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## from your president

Greetings once again brothers and sisters! Thank you for taking the time to pick up and reading our newsletter in its 398th issue!

I regret to inform you all that for health and family reasons, Jim "Gambler" Willard tendered his resignation as President of Southeast Chapter on Monday August 22, 2016. I would personally like the thank Jim for all that he has done for ABATE of Florida, Inc., and our Southeast Chapter.

On (or about) July 23rd, myself and a few other ABATE, SE members attended Wheels of Man MC's Chili Cook off at their Clubhouse. Man, what a great turnout and variety of chili. I had two bowls that were fantastic! The band was rockin' it and there were plenty of cold beverages being downed!!! Awesome job Wheels of Man MC!

On the 29th, we rolled over to the Mystic Seven MC's clubhouse for their open house, and what a great time we had there! There was a great spread of good food, and plenty of cold beverages! I would also like to acknowledge that they have a couple of proud sons currently serving in the U.S. Army, and as an Army Veteran myself, I thank my brothers for their selfless duty and sacrifice to our great nation!

From there we rode over to the Keltics MC's clubhouse to finish off the night, and what a great finish it was!!! On August 12th – 14th, ABATE, SE had a safety booth at the South Florida Tattoo Convention, and from what I heard; great times were had by all!! Critter and I had to attend a ABATE state meeting, so we were unable to be there.

On August 12th – 14th, Critter and I attended the bi-monthly state meeting, and as always it was interesting and informative. The delegates from each chapter voted on and approved a new patch that the state will be producing for your consumption, and I have to say, they are pretty awesome!!! Not just because my wife Critter designed them either!

With any luck they will be ready in time enough for our run to the state capitol next April (more info on that to follow). It is also great to get a chance to talk, hang out with, and share ideas with members from our other chapters. I strongly encourage Southeast Membership, if you happen to be in the area of any our other chapters, to reach out to them and perhaps attend one of their meetings, because (like us) they are a great bunch of people!

Speaking (or writing that is) of visiting our other chapters, there are still plenty of tickets to the state annual event at the Peace River Campground in Arcadia October 7th, 8th, and 9th. Tickets are available by contacting Critter at 954-850-5452. Buy them early for a discounted pre-sale price for \$30, which includes entrance and camping for the whole weekend. They will be \$35 at the gate. I'll be there and I hope you will too. So contact Critter and get your tickets while they are still available, because our chapter meeting in September will be your last chance to get them prior to the event! ABATE Southeast Chapter's 36th Annual Event is scheduled for October 30th at Mickey's and we'll see you all 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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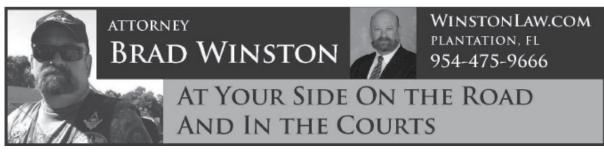


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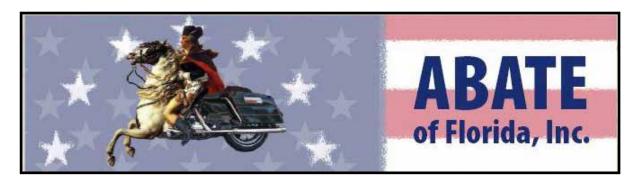
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## Southeast Chapter Meeting Minutes Held at the Davie Moose Lodge August 21, 2016

Sgt @ Arms Steve "Nighthawk" Chomiak called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM. There were 29 members and three guests. The meeting started following the Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence and a prayer by Poppie,

<u>President's Report:</u> Gambler reminded everyone about Election Day and how important it is to vote. He thanked everyone for their help at the Tattoo Expo, and reminded everyone about the State Party & Bash, October 7th at Peace River.

Vice-President's Report: Ratchet thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He mentioned he and Critter attended the State Meeting in Ocala and how nice it is to meet the other Chapters, Ratchet also reminded everyone to vote and keep in mind the people that are biker friendly and support our causes.

<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 June. A motion was made to accept the financial report, seconded; all were in favor. Motion was passed.

<u>Sergeant at Arms' Report:</u> Steve first congratulated Prime on the birth of his new daughter. He then reminded everyone about schools opening, be care and also watch the other driver as well as children.

Road Captain's Report: John "Wavy" also thanked everyone for their help at the Tattoo Convention. Next Saturday is the Outcast Party. More details will come on the ride over, He also mentioned to be watchful at school zones and be watchful of the drivers as well as the children. Wavy mentioned doing a ride to the Navy Seals Museum in Vero Beach sometime in October. More info on that to follow when the time gets closer.

<u>Safety Director's Report:</u> Prime had nothing to report

**Products Report:** This position is currently Vacant. Anyone interested see a board member.

<u>Events Coordinator:</u> Jimmy Les reported we are having insurance issues for our October 30th event. We are still looking for a place to hold the event. All suggestions are welcome. We also will need door prizes.

**State Representative Report:** Critter gave her report from the State Meeting. Two chapters have closed Alachua and Brevard. We have new safety products that each chapter will be given. The State is making up nice postcards that will have many uses, ie: send to newly elected officials, thank you writing notes to legislators. Tallahassee Run will be April 10th, we still have no word back from the Governor. Our Rep, Critter did artwork and presented it to Doc on the new patches ABATE is making with the saying Biker's Lives Matter, they might also be making up Tee Shirts with the artwork by Critter. There was discussion on the topic Lives Matter and the wording. The State Party/Bash was discussed and ticket sales have to be back to the State one week prior to the Bash. Also there was tickets for sale for the beautiful quits made out of each chapters shirts.

Membership Report: George reported that this month was a slow one. We had 8 renewals, no life members, no new ones for a total membership of 515. A reminder, when submitting all membership forms PLEASE fill them out completely, send it in a timely manner, so that we can read it. Thank you very much for your support and membership to the Southeast Chapter.

Newsletter Editor: Ada reported she needs the articles for the newsletter today.

All photos are welcome. She mentioned the Sept 4th event has been cancelled that is on the calendar.

Legislative Report: Brad spoke on the Helmet Bill that is going to rear its ugly head again. He reminded everyone that early voting has started and the importance of voting. For those in the Palm Beach area tell them Jeff Clemens is against ABATE and to support Irv Slosberg, who is a longtime supporter of Safety. With that Brad handed out detailed color maps showing the District's for Broward County, Florida State Senate Districts and a breakdown of candidates, Dem/Rep. for each District. There was discussion by Suzanne, Ada and Paul in some issues.

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

Billing and Invoicing: Pixie was not present but has communicated with Gambler on who is up to date and who is late. We will be making changes to the Billing and Payments of the Advertisers.

Social Director's Report: Patty spoke about the August Birthday Cake and that we will be having it after the meeting. Today we are celebrating former Pres, Frank T's Birthday. Happy Birthday Frank, (yes, we know you're only 39 and holding) There will not be any more birthday parties at the advertisers.

Newsletter Distribution: 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 had no photos, but was going to contact Ax Man. She also mentioned trying to do a Blast From The Past Page. Anyone with pictures from the past send then to Ada.

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

<u>Legal Council</u>: Demetrios was not present to report.

<u>Old Business:</u> Gambler mentioned the event tickets for the October State Bash, and spoke on the success of the Tattoo Convention.

## New Business & Good of the Order:

There was discussion on some of the members that have moved out of the area being able to listen to the meeting, ie: WebEx, Skype. Cooper City Legion Post 321 is doing their Chili Cook Off for 911. Our Road Capt, Wavy spoke on riding to the meeting as a group for more show. The Key West Poker Run in the Key West is coming up as well as States Tune up Party on 9/11.

There was a Motion on the Floor by Bob Anz to move the next chapter meeting ahead one week to Sept 25, 2016, because of people going to the Peterson's Poker Run in Key West. A Vote was called for, all in favor, no discussion, Motion passed. So our next Meeting will be September 25, 2016.

Teddy Bear spoke on the Ride for Autism, Sept 24, at Nova Southeastern University. Some of our members went last year and he would like to do it again this year. The kids just love looking at the bikes and some even got to sit on them. Be there early for photo and line up, around 8:30AM. There will be a flyer posted. New life member badges and patches were passed out. A question was asked about the insurance we are entitled to as an Abate Member and Jimmy Les gave Art's name and number out 954-294-6354. Art has been our rep for many years. We passed around the bucket to help a member in need who was very appreciative.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was called for, seconded, all were in favor. Our next meeting date is September 25, 2016, at the Moose, Davie, FL. Hope to see everyone there.

See you on the Road

Marie Baxter, Secretary S. E. Chapter





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## <u>A Message From</u> Your Vice President

I am VP of Abate SE for the time being, once again. At least until we have a vote of confidence at the next chapter meeting. Reasons for this will be forthcoming.

I am happy to serve our chapter again.

V.P.
Poppie
ABATE of Florida, Inc., Southeast Chapter



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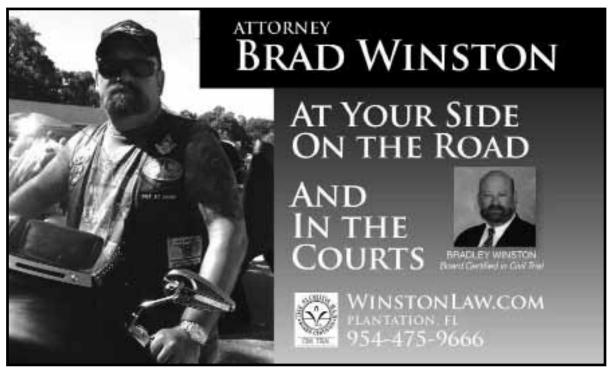
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## NEWS from our State Legislative Rep - Darrin "Scribe" Brooks

#### The RFS Standard and the Next President

WASHINGTON, DC – Over the past several years, motorcyclists have shown an increasing interest in the politics surrounding ethanol, and more specifically, the Renewable Fuel Standard. Congress adopted the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) in 2005 and expanded it in 2007. The program requires oil companies to blend increasing volumes of renewable fuels like ethanol with gasoline and diesel, culminating with 36 billion gallons in 2022.

Ultimately, the effects of the mandatory increase in renewable fuels will be seen at the pump. Critics of the RFS are concerned that they will be forced to use higher ethanol-blended gasoline like E15 in their bikes. And their concern is valid. There is reason to believe that ethanol can impact smaller engines like those used in motorcycles, boats, snowmobiles and power equipment among others. Higher levels of ethanol put into a small engine, can make it run at higher temperature. Further, because ethanol is an alcohol, it attracts water. When you have water that comes into an engine, the potential of corrosion can occur.

Needless to say, motorcyclists are concerned. But so are many others. Because there is so much controversy over the ethanol mandate, we have seen Congress introduce dozens of measures that both support and criticize the current mandate. However, as the legislative year winds down, it is looking less and less likely that any of these proposals will be passed into law. As an effect, both ethanol proponents and critics are looking at the issue through the lens of a possible Trump Administration or Clinton Administration. Rhetoric on the issue between the two candidates can give some indication of where they might fall on the contentious issue of ethanol.

At an event hosted by the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, Trump clearly stated to the room of ethanol supporters that he supported higher blends of ethanol and that the EPA should follow through on the ethanol

mandates set forth by Congress. Though he made his position crystal clear, it's important to remember the setting for the speech and also that the speech was made just days before the Iowa caucus; a critical state during primary season. Although since then and more recently, Mr. Trump has been quoted as saying that ethanol is, "the key to complete American energy Independence," even meeting with major ethanol producers.

For former Senator Clinton, she made waves recently, when it was reported that that the Clinton campaign had discussed the Renewable Fuel Standard with Mary Nichols, chairman of the California Air Resources Board, a noted critic of the ethanol standard, and potential Clinton EPA chief. Though when asked, a Clinton spokesperson rejected the notion that Mrs. Clinton would repeal the RFS. It also should be noted that in May, Mrs. Clinton wrote an op-ed for an Iowa publication where she indicated that she supported the ethanol mandate but there was room for improvement.

Given the controversy surrounding the issue, it's likely that both candidates will be asked for their positions during the presidential debates leading up to the November elections. Both those who support and those who oppose the ethanol mandates are likely to be listening with baited breath in an attempt to predict what the future holds for ethanol in America.

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### ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT



Hey Everyone,

Abate Road Captain here.

Well didn't have too many rides during the month of August. My bike broke down and was in the shop for a few days. I won't mention what shop performed the repairs, they know who they are. But I do want to thank "Gina and her crew" for doing such a great job. My bike has never shifted better.

On another note, thank you to all that helped at the Tattoo Expo, especially Night Hawk who worked every day from open till close, and was in charge of the cookies, LOL. He made sure the kids got them. I would like to tell you about one in particular, maybe about 2 years old and the smile on her face was a priceless Kodak moment. We had lots of fun and talked to lots of people that were very interested in Abate.

Well school starts soon so please watch out for the "STUPID" drivers in a hurry because they are running late since they won't discipline their kids and get them up and out of the door on time.

Once again a thank you to all the MC's for their support,

Until next time,

Road Captain Jon "Wavv" Viger



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25: KELTICS MC - PARTY

#### **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

### **NOVEMBER 2016**

5: HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL

11: Veterans Day

12: USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL

19: LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL

20: ALTERNATIVE MC PARTY

24: Thanksgiving Day

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4: SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN

10: PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING

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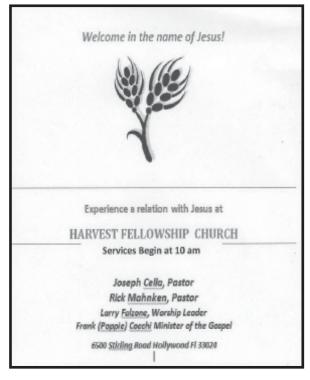












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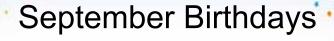
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### H-D CEASES SALES OF PERFORMANCE DE-VICES THAT ADD TO AIR POLLUTION

Without conceding, Harley-Davidson will pay \$15 million in fines and penalties to settle a federal lawsuit brought by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) accusing the American motorcycle-maker of selling illegal performance devices that increase pollution.

Under terms of the settlement on Thursday, August 19, 2016 Harley is to stop selling its "Screamin' Eagle" Pro Super Tuners by August 23, and to buy back and destroy all such tuners in stock at its dealerships. H-D must also deny warranty claims if owners continue to use the "illegal devices."

The consent decree resolves government allegations that Harley-Davidson sold roughly 340,000 "super tuners" since 2008 that, once installed, cause motorcycles to emit higher amounts of certain air pollutants than what the Milwaukee-based manufacturer certified to the EPA. According to the EPA, the modified settings increase power and performance, but also increase the motorcycles' emissions of hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides.

Harley did not admit liability, and said in a statement it disagrees with the government's position arguing that the devices were designed and sold to be used in "competition only." The Motor Company said the settlement represents "a good faith compromise with the EPA on areas of law we interpret differently, particularly EPA's assertion that it is illegal for anyone to modify a certified vehicle even if it will be used solely for off-road/closed-course competition."

An EPA spokesman said that the vast majority of these tuners were used on public roads, and the sale of such "defeat devices" violates the federal Clean Air Act. Harley was also accused of selling more than 12,600 motorcycles that were not covered by an EPA certification that ensures a vehicle meets federal clean air standards.

"Given Harley-Davidson's prominence in the industry, this is a very significant step toward our goal of stopping the sale of illegal after-market defeat devices that cause harmful pollution on our roads and in our communities," said John Cruden, head of the Justice Department's environmental and natural resources division.

The EPA has been investigating after-market part emission issues for more than five years. In 2012, Suzuki Motor Corp paid an \$885,000 fine to EPA for selling 25,458 ATVs and dirt bikes because they were built to allow for the installation of an after-market part that increased horsepower and emissions.

# CALIFORNIA LEGALIZES LANE SPLITTING, GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL INTO LAW

California has become the first state to formally recognize lane splitting as a legal maneuver for motorcyclists, as Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 51 into law on Friday, August 19, 2016.

The legislation does not specify rules for lane splitting, but simply a) defines lane splitting as "driving a motorcycle, that has 2 wheels in contact with the ground, between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the same lane, as specified"; and b) authorizes the California Highway Patrol (CHP), in consult with other agencies and organizations, to "develop educational guidelines relating to lane splitting in a manner that would ensure the safety of the motorcyclist, drivers and passengers."

Lane splitting has long existed in a legal gray area in California, without being expressly prohibited nor allowed, but permitted by law enforcement. The CHP published educational guidelines on lane-splitting in 2012, but regulators later ruled the agency had no authority to make public policy.

The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Assembly members Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) and Tom Lackey (R-Palmdale), passed unanimously through the state Senate 38-0 and the Assembly 74-0 and essentially clarifies that the CHP does in fact have the authority and permission to devise guidelines for splitting lanes.

Many studies have found proper lane splitting to be safe, and the practice of "filtering" through traffic to reduce congestion is legal in much of the world.

### RESTRICTING ETHANOL LIMITS IN AMERI-CA'S FUEL

NCOM Board Member Dave "Animal" Reid (Touring Groups Liaison to the National Coalition of Motorcyclists) recently reported that; "I sent a letter to my congresswoman about the EPA's desire to increase the ethanol content up from E-10 to E-15, and what it might do to all manner of small and air cooled motors.

She responded, saying that a congressman from Texas had introduced a bill that would prohibit the EPA Administrator from introducing anything greater than 9.7% into the fuel supplies.

Folks of both our Confederation of Clubs (COC) and ABATE inquired about the bill, and I've tracked it in the U.S. House of Representatives - it's fresh and has quite a list of co-sponsors, so with other changes happening in the world, with the bipartisan support it seems to have, it may see some forward movement."

That measure, House Resolution 5180, was introduced on May 10, 2016 by U.S. Representative Bill Flores (R-TX) "to alleviate the ethanol blend wall under the renewable fuel program," and has been referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 5180 currently has 103 cosponsors from both sides of the aisle.

The bill effectively circumvents the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) mandates for increasing levels of ethanol in our gasoline, capping the level at E-10, stating "the Administrator shall not determine any renewable fuel obligation for a calendar year that would result, directly or indirectly, in the introduction into commerce in the United States of a total volume of ethanol contained in transportation fuel that is greater than 9.70 percent of the total volume of gasoline projected to be sold or introduced into commerce in the United States for such calendar year."

#### **ILLINOIS OKAYS BLUE-DOT TAIL LIGHTS**

"Blue Dot" tail lights, so-called because a blue crystal

mounted in the center of the red lens cover emits a violet hue when actuated, have become popular with motorcyclists for both customization and conspicuity, but most states' traffic codes specify that a tail light must be red in color, and therefore they are illegal.

Supported by ABATE of Illinois, House Bill 4105 amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to "Provide that motorcycles may be equipped with a blue light or lights of up to one inch in diameter located on the rear of the motorcycle as a part of the motorcycle's rear stop lamp or lamps," and was signed into law by Governor Bruce Rauner on July 22, 2016, becoming effective January 1st.

## RIDERS AND DRIVERS NOW HAVE OPTION TO "RIDE ON RED" IN PENNSYLVANIA

Motorcyclists and motorists in Pennsylvania will no longer have to wait at a traffic light that is locked on red, as Governor Tom Wolf signed into law a bill sponsored by Rep. Stephen Bloom (R-Cumberland) that allows drivers of all vehicles the option to proceed with caution through an intersection when a traffic signal is unresponsive, only after exercising due care as provided by law.

"If the vehicle detection system fails to recognize the vehicle and the driver has come to a complete stop, the driver must then make sure it is safe to continue, and only then would they be able to lawfully proceed with caution through the intersection," Bloom explained to FOX43 News in Harrisburg, PA.

Originally intended only for motorcycles, which often fail to trigger traffic lights due to their smaller size, Senate Bill 1267 was expanded to apply to all vehicles.

Deemed "Ride on Red," Bloom added that the goal of the legislation is to solve practical problems while ensuring safety. "This law does not give drivers a free pass, but ensures a safe and legal option to avoid the danger and inconvenience of being trapped in perpetuity at a locked red light," Bloom said. "This issue is more common than many people realize, especially on rural roads or during late hours when long periods often elapse before a heavier vehicle comes along to finally trip the unresponsive light."

Signed into law on July 20, 2016 as part of Act 101, the new law takes effect 60 days after the bill-signing,

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near the end of September.

### CRASHES INVOLVING DISTRACTED TEEN-AGERS ON THE RISE

Not only have inattentive Pokémon GO players caused accidents with everything from motorcycles to police cars, it gets even more dangerous when teenagers get behind the wheel with their phones. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety reports that 59% of teen crashes involve distractions behind the wheel, and highlights a disturbing trend showing that texting and social media use are on the rise amongst teen drivers.

In collaboration with researchers at the University of Iowa, as part of the most comprehensive eight-year research project ever conducted into crash videos of teen drivers, the AAA Foundation analyzed the moments leading up to a crash in more than 2,200 videos captured from in-car dash cameras: - Talking or attending to other passengers in the vehicle: 15% of crashes - Talking, texting or operating a cell phone: 12% of crashes - Attending to or looking at something inside the vehicle: 11% of crashes

This supports findings by Pew Research Center, which shows text messaging has become a key component in day-to-day interactions among teenagers. Fifty-five percent of teens spend time every day texting, sending an estimated 80 text messages per day.

Research by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute found that texting creates a crash risk 23 times worse than driving while not distracted. A recent AAA Foundation survey shows that nearly 50% of teen drivers admitted they had read a text message or email while driving in the past 30 days.

NHTSA's National Occupant Protection Use Survey also shows that from 2007 to 2014, the percentage of young drivers seen visibly manipulating a hand-held device quadrupled.

Some states have laws against using a cell phone while driving for any reason, but most do not. Of states, 39% ban cell phone use for under 18 and 46% ban texting while driving.

### MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS PSA WARNS: ONE MISTAKE CAN HAUNT YOU FOREVER

"This has been a bad year for motorcycle crashes," says Annette Torrez, chair of the New Mexico Motor-

cycle Rights Organization (NMMRO) and member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Board of Directors.

"Please take a moment to watch this PSA on motorcycle safety awareness....ONE MISTAKE CAN HAUNT YOU FOREVER (www.youtube.com/watch?v=Edzg4XjDPZY).

Richard Sturgeon, a New Mexico Motorcycle Safety Advocate from Los Alamos National Lab, stars as the Dead Zombie biker in this powerful film produced by Sam Crooks of Sam's Commercials to be presented at the Reel Deal movie theater in Los Alamos.

"I am hoping NM DOT will use this PSA," Torrez said, adding that "we are also waiting to hear about the LOOK OUT FOR MOTORCYCLES signs to go up soon in high motorcycle crash locations in the Albuquerque area, all purchased with private donations."

### YAMAHA TO USE A.I. TO ENHANCE MOTOR-CYCLE SAFETY

Yamaha Motor Co. is working on the use of artificial intelligence to enhance motorcycle safety. The system, developed jointly with a U.S. research body, is based on the same one revealed last year that allows humanoid robots to test ride motorcycles.

The objective is to reduce motorcycle spills, said company President Hiroyuki Yanagi. "We want to facilitate driving operations of our motorcycles and reduce the burden on riders to allow them to pay more attention to safety," said Yanagi.

Yamaha hopes to reverse slumping domestic sales by adopting advanced technologies to reduce motorcycle accidents such as overturns and collisions.

"We'll use the expertise we've acquired from robots for our motorcycles," Yanagi said. "We'll promote the development of technologies to make motorcycle driving easier."

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~ Kathleen Norris (1880-1966) novelist and columnist



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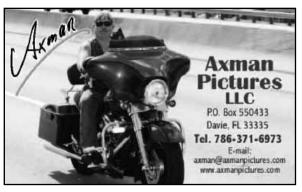
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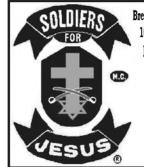




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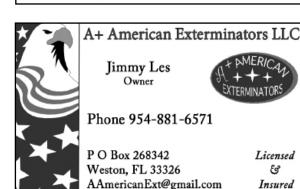
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To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.

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### **UPCOMING SE CHAPTER MEETINGS**

September 25, 2016 - Sunday 10AM October 23, 2016 - Sunday 10AM

at:

Davie Moose Lodge # 1798 4483 SW 64th Ave, Davie, FL 33314 Phone:(954) 584-1899 Just North of Orange Dr. on Davie Rd.

Come & join the ranks of those who care to be involved!