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President's Message

Members of ABATE Palm Bch. Chapter and our supporters,

Thank you.

The Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame recognizes the commitment and sacrifices individuals across the nation, and world, have made to protect the rights of motorcyclists. In their honor the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame established the nation's first and only Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame.

Elizabeth "Boots" Buckholz has been the backbone of ABATE of Florida, serving as State Secretary, Legislative Officer and State Office Manager. She has worked tirelessly for over 20 years for the riders in Florida. Boots is passionate about riding and is dedicated to promoting women in motorcycling and their many accomplishments. Her dedication to motorcyclists extends beyond her state and has earned her national recognition.

On behalf of myself and ABATE Palm Beach Chapter, we salute you and thank you for your dedication to ABATE of Florida, Inc. and your undying faith in our cause.

Thanks Boots, God bless you

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President's Message - CONT'D

Brothers and Sisters,

When we talk about commitment to a cause and dedication to what we believe in, we have to look within ourselves for an answer to the level our own personal commitment. To some commitment means putting forth an effort to satisfy a personal struggle, to others it's the first step in making a difference for the good of all likeminded people and letting those sentiments be heard though a voice much louder than our own.

In conversation with other members of the South Florida motorcycle community I have come to the conclusion that we're all in agreement on issues regarding our rights, safety, awareness and educational programs but one thing is missing. A lack of *personal* commitment to help change the things that affect you and each and every one of us in one way or another as motorcyclists.

Commitment, your level of commitment is a very personal gift to all, something you do because you want to. Doing what you can to become a part of the solution. I have always believed that "if you're not part of the solution you become part of the problem".

Participation, if you believe in the cause at least make a personal commitment to participate. Participation can be in the form of attending our monthly chapter meetings, distribution of fliers for various chapter activities and newsletters or researching the political platform of local and state candidates running for office and sharing the information with our state rep and legal council. Helping to coordinate rides, runs and chapter functions. Your participation helps to bring all of us a little closer together. People sharing ideas and becoming involved in a project to assure it's success inspires others to participate.

Involvement, in my opinion is the third faze of commitment and participation. Once you have committed yourself to a cause and have found that your determination as an individual just wasn't enough to achieve your goal. To some it may become obvious that there are probably others that are concerned with the same issues and are seeking support to continue the fight. Your involvement and interaction with others to achieve a common goal strengthens the commitment and activates the participation of others working with you.

Your level of involvement with our organization is completely up to you. And, as it should be, to commit to something and become involved becomes your personal responsibility to the chapter. It's not something to be taken lightly nor should it become a burden. We all have our own lives to live, we all have other commitments that come first and everyone realizes that our responsibility is to our families and our

President's Message - CONT'D

personal lives above all. As I said, this is giving of yourself, a gift you give for the good of all. Take a moment and think of how you can contribute to the chapter.

Maybe just participating in a group ride or bringing an idea or a suggestion to the table, sometimes just a thought brought forward can inspire others to take action. Give it a shot you have nothing to lose. Who knows, you might gain the support of others who have committed themselves to the cause but may not have made the decision to become involved.

I believe that commitment and involvement is the responsibility of each chapter member and essential in the building of a successful chapter. We have a great start and many opportunities in our future. My hope is that we can all share the success of our chapter by working together and making it an example and an inspiration to the other members of the motorcycle community.

My sincerest thanks and gratitude goes out to all of you that have stepped up and made a personal commitment to you and I and to all of our Brothers and Sisters of ABATE Palm Beach Chapter.

Ride Free, Ride Safe

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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.

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2006 CALENDAR

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MAY

- 6 & 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 - Nam Knights MC Broward Chapter Annual
- 25 - Nate'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 Chili 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 - Stones MC 13th Annual Key West Turnup Party
- 15-17 - Phil Peterson's 34th Key West Poker Run
- 24 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run

OCTOBER

- 1 - Mystic 7 MC Annual
- 8 - BBRA ANNUAL
- 15 - Bobby B's "Boss" Hiry's Grand Octoberfest Party
- 19-22 - Daytona Biketoberfest
- 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 Kegs!!!
- 10-19th SFPFC 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 (Bayside, Miami)
- 17 - Calvary Chapel MM Services

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NCOM NEWS BYTES
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National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

NCOM CONVENTION IN DERBY CITY Kentucky hospitality greeted a near-record number of motorcyclists' rights activists to Louisville for the 21st annual NCOM Convention, held Mother's Day weekend, May 11-13, 2006 at the spacious Executive Inn.

Nearly 1,300 bikers attended the National Coalition of Motorcyclists' Convention, coming from virtually every state and representing most Motorcyclists' Rights Organizations and Confederations of Clubs across the country.

Hosted by the Kentucky Motorcycle Association/KBA and the Kentucky Confederation of Clubs, this annual gathering draws prominent leaders in the bikers' rights movement to different locations every year to discuss topics of concern to all riders. Meetings, seminars and group discussions focused on safety issues, legal rights, legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride.

Highlights of the 3-day conference included an insightful presentation by researcher and author Wendy Moon, "Fatal Design - SUV vs. Motorcycle" which offers an intriguing explanation as to why motorcycle injuries and fatalities are increasing yet motorcycle accidents are decreasing.

This year's agenda was packed with informative and thought provoking meetings such as the NCOM Board of Directors Meeting, NCOM Legislative Task Force Meeting, A.I.M. Attorney Conference, A.I.M. Chiefs of Staff Meeting, Christian Unity Conference, Clean and Sober Roundtable, Women In Motorcycling, SMRO President's Meeting, American Biker Party Conference, and the popular and always inspiring Confederations of Clubs General Patch Holder Meeting.

Seminars and workshops included "Freedom of the Road & Use of the Courts", "Discrimination - A Practical Approach", "Fundamentals of Forming a Motorcycle Caucus", "Getting Our People Elected on a Shoestring Budget" "Back to Basics - Lobbying 101" and "Patriot Law and Pending Gang Legislation".

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The NCOM Legislative Task Force welcomed new members; Idaho State Senator Skip Brandt, Texas State Rep. Norma "Da Lady" Chavez, and Arizona lobbyist Bobbi Hartmann.

South Dakota State Rep. Jim Putnam was entertaining with his home-spun humor as the dinner speaker during the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday evening.

Silver Spoke Award recipients were: MEDIA: Peter Kay, Wheels of Grace; ENTERTAINMENT: Paul Revere and the Raiders; COMMERCE: Joe Teresi of Paisano Publications; GOVERNMENT: U.S. Senator James Inhofe of Oklahoma; LEGAL: Joey Lester, California A.I.M. Attorney and Partner in the Law Offices of Richard M. Lester; and SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Cyndi Calhoun (Posthumously) of the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association; Motorcycle Rights Group Advocate Pam Martin; and George Heissenbottle, Founder of the Kentucky Motorcycle Association/KBA.

The Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to "Tiger" Mike Revere, President of ABATE of Oklahoma and member of the NCOM Board of Directors.

NCOM would like to thank the KMA/KBA and the Kentucky Confederation of Clubs for hosting this year's Convention, and special thanks for the following groups for hosting Hospitality Suites during non-meeting times: Soldiers For Jesus M/C, Sober Riders MC and the Kentucky COC.

The 2006 Convention was dedicated to the memory of Cyndi Calhoun of the TMRA-II and Fat George Hutchison of the Spartan Riders MC and Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs.

Next year's NCOM Convention will be held May 10-13, 2007 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Call NCOM for further details at (800) 525-5355 or visit www.On-A-Bike.com.

DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION The highway death rate increased in 2005 for the first time in about 20 years, and a new federal report suggests that driving distracted may be responsible for nearly 8 in 10 crashes.

Preliminary figures from the National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) show that despite increased usage of safety belts and attention to drunken driving, 43,200 people died in car crashes last year, up from 42,636 in 2004.

In a separate report issued the same day, NHTSA and Virginia Tech's Transportation Institute released research findings that driving distracted is a more serious problem than previously known, and indicated nearly 80% of crashes and near-crashes involve driver inattention up to three seconds before the incident. The most common causes of distraction were cellphone use and drowsiness.

The research, which NHTSA called "breakthrough," tracked the drivers of 100 vehicles equipped with video and sensor devices for more than one year, providing more than 43,300 hours of data. In nearly 2 million miles of driving, 241 drivers of the cars were involved in 82 crashes and 761 near-crashes.

Connecticut, New York and New Jersey ban drivers from using handheld cellphones. Washington, D.C., bans use of handheld cellphones or any other electronic device. New Hampshire bans all driver distractions.

A government report last year found that about 10 percent of drivers are using cell phones.

Automakers are refining technologies that sense when a vehicle is about to crash and apply brakes and steer the car out of trouble.

WISCONSIN ENACTS ROADWAY USERS RESPONSIBILITY ACT The Roadway Users Responsibility Act contains numerous pro-motorcycle provisions and represents a huge victory for Wisconsin bikers.

Senator Dave Zien, longtime motorcycle rights activist and member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Legislative Task Force, was one of the chief authors and sponsors of the legislation.

Among its provisions, AB 964 / S 528 increases penalties for motorists who cause injury or the death of other roadway users. If the victim of the crash is a motorcyclist, bicyclist or pedestrian, the violator must attend an Awareness Class to learn how to Share the Road.

Also under the measure, all Driver Education classes will be required to include Share the Road with Motorcycles portion. In another section, a paperwork reduction portion will allow a Motorcycle Rider Education graduate to bypass the Learners Permit requirement prior to obtaining their motorcycle endorsement.

Lastly, the bill will allow a motorcycle, moped or bicycle to proceed through a red vehicle actuated traffic signal that does not recognize their vehicle when the path is clear and after waiting 45 seconds.

TATTOOING IS OK Oklahoma's SB 806, a proposal to Regulate and Legalize Artistic Tattooing, has been signed into law by Governor Brad Henry and will become law on November 1st.

"Many thanks to all lovers of Freedom and Artistic Expression out there that weighed in with their legislators on this important First Amendment and Public Health issue," said Tiger Mike Revere, President of ABATE of Oklahoma and a member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Board of Directors.

"With the Governor's signature, a long and embarrassing chapter in our state's history should draw to a close," said Tiger Mike, referring to the fact that Oklahoma is the last state in the nation to legalize tattooing. South Carolina was the 49th state to do so in 2004.

Because illegal tattooing was occurring, Governor Henry said it is important for the state to step in to make sure that people getting a tattoo don't also contract a disease such as HIV or hepatitis B or C.

The measure requires all tattoo operators to be licensed by the Oklahoma State Department of Health, which will establish rules and standards for tattooing.

DR. PHIL, MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ADVOCATE Motorcycling fans have found a new friend in the mass media: Dr. Phil McGraw of the popular Dr. Phil television show. And thanks to Helmet House and the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, millions of viewers on Tuesday, April 18 tuned in as the good doctor helped a young Marine from Bay St. Louis, Miss., discover the right way to ride a motorcycle.

The producers of the Ask Dr. Phil and Robin segment needed our help with some riding apparel, said Richard Kimes, national marketing manager for Helmet House. They were filming a segment about a Marine, George Goetz, who had just returned

home after a tour of duty in Iraq. Anxious to experience the thrill of motorcycling, he decided to spend some of his savings on a sport bike.

Goetz began riding without any training or a motorcycle license. And, although he had a helmet, he lacked any other protective riding apparel. His mother was so concerned that she hid his keys. That's when Dr. Phil got involved, said Kimes. With Dr. Phil as the referee, the story unfolded in front of a national audience. Dr. Phil is an avid motorcyclist who frequently rode a dirt bike in the past, said Kimes, who attended the taping of the show. Dr. Phil brokered a deal between Goetz and his mother: if the young man would take training, get licensed and wear the proper gear, his mom would return his motorcycle keys.

Dr. Phil then introduced Rob Gladden from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, who presented Goetz with a new set of safety gear and explained that the MSF had arranged a special Basic RiderCourse for Goetz and 11 of his buddies.

A young hero and his mother got a helping hand from Dr. Phil. It's just another example of how motorcyclists really do help one another.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD: DEAF WOMAN SUES RIDER ED FOR NOT PROVIDING SIGNER A deaf Tampa-area woman who wanted to take an adult education class on motorcycle riding is suing the Hillsborough County school district for not providing a sign language interpreter.

"They are discriminating against me, which I felt is not right," Merrie Carol Paul said in an interview conducted through a telephone relay system. "One of my dreams is that I wanted to ride my own motorcycle. ... I love to ride motorcycles because I can do it. It doesn't matter if I am deaf or not. I love to feel the spirit. It is me."

Paul, 46, claims in a federal lawsuit that the district violated the Americans With Disabilities Act when officials refused to provide the interpreter when she signed up to take the class last year.

Paul said she was told the \$175 class fee would not cover the cost of an interpreter. In the lawsuit, she says she was told she was welcome to bring her own interpreter, which the suit states would have cost her \$2,340.

When asked if the district provides sign language interpreters for people in adult education classes, school district spokesman Stephen Hegarty said, "Regardless of

what kind of class it is, the law requires that we make reasonable accommodations, and frequently litigation arises over how to define reasonable." Hegarty added he did not know whether a sign language interpreter ever has been requested for an adult school class.

Deaf from birth, Paul said she rode motorcycles with her parents as a teenager in Michigan. She said she passed a written test but needs to take the course to obtain her license. "I have my motorcycle in my garage, and it is waiting for me," she said.

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, 32nd President of the United States (1882-1945)

AND THAT'S ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS!



Speakin 0' Which!!!

Unquotable quotes from Sports Stars

Sports stars give a lot of interviews, but they're not always the most articulate people.

"The Doctors X-Rayed my head and found nothing"

Dizzy Dean, Baseball legend.

"I want all the kid's to do what I do, to look up to me. I want all the kid's to copulate me"

Andre Dawson, Chicago Cubs outfielder.

"Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein"

Joe Theisman, Football legend

"You guy's pair up in groups of three, then line up in a circle"

Bill Peterson, Florida State football coach.

When asked if he wanted his pizza cut into six or eight slices, pitcher Dan Osinski replied;

"Better make it six, I can't eat eight".

"Left hand, right hand it doesn't matter I'm amphibious"

Charles Shackelford, NCSU Basketball player.

"We're gonna turn this team around three hundred sixty degree's"

Jason Kidd

"Here's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning regardless of what time it is".

Lou Duva, Boxing trainer, on the regimen of heavyweight Andrew Golota.

Dumb question of the month: "Are you any relation to your brother Marv? Leon Wood, to announcer Steve Albert.

Fact: More people die playing golf than any other sport. Leading causes: heart attacks and strokes.

In the News

Holy cow! Tenant leaves behind 70,000 empty beer cans

News partner NBC 6

May 18, 2006, 4:10 PM EDT

OGDEN, Utah –

When a Utah man moved out of his townhouse, his landlord found quite a collection -- an estimated 70,000 beer cans.

The landlord said the man had been living in the home for about eight years and never threw away a single can. After a massive clean-up effort, the cans were recycled for about \$800.

All of the cans were Coors Light. The man said he has quit drinking and now has a job.

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If We Don't Do It Who Will

There is so much to do and so much to say where shall I begin. Being a man of average intellect I generally have to start at the very beginning and go step-by-step to get where I'm trying to go. An old instructor of mine, I respected, once told me; in order to find the right path or direction you first need to decide where you want to go before you decide how to get there. That made a lot of sense to me then as it does now. So where I am trying to go with this article is to share my opinion of why there is ABATE and why I'm in ABATE.

For years I'd pick up a free copy of the South East ABATE Chapter Newsletter to keep up on what ABATE was doing for me. Then one day my wife questioned that considering how much I agreed with what ABATE was doing and felt the organization was representing my views for my rights; why wasn't I a member? Now, I'm not sure if she was attempting to kick-start my conscience or shut me up, but that night I joined the Southeast Chapter.

Maybe because at the time ABATE was deep in the fight to get the helmet law passed; maybe because the SE Chapter was so established and big; maybe because I just didn't click with the SE Chapter members, but although I attended a lot of the meetings, my active participation was minimal. Here and now in the Palm Beach Chapter I feel very different. I truly believe we have a ground floor opportunity to be heard and be part of the foundation that will make our Chapter succeed. Why? I truly believe that we work together to represent the ideals of what we feel are the most important common rights for bikers. Why do we do this, because if we don't who will?

I don't know for sure, but I doubt if any law maker or politician routinely comes up with an idea for legislation that isn't first thrust into their face. Not to say that they can not think on their own, but as voting citizens interested in having our say in how we are governed, we have the responsibility to represent our interests to them. Quite frankly because if we don't who will? From what I have seen, ABATE is the strongest voice for motorcyclists rights and as we all recognize, the strongest voice is the first heard.

I personally do not believe in "Big Government" telling me that I do not have the intelligence to decide what is or is not a decision I am capable of making for myself. I do however believe most laws that are established to govern my actions that will have a direct effect on others are necessary. For example; laws governing theft, assault, safety, order and alike are good and necessary. Another example is the amendments

to the Vehicle and Traffic Laws that ABATE is sponsoring holding drivers more culpable for their careless operation of their vehicles. Of course, our clearest example of the

success of ABATE defending our rights of individual decision is the helmet law. Personally speaking, I choose to always wear a hard-hat, but I fought to defend our right to make that decision, and as clearly stated in every Chapter News Letter, WE ARE NOT ANTI-HELMET, WE ARE ANTI-HELMET LAW.

Again, speaking for myself, I am proud that I am part of a society that is based on freedom, and I personally will always be counted as one that wants to be heard. Though I do not understand why some people choose not to be heard, I realize this same free society allows anyone who chooses to be silent may allow others to dictate their direction; though I cannot condone their vocal ire or insurrection at those decisions they chose not to be involved in. Case in point; I have a relative that boasts never to have voted in any election, but then boisterously criticizes governing direction and policies. To that I must say; if you are so damn interested in criticizing governmental policy, show that same damn determination in the choice of the governing officials.

So again I ask; If We Don't Do It Who Will?

The answer to me is quite simple. If I don't do it no one can! Simply because no one knows what I think better than I do; no one knows what is most important to me better than me; no one knows what I want better than me; no one will represent me better than me. BUT, no one will know about any of that unless I am heard and as I said earlier the strongest voice is the first heard. So for me, I have joined with the Brothers and Sisters of ABATE who have a like mind to make my voice stronger, though I still realize that with out my active participation our voice can dwindle.

Freedom means the right of choice. To me that must transcend to the right to make the correct or incorrect choice, and I personally will not idly stand by while my freedom of choice is taken from me.

Again, respectfully, this is only my opinion.

John "Papa Bear" Olsey
Brother at Arms



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Dear Friend,

Welcome to This Week in Congress. I hope you find this newsletter useful. Commending the Patriot Guard for Shielding Military Families from Protesters.

This week I introduced legislation to commend the Patriot Guard Riders for shielding military families from protesters at funerals. In 2005, a small group of American Legion riders in Mulvane, Kansas, began this movement as a service to families of fallen soldiers. Calling themselves the Patriot Guard, these motorcycle riders waved American flags and revved their engines to serve as a barrier between mourning families and picketers.

The Patriot Guard Riders have since grown into a nationwide network of tens of thousands of members who volunteer their time to come to the aid of military families and show their respect for fallen service members at funerals. Appearing at the request of families, they drown out the jeers and hateful signs of protesters to allow the memories of the deceased service members to be remembered with honor and dignity.

I first experienced the power of the Patriot Guard last year when hundreds of riders showed up to the funeral of a Kansas soldier who gave his life serving in Iraq. Regardless of one's opinion of our country's military commitments, we can all be thankful for these patriots who provide the families and friends of our fallen soldiers the peaceful time of mourning they deserve.

This legislation is to express the U.S. House of Representatives' Deepest appreciation to Patriot Guard Riders across the country. More than a dozen states are considering legislation that would restrict protesting at funerals. Representatives Todd Tiahrt, Jim Ryun and Dennis Moore of the Kansas delegation have joined me in sponsoring this legislation.

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TROOP E HEADQUARTERS

April 11, 1996

TO: All Troop E Personnel
FROM: Major Grady Carrick *GTC*
Troop Commander
SUBJECT: HOV Lane Enforcement - Motorcycle Exemption

As has been related to you in the past, the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane restrictions do not apply to motorcycles. Motorcycles are exempt from the laws that govern the use of HOV lanes, as per Federal requirements found in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991. If you engage in enforcement of this violation, please be aware that this exemption exists.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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Group Riding & Riding in Formation

Whenever a group of riders get together the question of who will lead and what kind of formation they will ride in should be taken very seriously. In a mixed group of riders the potential for disaster is a very real threat. Experienced riders have a responsibility to teach less experienced riders by explaining in detail how they will line up and how the formation will function. Less experienced riders and their *passengers* have a responsibility to the others to keep their mouth shut and pay attention!

I have always been a strong advocate of gathering the group together for a briefing before the ride just to go over the route we will take and the formation we will ride in. Clubs and other riding organizations have very strict rules regarding formation riding. Most have an elected or assigned Road Captain.

The Road Captain is responsible for planning the route, gas stops and assigning Road Guards and briefing the group before the ride, among other things.

This is the time for questions. If you don't understand something ask questions. There is no such thing as a dumb question when it comes to riding in a group. One person doing something erratic, incorrect or unexpected can cause disastrous results.

In fact in most clubs and riding organizations these are elected positions. They are given charge of insuring that all members of the group follow the plan and authority to have anyone incapable of maintaining a safe and orderly presence within the formation ejected. They deserve your respect and 100% of your cooperation. They run the show, they call the shots and you as a rider owe it to everyone else in that group to pay attention and cooperate with those leading the ride.

When in a mixed group being led by a club or another riding organization, never and I repeat NEVER! Leave the formation or break out of the group unless it's an emergency situation or you have been instructed to do so by a Road Guard. Always follow the bike in front you and pay attention to hand signals.

Cages running with the group should be at the very rear of the formation and maintain that position "behind the bikes". Cages traveling with a mixed group should not attempt to enter the lane next to the formation when changing lanes to "block traffic" when Road Guards are deployed.

Recently had a cage running with a mixed group on 595. The cage was running along the left side the group at about mid pack. Believing they were helping to "block traffic" they were inadvertently creating a traffic jam that backed up traffic which normally would have passed the formation and eventually allow the Road Guards to return to the group.

Instead cages were now trying to pass the blocked lane of traffic and the Road Guards were stranded, unable to catch up with the group let alone their assigned forward positions.

We were now running a large formation of mixed riders without Road Guards. Fortunately for us we were riding with the USMVMC.

I have had the privilege of being allowed to ride with our group, being led by the US Military Vets MC, South Broward Chapter during my term as Sgt. At Arms with ABATE SE.

In my opinion they're the best in the biz when it comes to riding a tight formation, when it comes to leading a mixed group of riders nobody does it better than the USMVMC.

Had I known this was available I would have had it in every ABATE P.B.C. Chapter member's hand before we left the parking lot. Most of us know about it but obviously a couple of us don't.

**USMVMC ROAD GUARD
INFORMATION SHEET**
(How not to run over road guards)

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Road Captain's will deploy road guards when he wants the procession to change lanes. All riders will stay in their lane until they pass the Road Guards when they will change lanes row by row reforming in double file formation in front of the Road Guards.

In the event traffic is too heavy for the Road Guards to easily return to their posts, the Road Captain shall call for single file formation, the LEFT side bike moves in front of the like on their RIGHT to allow Road Guards to return to their posts at the front of the formation behind the Road Captains.

It is each and every riders responsibility to do the best they can to ensure a safe ride for all those in the formation. Keep the formation tight so other vehicles, Cages, do not break the formation. Please maintain an interval of not more than 6' to 8' (6 to 8 feet) between riders.

**WATCH THE RIDERS IN FRONT OF YOU AT ALL TIMES.
MAINTAIN A STEADY SPEED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE**

In anticipation of a Safe and Enjoyable ride,
Bandit,
USMVMC Interim Secretary
Abate SE Chapter Trash Master

I urge you and all of our chapter members to read this make a copy of it and understand it. If you have questions please remember there are no dumb questions except the one you don't ask. It's all about safety and protecting one another.

Strongbow

Back in March we printed some statements made by President Bush and called them Bushisms. Well, as it turns out he's not alone. Apparently this is pretty common among Lone Star politicians with a flair for the English language. Read on!

TEXISMS

President Bush: "I would have to ask the questioner. I haven't had a chance to ask the questioners the question they've been questioning"

Speaker Gib Lewis: "I want to thank each and every one of you for having extinguished yourselves this session."

When Agricultural Commissioner Jim Hightower was informed that Gov. Bill Clements was studying Spanish he said. "Oh good, now he'll be bi ignorant".

Speaker Gib Lewis: "I'm filled with humidity".

Speaker Wayne Clayton: "It's the sediment of the House that we adjourn".

When asked if he had been born again Gov. Bill Clements replied; "No thanks, once was enough".

Speaker Gib Lewis: "This is unparalyzed in the state's history"

Speaker Wayne Clayton: "Let's do this in one foul sweep"

Rep. Renal Rosson: "Lemme give ya a hypothetic".

Words of wisdom from Ag. Commissioner Jim Hightower; "If it's dangerous to talk, it's probably dicier to listen".

"Nuff said" ?



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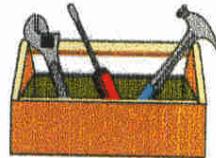
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Chapter Rides & Group Rides

Sunday May 28, 2006 our chapter members including members of The American Legion Riders and our Brothers and Sister of the Christian Motorcyclist Association gathered for a ride to "THE Pyramid" in Davie for a Memorial Day Service honoring the 82nd Air Borne and from there to Café 27

We had a great turnout from our chapter, my thanks to all of you who took the time out of your weekend to make this a great run. It was salute the members of the 82nd and all Americans who have served and are now serving our country all over the world and to support our Brothers and Sisters of ABATE SE Chapter for their Annual Memorial Day Event.

Regrettably our Brothers and Sisters of CMA Alpha Omega Chapter in Palm Beach were plagued with mechanical difficulties and unable to join us out there but I want to thank Captain Glenn, President and V.P. Sportster, and all of you for being there.

God bless you all, I really look forward to our next ride.

I also want to send a special thanks to Shark and the U.S. Military Vets M.C. South Broward Chapter for leading the ride from the Pyramid to the ABATE event. These guys are an example of how it's done when it comes to getting a large group of riders from points A to Z.

I personally have had the privilege of riding with the U.S.M.V.M.C. on occasion as Sgt. At Arms with our ABATE S.E. Chapter. And it was indeed a privilege. When it comes to going places with a large and mixed group of riders the U.S.M.V.M.C. South Broward Chapter are some of the best in the business.

In July of 2005 the U.S.M.V.M.C. lead over 100 bikes through the streets of Ft. Lauderdale from their home base at the Fraternal Order of Eagles on Davie Blvd., down Federal Highway to the 17th St. Causeway, down Ft. Lauderdale Bch. on a Friday night at midnight to our destination at Big Game on Federal Hwy. for the 5th anniversary celebration of the helmet law being repealed. They executed this feat in a way that was an inspiration to me. I had never ridden with a more disciplined and organized group of riders in my life. Their precision in executing large group lane changes, ramp and intersection blocking are unparalleled.

We have something to learn from their example as it has everything to do with safety, organization and coordination of riding in groups large and small.

When we ride as a chapter (ABATE P.B.C.) we have our own formation that may be a bit difficult for other riders to adapt to. It's a reversed staggered formation where as signals are passed from the right (lead bike) down the line to the rear. The reason for this is purely theoretical but we don't have the same mandatory ride schedules as clubs and other organizations where every one pretty much lines up the same way for every ride. It may be a few riders with us for the first time or people that only ride with us on occasion.

Hand signals are passed from the lead bike (right) back through the pack. For lane changes the rear bikes secure the lane and the group moves from rear to front. For turns and exits from roadways, interstates etc., we will maintain a staggered or single line formation depending on circumstances. The lead bike makes the call and everyone else stays with the program.

When riding in a group there's only one lead rider. Anyone in our group interested in doing otherwise can peel off, fall back or just get the hell out of the way.

If you think you have a better idea bring it up at the next chapter meeting, not when we're riding or lining up for a ride. Unless, you know of a potentially hazardous condition that exists, as in, construction zones, detours or road closings etc.

We will follow the lead rider or the Road Captains direction and signals and pass them from the rear to the front. When we ride in a mixed group or with another organization as lead riders we will follow their directions and commands. If you are not familiar with their particular formation. ASK QUESTIONS! Before we leave, Don't be afraid to ask a question for clarification. The wrong move or something that was misunderstood can spell disaster for a lot of people in an instant.

Four wheel vehicles will remain behind the pack of bikes regardless of our chapters placement in mixed groups. Don't attempt to block traffic from a lane next to the group except when signals indicate lane changes, turns or exits. In which case you would secure the lane for riders ahead of you as if you were riding a bike.

Remember, It's everyone's responsibility to pay attention, follow the lead riders hand signals and pass them back to the rear riders. Maintain a steady speed and stay in a tight formation. Our safety depends on you.

Strongbow

“Motorcyclist hit, killed by wrong-way driver”

A 70-year-old woman driving the wrong way on State Road 7 crashed into and killed a motorcyclist Monday, the Broward Sheriff's Office said.

Betty Bowen turned her Chevrolet Cavalier off 49th Street and started driving south on State Road 7 about 2 p.m. She immediately hit Reginald Ervin, 41, who was driving north in the right direction, Sheriff's spokesman Neil Birenbaum said.

Ervin, of Fort Lauderdale, was taken to Broward Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

Bowen, of Pompano Beach, was not injured. The Sheriff's Office is *investigating*. Investigating What????

Will they find anything in their *investigation* to prove anything other than the woman went the wrong way and killed someone? Will their investigation determine what caused this person to go the wrong way? Probably not, because they did not test this person for drugs or alcohol at the scene of the accident, or at least it wasn't reported.

Why not? If it were a motorcyclist or anyone else there would have been a field sobriety test done immediately. Will the investigation turn up any evidence that the motorcyclist in any way did something to contribute to the cause of this accident? What was Ms. Bowen doing at the time she pulled out into on coming traffic? Did anyone ask her, probably not. There is a space on the police accident report for "Distractions" Did the police report include that? I would bet the farm it didn't. Are senior citizens getting away with murder?

When do drugs become medication? It scares me to think of how many senior citizens are out there driving under the influence of "Medication" i.e. "Drugs". I wonder if Ms. Bowen was searched for drugs? Where was Ms. Bowen coming from? Was she drinking and taking drugs? Were there any prescription drugs found in Ms. Bowen's possession? If so did the label carry a warning that prohibits the person from driving or operating machinery?

Why is it that we never see a follow up story on the conclusion of the investigation? What charges were filed against the driver who kills a motorcyclist? Why don't we ever hear the verdict and sentence?

Maybe we should have a "Watch Dog" committee dedicated to doing just that. Following up on the status of these cases.

It could prove to be very rewarding and beneficial if the information recovered can help to amend current laws and require mandatory annual testing of senior citizens over 70 when renewing their drivers license.

If anyone is interested in forming this committee, please contact Strongbow 561-483-4283 president@abatepalmbeach.com or attend our monthly meeting being held at American Legion Post 277 in Boca Raton on Saturday June 17th at 11:30 AM. 561-395-1090

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Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting

**11:30 AM Saturday
June 17, 2006**

NEW LOCATION!

**American Legion Post 277
141 N.W. 20th St.
Plum Plaza
Boca Raton, FL
561-395-1090**

Directions: Exit I 95 Glades Rd. go east to Boca Raton Blvd. turn left go to 20th Ave. turn right Plum Plaza on the north side. Turn left and look for the flags.



GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.

To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.

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

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.