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SATURDAY
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STATE MEETING: SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2006 AT 2:00PM

BOARD MEETING: 12:00 NOON

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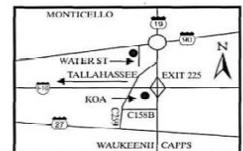
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President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

The past month has really proved to be a very interesting time for our chapter. We have indeed made some great progress and we have had a great time doing it. One thing that I was very pleased to see happening is people stepping up and giving of their time to help get our newsletters out there. My thanks to all of you, I appreciate your personal involvement and commitment to spreadin' the word for our cause.

Participation is the key to building a successful chapter. When any group of people gather and share ideas it does more than set a platform, it brings people together to create a plan, a plan of action. It's up to us as members of this chapter to take that plan and put it into action. We saw it happen with the Sports Corner Party. The reaction to our action was one great time had by all and a very successful party. It brought a lot of people together that may not have met without this party. I saw old friends of mine from Broward County that braved high winds and cold temperatures to ride up and hang out with us. Our Brothers and Sister from ABATE SE Chapter were there. Some clubs that I haven't seen in a while stopped by, and every one that I have seen since then has commented on the great time they had. Hat Trick kept the place rockin all night, great show guy's. But what impressed me the most was the people that worked to make it happen. We made the plan and put it into action. We participated and worked together to insure its success. Mission accomplished.

I'm sure everyone has an idea they would like to put into action. Why not bring your idea to the table? Get involved, you'll be surprised at how even a suggestion can turn into something great.

At our last meeting I spoke about the importance of being visible in the motorcycle community and showing our support for other organizations. I cannot express strongly enough how much it means for us to show mutual support. We are a very unique part of society, not one that is well understood by the masses, and it's probably better that it stays way. But one of the things that makes us unique is our interaction, our mutual support of one another as individuals and organizations. That kind of brotherly love, that can't be explained nor denied.

Speaking of working together, we as members of the motorcycle community will need to pay special attention to the candidates running for city, county and state office this year. There are some issues that are being raised at the state government level that could cost you some big bucks if the insurance companies have anything to do with it. As I understand it, there is a proposed bill to raise insurance rates significantly for those of us that choose to ride without a

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helmet. I'll talk more about that at our meeting 2/18/06 as I am still gathering information and awaiting word from our state chapter as to how we will proceed.

It is in our best interest to find out where politicians stand on all issues related to motorcyclist rights, safety and education. If you are a registered voter I'm sure you're receiving mail from these people. Call them, send them an email I'm sure they want to hear from you, that's why they send you their information. That and maybe for some axel grease.

Ask them how they feel about the stiffer penalties law that went into effect 7/1/05 in regard to people turning left into the path of a motorcyclist. Is this something they support? Would they want to see even stronger measures taken against red light runners? Would they support any kind of educational programs regarding motorcycle safety in our schools as part of the existing drivers education classes? Are they in favor of teaching responsible use of cell phones while operating a motor vehicle of any kind in existing drivers education programs? If necessary would they support legislation to restrict or ban use of cell phones while operating motor vehicles of any kind? Would they vote in favor of additional funding for educational programs?

Billboards that promote motorcycle awareness. Aid in helping to gain support for public address messages similar to the " Save lives, buckle up" campaign? "Be aware motorcyclist are everywhere". "Save lives, hang up and drive". If it were up to me it would be a little more direct, more like "**Shut the BLEEP.... up and drive Idiot!**" for those who feel the need to talk to someone, anyone, including their dog or the person asleep in the passenger seat, but that's me.

The point is, if we don't know where incumbents and candidates for office stand in regard to our concerns and vote irresponsibly, we become part of the problem, not part of the solution.

If you know or hear of someone running for office in support of our effort, by all means have them contact me or pass their contact information on to me or any board member. Your assistance is appreciated.

Our door is open everyone, I hope to see you at one of our chapter meetings.

God Bless.

Ride Free, Ride Safe

Strongbow - President
ABATE Palm Beach Chapter
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**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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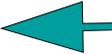
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Thurs 2/9 Rob Arenth
Fri & Sat 2/10 & 11 After Hours
Thurs 2/16 Rob Arenth
Fri & Sat 2/17 & 18 Procrastinators
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Vice President's Message

I want to take this time to thank all of our members for their support and work towards getting new members and also advertisers for our newsletter. We are proud that we now have over 80 members since forming our chapter in October. Also special thanks to Strongbow and Low Rider Dave for covering me during my absence when I was recuperating from minor surgery.

Our advertisers are important to our chapter for support as well as needing good companies that supply people with excellent service and or a product. One in particular is Dynasty Cycles. I have had a personal opportunity to meet with and have work done by Karen at Dynasty Cycles. As all of us know it is very hard to find reliable people here in south Florida. Her shop has great employees that go above and beyond. They are wonderful to work with and I would highly recommend anyone with repair or upgrades needed for their bike to call them. My thanks to Karen, PJ, Randy, Willy and the rest of the staff at Dynasty Cycles.

I have recently read an article in Ride Metric Road Bike Dec / Jan 2006 issue that talks about the helmet laws. The article is titled "The Right to Choose", by George P. Blumberg.

On August 10, President Bush signed into law a huge transportation spending bill, a \$286.4 billion piece of legislation designed to fund federal highways and other transportation projects. Depending on whom you speak to, the bill is either a balanced piece of legislation, or it's loaded down with \$26 billion in pork barrel projects, and despite several provisions related to motorcyclist' right and safety, one item never made it into the transportation bill for the President's signature: A proposed amendment calling for a universal motorcycle helmet use law. Quoted from the article. If you can find the issue, I would recommend reading the article.

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DeeMan - Vice President
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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 Maroon 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-O of Miami's 10th Anniversary Party
- 25 - Wheels of Man MC Deerfield Annual

MARCH

- 3-12 - 45th Annual Daytona Beach Bike Week
- 19 - Fiasco Brothers Annual
- 26 - Keltics MC Annual

APRIL

- 1 & 2 - Ft. Lauderdale Bike Show
- 1 - South East Police Rodeo
- 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 Cookoff!
- 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 Poker 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 Oktoberfest!
- 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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FROM: Major Grady Carrick *GC*
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- 75% on the front brake and 25% on the rear

And I am thinking "Here we go again ..."

When I started riding in the late 50's, it was probably true; it was the heyday of the Triumph "Bonneville", the Norton "Francis Berth" and a few others I forgot...

These machines had a high center of gravity (compared to today's bikes), had a pathetic drum front brake operated by a bowden cable from the hand lever.

The rear brake was not much better but it was operated by a 12" foot lever pushed by a leg exercised by the use of the kick starter; it was the only way to start the bike, and it was not easy, especially if you got the carb flooded !!!

These bikes had tires so narrow that the contact patch would be considered a joke today.

No wonder riders would consider the rear brake as the primary way to stop; how many times have you heard an old timer say "I stomped on the brake"; it does not sound like using your right hand ???

Actually some even older motorcycles did not have a front brake; it was feared that it would throw the rider over the handlebars.

Most newer bikes, maybe with the exception of a "dresser" with fully loaded bags, can do "stoppies" on dry pavement. In a stoppie, you push the front brake to its limits, you brake so hard that the rear wheel leaves the ground. Entertaining, but not smart; but it does prove that that bike, at that instant, was stopping using **100% front brake**. At that point, any use of the rear brake will cause the rear wheel to lock. When that happens, if you release the rear brake, as your instinct wants you to do, you have a god chance of doing a "high-side" ... No fun. If you keep the wheel locked, which is what is taught in the Advanced Rider Course, you might "save the day" or you'll "lay'er down" (another *interesting* concept).

So what's the rule ? There is no rule !

An ideal maximum performance stop on dry pavement should go like this:

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You now let off the rear brake and increase pressure on the front, which now has 100% of the braking

As the bike slows, the forces decrease and the front suspension begins to rise

You taper off on the front brake and increase the rear brake pressure once more.

Now you are in a slow riding phase, and we all know we should use only the rear brake for slow riding.

In high performance cars, it is the same thing; it is call "taper braking"; basically, applying the braking effort gradually and decreasing it smoothly as the vehicle slows to a stop; a mechanical or electronic device sets, in real time, the ratio of front to back braking force.

In an emergency situation, when fine motor skills disappear, I believe very little is lost by applying only the **front brake** smoothly until you are almost stopped.

The few feet lost, if that much, are well worth it - in my opinion - because if you lock the rear wheel you loose most of your directional control, and if the bike goes down, the friction coefficient of steel (or chrome) on pavement is much less than rubber !

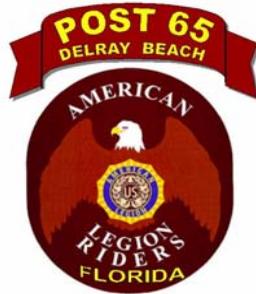
Not to mention a few other inconveniences.

Again this applies on dry pavement; if the road is slippery, all bets are off! It becomes a matter of planning ahead and slowing down enough NOT to have to make an emergency stop.

Your comments would be appreciated. E-mail me at jf9@moniquelevi.com

The usual caveat: Professional rider on closed course -Don't try that at home - For external use only - do not swallow - etc...

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Lineage of the Patriot Guard Riders.

Several people have asked how the Patriot Guard Riders got started. Here's what we've been able to piece together. If anyone can give us more details, it would be greatly appreciated.

It all started back in early August of 2005 with the American Legion Riders chapter 136 from Kansas. They were appalled to hear that a fallen hero's memory was being tarnished by misguided religious zealots who were protesting at funerals. They decided to do something about it. At the ALR 136 August meeting, Director : Chuck " Pappy " Barshney appointed members, Terry "Darkhorse" Houck, Cregg "Bronco 6" Hansen, Steve "McDaddy" McDonald, and Bill "Wild Bill" Logan to form a committee to strategize and form a battle plan to combat Fred Phelps and the Westboro Baptist Church.

When they heard that the WBC was going to protest at the Funeral of Sgt. John Doles in Chelsea, Oklahoma, they established a Mission Statement, which included getting the families permission and contacting Law Enforcement and other Motorcycle Groups in Oklahoma. They agreed that their ultimate goal was to get veterans and motorcycle organizations involved in every state so that each state could handle the situation internally and not rely on other states to do the job. They were very successful in mustering riders to honor Sgt. Doles and limiting the intrusion by the WBC.

After the Chelsea Mission the Kansas American Legion Riders wanted all Motorcycle Groups/ Organizations to be recongnized . On the 18th of Oct. 2005 the Patriot Guard name was established and was announced on the 27th of Oct. ,2005 to the 100 + motorcyclists present at the Tonganoxie Mission to Honor Spc Lucas Frantz.

Following the missions in South Haven, KS and a later ride in Edmond, OK, Jeff "Twister" Brown, from Broken Arrow, OK, decided to do more than just ride. He saw a need to get a strong nation-wide communications and recruiting program in place. He contacted the original AL riders in Kansas and told them of his plans. They openly shared their experiences, suggestions, and encouragement. Within a matter of days, Brown had formed the Patriot Guard Riders and began a nation-wide campaign to

Lineage of the Patriot Guard Riders - Cont'd

garner support.

Similarly, after a mission ride in Greeley, CO, Hugh Knaus and Jason "Waldo" Wallin answered the call of the newly formed Patriot Guard Riders, becoming the national webmaster and communications director, respectively. Within a matter of days, a mission statement was refined and a website was built, rebuilt, and launched. A call immediately went out to individual riders and groups across the nation to join and ride with the PGR. State Captains were recruited to work more closely with the members in their area.

The growth has been phenomenal. Within a week their membership included many riders from associations like the VFW, American Legion, Rolling Thunder, ABATE, Combat Vets Motorcycle Association, Intruder Alert, Leathernecks Motorcycle Club, and almost five hundred individual riders. To the credit of Hugh and "Waldo", the PGR website had received almost 566,000 hits in the first two weeks! Patriots from all over America and several foreign countries responded. Emails were pouring in from people wanting to support and join the newly formed PGR.

So, that's a pretty concise picture of where we came from and where we are today. A great deal of credit goes to that small group of Kansas American Legion Riders, but none of this could have ever been accomplished without the patriot member who takes time out of their life to honor a fallen soldier and their family.

Loony Legalities

In Tuscumbia Alabama it's against the law for more than eight rabbits to live on the same block. And they have to be gay! Yes, no, maybe?

In Birmingham, Alabama it is illegal to drive blindfolded. Well, they might have been first but they aint alone.

In Arizona it's illegal to hunt or shoot a camel. I better call Dave and Sherry!

Atlanta, it is illegal to make faces at school children while they are studying. Booga Booga !

A law in Zion Illinois prohibits teaching household pets to smoke cigars. Here kitty, kitty, kitty!

In Detroit it is unlawful to tie a crocodile to a fire hydrant. Lions, Tigers and Badgers OK!

Yukon Oklahoma, it's illegal for a patient to pull a dentist tooth. Apparently a lone and desperate dentist had a bad day.

A South Carolina statute clearly states that butchers may not serve on a jury when a man is being tried for murder. Uh huh!

Lawyers see it different

I don't want to know what the law is, I want to know who the judge is". *Roy Cohn*

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Judge Tosses Daytona Beach Nudity Law

By Associated Press

January 21, 2006, 1:54 PM EST

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -- A federal judge struck down Daytona Beach's anti-nudity laws, saying they are unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge John Antoon decided Friday that Daytona Beach's laws prohibiting public nudity and nudity in places that sell alcohol violate the First and 14th amendments' protections of free speech and equal protection.

Daytona Beach also failed to prove its claim that adult nightclubs create secondary negative impacts on levels of crime, prostitution and illegal drug activity in neighborhoods, Antoon wrote.

"We won on every single issue," said Daniel Aaronson, a Fort Lauderdale attorney representing Lollipops Gentleman's Club in its federal lawsuit.

City officials said they plan to study the judge's ruling and ask the City Commission about a possible appeal.

Public nudity has been an issue at some of the city's large gatherings, such as Biketoberfest and Spring Break.

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AMA expresses outrage over reinstatement of Janklow's law license

The American Motorcyclist Association has expressed its outrage over a decision by the South Dakota Supreme Court to reinstate the law license of former Congressman Bill Janklow, who was convicted of felony manslaughter in the traffic death of a motorcyclist in 2003.

The state Supreme Court ordered on January 5 that Janklow get his law license back on February 15. Janklow, 66, a former four-term South Dakota governor before he was elected the state's sole congressman, lost his right to practice law when he was convicted of second-degree manslaughter, reckless driving, speeding and failure to stop at a stop sign in the death of motorcyclist Randy Scott, 55. Scott was killed in August 2003 when the car Janklow was driving ran a stop sign on a rural road in South Dakota at a speed estimated at about 70 mph, charging into the path of Scott's motorcycle.

Janklow could have faced up to 11 years in prison for the multiple charges. But in the end, a South Dakota judge sentenced him to only 100 days. In addition, he paid fines and fees of \$11,000, lost his law license, resigned from Congress, was put on probation and lost his driver's license for three years.

In 2004, another court ruled that Janklow could escape financial liability for Scott's death under a congressional immunity statute. Janklow said that he was returning home from an event related to his duties as a congressman at the time of the crash.

"Motorcyclists across the country are shocked, outraged and dismayed that a convicted felon would be allowed to get his law license back and practice law," said Edward Moreland, AMA vice president for government relations. "This sends the message that there are few consequences for the death of a motorcyclist.

"It's a sad day not only for the Scott family, but for all riders," Moreland said.

Because it involved a federal lawmaker, the Janklow case drew national media attention. But the AMA has seen dozens of cases in other states in which car drivers get off with light fines, and often no jail time, even after facing felony charges for causing the deaths of others on the highway.

In response to that dangerous trend, the AMA founded its Justice for All campaign, designed to increase penalties for those who injure or kill vulnerable road users. For more information on that program, go to www.AMADirectlink.com/justice.

Words of Wisdom from the Whitehouse

Subject: FW: President explains new medicare drug bill

Now, here's something reassuring...

[12-13-05] WOMAN IN AUDIENCE: "I don't really understand. How is it the new plan going to fix the problem?"

Verbatim response (PRESIDENT BUSH):

"Because the -- all which is on the table begins to address the big cost drivers. For example, how benefits are calculated, for example, is on the table. Whether or not benefits rise based upon wage increases or price increases. There's a series of parts of the formula that are being considered. And when you couple that, those different cost drivers, affecting those -- changing those with personal accounts, the idea is to get what has been promised more likely to be -- or closer delivered to that has been promised. Does that make any sense to you? It's kind of muddled. Look, there's a series of things that cause the -- like, for example, benefits are calculated based upon the increase of wages, as opposed to the increase of prices. Some have suggested that we calculate -- the benefits will rise based upon inflation, supposed to wage increases. There is a reform that would help solve the red if that were put into effect. In other words, how fast benefits grow, how fast the promised benefits grow, if those -- if that growth is affected, it will help on the red."

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State Drops Helmet Proposal

By JIM SAUNDERS
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TALLAHASSEE - Ride on.

Florida highway-safety officials have dropped a proposal that would have made it harder for motorcyclists to thunder down the roads without wearing helmets.

The proposal, which surfaced in September after a federal report showed increasing motorcycle deaths in Florida, would have required bikers to carry \$50,000 in health insurance if they wanted to leave their lids at home. Current law requires only \$10,000 in insurance coverage.

But after learning that the insurance policies could be hard to find and costly - and after getting a cool reception from Gov. Jeb Bush and the state Cabinet - the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles scrapped the idea.

"We checked around," said Fred Dickinson, the department's executive director. "There ain't a whole lot of business (motorcycle health insurance policies) being written."

The department's decision became apparent Tuesday as a state House committee reviewed a proposed highway-safety bill for the upcoming legislative session. The bill did not include the increased insurance requirement, which would have required legislative approval.

But highway-safety officials are proposing another change they say could help increase motorcycle safety. That change would require all new motorcyclists to attend safety courses. Currently, only riders younger than 21 must take the courses.

The state's helmet law has long been a controversial issue, with lawmakers deciding in 2000 to repeal a requirement that forced riders to wear protective headgear. The issue re-emerged last year when the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration released a report showing that fatalities increased more than 81 percent in the three years after the repeal passed.

Hospitals argue that the \$10,000 in insurance coverage is not enough to treat motorcycle injuries. While the issue appears dead this year, Senate Transportation Chairman Jim Sebesta, R St. Petersburg, said he thinks lawmakers will eventually have to deal with it.

"This is a subject, of course, that will have to be addressed at some point in time," said Sebesta, who opposed the helmet-law repeal.

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Bill Bish - Coast to Coast

VIRGINIA HELMET LAW DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONALLY VAGUE Portions of Virginia's motorcycle helmet law were declared unconstitutional on Friday, December 9, 2005 by a judge of the Newport News Circuit Court. In a ten page memorandum order, Hon. H. Vincent Conway, Jr. held that the portions of Va. Code subsection 46.2-910 which defined the standards that a protective helmet must meet or exceed were unconstitutionally vague, denied due process and were unenforceable. The decision marked another victory in the ongoing battle by the Law Offices of Tom McGrath to challenge Virginia's helmet law.

McGrath, who is the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) Attorney for Virginia, and his Newport News associate Matt Danielson concentrate their practice on representing injured motorcyclists. In addition, they provide legislative lobbying services and traffic citation defense for the motorcycling community.

In the past five years they have successfully defended over fifty bikers charged with violation of Virginia's helmet statute. Although the constitutional arguments have been raised many times before, the courts have previously ruled that the Commonwealth could not prove a violation of the statute and thereby avoided a ruling on the constitutional issues. Judge Conway did not follow this course and instead found at least some of McGrath's arguments to be persuasive.

"The impact of Judge Conway's decision is that any helmet selected by a motorcyclist in the city of Newport News now complies with the statute since the standards previously used have been invalidated," explained McGrath.

BIKERS PROTEST DISCRIMINATION AGAINST "COLORS" Almost all Southern California motorcycle clubs put their differences aside to band together to fight outright discrimination on Sunday, December 4, 2005 at the Veterans Stadium during a monthly motorcycle swap meet that bars patchholders from attending.

Popeye, a board member of the Confederation of Clubs of Southern California and member of the Vietnam Vets MC, attended to help organize the rally with Gill Mellen, ABATE of California public relations officer.

Everyone took turns at the entrance with picket signs that said, "Stop Discrimination Against Patchholders," "Together We Stand," and other such slogans.

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"As people and vendors rolled up they were told not to go in if they wanted to stand up for equal rights and that the same people they were banning were the ones who made the swap meet great," wrote Karyn Chassman in Quick Throttle magazine. "A few vendors and lots of patrons turned around and left, which we applauded and cheered as they did."

The protesters hoped to resolve the problems between the patcholders and the swap meet and to make bikers aware of the injustice and prejudice going on around them that they may one day face.

All in all, the protest accomplished it's goals, as all parties involved, from the swap meet management to the Confederation of Clubs, are in communication and hope the resolve this matter positively and for the good of the entire motorcycling community.

POKER RUNS RULED ILLEGAL IN TEXAS While some nonprofit organizations raise money by hosting games of bingo and selling raffle tickets, motorcycle riders have had their own strategy to make giving fun - the poker run.

Although they can be organized differently, poker runs typically involve motorcycle riders paying a fee to participate and then they draw their cards at stops along a designated route. When they reach their destination, cash prizes are awarded for the best hands and sometimes the worst hand.

It's a traditional way among bikers to have fun while raising money for a good cause, according to Sputnik, the state chairman of the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association, but Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott recently ruled that poker runs are illegal when participants must make a charitable donation to ride and have a chance to win cash prizes at the end.

"It's just a way of life for us," said Sputnik, who also serves on the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Legislative Task Force. "It's a way to get together, have fun and compete against each other. It's not so much about the money."

Abbott, however, has frustrated the bikers by recently declaring that poker runs constitute illegal gambling. "Even if the contribution goes to a charitable cause and the nonprofit organization will pay prizes from other money, a participant pays money for the chance to win a prize," Abbott said in the opinion. "Thus we conclude ... the nonprofit organization would become a custodian of a bet in violation of Texas law."

Such a violation is a Class A misdemeanor and punishable by either fine of up to \$4,000, up to a year in jail, or both.

The motorcycle community will appeal to legislators for a statute to allow poker runs and challenge the attorney general's opinion in court, if necessary, Sputnik said. In the meantime, the motorcycle rights association will consult its attorneys to find ways around the ruling, he said.

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"We're going to look at getting around it on the basis of not being a game of chance, but a game of skill," Sputnik said. "If that doesn't work, we'll look at doing something legislatively in the next session. It is really going to affect who we support in the election this time."

GOVERNATOR INJURED IN MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and his 12 year old son, Patrick, received minor injuries in a recent motorcycle accident near their Brentwood home when a neighbor backed into the street in front of the governor's Harley-Davidson motorcycle equipped with sidecar.

Schwarzenegger received 15 stitches to repair a cut lip, but may have skidded into more trouble when it was discovered that the big screen action hero has been riding motorcycles for years without a proper license endorsement.

The governor has the Class C license, which technically covers the operation of a sidecar under state motor vehicle law; but Schwarzenegger said he "never thought about" getting his motorcycle license. He said that he had a motorcycle license when he lived in Europe, but never considered obtaining another one after he immigrated to the United States in 1968.

But now after all the brouhaha over his most recent accident, he has promised to get his license and vowed to continue to ride. In December 2001, Schwarzenegger broke six ribs and was hospitalized for four days after a motorcycle crash in Los Angeles when a car stopped in front of him and he was unable to change lanes to avoid the vehicle.

JANKLOW GETS LAW LICENSE BACK The South Dakota Supreme Court ruled on January 5th to reinstate the law license of former Congressman Bill Janklow, who was convicted of felony manslaughter in the traffic death of a motorcyclist in 2003.

The former four-term governor was forced to resign from Congress and lost his license and right to practice law when he was convicted of second-degree manslaughter, reckless driving, speeding and failure to stop at a stop sign in the death of motorcyclist Randy Scott, 55. who was killed in August 2003 when Janklow blew through a stop sign and into the path of Scott's motorcycle.

After a jury found him guilty, Janklow was sentenced to only 100 days in jail, was placed on probation until January 2007 and cannot drive for three years.

BIKE THEFTS SURGE It's no secret that in the last five years, the motorcycle market has experienced phenomenal growth. Sales have doubled since 1999 and reached their highest levels in three decades. Unfortunately, going hand in hand with that has been an alarming increase in the instances of bike theft.

The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) reports that motorcycle theft increased more than 55%

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from 2002 to 2003 in the U.S. and Canada. That's one bike stolen every 9.5 minutes. Of these stolen bikes, only 25-30% were recovered.

What are the most effective means of protecting your ride? A survey conducted last spring by Opinion Research Corporation indicated what bike owners are currently doing: 88% always keep their bikes concealed in a garage or storage area when parked at home; 80% remove their keys from their parked bikes; 76% use locks; 62% park in a well-lit area and 47% use kill switches in an attempt to prevent theft. Only 16% use alarms.

MISSISSIPPI MOTORCYCLE OWNERS UNFAIRLY TAXED The Mississippi State Tax Commission recently decided to double and in some cases triple the ad valorem tax on motorcycles, directing the collection of more tax on new motorcycles than on cars and trucks that cost twice as much, making motorcyclists shoulder an unfair share of the tax burden.

Previously, the state taxed motorcycles from value schedules based on the displacement of the engine. On Sept. 1, the Tax Commission began using a computer program purchased from R.L. Polk & Co. to calculate the assessed value of each motorcycle.

There are four problems with what is now going on:

- * The sales tax on new motorcycles is 7 percent. Purchasers of new cars and trucks are charged only 5 percent.
- * Under the current system for collecting ad valorem taxes on cars and trucks, the tax is based on a figure which is 90 percent of Manufacturers' Suggested Retail Price. The calculation of the tax on motorcycles uses MSRP as "true value."
- * Owners of cars and trucks receive a "legislative tax credit" which significantly reduces the ad valorem tax they pay when they purchase and renew their tags, whereas motorcycles were specifically exempted.
- * The taxation of motorcycles is done in secret, out of public view, and Public Records Act requests for access to the program have been denied.

To address this inequity, Mississippi State Representatives Beckett and Bounds have introduced House Bill 55; "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-51-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE MOTORCYCLES IN THE DEFINITION OF "PRIVATE CARRIER OF PASSENGERS" FOR THE PURPOSES OF BEING ELIGIBLE FOR A TAX CREDIT AGAINST MOTOR VEHICLE AD VALOREM TAXES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES."

According to ABATE of Mississippi, the motorcycle community is not looking for any special treatment, we are just asking for equality.

S.C. BILL WOULD MAKE STOP LIGHTS OPTIONAL FOR BIKERS With 44 years of motorcycle riding experience, Billy Richardson knows what he likes - "You're out in the open a lot more, it's more relaxing" - and what he doesn't. "I get upset sitting at the traffic lights and waiting all the time," he says.

It's a problem that not only irritated him, but it prompted him to write a bill. A piece of legislation that -

if passed - would turn sensor stop lights into stop signs for motorcycle riders.

Richardson proposed the legislation because he says most bikes aren't heavy enough to set off sensors, so unless a car pulled up, the light wouldn't change.

"We want the freedom to go if the road is clear. We're not going to pull out. Trust me, ain't no motorcycle gonna pull out in front of nobody," he says.

They would, though, get to go straight, go left, whatever, when drivers of cars couldn't.

He says he has a lot of support and hopes to soon get the green light to go on red.

"We've got good positive feedback about it and I feel good. I won't lie about it, I feel good," he says with a grin.

Richardson says Minnesota, Tennessee and Arkansas already have similar laws in effect.

MALAYSIAN CITIES MAY BAN MOTORCYCLES The Government of Malaysia has been urged to ban motorcycle use in city centers to reduce accidents. Malaysian Association for Community Development Volunteers (MACOM) president, Norizan Sharif said current actions against errant motorcyclists had not been effective.

Norizan added that such a ban would help reduce the number of vehicles going into city centers, accidents, illegal racing and related problems. The ban could also help reduce crimes such as snatch thefts and also air and noise pollution, she added.

"There is sufficient cheap public transport in Malaysian cities which can be used by motorcyclists," she said, adding that motorcycles should continue to be allowed in rural areas because public transportation there is still lacking.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, I will try again tomorrow."

Mary Anne Radmacher-Hershey, American Poet & Inspirational Writer

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From The GUNNY'S SACK

I don't know about all of you, but I'm GLAD the holidays are behind us. Don't need the pressure. Now, on to a brand New Year and the promise and adventure of new things to come. Hopefully, we all at least stay healthy and are able to take in all the runs and shows this season will bring us.

I know everybody got all the maintenance work and paint jobs done along with the inevitable honey do's over the winter. If not, ya still have a little time left.

My heart still goes out to the storm and fire victims around the country. Not much I can do but keep them in my thoughts as we all should. We have a lot of brothers and sisters that were affected. Well, let's get right into the meat and potatoes of the Sack:

NEWSBITS 'N' PIECES:

HONDA MOTORCYCLE CO.: The new Goldwing has AIR-BAGS available on the 2006 models later this spring. Lots of people say the idea of an airbag on a bike is just downright NUTS! The new 'Wings also have a GPS critter available that will take you wherever you want to go, maybe even to the mother-in-law's. I understand it really works well. Also along with some minor design changes to the front end, the '06 Goldwing has a new sound system with 6, count 'em, SIX speakers, plus a six-disk CD changer, and even a plug for your I-Pod.

TIGARD, OREGON: Watch yourself in this town if ya like to go a little quickly. Tigard's police force has a Honda motorcycle that's hard to spot until it's too late. I've heard a lot of comments about how hard this thing is to spot. Until they put the lights on, it just doesn't look like a cop bike. Keep your eyes open for a Honda ST1300 sport-touring bike coming up fast.

ENGLAND SWUNG: Even the English property tax people are getting in on the game of spying on the public. Now we are hearing of the use of SATELLITES to check on home improvements. If they see your new garage or garden shed in these pics taken from space, they'll just jack up your property taxes! This is fundamentally slimy, folks, and to my mind, a horrible invasion of privacy. What they are doing in England is an abomination. This stuff comes across the ocean faster than scat.

IS IT 1984 ALREADY? This next story comes to The SACK from Independent News and Media Limited, appearing in their online edition of The Independent, a British newspaper. What's more interesting, though, is how The SACK got the story: A link to it was posted online in the Sons of Liberty Riders (SoLR) e-mail listserve. These SoLR folks, plus all the bikers who get their e-mails and who also contribute information, opinion and links, are doing a HELL of a job for us all, and YOU ARE MISSING OUT if you haven't subscribed! My ever-popular Sack-editor and boss, Oregon AIM Lawyer

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Sam Hochberg, recommends you try it, too. You'll get daily information e-mailed to you about most anything to do with motorcycles, motorcyclists' rights, and Freedom issues in the US. Just drop an e-mail to HAWK, who runs the Sons of Liberty Riders websites and e-mail listserves (and he's also our AIM/NCOM webmaster – www.aimncom.com). He'll get you set up pronto, and it's EASY. Just send your email to hawk@solriders.com, and Hawk will get back to you quickly! Oh yeah -- like a lot of the Internet, it IS FREE.

NOW, courtesy of SoLR, one of the SCARIEST STORIES I've ever put out there for ya, folks. I have condensed and rephrased parts of it, for space considerations.

MAY WE SEE YOUR PLATES, PLEASE? Britain is to become the first country in the world where the movements of all vehicles on the roads are recorded. A new national surveillance system will hold the records for at least two years.

The network will incorporate thousands of existing CCTV cameras which are being converted to read number plates automatically night and day to provide 24/7 coverage of all motorways and main roads, as well as towns, cities, ports and even gas stations.

By next March, a central database installed alongside the Police National Computer in Hendon, north London, will store the details of 35 million number-plate "reads" per day. These will include time, date and precise location.

There are plans to expand this surveillance to five-year storage. The next thing we know the authorities will be watching what we do in our powder rooms.

Remember folks, that which happens in Europe crosses the pond very shortly. When it hits this country we will be in a POLICE state. Helmet laws won't mean a damn thing then.

OREGON: It has come to my attention that starting in 2006 when we renew our drivers licenses and want to keep our motorcycle endorsements we that are older than 40 years COULD be required to take a TEAM OREGON RIDERS COURSE. I will research this more and have better information next month. I rebel when I am required to take riding training for the privilege of riding my heavy touring machine based on the notion that older riders are a problem. I ride a 2002 Goldwing and I've ridden heavy bikes all my life.

I endorse the idea of riding courses for my own enhancement. I've been riding well in excess of fifty years, and have taken the courses several times because I think it's a good idea for me. It's time we let folks know we are intelligent people and should have the right to make decisions in our own best interest. Too many times, the people who make the rules have no idea what riding motorcycles is all about.

NEW EPA LAWS LIMIT OUR BIKES! In the Sack several months ago, we mentioned new laws coming to the fore that would affect all of us who ride. Bikes manufactured from now on will have

stringent emissions requirements and MODIFYING EXHAUSTS IS ILLEGAL, and you'll get some HEFTY FINES if you do! And that's FEDERAL LAW! Read on, and weep on:

Aftermarket bike builders are already restricted in the number of EPA- exempt bikes they can build and sell: 24!! After the first 24 in a year, the REST must all pass EPA restrictions. UGLIER STILL: Those first 24 EPA-exempt bikes can ONLY be ridden to and from motorcycle shops and events.

ONE Assembled BIKE per LIFETIME: As things are right now, you can only build ONE EPA-exempt bike in a lifetime! You CAN ride it anywhere, not just to bike shops, but once built, YOU CANNOT SELL IT for five years! Then, once its sold, or even if it's destroyed or stolen, THAT ONE BIKE is all you get, my friend. The aftermarket builders are really under the gun. I'm tellin ya folks, this stuff is nasty. They're after you and your bike, and these folks will not go away.

GUNNY AGAIN: This Sack column is made possible by the generosity of Sam Hochberg, Oregon's Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) attorney. Just one more of those little perks that come from those very dedicated people that take such good care of us when we get hurt in accidents or get in jams with the authorities. Remember our AIM attorneys work on OUR behalf; and many times it's a free thing for us. We can call them for any legal advice at most any time and they will at least talk to us and give us advice we can use. Call your nearest AIM guy when you need help. You just call the National AIM Hotline, at 1-800-ON-A-BIKE, and they will put you in touch with the AIM attorney in your area.

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