this new data, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) issued a Call to Action: "We are calling on data scientists, public health experts, students and researchers -- even if you have never thought about road safety before -- to dive in to these data and help answer these important questions, especially on tough issues like pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities."

Interested organizations, companies and concerned citizens can download and analyze the data (ftp://ftp. nhtsa.dot.gov/fars/2015/) and share your insights at opendata@dot.gov.

CALIFORNIA ENACTS MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC SCHOOL

A bill to give motorcyclists the option of attending a California Motorcyclist Safety Program (CMSP) course to satisfy the requirements of traffic school passed its final legislative hurdle on August 22, 2016 after passing unanimously through both houses of the state legislature with strong bipartisan support, and now awaits Governor Jerry Brown's signature.

Traffic schools are approved and licensed by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and allow drivers who attend to avoid having points added to their record when they receive an eligible violation. While traffic school can be educational for car operators, the information presented is not always applicable to those who received a violation on a motorcycle. The CMSP offers safety courses for new and experienced riders that are more appropriate for motorcyclists, but until now, these courses have not been allowed to double as traffic schools.

Assembly Bill 1932 by Assemblyman Jay Obernolte's (R-Hesperia) fixes this by updating California law to allow CMSP providers to become licensed traffic violator schools pursuant to DMV curriculum requirements.

These new courses would offer riding instruction in addition to education on the state's traffic laws, which would better equip motorcyclists to ride safely on California roads.

"AB 1932 makes our roads safer and provides motorcycle owners with an educational option for removing a point from their driving record in the event that they receive an eligible moving violation," Assemblyman Obernolte said. "The more training opportunities that we can provide for motorcyclists, the safer both riders and drivers in California will be."

GEORGIA EXTENDS HANDLEBAR HEIGHT

Affective July 1, 2016 legislation in Georgia has modified the state's handlebar height law to allow for taller bars. Signed into law by Governor Nathan Deal, House Bill 166, the "Motorcycle Mobility Safety Act" increased the maximum measured height of a motorcycle's handlebars from 15 inches above the seat to 25 inches.

Georgia is among 30 states that limit the height of handlebars. Without a federal standard, the regulation of handlebars on motorcycles rests with the states. Currently, 11 states limit the height of handlebars to 15 inches above the saddle. Five others require the handlebars to be below the height of the shoulder. Last summer, South Dakota, which hosts the annual Sturgis Rally became the most recent state to repeal its shoulder level statute, legalizing so-called "ape hangers" just in time for the 75th annual rally.

Discriminatory in nature, handlebar height laws have no impact on rider safety, and most were adopted by states decades ago to provide police with an excuse to pull over bikers on choppers.

VULNERABLE ROAD USERS COMPONENT ADDED TO ACT DRIVER'S LICENSE TESTS

Young drivers in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) around Canberra, Australia's capital city, will have to be able to prove they can share the road safely with cyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians before they'll be granted a license, the ACT government has announced.

People applying for learner permits or provisional licenses must demonstrate they can drive around vulnerable road users or risk failing their test, the ACT's Road safety Minister Shane Rattenbury told The Sydney Morning Herald.

"It's really exciting that more and more Canberrans are choosing to walk and cycle around Canberra," he said. "However, it's important that we ensure that our road rules can accommodate all road users safely, and that all road users are aware of these rules."

Twenty extra questions will be added to the road rules knowledge test. Applicants must score 100% on this section to gain their learner's license. During their practical driving test, learners going for their "Ps" (Provisional P1 license) must demonstrate they can navigate roads with bicycle lanes and move through areas of slow traffic where motorcyclists may be lanefiltering. Applicants will be tested in areas frequented by cyclists and pedestrians, including shared zones, town centers, group centers, aged-care facilities and school zones.

HANOI PLANS MOTORCYCLE BAN

The city of Hanoi, Vietnam, has announced a plan to completely ban motorcycles by 2025. The plan is based on an effort to reduce traffic congestion by promoting public transportation.

The proposal may have been prompted by a recent decision in Paris, France to ban motorcycles made before 1999.

Hanoi now has an estimated 4.9 million motorcycles and scooters on the roads, so a total ban seems extreme and may prove a difficult matter to successfully employ. Last year, the monthly motorcycle registration figures ranged from 8,000 to 20,000. Officials estimated that within the next four years the city would have nearly 7 million two wheelers on Hanoi streets.

Hanoi's air quality has been regularly listed as Unhealthy by the Real Time Air Quality Index, and officials say the plan is to encourage bikers to use public transportation instead.

Currently Hanoi has a fleet of some 1,000 buses, accounting for 27 million passenger rides each month. The new plan would create six more metro lines, three Bus Rapid Transit Lines and 18 new bridges within the next 14 years.

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~ Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862) American naturalist, poet and philosopher

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