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BOARD MEETING: 12:00 NOON

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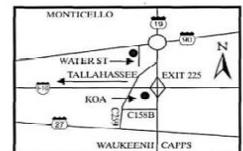
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President's Message

Members of ABATE Palm Bch. Chapter and our supporters.
Thank you.

My Brothers and Sisters,

I have never been more proud of being a part of an organization than I am being a member of our chapter. I am proud of the fact that we have been recognized by the state as having the most new members for November and December of 2005. I am proud that we have gained the support of our Brothers and Sisters of The American Legion Riders and Christian Motorcycle Association.

I am proud of all of you who have stepped up to help start this chapter and have given of yourselves to support our efforts in building this chapter.

I am honored to be your brother at arms. It is indeed an honor to serve with you. We are the front line.

Our dedication to defending the rights of all motorcyclists requires the support of all motorcyclist. We have a voice, we have a message, we are a bureaucrats nightmare. God bless you.

By BRIAN HAAS
sun-sentinel.com

February 23, 2006, 2:45 PM EST

FORT LAUDERDALE -- A 29-year-old motorcyclist died early this morning when his speeding motorcycle crashed, a police spokeswoman said.

Leonardo Amaral Filadelfo, of Pompano Beach, was clocked on his 2006 Yamaha motorcycle at 120 mph by a Broward Sheriff's Office deputy about 2:30 a.m. in the 3500 block of Northwest 62nd Street, said Detective Katherine Collins with the Fort Lauderdale Police

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Department. She said Filadelfo lost control of his motorcycle and died when he was ejected from his bike.

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Do you notice anything different about this report? What's missing? They never mentioned whether the rider was wearing a helmet. A follow up report the next day "The rider was wearing a helmet". Wearing a helmet, a false sense of security maybe, poor judgment, without a doubt.

If you have ever ridden this stretch of road at 55 M.P.H. it can be fun. At 2:30 AM your probably not on your way home from the office. If you are, your wife or girlfriend will probably kill you anyway. Riding at 120 M.P.H. isn't going to make any difference, so it must have been an alternative.

I am not making light of the fact that a young man lost his life, it's tragic. Having seen some of these idiots ride, maybe it's just the inevitable end to a death wish. The police officer obviously witnessed the whole thing and reported, the motorcyclist died after being ejected from the motorcycle. What did he hit? What was he doing riding 120 M.P.H. anyway? Would a helmet have saved his life? Probably not, what might have saved his life *is* a little self discipline and some not so common, common sense.

I read a news report of a motorcyclist that lost control of his motorcycle, hit the retaining wall on an entrance to I 95, went over the rail, plummeted 55' onto I 95 and was run over multiple times and the last sentence read "the rider was not wearing a helmet".

This helmet thing is becoming nothing more than an outdated, worn out excuse for the media morons to make note of something so irrelevant to the cause of injury or death it's all but completely ignored by readers. Like any non - rider gives a shit whether the rider was wearing a helmet or not. All they might read is the blood and guts part. Just another example of the media steering public opinion on a subject they know very little about.

Teens killed when the driver of a Honda Civic looses control and hits a tree. Police estimate the car was traveling at speeds exceeding 100 M.P.H. Does anyone believe seat belts would

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have saved their lives? Would their lives have been spared if they were all wearing helmets? I seriously doubt it, the car was broken in half and mangled beyond recognition.

When is it time to start talking to your children about common sense? How old do you have to be before you start using it? The fact is there's nothing common about common sense anymore.

Common sense isn't the only thing people are running short on today among other things good judgment and responsibility seem to have faded to gray. People walk into a motorcycle dealership looking for their dream bike. The sales person waltz's them around the show room floor trying to zero in on what's going to make them buy. Of course they show them the most expensive bikes on the floor, which are usually the big and powerful cruisers or touring bikes for the middle aged folks or the 160 m.p.h. + suicide machines for the young and the reckless.

Customer: Good judgment, realizing ones ability to make a choice of a bike that fits their competence level and physical ability to handle the bike safely. How much fun can it be if every time you stop your afraid of dropping the bike or falling over in a slow turn or while parking?

Sales person: Responsibility, I wonder if they ever ask the customer; Is this your first bike? How long have you been riding? What are you riding now? Have you ever taken the safety course? Probably not, if the sales manager would hear that they'd be out of a job.

Can we, ABATE make a difference? Yes, our educational programs are probably more important then ever. If you are an experienced rider maybe you can help start a safety program here in Palm Beach County. Sharing knowledge and experience is how we learned. People used to take the time to teach. We can do the same thing, teaching good judgment, responsibility and using common sense. The reward, is saving lives. Lead by example.

Ride Free, Ride Safe

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**Motorcycle Rights & Safety
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"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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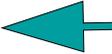
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2006 CALENDAR

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SFPC MANDATORY MOTORCYCLE CLUB EVENTS
 ARE LISTED IN LARGER LETTERS
 Call (954) 433-0097 or (954) 973-2900
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MARCH
 3-12 - 65th Annual Daytona Beach Bike Week
 19 - Frisco Brothers Annual
 26 - Kellies MC Annual

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

MAY
 6 & 7 - Ft. Lauderdale Air & Sea Show
 14 - Southern MC Annual
 21 - Black Pistons MC Keys Annual
 27 - BBKA - Warless 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 - Nam Knights MC Broward Chapter Annual
 25 - Nat's Toy Run Bicycle Drive

JULY
 2 - US Military Vets MC Chapter 2 Annual
 8 & 9 - BBKA Ride for Kids
 15 - AOA MC West Palm Beach off annual
 23 - Wheels of Man CN1 Cookoff
 23 - Nicks Bike Drive
 30 - Black Pistons MC Ft. Loud Annual

AUGUST
 7-13 Sturgis Bike Week
 11-12 - 11th International South Florida Tattoo Expo
 20 - AOA MC 39th Anniversary
 27 - Wings of Gold MC Stuart Annual

SEPTEMBER
 2 - US Military Vets MC Pompano Annual
 10 - States MC 13th Annual Key West Turnup Party
 15-17 - Phil Peterson's 34th Key West Police Run
 24 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run

OCTOBER
 1 - Mystic 7 MC Annual
 8 - BBKA ANNUAL
 15 - Bobby B's "Boss" Hirly's Grand Octoberfest Party
 19-22 - Daytona Bikeoberfest
 28 - 32nd Annual Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party
 29 - SE ABATE 24th Annual Motorcycle 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 Kegs!!!
 10-19th SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run
 16 - 7th Annual SPICCC Christmas Party
 16 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami
 17 - Peterson's Toys in the Park Event (Boyds, Miami)
 17 - Calvary Chapel MM Services

FRISCO BRO'S M/C

8TH ANNUAL

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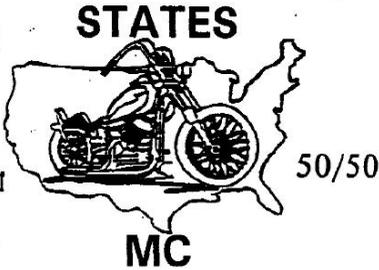
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Fri 3/3&4 Jack Flash

Thurs 3/9 Rob Arenth

Fri 3/10 Herbal Cookies

Sat 3/11 Willie Bash w/Prospect Road

Thurs 3/16 Rob Arenth

Fri & Sat 3/17&18 Not Fragile

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Bill Bish - Coast to Coast

ABATE OF FLORIDA ANNOUNCES FINANCIAL IMPACT OF HELMET LAW REPEAL On February 6, 2006 James "Doc"

Reichenbach II, President of ABATE of Florida and Chairman of the Board for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, released the following economic impact report covering the five years since Florida modified their mandatory helmet law to exclude most adult riders.

278,331 new Motorcycles at an average of \$10,000 each = \$2,783,310,000
Sales tax on Motorcycles at 6% = \$166,998,600
Registration Fees for Motorcycles = \$10,047,749
Change of title = \$8,280,347
Total = \$2,968,636,696

"This is almost three billion dollars in five years that has been put into the economy of the State of Florida, and this is a low figure as it doesn't include antique motorcycle or mopeds that are licensed in Florida," said Doc. "Over one hundred eighty million dollars went directly into the state treasury for the general fund, and this does not include the tourist money that has increased because of Florida being a freedom of choice state. In the past five years over Two Billion five hundred thousand dollars has been spent at Bike Week and Biketoberfest."

For the report, the motorcycle registrations were compiled from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. The tax and fees came from the Florida license and registration bureau. From July 1, 2000 to July 1, 2005 motorcycle registrations in Florida went from 195,306 to 473,637 which represent a total of a 143% increase.

"I hope these figures will help anyone who has heard the bad publicity that has come out of our amended law," said Doc. "The motorcyclists have certainly paid their fair share into the Florida economy and it can be done in every state."

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR WARNER CREATES MOTORCYCLE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Virginia's Governor Mark R. Warner has announced the creation of the Governor's Motorcycle Advisory Council. The group, comprised of state and local officials, state agency representatives, and motorcycle enthusiasts, will work to promote motorcycle safety, tourism, and business development in Virginia. The Council is the next step in Governor Warner's "Motorcycle VIRGINIA!" initiative created in 2004.

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"Virginia has worked to expand its tourism markets in so many areas - and motorcycle tourism is a great opportunity for us," said Governor Warner. Additionally, as the Commonwealth grapples with the transportation challenges of the next decade, motorcyclists need to have a voice in that debate."

Council members are appointed by the Governor and include one member of the House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia as well as a representative from various state agencies and from the Virginia's sheriffs, police chiefs, and the Board of Transportation Safety and sixteen citizen members appointed by the Governor. The Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, Public Safety, and Transportation serve as ex officio members.

Governor Warner's first appointee to the new council was J. Thomas McGrath as a representative of the Transportation Safety Board. McGrath is the founder of the Virginia Coalition of Motorcyclists (VCOM), and is the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney for Virginia.

The Governor's Motorcycle Advisory Council will elevate the "Motorcycle Virginia" work group efforts that began in 2004. The group, comprised of state agencies involved in tourism, public safety, and transportation, has produced more than 50,000 "Watch for Motorcycles" bumpers tickers and launched a Web site featuring Virginia's motorcycle routes, safety guidelines, and motorcycle resource links. For more information go to www.motorcycleva.com.

BOBBI HARTMANN TO JOIN NCOM-LTF The National Coalition of Motorcyclists welcomes Bobbi Hartmann of ABATE of Arizona and a member of the Arizona Lobbying Team, as the newest member of the NCOM Legislative Task Force, joining other motorcyclist rights lobbyists and legislators in defending bikers' rights at the local, state and federal level.

"I am proud to announce that I was recently invited, and have since become, a member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Legislative Task Force," announced Hartmann. "The LTF consists of Members who are committed to the Pursuit of Liberty and are willing, through their actions, to be leaders. LTF Members lend their expertise and experience to other MRO's and as their schedule allows, NCOM will send them to visit other states, upon request, to assist them with their needs, and/or speak at their rally's."

Members of the NCOM-LTF include several legislators; Wisconsin State Senator Dave Zien, South Dakota State Senator Jim Putnam, New Mexico State Rep. Rick Miera, Florida State Rep. Nancy Argenziano, West Virginia State Delegate Greg Butcher and former U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell.

Two other legislators have also been named to the NCOM-LTF; Texas State Rep. Norma "Da Lady" Chavez and Idaho State Senator Skip Brandt. WELCOME!

OKLAHOMA VETERANS NEEDED FOR MOTORCYCLE PLATES Veterans can now apply for special motorcycle license tags in Oklahoma. The proposal was signed into law Nov. 1, but according to

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the Oklahoma Tax Commission, which manages special license plate production, a minimum of 100 pre-applications are required by May 1st or the OTC won't put them into production.

The proposal, which was part of the law signed by the Governor, states "anyone honorably discharged from any branch of the United States Military" is eligible to apply for these motorcycle tags, and the proceeds will go to help fund the 45th Infantry Division Museum, one of the finest Military Museums in the country, which has had its operating budget cut in half by the state.

"Here's some cool information," says Tiger Mike Revere, State Coordinator of ABATE of Oklahoma and member of the NCOM Board of Directors, "The law actually mentions ABATE of Oklahoma in the verbiage!"

The OTC has contacted ABATE to design the new veteran's license plate.

TEXAS POKER RUNS MAY MOVE TO MEXICO Texas has said no to charity poker runs, but at least one El Paso charity has an ace up their sleeve: Juárez.

Members of the Vista Hills Rotary Club, who had been trying to spice up their fund-raising with poker for years but couldn't find a legal way to do it in El Paso, came up with the idea of having a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament in Juárez, to be hosted by its sister club in Juárez, the Club Rotario Juárez Norte.

In Austin, Sputnik, state chairman of the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association, which organizes charity poker runs, found the idea brilliant. "Oh, yeah, that would work," he said.

Charities around the country including churches, have been cashing in on the Texas Hold 'Em craze without much controversy. But in Texas it's a little trickier since Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott issued an opinion in December stating that poker runs -- the popular fund-raisers in which bikers pay to pick up playing cards along a route to win prizes at the final stop -- amounted to illegal gambling.

Sputnik, who also serves on the NCOM Board of Directors and Legislative Task Force, said he is looking for "a way around" the attorney general's opinion. He has brought up the idea of switching from poker to throwing darts, which is considered to be a game of skill.

In El Paso, Mando Parra, a member of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club and the chairman of the West Texas Confederation of Clubs, is looking to take his poker ride for cancer research to New Mexico, where gambling is legal. In that case, the fund-raiser would have to benefit a New Mexico charity, he said. "The El Paso charities are the ones that are going to lose," said Parra.

HELLS ANGELS WIN MILLION DOLLAR SETTLEMENT OVER RAID Santa Clara County has agreed to pay nearly \$1 million to settle a lawsuit by the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club over a 1998

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police raid that resulted in three dead dogs, a torn-up sidewalk and little meaningful evidence.

The \$990,000 settlement was spurred by the U.S. Supreme Court's rejection in December of the county's argument that sheriff's deputies were immune from liability. Lower court judges previously had said the actions of the deputies and San Jose police officers were unreasonable. They called unnecessary the "truckloads" of evidence the officers obtained showing that some of the homes' occupants belonged to the club, and said the officers did nothing to avoid killing the animals.

The raids by 90 officers on the club's San Jose headquarters and nine homes on Jan. 21, 1998, followed the August 1997 killing of a man at a strip club and the subsequent arrest for murder of the bouncer who was a Hells Angels member. The member argued the killing was in self-defense, and a jury acquitted him and another defendant on all counts in 1999.

In building their case, prosecutors attempted to show that the suspect was part of a "criminal street gang," which could add three years to any sentence. To prove it, they obtained search warrants to gather any evidence that demonstrated membership in the Hells Angels, including anything that had names, slogans or symbols on it. None of the members whose homes were targeted had been charged in the case.

"In the course of seizing the evidence, they destroyed a lot of property, and they kept it for 18 months," said Karen Snell, attorney for the Hells Angels, in an interview with the San Jose Mercury News.

In executing the search warrants, officers collected clothing, paperwork, clocks, sculptures, motorcycles, a mailbox, a piece of sidewalk on which members' names had been written and even a refrigerator door that had a Hells Angels decal affixed to it. They needed to rent storage space to house it all.

Although they had a week to plan for the raids and knew of the existence of guard dogs, including a Rottweiler, the San Jose police officers failed to do anything to find a non-lethal way of incapacitating the animals, the courts said. They shot three of them.

The cities of Santa Clara and Gilroy, whose officers also were involved in the raids, settled their cases several years ago for a total of less than \$50,000. No settlement has been reached with the San Jose Police Department, which also was sued.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD: BIKE VEST PROMOTERS FULL OF HOT AIR Promoters of supposedly "Inflatable Motorcycle Vests" have been sentenced on 30 felony counts of securities fraud and grand theft, as well as five counts of tax evasion.

John Duhamell and Toni Duhamell were formally sentenced in late October in San Bernardino County Superior Court. After they entered guilty pleas on all counts, a San Bernardino Superior Court judge sentenced John Duhamell to seven years in state prison and Toni Duhamell to four years and four months in state prison. In addition, the Duhamells were ordered to repay their more than 200 victims \$5.6 million in restitution, and they were also ordered to pay \$816,718 each to the Franchise Tax Board

on the tax evasion charges.

The Attorney General filed a criminal complaint in September, 2005 alleging that the Duhamells stole more than \$5 million from investors over the course of three years on the pretense of financing a product known as the "AirVest" - a vest worn by motorcyclists that is designed to automatically inflate when they are thrown from their bikes.

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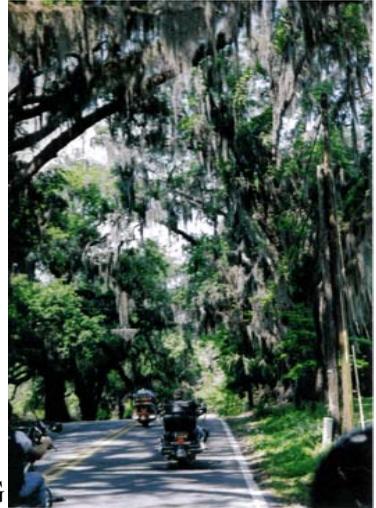


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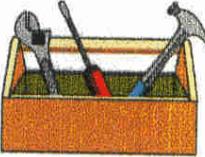
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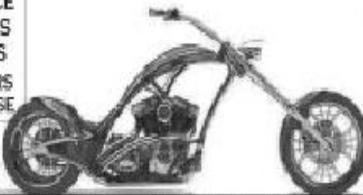
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THIS month, no way I can come close to including everything that is in the news that concerns us as bikers. I gotta tell ya, we have a hell of a lot more to worry about than helmet laws. I'm not saying to let up on that issue for one minute. Helmet laws and their effect on us is important. But, there ARE some things coming down the pike that worry me more, and they are in the PREVENTABLE stages still.

The new EPA laws that are imminent are far more pervasive and dangerous, and will, in not much time, negatively effect whether we ride motorcycles AT ALL. As you read this, there are laws on the books that LIMIT the number of EPA-exempt bikes that aftermarket builders can produce each year. As riders, we are currently LIMITED as to HOW MANY BIKES WE CAN BUILD AND OWN IN A LIFETIME! Surprised? Read on, I've got s'more that'll scare ya.

Across the pond, at least in the UK, they are building photographic data bases on every traveler and vehicle on their highways, including motorcycles. Back here in the US, the Honda Motorcycle Co. has air-bags optional this year on their Gold Wings! I'm not saying that it's a good or bad idea, but it scares the pants off me right now. What do we do if some safety-crat down the line says they should be mandatory? I want to see more testing before that takes place, IF it ever does.

On another front, remember that it wasn't long ago in Germany, when they wanted to dictate the BRAND OF TIRES they could put on motorcycles! And in the European Union, the question is still up in the air about UNIFORM CLOTHING TO BE WORN WHILE RIDING. No matter where you live on this planet, the list goes on and on. Let's not forget one of the worst and scariest things going on – the Patriot Act is so full of holes for the Feds to crawl through, it looks like Swiss cheese. It's the most invasive piece of trash I've ever seen put on paper regarding INVASION OF CITIZEN PRIVACY. Our current President screams at us, that it's for our safety. I'm wondering where it will end; AND, I wonder, when is the bike community gonna rise up and say

THIS is where The Buck Stops! I hope and pray I'm not the only one who's worried.

NEWSBITS 'N' PIECES:

CHINA: For Ray Ma, freedom on the open road means riding his Harley behind two police cars through the Chinese countryside. The Hong Kong dental surgeon and members of his 35-bike group had to pay 10,000 Hong Kong dollars (\$1,290 U.S.) per bike, in escort and paperwork fees last Fall, to make their trip to Guilin City a reality. The day I have to pay fees like that to cross the Canadian border on my bike is the day before Canada sees ME for the last time. That's the way things are in the most populous nation on earth. They don't want imported bikes there. Maybe they have enough problems controlling their domestic bikes, although they manufacture over 10 million bikes every year in China. For years, Harley-Davidson has pushed hard to sell its bikes in China. Harley says it plans to announce soon that it will open its first retail outlet in the country since at least World War II.

170 CHINESE CITIES LIMIT OR BAN MOTORCYCLE USE OR OWNERSHIP, largely because they are viewed as underpowered, cheap, polluting machines that clog traffic and endanger others.

GARDEN GROVE, CA.: The movie, "The Worlds Fastest Indian" is in release in February and March. I'm told it's a MUST SEE. It's the story of an older guy who sets a speed record on an Indian motorcycle. I AM gonna go see that one.

OREGON CORRECTIONS: No, I don't mean the jail system. Last month I had bad information: The SACK piece said that in Oregon, to retain your motorcycle endorsement at renewal, you might have to take an approved rider course. I checked with DMV, and that proved to be false. Of course, they DO recommend it for everyone who rides. Folks getting their FIRST endorsement are required to take a course, IF they're under 19. If you do take a course and pass with high enough skills, you will not be required to take the DMV road test for the endorsement. Hope I cleared that up. Always check with your DMV anyway!

GUNNY AGAIN: I never write The Sack without the guidance of our Oregon AIM lawyer, SAM HOCHBERG. He is my editor and mentor and if it weren't for him, the column would not happen. Just one of the many things he and other AIM attorneys do

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In the news Chuckles

Teen Using Restroom Falls Out Bus Window

ALBANY, N.Y. -- A New York City teenager fell out the window of a moving bus while using the restroom Tuesday and landed on the New York State Thruway.

State police said Jose Gonzales, 17, lost his balance when the chartered bus swerved to change lanes. It was unclear how fast the bus was going.

Gonzales was taken to Albany Medical Center for treatment. Police said he'll recover.

Gonzales fell onto the shoulder of the thruway near Exit 23 southbound.

He had been at the Capitol on Tuesday to lobby with a group on the issue of AIDS.

"First of all Restrooms on buses don't have windows. What do you think Jose the idiot was doing when he fell out the window. Another waste of human organs spared".

2/22/06 Boynton Beach

Bank robbery suspect on motorcycle charged

The bank robber's fake mustache is missing. But his sunglasses and jacket disguise, a threatening note, and \$3,600 in cash, were found Tuesday by police officers.

Charles Eugene Lawhorn Jr., 45, confessed to the 1 p.m. robbery at a Wachovia Bank branch in the 1600 block of South Federal Highway, according to a news release.

Officer Troy Raines, one of several searching the area using witness descriptions, arrested Lawhorn near the Hatteras Apartments in the 500 block of Southeast 20th Avenue a short time after the robbery. Lawhorn had fled on a motorcycle, recovered nearby.

"Lawhorn's fake mustache blew off of his face as he fled the bank and is still at large," the release stated.

They got the crook but the mustache got away?

Where are they now?

A group of grade school children on a field trip to city hall and the jail were escorted by the chief of police. As they went from department to department the chief explained how they all worked together to catch the bad guy's. The final stop was a room with the walls covered with mug shots of the most wanted criminals. The chief explained that these were some of the most dangerous criminals in the country and that the police were working very hard to find them and bring them to justice.

Puffing out his chest and crossing his arms the chief in a rough, gruff voice asked if anyone had any questions. A young boy about 12 yrs. old stood there looking rather perplexed. He finally raised his hand and asked. "If they are so dangerous why did you let them go after you took their picture"?

Tokyo Rose Again?

Subject: Tokyo Rose....

Remember Her????

During WWII, the Japanese were searching for a way to demoralize the American forces that they faced. Their Psychological warfare experts came up with a message that they thought would work well. They gave the script to their famous broadcaster, "Tokyo Rose," and everyday she would broadcast this same message packaged in various ways hoping to have an impact on American GI morale. What was the message? It had three main points:

1. Your President is lying to you.
2. This war is illegal.
3. You cannot win the war.

Sound familiar? Maybe it's because the Democrat Party has picked up the same message and is broadcasting it to our troops. The only difference is that they claim to support our troops before they demoralize them. Come to think of it, Tokyo Rose used to tell the troops she was on their side.

Think about this next Election Day. Let's see how many people vote for Tokyo Harry, Tokyo Teddy, Tokyo Nancy, Tokyo John or Tokyo Hillary.

President Bush Speaks

When the president speaks everyone listens. Understanding what he is saying is the tough part. Here are a few Bushisms to ponder.

"Families is where our nation finds hope, where wings take dream"

"I know how hard it is to put food on your family" (Foood Fight!!!!)

"What I am against is quotas. I am against hard quotas, quotas they basically delineate based on whatever. However they delineate, quotas, I think vulcanize society"

"I know the human being and fish can coexist peacefully" (I guess you had to be there)

"I will have a foreign - handed foreign policy" (Yeah, and them fereigners know it too.)

I am mindful of the difference between the executive branch and the legislative branch. I assured all four of these leaders that I know the difference, and that difference is they pass the laws and I execute them".

"They underestimated me". (Whitehouse Ebonics?)

"They want the federal government controlling Social Security like it's some kind of federal program". (The nerve of some people.)

"The California Crunch really is the result of not enough power generating plants and then not enough power to power the power of generating plants". (See, it's just that simple)

"How do you know if you don't measure if a system that simply suckles kids through". (Speaking on education I presume).

President Bush: In a survey, U.S. children ages 8 –12 could name more brands of beer than presidents.

"One of the common denominators that I have found is that expectations rise above that which is expected".



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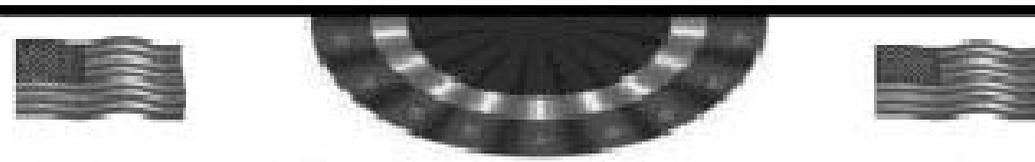
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