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## President's Message

My sincerest wishes to everyone for a Happy and Prosperous New Year. May it bring you and your families good health, wealth, happiness and peace.

2006, Can you believe it? Did somebody leave the fast forward button on? I haven't even had enough time to finish bitchin' about all the stupid stuff I've seen in 2005.

Although, there were some actual success stories, there's still some unfinished business to take care of in my book.

Along with the success' of 2005 come some new challenges and some of them ol' familiar taunts still remain. The fact that we are still looked down on and discriminated against by business owners, their staff and their customers. Especially when it's not "Bike Night". Oh yeah, I can understand their concern. We ride motorcycles, drink beer, laugh a lot, talk, enjoy friendship, brotherhood and being with our friends. How un American can you get? Hell, we even like baseball, football and wrasslin'.

It's ok to let us in one night a week but every night and especially on weekends, "I don't know, my customers feel intimidated"

"We better keep an eye on 'em, their havin' way too much fun". "We gotta save them from themselves". "Let's make it against the law to ride the kind of motorcycle *they* want and make 'em buy bikes that the EPA has deemed environmentally friendly and put the small shops out of business". "Yeah and make 'em wear helmets too". "We'll stop them from building their own bikes, after all it might show creativity and individualism". "We'll stop this nonsense". Yeah, that's it! "We'll make 'em stop wearing those patch's too. "Let's just make them miserable and oblivious just like us".

It may seem a bit ridiculous but this seems to be the attitude and mentality (or lack there of) whenever the subject of motorcyclist rights comes up with some local and state politicians. These are some of the things we're facing during the coming election year. These restrictions and discriminatory actions are realities. We must not fail to

## **Presidents Message - CONT'D**

address these issues. There is too much hanging in the balance. Our action must be swift and well supported.

It's crucial that we make our voices heard, because these are elected officials representing the masses. The only thing that matters to them is money, votes and power. They will swing in any direction at any given time to gain one or all of those things. We saw it in 2005, when Senator

Martinez flipped over and supported a federal Bill requiring all states to be in compliance with a mandatory helmet law or lose federal funding. Fortunately we were able to beat that down through a rapid response and strong support but it just goes to show you that some of these officials are not acting in anyone's behalf other their own.

It is in our best interest to find out where candidates running for city, county and state office stand on issues regarding motorcyclist rights, safety and awareness. We must make contact with them and gather as much information on their platform as possible in order to support those who do and communicate those who don't. If you have contact information for any of these candidates, please forward the information to me. Don't get me wrong not every candidate is the enemy, we have some very strong supporters in positions of influence at the county and state levels.

We need to let our State President and lobbyist know what's going on in our cities and in our county. We need to show our support for Doc as well. He's on the front line in Tallahassee. The more we can help him the better he can represent us here in Palm Bch. County.

Brothers and Sisters please try to make the rides and party scheduled for this month. I would like to see our chapter get off to a great start doing what we all love. I would like to invite everyone to join us for the first three events of the New Year.

I would like to ask you to show your support by participating in at least one event or group ride per month. We have 10 people signed up for the **January 8th "Blessing of the Bikes" Event at States MC Clubhouse in Pompano Bch.** This will also serve as our first official group ride as a chapter. Your presence is requested please try to attend.

## **Presidents Message - CONT'D**

Sports Corner will be sponsoring a **"Biker Appreciation Night" January 14th from 4PM to 10PM** it would be great to have all members of our chapter there to show our support for Tweety and Fran and to introduce ourselves as ABATE Palm Bch. Chapter to those of our brothers and sisters that may not know were out here.

A chapter ride is scheduled for **Sunday January 22nd for the ABATE Southeast Chapter Annual Rights Rally**. This is an event we should all attend not just out of support but because these are our brothers and sisters. Our chapter was spawned from this chapter they have pledged their support and have given us a solid foundation in which to build. Let's let 'em know we're there to do our part in any way we can.

I hope those of you who haven't decided, will give it some serious consideration and make the

ride to the Blessing of the Bikes and the SE Chapter Rights Rally. The Biker Appreciation Night is right in our backyard, try to stop by sometime that night.

Until we ride again

## **Ride Free and Ride Safe**

**Strongbow - President**  
**ABATE Palm Beach Chapter**  
president@abatepalmbeach.com



**Motorcycle Rights & Safety  
Dedicated to  
"Freedom of Choice, Freedom of the Road"**

You may know us as the motorcycle organization that got the helmet law repealed in Florida or from our motorcycle rights and safety rally's throughout the year.

ABATE of Florida is not a club, we are a motorcycle rights & safety organization dedicated to promoting motorcycle safety while remaining ever vigilant of the legislative issues concerning motorcyclists' nationwide.

**THERE ARE NO MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS**

Because we are not a club there are no mandatory rides or meetings to attend. We do not require our members to wear our patch. If you are currently a member of a motorcycle club or any other motorcycle association or organization we welcome your support as a member.

**YOUR COLORS OR PATCH ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN OUR HOUSE.**

Our most recent victories include the passing of Bill HB1697 requiring stiffer penalties for a motorist turning left in front of another motorist, one of the leading causes of injury and death to motorcyclist'. A reformed bill regarding "Ape Hangers" has also been passed, handlebars are now to be measured from the riders shoulders rather than the seat. We also helped beat down legislation proposed by Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) on an amendment to the transportation, reauthorization bill (SAFE-TEA) that would re-institute a federal helmet law for all riders by denying federal transportation and safety dollars to that state.

**WE ARE NOT ANTI-HELMET, WE ARE ANTI-HELMET LAW**

One of the most popular misconceptions about ABATE is that we are anti-helmet. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are "anti-helmet law" if you chose to ride with or without a helmet it's your choice, it is your right to decide whether wearing a helmet is right for you. ABATE is an organization fighting to protect your rights.

**"FREEDOM OF CHOICE, FREEDOM OF THE ROAD".**

There are over 7,000 members of ABATE in the State of Florida with over 30 active chapters. We feel Palm Beach County has huge potential in becoming one of the largest chapters in the state. With its large expanse and thousands of motorcyclist', a Palm Beach County chapter would become a viable and influential voice in raising motorcycle rights, safety and awareness. This chapter borders will be primarily Northern Broward County and all of Palm Beach County.

For more information contact Strongbow - President ABATE P.B.C. 561-483-4283

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**Vice President's Message**

The beginning of the New Year will bring many challenges for this chapter. Keep in mind that we all have to try to make this chapter work. I know that it will take time to establish our goals, but with everyone's help and support we will be able to meet our goals faster.

I would like to mention that our December meeting was a success. We had a great turnout with help from the American Legion Post 65; without them none of this could be possible.

Drive safe, watch your back.

**DeeMan - Vice President**  
**ABATE Palm Beach Chapter**  
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## 2006 CALENDAR

© 2006 SOUTH FLORIDA PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL  
**SFPC** MANDATORY MOTORCYCLE CLUB EVENTS  
 ARE LISTED IN LARGER LETTERS  
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**JANUARY**  
 8 - States MC 11th Annual Blessing of the Bikes  
 14 - AOA MC Treasure Coast off annual  
 15 - Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day  
 22 - SE ABATE Semi Annual Rights Rally  
 22 - Ride for Kids (early morning)  
 28 - Cyclopalooza at Mirasol West Palm  
 29 - Der Krieger MC Annual

**FEBRUARY**  
 5 - Third Tradition MC Annual  
 12 - AOA MC Ft. Laud Annual  
 19 - States MC Lake Worth Annual  
 19 - H-D of Miami's 10th Anniversary Party  
 25 - Wheels of Man MC Deerfield Annual

**MARCH**  
 3-12 - 65th Annual Daytona Beach Bike Week  
 19 - Fiasco Brothers Annual  
 26 - Keltics MC Annual

**APRIL**  
 1 & 2 - Ft. Lauderdale Bike Show  
 1 - South East Police Ride  
 1 - Outcasts MC Annual (evening)  
 2 - States MC Pompano 40th Annual  
 8 & 9 - AOA MC West Palm Beach Annual  
 16 - CMA Easter Sunday Service  
 23 - Wings of Gold MC Stars & Stripes Run  
 28-30 - Leesberg Florida Bike Week  
 29 - Mojo's Birthday Party at Mystic 7 Clubhouse

**MAY**  
 4 & 7 - Ft. Laud. Air & Sea Show  
 14 - Southern MC Annual  
 21 - Black Pistons MC Keys Annual  
 27 - BBRA - Marlins Baseball Event  
 28 & 29 - SE ABATE Memorial Weekend Event

**JUNE**  
 3 & 4 - Palm Beach Bike Show  
 10 - Black Pistons MC West Palm Annual  
 11 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual  
 18 - Nem Knights MC Broward Chapter Annual  
 25 - Nat's Toy Run Bicycle Drive

**JULY**  
 2 - US Military Vets MC Chapter 2 Annual  
 8 & 9 - BBRA Ride for Kids  
 15 - AOA MC West Palm Beach off annual  
 22 - Wheels of Man CNE Cooloff!  
 23 - Nates Bike Drive  
 30 - Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud Annual

**AUGUST**  
 7-13 - Sturgis Bike Week  
 11-13 - 11th International South Florida Tattoo Expo  
 20 - AOA MC 39th Anniversary  
 27 - Wings of Gold MC Stuart Annual

**SEPTEMBER**  
 3 - US Military Vets MC Pompano Annual  
 10 - States MC 13th Annual Key West Turnup Party  
 15-17 - Phil Peterson's 26th Key West Piker Run  
 24 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run

**OCTOBER**  
 1 - Mystic 7 MC Annual  
 8 - BBRA MC ANNUAL  
 15 - Bobby B's "Boss" Party's Grand Octoberfest Party  
 19-22 - Daytona Bikeoberfest  
 28 - 32nd Annual Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party  
 29 - SE ABATE 26th Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally

**NOVEMBER**  
 5 - US Military Vets MC National 19th Annual Party  
 11 - Nat's Toy Run Bike Drive  
 12 - Alternative MC Annual  
 19 - CMA Memorial Event

**DECEMBER**  
 3 - Heaven Cycles 29th Annual Party w/29 FREE Negs!!!  
 10 - 19th SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run  
 16 - 7th Annual SFLCOC Christmas Party  
 16 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami  
 17 - Peterson's Toys in the Park Event (Boyside, Miami)  
 17 - Calvary Chapel MM Services

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 Southeast Chapter

# The Semi-Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally

**Sunday, January 22nd, 2006**  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2006</h1>						
1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <b>BLESSING OF BIKES-STATES M/C (PG 9)</b>	9	10	11	12	13	14 <b>BIKER APPREC-SPORTS CORNER (COVER)</b>
15 <b>WOG BIKE APPREC (PG 22)</b>	16	17	18 <b>ABATE -PBC BOD MEETING</b>	19	20	21 <b>ABATE-PB-CHAPTER MEET</b> DAHMER& NADEAU POKER RUN (PG 22)
22 <b>ABATE S.E. ANNUAL (PG 9)</b> <hr/> AXEL MEMORIAL	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2006</h1>						
			1	2	3	4
5 <b>THIRD TRADITION ANNUAL</b>	6	7	8	9	10 <b>FUGAWEE STATE MEETING - 2:00 PM IVES DAIRY</b>	11 <b>FEST -</b>
12 <b>AOA 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL - FT. LDLE</b>	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 <b>STATES M/C LAKE WORTH - POKER RUN (PG 10)</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25 <b>WHEELS OF MAN M/C ANNUAL - DEERFIELD</b>
26	27	28				

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**January Schedule**

- Thurs 1/5 Rob Arenth
- Fri & Sat 1/6&7 Not Fragile
- Thurs 1/12 Rob Arenth
- Fri & Sat 1/13&14 Clown Show
- Thurs 1/19 Rob Arenth
- Fri & Sat 1/20&21 Jack Flash
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## In the News Chuckles

### **Santa Crook?**

**Philadelphia** – Construction workers recently did a ‘chimney sweep’ of a vacant building and found the remains of a serial burglar who had tried to rob the place several years ago. According to Detective King, workers were knocking down the chimney when they smelled a foul odor. On closer inspection, they noticed a pair of sneakers, jeans, a Phillies cap, and what appeared to be human remains. The medical examiner's office tentatively listed the cause of death as accidental compression asphyxia. It was reported that the remains could be at least 5 years old and it was not known how long the business – ironically a Theft - Prevention business – was closed.

### **Three Strikes an' Yer Out!**

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“Women and cats will do as they please and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea”. – Robert Heinlein

### **Man Seeking Taxi Hops Into Police Car**

By Associated Press

Posted November 23 2005, 7:43 AM EST

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. -- A night of drinking left a man so disoriented that he hopped into a police patrol car thinking it was a taxi, police said.

The 20-year-old man was arrested on Saturday soon after he let himself into Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Deputy Esther Beckman's car while she was out of the vehicle questioning a bicyclist. The suspect's name was not available Tuesday.

## In the News Chuckles

Officers let the bicyclist go, but the man in search of a ride was taken to jail on suspicion of being under the influence of alcohol and cocaine.

Information from: Santa Cruz Sentinel, <http://www.santacruzsentinal.com>

### **Police Hit Man in Genitals With Taser**

By Associated Press

Posted November 23 2005, 7:44 AM EST

FORT MYERS BEACH, Fla. -- Police accidentally hit a naked man in the genitals with a Taser after he was caught breaking windows and asking women to touch him, authorities said.

Jeremy J. Miljour, 26, tried to run away when sheriff's deputies approached so one of them shot their Taser, said Cpl. Matt Chitwood. But one of the gun's prongs accidentally hit Miljour's genitals and got stuck, Chitwood said.

"The Taser is relatively accurate, but when someone is moving like that, it doesn't matter if you have a Taser, or a pistol. (Officers) can't aim," Chitwood said.

Miljour was treated at a hospital before being taken to the Lee County jail. He was charged with indecent exposure, resisting an officer and criminal damage.

### **Man at Gun Show Shoots Himself in Bathroom**

By Associated Press

Posted November 22 2005, 7:56 AM EST

FARIBAULT, Minn. -- A trip to the restroom resulted in a trip to the hospital for a Bloomington man who accidentally shot himself in the hand over the weekend at a gun show.

Faribault Police Sgt. Richard Larson said the 59-year-old man shot himself while removing his gun from a hook in a bathroom stall while attending the 31st annual Faribault Rifle and Pistol Club gun show on Sunday morning.

The man was taken to a local hospital, where he was treated and released by Sunday afternoon.

The gun show was at the National Guard Armory on Saturday and Sunday.



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## Bill Bish - Coast to Coast

**PATRIOT ACT BLOCKED** From the day the Patriot Act was passed by a shell shocked Congress in the wake of the 9-11-01 terrorist attacks, bikers and other civil liberties advocates have lobbied to get the most egregious provisions of the Act repealed. Sections that provide for roving wiretaps, "sneak and peak" searches, data mining and access to personal records and information were just a few of the more intrusive provisions that allowed law enforcement to violate citizens' Constitutional rights presumably in defense of our country.

But as several key provisions of the Patriot Act were due to "sunset," or expire, with the coming new year, Senate Democrats and a handful of Republicans handed President Bush a stinging defeat on December 17 by blocking passage of a new Patriot Act, depicting the measure as a threat to the Constitutional liberties of innocent Americans.

"We can come together to give the government the tools it needs to fight terrorism and protect the rights and freedoms of innocent citizens," said Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., arguing that provisions permitting government access to confidential personal data lacked safeguards to protect the innocent.

"We need to be more vigilant," agreed Sen. John Sununu, a Republican from New Hampshire, where the state motto is "Live Free or Die." He quoted Benjamin Franklin: "Those that would give up essential liberty in pursuit of a little temporary security deserve neither liberty nor security."

Congressional officials pointed to a provision in the existing law that said even if it expired, law enforcement agencies could continue to wield Patriot Act powers in existing investigations of all known terror groups.

Justice Department officials said no existing wiretap would have to be turned off. But they said expiration of the law would create confusion about whether information gleaned after Jan. 1 could be shared, even if it stemmed from an ongoing investigation.

**NEW EPA MANDATES KILLING SMALL SHOPS** "Some time ago we talked about the new EPA restrictions and the effects that they will have on small motorcycle shops," states an article in Biker magazine. "The big players will benefit as their smaller competition is regulated out of business."

The article in the February 2006 news section goes on to say that; Already we are hearing here in California that builders like Arlen Ness, Ron Simms and West Coast Choppers have been fined and their motorcycles impounded right off their showrooms.

Kit Maira, who authored the Newsragazine article, says; "My contacts here are telling me that the certification costs multi-thousands of dollars and has to be done on each model/engine size."

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Under the current regulations, shops will be allowed to produce only 24 exempt custom bikes per year. Those bikes will be restricted to only be ridden to shows and other events for display. The regulation limits individuals to owning only one exempt bike in their lifetime, which cannot be sold for five years.

"The bottom line, as I see it," Maira continues, "is bigger firms support the regulations, because they impose higher costs on their smaller competitors. The regulations favor mass-produced bikes over boutique builders who construct one bike at a time, imposing the same rules on both."

Unless the rules are amended to allow builders to build around engines that are EPA certified by the manufacturer, he predicts that we will likely see the demise of many custom builders soon.

You can read the regulations yourself on the EPA website: [www.epa.gov/otag/roadbike.htm](http://www.epa.gov/otag/roadbike.htm).

**AIM ATTORNEY FIGHTS PATCHHOLDER DISCRIMINATION** The Durham County Fair in the largest agricultural fair in the State of Connecticut, and motorcycling enthusiasts, as well as other members of the general public, have long enjoyed the opportunity to visit this annual fair. Unfortunately, last September a patchholder from the Connecticut Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (CCMC) was stopped by a Connecticut State Police Officer and was informed that he would not be able to attend the fair wearing the patch of his motorcycle club.

Not wanting to make a scene in front of his family members, the club member peacefully left the vicinity of the fairgrounds, but brought up the issue at the next CCMC meeting. The Connecticut Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs is a member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), and Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) Attorney Mitch Proner was in attendance at the meeting as legal counsel and promised to contact the responsible parties.

Proner wrote to the Durham Fair promoters, the Connecticut State Police and the Connecticut Attorney General's office, following up with numerous phone calls. Initially the responsible parties said they had no knowledge of the incident. When presented with the facts and details, the parties said the Durham Fair was on private property and ran by a private organization and would deny admittance to whomever they pleased.

Proner then pointed out that the Durham Fair may have been privately promoted but in fact the fairgrounds included the town square, an area traditionally provided greater protection under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. If the Fair did not respect the CCMC club member's Constitutional rights, he would be forced to move in the U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut, for a Federal injunction.

The State Attorney recognized the First Amendment rights and said they would not have State Troopers enforcing any dress codes. The Fair's attorney stated they had no dress code, and sent Mr. Proner free tickets for this year's event for his patchholder client.

The Connecticut Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs remains eternally vigilant about protecting their rights.

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**CANADIAN PROVINCE WANTS TO BAN COLORS** As part of its efforts to crack down on criminal organizations, the Saskatchewan government wants to ban the wearing of "gang colors" in bars, but local bikers are calling the act unconstitutional.

An amendment to the Safer Communities and Neighborhoods Act that's before the legislature would mean people wearing signs, symbols or logos connected to criminal organizations in licensed establishments could be fined up to \$25,000 and sentenced to up to a year behind bars.

Dean Bell, who has a motorcycle shop in Regina and is a member of the Regina chapter of the Hells Angels, says the proposed legislation is a violation of rights. "We're all disappointed that the government would take such a backward stance and try and legislate something that goes against our charters and our freedoms," he said.

It's part of the province's attempts to create a hostile environment for criminals, say officials. The government has also passed laws expanding the ability to seize property from criminal organizations and canceling liquor licenses in bars that are used as fronts by criminals.

Manitoba passed a similar law against "gang colors" in 2002. It's now illegal in that province to wear symbols or colors associated with organizations such as the Hells Angels. Fines range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and convictions can result in jail time of up to six months.

The Manitoba Chapter of the Hells Angels is fighting several charges related to the legislation.

If the Saskatchewan law is passed, Bell said, he and other members will consult with a lawyer.

**"TONIGHT SHOW" MOTORCYCLE TO BE AUCTIONED FOR KATRINA RELIEF** The Harley-Davidson motorcycle covered in celebrity autographs that helped raise thousands of dollars for tsunami victims may attract more than a million for hurricane survivors.

The motorcycle was signed by some of the nation's most famous people as they appeared on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno". It was auctioned on eBay in February to raise money for victims of the Southeast Asia tsunami and was sold to Houston-based Waste Management, Incorporated, for more than 800 thousand dollars.

The company says it has since used the bike to raise money for such causes as breast cancer awareness and Crimestoppers. It was also used to boost morale for workers in the New Orleans area after Hurricane Katrina hit on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Company spokesperson Lynn Brown says Waste Management is now putting it up for auction with proceeds going to the Bush Clinton Katrina Fund for hurricane survivor relief.

Brown says a Houston attorney has opened the bidding at one million dollars.

The Harley-Davidson has been signed by Donald Trump, Nicole Kidman, Bill Cosby, Jamie Foxx, Demi Moore, Tim Robbins, Ashlee Simpson, Jimmy Buffet and Denzel Washington among others.

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**CLARIFICATION ON RIDER RE-TRAINING** As previously reported here, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation is studying the effects of "safety renewal", which essentially involves ongoing rider re-training, but the MSF wishes to clarify that they have not, and is not, advocating that such repetitive training be made mandatory.

"We do support mandatory training at some age level, such as novice riders under the age of 18, 19, 20 or 21," explained MSF President Tim Buche, "but most state programs are already hard pressed to keep up with the demand for the Basic Rider Course."

Buche went on to explain that the MSF will be introducing a third new rider training course in addition to the basic and experienced rider courses that will focus primarily on crash avoidance, and the MSF will make those advanced courses available but not seek to make them compulsory.

**NEWS OF THE WEIRD: WOMAN PASSES DRIVING EXAM ON 40TH TRY** The 40<sup>th</sup> time's the charm, it seems. A British woman took 33 years, 40 attempts and spent tens of thousands of pounds (@ \$31,000) to pass her driving test, according to the BBC.

Now finally at the age of 50, Venida Crabtree, of Cowley, Oxford, passed the exam in July and recently bought her first car after starting driving lessons in 1972 at age 17. "It's fantastic. I'm very pleased," Crabtree told the BBC.

**TOY RUN TO CLAIM WORLD RECORD** The 2005 Motorcycle Toy Run has been hailed a success and organizers are planning to submit the event's attendance figures to the Guinness Book of World Records.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> running of the Toy Run, which has become known as South Africa's largest and most heart-warming charity event, was held at various centers around the country, with motorcyclists donating one or more toys to be distributed over Christmas to disadvantaged children up to the age of 18 at hospitals, homes and orphanages.

Organizers were hoping to break world records for the largest motorcycle procession, the largest motorcycle charity event and the largest single event of toy donations to charity.

Speaking to CARtoday.com, Toy Run spokesman Graham Perry said that over 40,000 motorcyclists were estimated to have joined in the Toy Run, with about 13,000 bikers from Cape Town participating in the event, and others riding in from major centers and small towns throughout South Africa (Bethlehem, Bloemfontein,

Durban, East London, Johannesburg, Kimberly, Klerksdorp, Mossel Bay, Nelspruit, Port Elizabeth, Pietermaritzburg, Pietersburg, Plettenberg Bay, Queenstown, Swartcopmunt, Vanderbijlpark, Vryheid, & Windhoek), hosted by local motorcycle clubs and service organizations, with the invaluable assistance of the commercial sector.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "We, too, born to freedom, and believing in freedom, are willing to fight to maintain freedom. We, and all others who believe as deeply as we do, would rather die on our feet than live on our knees." Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882 - 1945) 32nd President of the United States

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