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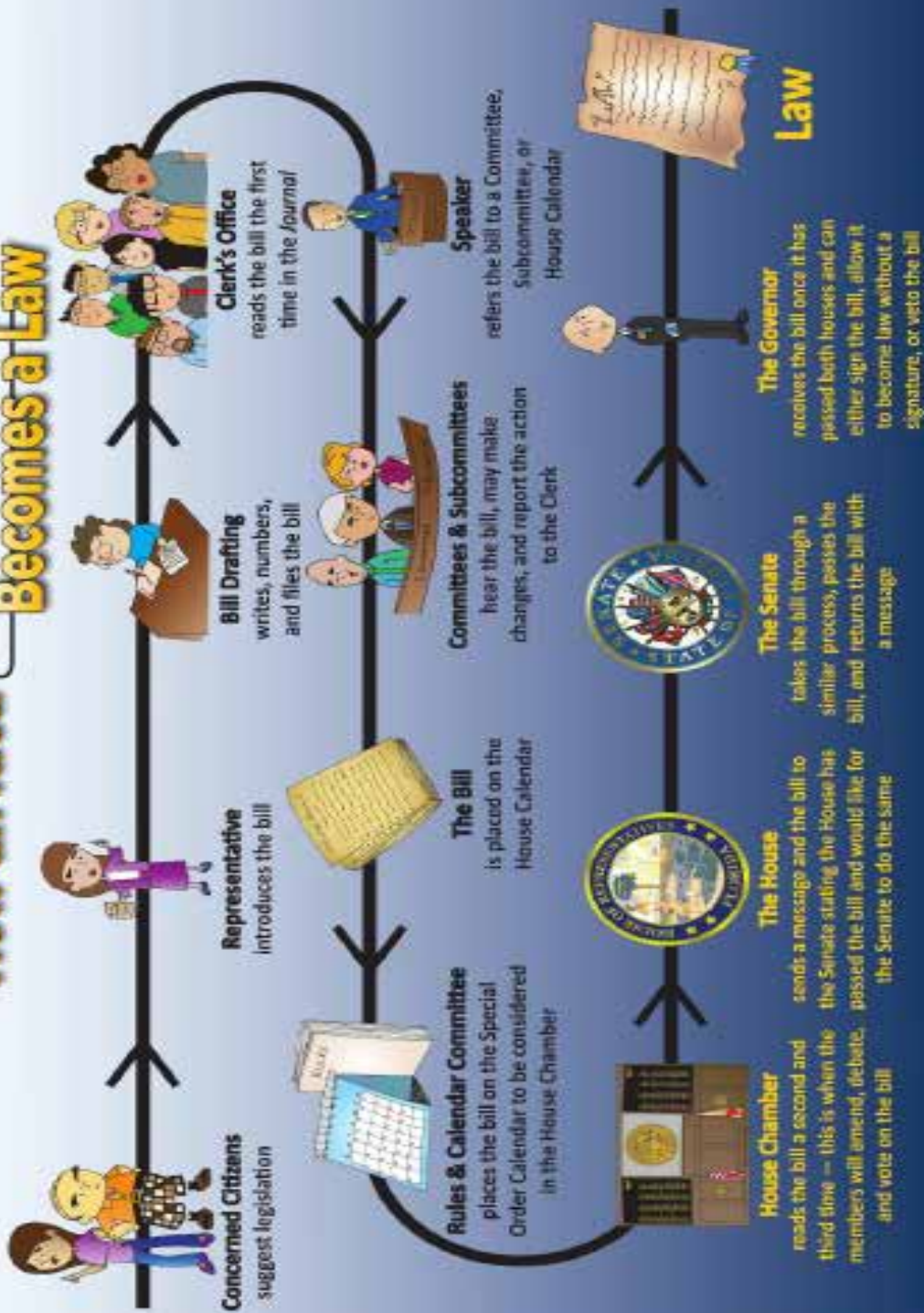
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WHO WE ARE

- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life.
- We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.
- We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM.
- We promote motorcycle safety, training, and political awareness.
- We fund our work by holding a series of annual events at different locations within our service area and other motorcycle activities.
- We are your neighbors and friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community.
- We serve and support our country and believe in freedom.
- We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.
- ABATE of Florida, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of Florida as a motorcycle rights organization or MRO. We are currently the only political MRO in Florida representing the interest of its members and the motorcycling public at-large.
- WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG.

ABATE is open to all individuals age 18 and older interested in motorcycle rights, safety or education. It doesn't matter what you ride or even if you ride. Everyone is welcome to join ABATE of Florida, Inc., which ensures YOUR opinion and views on motorcycle laws will be heard.

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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- On July 1, 2000, we had the 30 year old Florida Helmet law repealed; July 1, 2010 was our 10th Anniversary of Freedom of Choice.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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The Baxla Report The latest news on what is happening with our legislative agenda.

Plus news from the national scene.

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THE HELMET BILL, SIGNED BY GOVERNOR BUSH!!

There are a lot of questions out there as well as a lot of rumors. Hopefully after you read this, you'll have a better understanding of what's going on. In August of 1999, "Doc" Reichenbach, Lobbyist and President of ABATE of Florida, Inc. lined up sponsors; Representative Russell and Senator Saunders pre-filed our helmet bills for the 2000 session. The bill numbers were House Bill 117 and Senate Bill 126. The bills started their respective moves through committee hearings and finally HB 117 made it to the House floor for a vote. It passed 71 to 43. With only a few days of session left, it looked like the Bill was not going to be heard and voted on in the Senate.

Doc spearheaded some fast maneuvering adding HB 117 as an amendment to SB 780, the general transportation bill, while it was on the Senate Floor. This amendment stated that with \$10,000 of medical insurance covering motorcycle accidents, persons over the age of 21 would be exempt from the mandatory use of a motorcycle helmet. SB 780 with the HB 117 amendment passed the Senate 20-13. Then the same amendment (HB 117) was added to HB 1911 and passed in

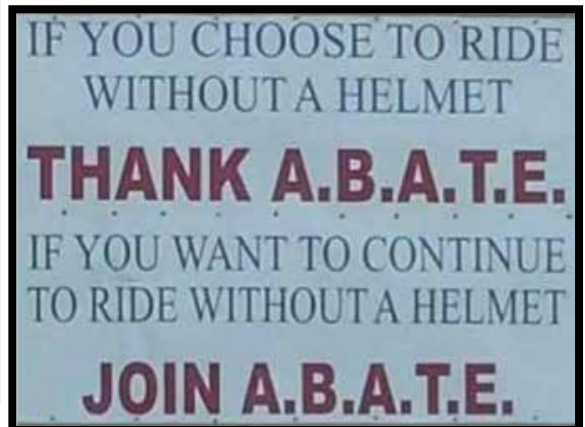
the house with a 85-29 vote. HB 1911 then went to the Senate, which took this bill up in lieu of SB780. HB 1911 passed in the Senate 35-1.

During the April 3rd Rally at the Capitol, Governor Jeb Bush stated that "as long as the helmet bill had an insurance provision that protected the public", he had no objections to signing the bill. At the same time we were rejoicing this victory, the "Love Bug" virus was busy shutting down computers at the Capitol, and that brings us up to the present, waiting for the Governor to sign the bill.

The Governor has fifteen days from the time it reaches his desk to either veto or sign the bill. If he has done neither in fifteen days, the bill automatically becomes law. At this time the bill has not reached the Governor's desk. Everyone is anxiously waiting to hear the final chapter of this story. All the members of ABATE Of Florida, Inc. that worked so hard writing and calling their legislators, are optimistic that Florida will soon be a helmet optional state at 12:01AM, July 1st.

The bill arrived on the Governor's desk the morning of June 5, 2000. The Governor signed the bill on June 16, 2000. Florida will become the 30st helmet optional state at 12:01AM, July 1st, 2000.

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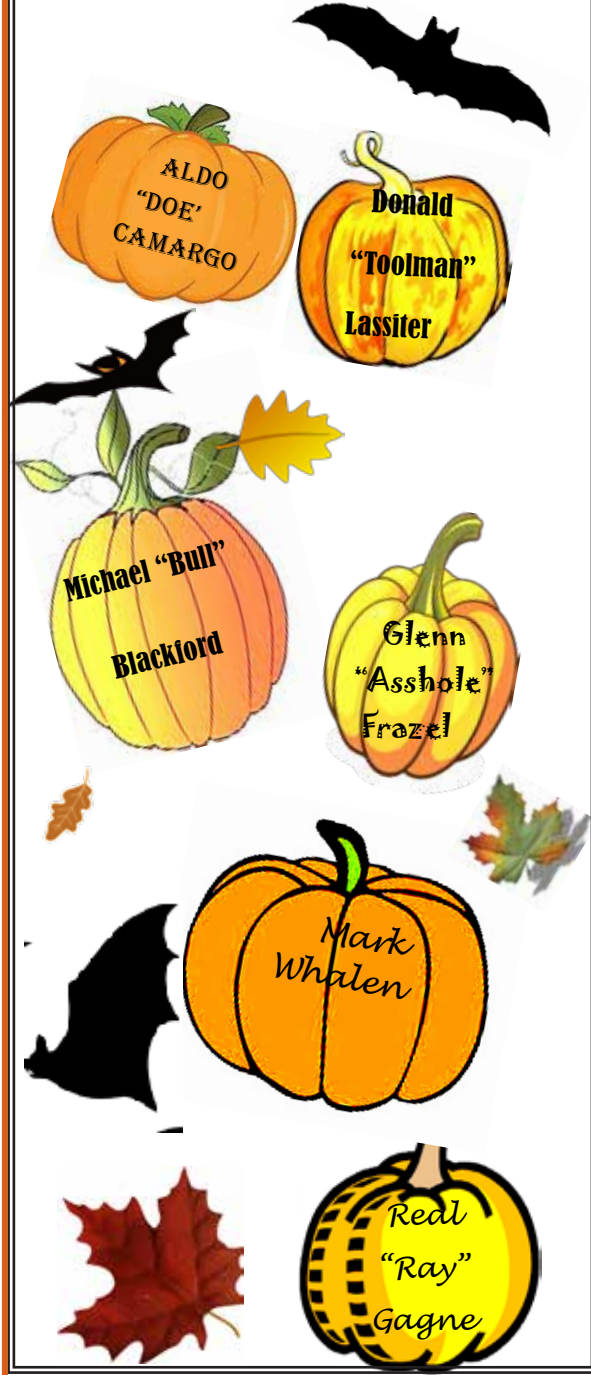
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"Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote that he is not making a present or a compliment to please an individual - or at least that he ought not so to do; but that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country."

Samuel Adams

Welcome New Members



From Your President



I would first like to thank all the new members that we have gotten, and to welcome you in the Southeast Chapter of ABATE. ABATE of Florida has 17 chapters across the State

with a lobbyist that only works for motorcycle rights and safety. We've been doing this for over 40 years in Florida.

I learned about ABATE 20 years ago. I was playing in a band called Three-Legged Dog Band and our soundman told us we should play a party for this biker organization call ABATE. The President and the Board wanted to meet us, since we were going to set up a back line for all the bands to play on at Fugawi Fest. Back then, we had three-day parties. When we came to the meeting, they asked all to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. I turned around to the rest of my band and made them all fill out applications and pay the \$20 to join. I said any organization that starts a meeting off like that, I want to be a part of.

So, I got rid of my dirt bikes and got me a 1996 Low-rider. I got to ride some good rides. I helped them when they had parties and my band would play for free. It was so cool. Nine years into ABATE, my best friend was killed when a little old lady pulled out in front of him and that really hit home. So, I decided to step up and volunteer for a position on the Board, which was something I should have done earlier. In 2009, I was elected Vice President, and the following year for President.

And now, in 2020, I am into my third year as President again. I have an amazing group of people beside me and behind me, that keep this Chapter going strong. Don't get me wrong, I am always looking for more people to help, so if you have time, and want to work towards motorcycle rights and safety, please, we can always use the help.

The way I look at it, is if I can help one person not get killed or injured, then it's all worth it. The hard part is, that I get to hear about the people who were killed or injured, but I don't get to hear about the people that didn't get hurt, because someone read our newsletter or a bumper sticker or a billboard or even signs on the turnpike, and because of that, just happened to pay more attention to motorcyclists on the highway, and the accident never happened.

So that's the story of how I got involved in ABATE. I wouldn't change a thing and have made some great friends doing what we do.

I want to once again, can't say it enough, thank Alan for letting us have our meetings Outback in the big Tiki Hut for these many months. It was nice to be able to continue to meet, and he was more than willing and gracious in allowing us to meet there, so thanks bro!

Please remember to be an educated voter and VOTE in November!

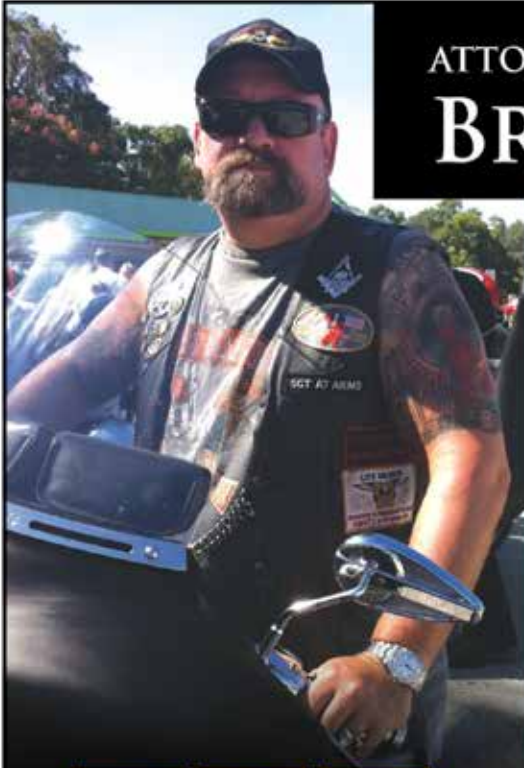
And to the younger people out there, you have the chance to inherit an organization that stands up and fights for biker rights and safety. Help us make a difference, now, and for the future!

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

God bless America!!!!

Peace,
Johnny Rose
President
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Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes
Held at American Legion Post 142
171 SW 2nd St
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September 20th, 2020

Sgt at Arms Mike Travis called the meeting to order at 1002Hrs. There were 24 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. Thanked all the new faces for attending. Mentioned that sunglasses are for sale to help fund the newsletter. He also stated that the October Annual was canceled due to not being able to find a venue. Reported that the SFPC was planning to have the Toy Run this year. He was disheartened to report that Chazman and Aztec, two members of the motorcycle community, just recently passed.

Vice President's Report:

Wavy was absent and excused.

Secretary's Report:

Zak "Sparkles" Storrs thanked everyone for electing him Secretary of ABATE's Southeast chapter. A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed. 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 spoke about respecting the ABATE patch by respecting the rules of the road and riding safe at all times.

Road Captain's Report:

Troy is still out of the country for work, and Sparkles had nothing to report.

Safety Director's Report:

Wavy was absent and had nothing to report. There was an open discussion on how to maintain safety on group rides.

Products Report:

Little Bit reported that she would be glad to provide products to anyone who was interested in purchasing them, including the new ABATE sunglasses.

Events Coordinator:

Gabe was not present. There have been no events. There is no report.

State Representative Report:

Sparkles reminded everyone that the next State meeting will be held in Pensacola on October 10th. He will be leaving from the Shell gas station at 7290 Central Industrial Dr, Riviera Beach, FL 33404 at 0600 Hrs with members from the Palm Beach Chapter. He went on to collect money to purchase 20th Anniversary challenge coins for purchase at the next State meeting.

Membership Report:

Sheila read the membership report. ABATE Southeast

currently has over 600 members.

Newsletter Editor:

Abby Normal advised that due to the lack of public gatherings, there were not a whole lot of pictures to put in the newsletter. If anyone has pictures from rides that they are taking, please send them in to be included in the newsletter. She also reminded everyone to check out the Page Sponsorship program. It would be immensely helpful during these times.

Legislative Liaison:

Brad was out of town, so there was no report

Legal Counsel:

Brad was out of town, lost somewhere in the frontier. He had nothing to report.

Public Relations:

Nothing is going on. Thunder was not present.

Billing and Invoicing:

Hope reported that everyone is current and that we got two new advertisers, Powerline Marine and Patch Sewing by Gus and Barb.

Social Director's Report:

Bear brought Fudge brownies that make life worth living.

Newsletter Distribution:

Bars is ill and needs help distributing the newsletters. We are mailing newsletters to K&G Cycles and Heaven Cycle for the clubs down south to pick up.

Quartermaster Report:

Bob Anz was present and had nothing to report.

Photographer's Report:

No events means no pictures. But send 'em if you got 'em!

Webmaster's Report:

Mike was absent and excused.

Chaplain:

Chrissy was not present and excused.

Old Business:

It was reported that it was nice to be back at Post 142. Members were reminded that there is a State gun raffle going on, \$5 dollars a ticket. 1st prize is a Henry 30/30 Rifle and runner up will receive a 12 Gauge Shotgun. Deadline for entries are the December State meeting (12/12/20)

New Business:

No new business at the time of this meeting, as no events have been made official at this time.

Good of the Order:

Southeast Police Motorcycle Rodeo will be held at the Pompano Beach City Centre on September 23rd through the 26th. Mystic Seven MC is having their 32nd Annual at their club house on October 4th. Wheels of Man MC will be having their 47th Halloween party on Saturday, October 24th, and Heathen's MC is having their Pirates Ball at Gilbert's Resort on Saturday, November 7th. See event calendar for details.

Motion to adjourn was made at 1043Hrs, 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.



HATS & HELMETS OFF TO YOU, AZTEC!



In Memory of
Ronald Duane "Aztec" Taylor
November 25th, 1959 - September 18th, 2020

The motorcycle community knew Ronald Duane Taylor as AZTEC. To others, he was Ronald, Ronnie, Ron, Dado, Pa and Brother. He wore a helmet and a lot of other hats. But to 'Shine' his wife, he was her beloved Soul Mate of 25 years.

Born in Houston Texas, he attended Klein Forest High. Following his education, he had his own Auto Repair Shop in Austin Texas and then moved to Massachusetts where he became a very successful jewelry department manager. In 2001, he moved to Fort Lauderdale, FL continuing in jewelry sales until he switched careers and became a construction supervisor in 2016.

As Ronnie, Aztec and Shine would often take trips to visit his mother Velia (Vee) and stepfather Rayford Nugent, whom he survived. To them, he was a caring and devoted son, helping with tasks and odd jobs at their home in Naples, FL.

Dado was a loving father to his two children, his son Joshua Taylor and his daughter Amanda Taylor of Austin TX.

Pa was proud of his two wonderful grandchildren, Jordan Robuccio and Angelina Robuccio of Fitchburg MA.

Ronnie lovingly embraced his role as stepfather and friend to both Anthony Robuccio and Matthew Robuccio of Fitchburg, MA and adored his niece Nikki Cimas of Houston, TX.

In Ron's down time, he enjoyed hobbies such as boating and fishing. But his favorite way to spend his spare time was with his brothers and sisters in the motorcycle community. Aztec was proud to be part of the MC family and loved the connection he felt as a member and true friend. He had a deep connection that started with his membership in the Scurvy Few MC Stateside, followed by the Wheels of Man MC, Deerfield Beach, FL where he served as Vice-President. Aztec and Shine felt tremendous gratitude for the way in which the motorcycle community checked on him and supported them after Aztec's accident (which was not the fault of his own) in their absolute time of need. It was through good times and bad, high times and lows, that relationships were built, and because of that, Aztec will always have a place in our hearts.

Now Aztec holds an honorary position in the ride with all the brothers who have since passed before him. Sadly, this run is getting longer than we'd all like. And as Shine would say in her own words, "I've lost my husband physically and now he has an eternal life in heaven; we will ride again!"

Helmets off to you, Aztec,
Chrissy Leonhardt
Chaplain





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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

I love this time of year. There's something in the Fall air that brings a sense of expectancy. Normally speaking, our weekends are full of events and runs, but few of us have been able to make solid plans. We're just starting to see glimpses of a social life show up on the empty pages of our calendars. But, it's a new season, and a new season means change. (Check out the calendar in the middle of this newsletter for all the latest rides and events, including the Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party.)

Speaking of change, things are changing all around us. Will anything ever be normal again? I don't know, but I decided to be more of a friend to change than I used to. I'm learning that change is really practice for what might be. And the more I adapt to new situations, the better I am at adjusting to what comes down the pike.

We bikers should be good at adapting to the unfamiliar. It's similar to taking a ride on a road where you've never gone before. Like riding the Tail of the Dragon for the first time. Sure, everyone tells you what it's like, but until your own rubber hits US 129, you haven't got a clue! But once you ride it, you know. Not every road will be like the Dragon (thank God for that!) but you can chalk it up as good practice for what might come your way in the future.

The Prophet Daniel found himself in an unfamiliar spot when he was asked to interpret a dream for King Nebuchadnezzar. Interpreting dreams was nothing new to Daniel. Only this time, the King demanded the dream be interpreted without knowing the dream itself. For Daniel it was do or DIE. All this prophet knew to do was to speak out what he knew to be true about God. Daniel knew these truths from past practices or encounters with God. He knew he could trust God to give him the interpretation and He did.

I agree with Daniel and here are some truths you can settle on... God has this whole thing in control. He really does. There isn't anything going on that He doesn't see or know or care about. No matter how tough or smart anyone seems, wisdom and power truly belong to Him. He is in charge of these crazy times and seasons. He can take a man or woman out of office just as fast as He put them there and God will forever rule no matter WHO takes office. If you ask Him for wisdom, He will give it to you. He shares knowledge to those who will understand and will even share His secrets with you! He's not afraid of the dark and brings light wherever He goes.

Practice your curves,
Chrissy Leonhardt
Chaplain



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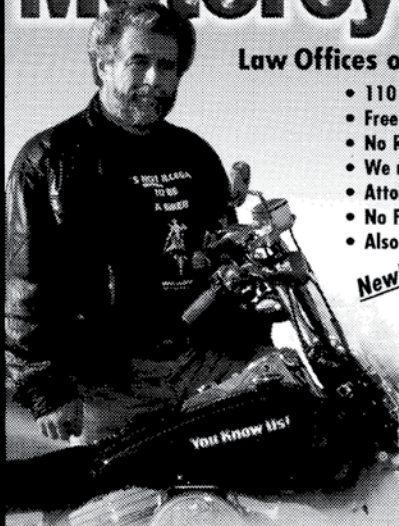
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FROM YOU ROAD CAPTAIN

What is a Road Captain

Road Captain is the name for the rider who coordinates a multiple-bike ride. Road Captain can refer to both the leader and the sweepers who, among their other duties, check that other riders are safe. Working as part of a team, the Road Captain is responsible for the safety of the riders and the smooth running of the ride itself. Duties include planning, thinking ahead, communication and rider education. The Road Captain may even act as a tour guide.

Planning the Ride

A Road Captain is a fundamental part of any ride planning. Especially where riders may number in the dozens or even hundreds, he has to be well versed in the route. He must know about potential hazards, road conditions and any special events that are happening at the time of the ride. A Road Captain will ride the route a few days in advance to make sure that nothing has changed, will keep an eye on the weather, and will also be present at ride planning meetings.

Educating and Informing Riders

The Road Captain is expected to brief the group before the ride. He will inform riders about the pace of the ride, tell them about staggered formation, and will explain what the rules are. Some rides require the participants to ride together in tight formation, while others have a more loose, "at your own pace" style. The Road Captain will also answer questions and educate new riders in hand signals and other riding etiquette. Finally, the Road Captain will let riders know what to do should they break down or have a mishap, and might have a tactful word in the ear of a rider whose behavior is causing problems.

Leading the Ride

The Road Captain leads the ride. Riders are expected to keep an eye on him for cues as to where to go next. Working in conjunction with blockers or sweepers, the Captain will also help to block off intersections to allow riders to pass without worrying about traffic. He will then pass back to the front. Sometimes the Road

Captain stays in front and only the blockers do the intersection work, and sometimes he works with the blockers. When a lane change is performed, the leader signals the change and the rear guard initiates it. This prevents lane-changing bikes from crashing into one another and also provides a safer block to traffic. Indicators are seen from the rear and a large column of bikes changing is less likely to be cut off.

Stop Coordination

At gas and fuel stops, the Road Captain will set up in a staging area he has previously chosen so that the line of bikes can assemble. After leaving, the Road Captain will wait until the rear guard signals that everyone is ready to go before accelerating to highway speed.

Other Duties of the Road Captain

Other duties of the Road Captain including dealing with the police and other unexpected surprises, and making sure everybody has a fun, safe ride. The Road Captain is part of a team that includes the sweepers and rear guard, and is, by definition, an experienced rider.





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Along with the heat there have been the sudden thunderstorms bringing lots of rain, so watch for standing water, you never know how deep it is or what is under it. The rain also makes the roads slippery.

The other thing I would like to mention is – taking care of your bike. It's not that hard to do and your bike in return will take care of you.

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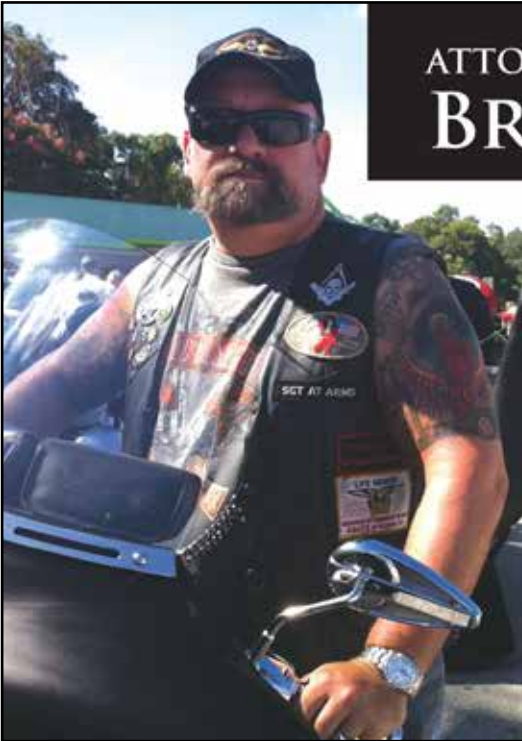
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Well thanks for reading this article and as always, Ride Safe so you can Ride Again.

Your Safety Director,
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11	12 	13	14	15 DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST	16	17
18 DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST - ABATE SE Chapter Meeting	19	20	21	22	23	24 WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY
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24th-Sat	WHEELS OF MAN MC - HALLOWEEN PARTY
25th-Sun	CMA - MEMORIAL
31st-Sat	HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER

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

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5th-Sat	SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
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12th-Sat	USMV MC - WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA
25th-Fri	Christmas Day



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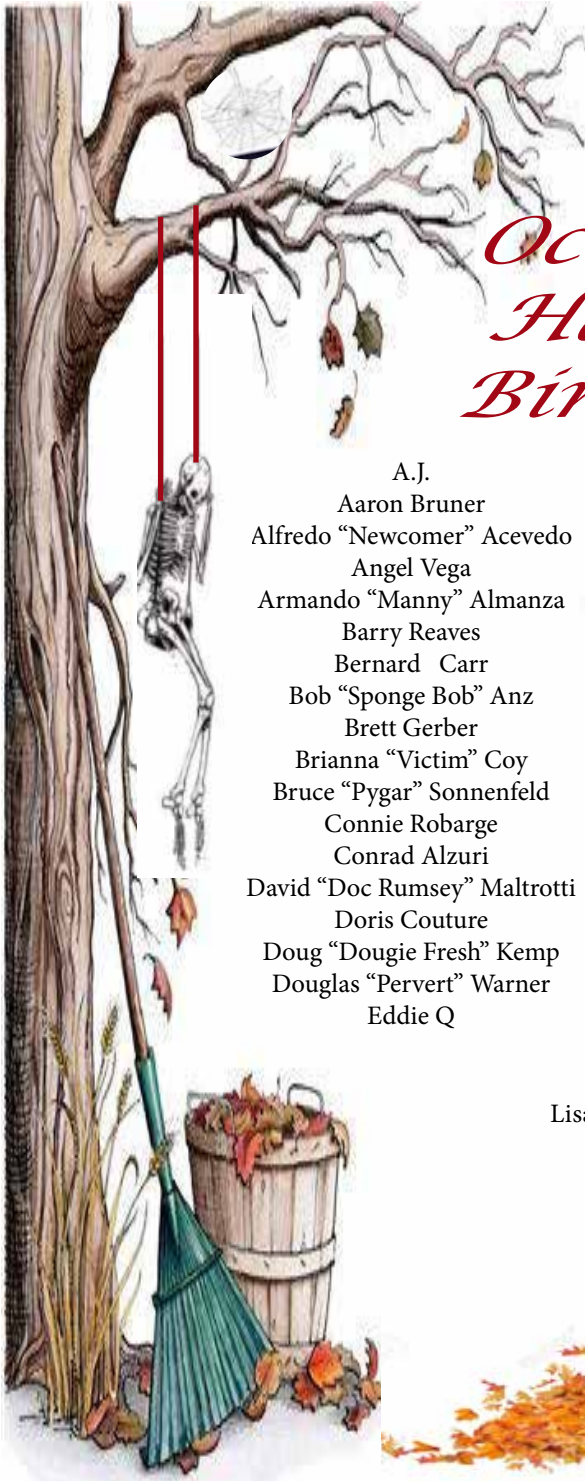
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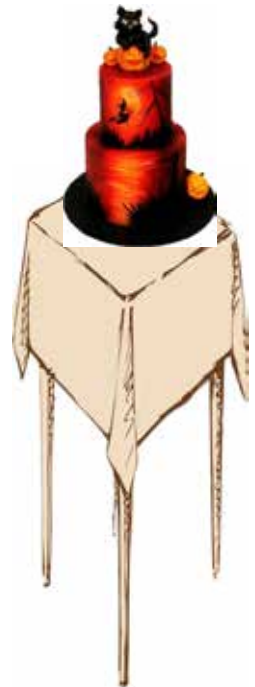
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**Educate, don't legislate – stuff we thought you might like to know*

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



This year is the 20th anniversary of the repeal of the mandatory helmet law in Florida, and it got us talking and thinking about the helmet law and why it is still such a hot topic with a lot of our brothers and sisters, and we wanted to find out more, so here's what we found.

On June 16, 2020, Governor Bush signed HB 1911 into law. The law went into effect on July 1, 2000, and Florida Statutes 316.211(3)(b) states "A person over 21 years of age may operate or ride upon a motorcycle without wearing protective headgear securely fastened upon his or her head (a helmet) if such person is covered by an insurance policy providing for at least \$10,000 in medical benefits for injuries incurred as a result of a crash while operating or riding on a motorcycle." In Florida, it was reported by the NHTSA, that when this law went into effect, almost 50% of riders stopped wearing them. Now, we aren't sure how they got that number, but it makes us think that a lot of people were happy about the new law.

ABATE is a motorcycle education and safety organization. We aren't telling you to wear a helmet or not wear a helmet, only that those who ride should decide. Not much compares to riding a motorcycle and it's a great feeling of freedom and it feels like you are one with your environment. You feel the wind and even temperature change when you move from a sunny road to under some overhanging trees. You can smell the ocean or newly cut grass or the blooming flowers, etc.


We all know any motorcycle accident is going to have some injuries, some just road rash, and others with broken bones. We looked at some different statistics about motorcycle deaths and helmets, some even from the Florida Highway Patrol, and they seem to follow close to the 50% noted above, that somewhere close to 50% of motorcycle fatalities were wearing helmets and 50% were not. Think about that.

"I think a lot of people think that a lot of fatalities are going to be without the helmets, but there are a lot of crashes that are unsurvivable because of the nature of the crash," said Florida Highway Patrol Public Affairs Officer Kim Montes. "There is no trend one way or another." According to Montes, the Florida Highway Patrol supports the right for motorcyclists to choose to wear helmets. – Chris Bonanno, Florida Today, 5/10/16

ABATE of Florida has an MSAP program, which I am happy to report, that earlier this year, our Chapter's President, Johnny Rose, and Vice President, Wavy (Jon) Viger, became certified instructors. What is the MSAP Program, you ask? It is a program created by ABATE of Florida. It was created because it is imperative that drivers understand the proper and safest way to share the road with motorcycle riders, to educate the public and help prevent fatalities and crashes and to help save lives. This is how we help save lives, with education, not legislation.

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In 2008, a law was passed in Florida that required all motorcycle riders to take a motorcycle training course before they could get a motorcycle endorsement on their driver license. Motorcycle deaths declined 30% in 2009 and the credit for this goes to the training course and the other safety campaigns, such as MSAP, that teach motorists to Watch For Motorcycles!

Johnny Rose, President of ABATE of Florida, Southeast Chapter, doesn't think that freedom of choice should be taken away from motorcycle riders. "The decline in motorcycle crashes in recent years came from safety campaigns, not more motorcycle riders wearing helmets", he said. "Motorcycle registrations were up and deaths down because of our safety and awareness campaign," Rose said. "We finally proved to everyone it's not 'not wearing a helmet' that's killing us." ABATE played a key role in getting Florida's universal helmet law repealed. - Angel Streeter, Sun Sentinel, 11/14/2011

While many motorcycle groups endorse the use of helmets, they also oppose mandatory helmet laws as infringements on personal liberties and their right to assume the risk of riding without a helmet, the report said. "We are 100 percent pro-helmet, and 100 percent anti-helmet law," Jeff Hennie, vice president of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, said. "Putting a helmet law in place does not reduce motorcycle fatalities." Educating other motorists to look out for motorcyclists, and teaching motorcyclists how to ride safely, "is the ultimate solution for saving lives," he said. - Joan Lowy, The Seattle Times, 11/28/2012

What do you think about it? ABATE is not anti-helmet, we are anti-helmet law. Even us 4 have some different thoughts on it.

Little Bit believes in wearing a helmet, but she also believes you should have a choice if you want to or not. She has had friends that did wear helmets and it saved their lives. She says that whatever you may believe, ride safe!!

Sandy gives us some pros and cons for wearing a hel-

met. Pros are: #1, safety, NHTSA said that 48% of motorcycle deaths could have been prevented if the rider wore a helmet (again, not sure where they got that number); #2, convenience, many of the newer helmets have built-in speakers and radios in them. Cons are: #1, weight, the weight of helmet can be distracting and hard for the neck to support; #2, loss of freedom, common belief by many motorcyclists is a desire for freedom and mandatory helmet laws infringe on their rights. But Sandy says she doesn't really care what others do, wear one or don't wear one. Personally, she would prefer not to wear one. When she is a passenger on a bike, and the rider shifts gears, they sometimes bump helmets and she hates that. Also, it's hot, but she does feel safer when she wears one.

Thunder has conflicting thoughts. She comes from up North, Rochester, and was Life ABATE up there and was NYMRO. New York Motorcycle Rights Organization. She went on many rides to Albany, the capitol, protesting helmet laws. She rode without a helmet. When she moved to Florida, she said, yay, I don't have to wear a helmet here. They are heavy and she has titanium in her neck from a previous injury. She didn't wear one here, except as a passenger, when asked to do so by the rider, due to various reasons. On November 24th of this past year, she had a gut feeling to wear a helmet on a ride home. It's a good thing she did, because she was in a motorcycle accident and bounced off the road 3 times and, even with the helmet, has lesions in her brain. She works at a motorcycle dealership and said that now, Harley Davidson, has an ultra-light helmet, DOT approved, of course, so she will never ride without one now. But still, let those who ride, decide!

Sheila thinks it should be a personal choice, because of freedom! She rides without a helmet only for a real short ride, like around the block. It is really the way a motorcycle should be ridden, completely free. She is more a purist, I guess you could say, when it comes to riding. She doesn't have a windshield or bags on her bike, and never will. Many of the members of her Chapter don't wear helmets and she

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OLDHIPPY'S CORNER

(throw-back October 2009)

Hello, my fellow Americans and members of SE Chapter Florida's Motorcycle Rights organization, ABATE.

This is the year that we are expecting a past ugly infringement of our "Freedom to Choose" to rear its unwelcome head again, namely the helmet law!

After the backlash with mandatory seat belt law that came in effect making it a primary offence, the cagers are making some sort of retaliatory statement for their loss of freedom of choice, such as "why do I have to buckle up" when the riders of motorcycles don't have to wear a helmet? And guess who is taking notice? Bottom line isThey let it happen! This is the same thing that can happen to us if we do not nip this in the bud by being involved.

I was going over the report that ABATE of Florida puts out showing how many members that each chapter has and the percentage of members that are voters. I find this rather interesting by the diversity of the numbers that are recorded. As of June's report, which included "At Large" members, showed anywhere from the low of 59% for Sumter and Duval Chapters to 100% for Nature Coast Chapter.

We at Southeast have only 73% of our members that state they are voters and if you take that in consideration it translates to around 150 members that have no say, no voice in decisions that can and will be made that will have an effect on our freedom and how we live our lives .

"Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote." - George Jean Nathan

The reason we ask if you are a register voter is because numbers count! When we deal with our policy makers, we can say we have so many constitutes in your area that are interested in things that will affect them, and they tend to listen! I'm asking you to please review

with our membership committee to make sure you are listed and also if you can get a voter registration card, get one, every vote counts!

If you have any question on how to find out who your law makers are, or on registering, please call me or email me at oldhippybob@yahoo.com.

Money and a shortage of it, is all you hear. People out of work, property values going down causing the revenue the government gets to be less and making it harder for them to budget the bottom line. It is a trickle-down effect for most of us, the administration for years has been pushing us to be more energy conservative in almost everything we do and especially when it comes to our gas guzzling cars. The feds get 18.5 cents a gallon as a fuel tax which funds the current Highway Trust Fund (HTF), think of it as a user fee. The money that this tax has generated has gone up each and every year because we have bought more gas which in turn has put more money into the HTF each year. Well, we did last summer what they have been preaching to us and did the unthinkable, bought less gas. It was brought on by high gas prices, people out of work and the pretty little hybrids that have ultra-high MPG's. Less gas bought, means less taxes were paid and of course means less money for the fund that is now broke from it. In fact, the fund is so broke that congress is had to infuse \$7 billion to keep the necessary funds to the state.

The current bill (PL109 59) is set to expire at the end of September and has spent \$256 billion in the last 4 years. The proposals on the table this time are suggesting that we need \$550 billion to cover the next 6 years.

Let's see, if no additional tax is put on fuel, we

can safely say the current income from the tax would be around \$250 billion over the next 6 years. That translates to around \$300 billion in revenue that needs to somehow appear from somewhere. (Remember the gizmo that records miles driven that I mention in my past post)

With the current administration efforts on healthcare , cap and trade legislation , plus all the bail out money that has been spent, coupled with fear of losing popularity, MRF has determined that they want to put the half trillion bill past the 2010 elections.

There's an 18-month extension that came out of a committee under the leadership of Barbara Boxer (DCA) to the current law. I guess Obama and her agree that a year and a half of wait time is ok for the repairs of the crumbling bridges or bring up our aged and outdated roads. It has been stated that American transportation infrastructure, mainly our roads, helped earn the top spot amongst global superpower countries. This may or not be fact but consider this: Afghanistan has only one paved road!

Simply put, Congress needs to get off their ass and do something fast. 18 months is not good enough, maybe 6 months is more reasonable. The last bill needed 12 extensions and took over a year and a half over the expiration date of the previous law, so don't look for any thing to happen for a while. Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases:

If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it. - Ronald Reagan

I'm out of time. Government still sucks and I need a beer.

Till next time...

Old Hippy

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In Memory Of Charles 'Chasman' Brandau

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Charles was born and raised in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. During his time there, he was taught under his uncles wing to become an expert painter, as well as finish stucco and plaster master craftsman. He lived in Pennsylvania until he moved to Florida in the 1980's where he continued his trade, working until he passed.

'Hard working to the end' was one of the ways his daughter Ashley described her dad. Chasman had two daughters... Ashley (Richard) Brandau and Brooke Brandau of Dania Beach. Their mother is Jackie Smith. Chasman was survived by four grandchildren, whom he loved, spoiled and adored: Hunter (13), Davantae (12), AJ (7), Aaliyah (2).

Besides hard working, he had a push to live and a drive to enjoy life. He taught his girls with tough love, but that meant he loved them and had their best interests in mind. Their dad instilled a good work ethic and showed them how to be independent at an early age. How many Girl Scout Dads do you know? Chasman filled that role for his girls for 11 years!

In his spare time, Charles was an avid deer hunter, hunting twice a year in Wisconsin's North woods. He loved animals, gardening, and he cherished his family. For Chasman, old-fashioned Sunday riding meant tak-

ing turns between family members, deciding who was going on a motorcycle ride. This was their Sunday custom.

Chasman had another custom... he knew how to party. He and his close friend Wisconsin Les were known to take long distance rides together. Both Bike Weeks in Daytona Beach were amongst their favorites. Les said with a laugh, "I had to pick Chasman's bike up off him many a time. But then again, he had to pick my bike up off of me too." What are friends for?

"No one can replace him," is what Les said about him. He was a good teacher and a Jack-of-all-Trades. He was quick to share his talents, wise, and yes – he'd give you the shirt off his back.

If he did give you his shirt, it probably was an ABATE shirt because he was a proud member of ABATE SE. After he was diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer, he passed away of complications too great to overcome. Yet Chasman will always be remembered as a fighter and a winner. Our community mourns this respected man's passing. Rest in Peace

Chrissy Leonhardt
Chaplain



Johnny's Rant Corner

Let me see, where should I start? They will not let my favorite place open up because they do not sell food there, Mickey's Tiki Bar on Andrews....But it's okay to open up the gyms, where they let all sweaty people use the equipment which is shared by everyone, just sayin'

You know, come to think of it, I think the only two places you can't go in, are hospitals to visit your family and friends, and bars. I might not be right, but I can be mad about the situation. The funny thing is, I'm not really a drinker, but I do like to socialize, even if I have to be 6 feet apart from someone, that's cool. I miss hanging out with my friends, and Mickey's (and other bars) are more than just a "bar". It is a place to go, to laugh with your friends, to unwind after a hard day, and you always get a smile.

So please let us have our biker bars open, you know, like Mickey's Tiki Bar, that would be so cool.

Remember too, that bar owners and bartenders all need to be able to have a way that they can provide for their families and pay their bills. Since they have been out of work for almost six months, please be generous tipping, when they do open. Let's get all the bars opened up. (I do have to say that ABATE does not condone drinking and riding or driving for that matter.)

Let's pray for a vaccine to kill this China virus, oh crap, it brings us back to that country, you know, that eats dogs.

And let me get this straight, now we're not going to have Leesburg BikeFest, or Peterson's Poker Run, not cool, and why not? Because China gave us some virus, just sayin'

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Peace,
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NCOM CONVENTION ROLLS ON DESPITE CORONAVIRUS

It's not too late to plan on attending the 35th Annual NCOM Convention in Indianapolis, so mark your calendar now for the weekend of October 16-18 at the Marriott Indianapolis East (7202 East 21st Street in Indianapolis) to join with hundreds of like-minded bikers rights activists from across the country in the fight for our rights!

Lectures and roundtable discussions will feature legal and legislative issues such as anti-profiling and "Save the Patch" efforts; with "Protect Your Rights/ Probable Cause" and "Vulnerable Road Users Legislation To Protect Our Riders" seminars; attorney talks on "Freedom of the Road and the Use of the Courts" and "Five Things Every MC Organization or Club Should Know"; Special Meetings for Women in Motorcycling and Clean & Sober Roundtable; as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting. Renowned EMT Dick "Slider" Gilmore will present his "Save a Biker's Life" seminar on The Golden Hour.

A highlight of the NCOM Convention will be the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet, recognizing outstanding freedom fighters for their contributions to the cause, and featuring James "Hollywood" Mececarri of Insane Throttle Motorcycle Magazine as dinner speaker.

With the Indianapolis Convention heading into the home stretch, you should pre-register now by calling

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FAKE NEWS: STURGIS RALLY NOT A "SUPER-SPREADER"

"NO, THE STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY DIDN'T SPAWN 250,000 CORONAVIRUS CASES," read the Reason magazine headline of Sept. 10, about a month after the rally that drew almost a half million bikers to South Dakota. "In plain reality, State Officials could only trace 260 cases to the biking event, an egregious and oft repeated lie goes unchecked," challenged FOX-News TV host Laura Ingraham on Sept. 10.

We were told by the mainstream press that the August gathering of bikers was a "super-spreader" that was responsible for dispersing COVID-19 to more than a quarter-million Americans (266,796), making it the root of about 20% of ALL new Coronavirus cases in the U.S., or so said researchers from the IZA Institute of Labor Economics, and national news outlets ran with it no questions asked.

"The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally represents a situation where many of the 'worst-case scenarios' for super-spreading occurred simultaneously," the researchers write in the new paper, titled "The Contagion Externality of a Superspreading Event: The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and COVID-19," which also reported that the rally cost public health \$12.2 billion.

Not so fast, replied the City of Sturgis in a prepared statement; "The San Diego State University IZA study regarding the COVID-19 cases resulting from the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is blatantly faulty," countered city manager Daniel Ainslie. "Their outrageous conclusions are antithetical to actual case data as numerous State Officials across the United States have been actively seeking to tie any COVID-19 case to the event. The careless ease with which mainstream media outlets have published a report that multiplies factual data by 1,000 is shameful."

The IZA paper "isn't science; it's fiction," Governor Kristi Noem (R) added.

JUDGE RULES PENNSYLVANIA LOCKDOWN ORDERS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Lockdowns and stay-at-home orders affect us all in many ways, but motorcycle riders in particular are impacted by problems such as traffic and transportation complications, event cancellations, as well as supply chain breakdowns that influence cost and availability of parts for maintenance and repairs. Therefore, it's interesting to note that a federal district court in Western Pennsylvania has held that certain COVID-19 mitigation measures ordered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania were in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

Conceding the efforts were a "well-intentioned effort to protect Pennsylvanians from the virus," Judge William S. Stickman, IV nevertheless held that portions of the orders issued by Governor Tom Wolf (D) violated the First Amendment as well as the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment. Issued Sept. 14 in *Butler v. Wolf*, the court found:

- Limits on gatherings of certain sizes -- up to 25 people indoors and 250 outdoors -- violated the First Amendment right of assembly;
- Orders closing "non-life-sustaining" businesses violated both the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the 14th Amendment; and
- A stay-at-home order as implemented violated the Due Process Clause.

The Commonwealth has announced it will appeal the decision.

Unlike the few earlier cases where judges limited gubernatorial power under state constitutions, Judge Stickman found that Pennsylvania's virus mitigation efforts violated the U.S. Constitution; thus, according to the *National Law Review*, his opinion arguably raises issues that could impact COVID-19 mitigation orders nationwide.

DEMAND FOR RIDER TRAINING STAYS STRONG DURING PANDEMIC

Through statewide lockdowns and pandemic precautions nationwide, and months into the Coronavirus crisis, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation reports seeing strong demand for rider education across the country, with many states and locales experiencing an increased training volume over last year's numbers despite operating under reduced capacity due to local rules.

"Last month, we beat our sales forecast for MSF curriculum materials, and that original prediction was made a year ago, before any of us had heard of COVID-19," said Robert Gladden, MSF vice president of training operations. "Also, we blew right through the forecast on log-ins, with many current and potential riders visiting us on the web and gaining some good motorcycle education through their computers and mobile devices."

The MSF has conducted 26 vRETS webinars for thousands of RiderCoaches, has provided interim training guidelines on moving classroom activities to safer environments outside on training ranges, and implemented a COVID-19 waiver and release that enabled many course providers to resume training at public facilities.

"The fact that training volume remains high, with classes scheduled well into autumn, is a testament not only to the hard work and dedication of the MSF training community, but also to the popularity of motorcycling as hundreds of thousands of students seek out MSF instruction," said Gladden, adding "We're pleased and proud to help them become riders and remain lifelong learners."

OFF-ROAD CYCLE SALES SOAR AS MORE RIDERS PLAYING IN THE DIRT

Off-highway motorcycle sales rocketed 50.3% in the first half of the year compared with the same period last year, while dual-purpose motorcycle sales jumped 20.9%, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council Retail Sales Reporting System.

“The pandemic has amplified what’s positive about getting out on motorcycles,” said Erik Pritchard, president and CEO of the Motorcycle Industry Council. “You can get out of the house, have fun with your loved ones, and still maintain social distancing.”

Off-highway motorcycles include dirt bikes, trail bikes, competition motorcycles, and other motorized two-wheelers that cannot be used on public roads. Dual-purpose motorcycles are street legal and are also designed to be used on off-road trails.

At the same time, on-highway motorcycles saw sales in the first six months up 6.4% from 2019.

“There are many benefits to motorcycles and scooters,” according to Pritchard. “In normal times, studies have shown that they help alleviate congestion. During this pandemic, being on a motorcycle means being able to avoid crowds and lessening the chance of spreading and picking up germs. And many riders say it adds fun to a normally mundane commute.”

MOTORCYCLE THEFTS DECLINE IN THE U.S.

Unlike cars, which have a plethora of anti-theft security features, motorcycles are pretty much left to the mercy of thieves, and it would appear that a lot of riders have become more vigilant in securing their beloved bikes in ways to prevent motorcycle theft.

Motorcycle theft is at an all-time low over the past four years, according to a report by the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) that states in 2019, pre-pandemic, a total of 40,380 motorcycles were stolen, compared to a rather alarming 46,467 bikes poached in 2016, down more than 13%. In addition, of all the bikes stolen in 2019, nearly half of them were recovered.

It’s interesting to note that the most popular make of motorcycle to fall victim to theft comes from Honda, with a total of 8,122 bikes stolen in 2019. Yamaha comes in second place with 6,495 bikes poached, while Harley-Davidson sits in third with 4,737 bikes lost to theft. Suzuki and Kawasaki follow shortly after. Interestingly, premium brands like Ducati, KTM, and BMW aren’t as frequently stolen.

MANUFACTURERS SPEAK OUT AS CALLS TO BAN NOISY MOTORCYCLES SPREAD

Manufacturers have their view on the growing campaigns to limit the noise of motorcycles or ban them altogether from certain popular routes, and have intimated they will need to factor in new solutions for upcoming models amid a wave of bans, fines and restrictions being imposed on perceived noisy motorcycles around the globe.

While the debate over the ‘nuisance’ caused by certain motorcyclists has raged for years, the argument is increasingly taking on a more volatile tone in Europe as councils wage war with legislation and bans being imposed on certain routes.

With noise-measuring devices already being trialed in some countries, the German Federal Council launched the “Initiative Against Motorcycle Noise” in May calling for bans for those who flout the rules. Then in June, the Austrian state of Tyrol imposed bans on motorcycles emitting 95dB of stationary noise – encompassing a number of high-selling models.

Moreover, there are increasing calls for action in Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France too as a result of these precedents.

According to www.visordown.com, “The impact of such measures if they threaten to become the norm across Europe could have big ramifications for the motorcycle industry with manufacturers needing to factor in legislation when developing brand-new models, leading to toned down engine approaches.”

Stefan Pierer, ACEM (Association des Constructeurs Européens de Motocycles) President and Head of KTM and Husqvarna said: “As an association of the major global motorcycle manufacturers, ACEM has drawn up specific plans for sustainable and timely measures to combat the volume problem. The association and its members work closely with European legislators to solve the problems that can arise from exceeding the permitted noise limits.”

PORNHUB TEAMS WITH ITALIAN E-BIKE COMPANY FOR 'FREE RIDE'

The world's largest adult streaming video service PornHub teamed up with Italian e-bike sharing company MiMoto for a "Free Ride" promotion in Italy.

Accessing more family-friendly platforms, PornHub has become known for its unusual crossover strategies, such as making its Premium service free in Italy to "lessen the pressure of lockdown during the Coronavirus crisis."

"PornHub thought that offering a free ride on our scooters could be a good way to bring people together in a different way," announced MiMoto. "The partnership between a green sharing service and the most important company in the adult entertainment sector is a perfect example of how society can come together to change paradigms and evolve in a responsible way, also by uniting two companies with such different contents." Hubba-hubba!

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Believe nothing, no matter where you read it or who has said it, not even if I have said it, unless it agrees with your own reason and common sense."
~ Buddha (5th century B.C. India), teacher, philosopher & spiritual leader

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envies them, but she almost always wears a helmet for 4 really good reasons, 2 of them are her grandsons and the other 2 are

her granddaughters. Her daughter and stepdaughter

are pretty adamant about her wearing a helmet, and she agrees. She wants to take every precaution to stay as strong and healthy as possible, and even though riding is a bit more risky than a car, if a helmet protects her and makes the “kids” feel better about her riding, then so be it.

So... speaking of Sheila's daughter, she is for mandatory helmet laws, and I asked her why. She said that if she is driving her car and gets into an accident with a motorcycle rider, that is not her fault, and the rider is seriously injured or dies, it will affect the rest of her life. She said that if it is a serious injury, she will be worrying for many days about the health of that person, and if they do die, that will always be with her,

every day, that because she was in that place at that time, someone is dead, and that person's family is now hurting, even though not her fault, she was still part of the reason. I do need to throw in here, that Sheila was hit by a car a few years back, while on her motorcycle, and her knee was broken, but nothing else but serious road rash, but her daughter came to the hospital as soon as she heard and saw her mother lying in a hospital bed with a very bloody head and arms, so that did affect her feelings on motorcycle accidents. I told her that motorcycle accidents can cause injury and death, even with a helmet, and jokingly said, maybe we should have a separate lane, like we do for bicycles, for motorcycles on the road, and she said, maybe we should. Hmm...think about that one.

“Risk is good. Not managing your risk is a dangerous leap.” Evel Knievel

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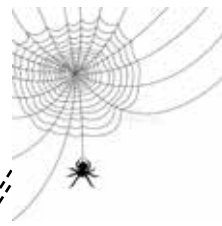
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To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

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