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President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

As many of you know we have moved to a new location for our monthly chapter meetings. The VFW Post 5335 in Boynton Beach has opened their doors to us and made us feel right at home. My personal thanks and appreciation on behalf of ABATE PBC to Carol and the staff of the VFW for their hospitality and warm welcome. I would also like to thank our Brothers Cutter, Sandman, Loop, Pipes and the crew for a great BBQ. You all did a fantastic job.

We had special guests Papa Harley and the Video Vulture from ABATE Southeast Chapter come by to give us a preview of their Safety Program which by the way has become an example of "how it's done" throughout the state. Great job Bro's, thank you. I was thoroughly impressed with the number of our members who hung around after lunch to see and hear the presentation. Papa Bear has expressed a strong interest in forming a committee to begin work on our own Safety Program. If you are interested in helping to develop this very intricate part of our agenda, please contact Papa Bear at olsey6@aol.com or call 561-702-1941.

The Safety Program is so essential to what ABATE is all about. It opens doors to us in a way that serves not only to educate but also to improve our relationship with the community. I find it to be a key factor in bringing our message to the public who, for the most part have no idea who we are and what we represent other than how we are portrayed by the media. I find it amazing that once the barriers and misconceptions are done away with that non riders in the community and civic leaders become our allies or at least have a better understanding of motorcyclist, our rights and our concerns.

By helping to support and promote our safety and awareness program in the schools and driver education classes you are also bringing our message to young adults who are about to join us on the highways and by-ways of South Florida, that in it self should be an incentive an inspiration and a motivator for all of us to get involved.

I realize all to well, that not all of us can commit to actually taking time during the day to go out to the schools to make a presentation. If you are retired, self employed on a

President's Message - CONT'D

pension or you have a few hours that you can donate to becoming active in the program, I think you will find it to be an incredibly rewarding experience. As Papa Harley stated, "once you see the effect it has on those who attended the program, you're hooked". If the reason you joined ABATE was to be a part of something that is making a difference and having a positive effect on society, this is a great way to participate, to get involved.

We are all unique in our roll as represenitives of ABATE, Inc. There are different ways in which we can become involved in promoting our cause and being viable in the motorcycle community. For some it's riding together supporting various clubs and riding organizations by attending their events, for others it can be working with the community through educational programs and becoming involved with civic leaders and other associations to broaden our presence even further.

The key to a successful chapter is to get involved. I think we all need to ask ourselves, what does being a member of our chapter mean to me personally. What motivated you to become a member? What can I contribute personally?

Because we are a new chapter we have some unique opportunities available to us. I would like to offer everyone in the chapter who was not able to make the leadership seminars and may be interested in a board position in the future a chance to work with current board members.

We are growing in numbers, we have opportunities to reach more motorcyclist in Palm Beach. We need to become a well coordinated team. We need your help and participation. Your level of involvement is completely up to you. I hope to see you all at the next meeting 8/19/06 at the VFW in Boynton Bch.

Until we ride again.

Ride Free, Ride Safe

Strongbow President

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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.

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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 - Nats 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 - Nats 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 Tuneup Party
 15-17 - Phil Peterson's 34th Key West Poker Run
 24 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run

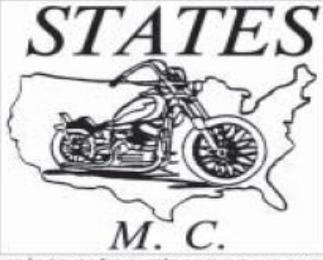
OCTOBER
 1 - Mystic 7 MC Annual
 8 - BBRA ANNUAL
 15 - Bobby B's "Boss" Hrly's Grand Octoberfest Party
 19-22 - Daytona Bikeloberfest
 28 - 32nd Annual Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party
 29 - SE ABATE 26th Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally

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 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 (Bayside, Miami)
 17 - Calvary Chapel MMM Services

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*From: Rocky
Chaplain, ABATE P.B.C.*

Troubled Friendships

Friends are our most valuable assets. Companions provide a listening ear for our troubles, support for our dreams and a safety net when we fall. Our friends also give us love even when we are unloveable.

Inevitably though, some of these important relationships will go through some troubled periods. If the friendship is worth saving, a way to repair it can be found in the following steps.

Address the situation: Acknowledge to your friend that something is wrong and needs to be fixed.

Determine what the problem is together: Talk about where the relationship veered off course and what wrongs may have been spoken or committed.

Apologize: As a true friend we must accept responsibility for our actions and seek forgiveness.

Refuse to blame: In addition we must avoid defending ourselves. This could be a temptation to argue over who did what but the goal is not proving who is right but saving the relationship.

Begin repairs. Ask, "what can I do to rebuild our closeness"? The key is to willingly do whatever is requested.

Commit to rebuilding immediately: start investing your time, energy and love in restoring the friendship. In order to have the blessing of a good friend who loves us, we must be willing to pay the high price of patching up a relationship. Walking away may seem easier but in the long run we would lose a valuable treasure.

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**National Coalition
of Motorcyclists**



NCOM NEWS BYTES

compiled and edited by Bill Bish
National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

MICHIGAN GOVERNOR VETOES REPEAL OF HELMET LAW Governor Jennifer Granholm vetoed legislation that would have repealed the state's 37-year-old mandatory motorcycle helmet law, despite the measure having passed the Michigan State Legislature by a 2-1 margin.

Members of ABATE of Michigan accused her of caving in to pressure from insurers, who opposed repeal. ABATE legislative director Jim Rhoades said riders will make their votes count on Election Day.

It didn't take long for the motorcycle group ABATE to cast an endorsement for Granholm's Republican challenger, Dick DeVos, who himself rides a motorcycle and said he would have signed the repeal.

Bikers are hoping they can sway the election. "With the passage of time, they have become much better organized, much more aggressive," said Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics and a former state lawmaker. "They really go after people in primary elections," Ballenger said. "They've become much more of a force. The question is: Can they make a difference in the general election?"

ABATE claims a high success rate in backing winning candidates. "We usually have about 85 percent voting," Rhoades told reporters. "In the last cycle, we supported 90 candidates and had a 92 percent success rate." Granholm is currently trailing in the polls. "This will not be over," said Rhoades.

HELMET LAW REINTRODUCED IN PENNSYLVANIA In response to a spike in motorcycle fatalities following repeal of the state helmet law three years ago, a bill to reinstate a mandatory helmet law has been introduced in Pennsylvania.

Motorcycle deaths and injuries are up significantly since 2003, but so is the number of motorcyclists on the highways. These coincidental trends have led authors of a new legislative study to shy away from making definitive conclusions on whether the helmet law repeal itself is responsible for the increase in fatal accidents.

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The study on motorcycle accidents by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee results from a mandate in the 2003 law. Another report is due in 2008. The committee's report says that both fatalities and serious injuries involving motorcyclists increased one-third during 2004 and 2005 in Pennsylvania.

But the report notes that motorcycle registrations in Pennsylvania jumped to 318,000 from 267,000, a 19 percent increase, during the same period.

The report states: "261 persons died in motorcycle crashes in the two years prior to 2003, compared to 362 persons in the first two years after repeal, an increase of 38.7 percent.

"However, when the number of registered motorcycles is taken into consideration, the average annual fatality rate after repeal of the Helmet Law (5.9 fatalities per 10,000 registered motorcycles in 2004 and 2005) was not substantially higher than the pre-repeal (2001 and 2002) average annual fatality rate of 5.4 fatalities per 10,000 registered motorcycles."

The report also focuses on serious head injuries resulting from motorcycle accidents, but found that analytical data doesn't exist to specifically link helmet use with head trauma injuries.

It's hard to draw any conclusions about what's really going on from the legislative report, said Charles Umbenhauer, lobbyist for ABATE of Pennsylvania.

But two Keystone lawmakers, Reps. David Frankel, D-Allegheny, and Tony Melio, D-Bucks, have drawn their own conclusions and recently sponsored bills to restore the helmet requirement for adults.

And Umbenhauer also warns that "The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians and the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma are lobbying Pennsylvania to re-enact a mandatory helmet law." In addition, "the American Automobile Association (AAA) is also pushing for a mandatory helmet law for all motorcyclists."

In Florida, recent statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) indicate that motorcycle fatalities have increased 67 percent from 2000, when ABATE of Florida successfully lobbied the state legislature to repeal their helmet law, to 2004. But a Florida Today analysis also shows that motorcycle registrations have increased 87 percent in Florida since Governor Jeb Bush signed the helmet law repeal on July 1, 2000.

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MISSOURI PASSES RIGHT-OF-WAY VIOLATIONS LEGISLATION Missouri Governor Matt Blunt has signed "Clutch's Law" to increase fines and penalties for drivers who commit right-of-way violations that result in injury or death to other road users. Named in memory of John Michael "Clutch" Clubine, an active member of Freedom of the Road Riders (FORR-MO) who was killed by an inattentive driver. Clutch's Law, which will take effect January 1, 2007, allows for additional penalties of up to \$1,000 in fines and a drivers license suspension of up to 180 days, when someone is injured or killed, beyond the other fines for right-of-way violations.

In New York, A4914 addresses what ABATE of New York considers inadequate sentencing of drivers who seriously injure or kill others on the road. Following a three and a half year battle in the statehouse, this right-of-way legislation has passed both houses of the state legislature with unanimous consent votes in both the State Senate and State Assembly, and is on Governor Pataki's desk awaiting his signature. The bill substantially increases the suspension and revocation of license penalties in cases of serious injury or death. It also includes a mechanism for the judge to mandate courses for the perpetrators which they will be required to pay for.

Seven states this year have passed laws to enact or strengthen penalties against right-of-way violators who cause injury or death on the roadways: Louisiana, Wisconsin, Georgia, Oklahoma, New Hampshire, Iowa and West Virginia.

BIKER PARTY PLANS POLITICAL IMPACT Steven Erato earned the nickname "Mad" in the 1970s after writing about the mistreatment of American veterans returning from Vietnam. Thirty years later, he says he's still mad.

It's that indignation toward the system that led Erato to help found the Wisconsin-based American Biker Party - a year-old political party whose first convention recently drew national interest.

"We have made it very clear that even though it's called the American Biker Party and it was started by a group of bikers, this is not a biker organization," said Erato, party co-chairman and co-owner of Eagle Nation Cycle in Neenah, WI. "Everybody's welcome."

He said the average American's disgust with special-interest politics has voters searching for an alternative to the status quo, and he believes the American Biker Party has potential to fill that void. The party, hoping to mobilize in all 50 states, plans to someday run its own candidates for elected office, but for now plans to encourage its members to vote for candidates it supports.

Nationwide, about 50 third parties exist in name, but fewer than a dozen are active and viable in more than one or two states, said Austin Cassidy, who runs a Florida-based Web site that tracks third-party politics in America.

"If people realized there's enough of us to form a block on a vote, things could change," said 75-year-old Bob "Bandit" Barbiaux of Green Bay. "I probably won't see it advance too much in my time, but you have to start with a strong foundation before you can put a house on it. I think this is the right direction, and it's a start."

The American Biker Party recently held an organizational and strategic planning meeting in Louisville, Kentucky during the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) annual Convention

BEWARE OF DUMB DRIVERS The tiny state of Rhode Island still ranks rock bottom in terms of driving knowledge, according to a national test conducted by GMAC Insurance. Oregon drivers answered the most questions correctly.

The 20-question test was based on questions asked in state driver's license examinations, and revealed that about one in 11 licensed drivers in the United States would fail a state drivers test.

Based on average scores, northwestern states generally ranked highest while the bottom-ranking states were mostly in the northeast. One exception was Vermont, which ranked third. Washington state drivers ranked second. Drivers in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and the District of Columbia ranked near the bottom, with D.C. finishing just ahead of Rhode Island.

The test and an accompanying survey were completed by 5,288 licensed drivers including at least 100 from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The survey asked about responses to specific driving situations.

Approximately one in three drivers said they usually do not stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, and at least one out of five drivers did not know that pedestrians in a crosswalk have the right of way. At least one in five also did not know that roads are most slippery when it first starts to rain after a dry spell.

SCHWARZENEGGER FINALLY GETS A MOTORCYCLE LICENSE The Governor has finally gotten a motorcycle license after riding his Harley-Davidsons for years in movies and off without one.

Nearly six months after he crashed one of his Harleys into an S.U.V. pulling out of a driveway while riding near his Los Angeles home with his 12-year-old son in a sidecar, the California governor has taken and passed both a written and a riding test and got the required permit. The governor, who needed 15 stitches on his upper lip, said at the time that He had not bothered to get the proper license because he had "never thought about it."

The Los Angeles Police Department did not issue any citations in the accident because department officials said no police officer saw what had happened. Officials at the Department of Motor Vehicles also cleared the governor of any violation, noting that because of the sidecar he was not technically riding on two wheels.

The actor-turned-politician, who broke six ribs in an accident years earlier, reportedly had not ridden since the January crash because he has been too busy governing, but finally found the time to make himself a legal motorcyclist.

STAR WARS MEETS T-3 Remote speed control technology, as recently featured in the Terminator 3 movie, is coming next year to London. Using satellite positioning in conjunction with on-board electronics would ensure total compliance with speed limits and would reduce injury accidents by 20%, according to a report issued by the Institute of Transport Studies at Leeds University.

A trial will be undertaken in 2007 with up to 20 vehicles. The Leeds study suggests that the system could be introduced initially on taxis, buses and Greater London Authority vehicles. Private motorists could be offered concessions such as lower insurance premiums to fit the technology.

WEIRD NEWS: A BRIGHT IDEA FROM YAMAHA Yamaha has developed a process for making its bikes glow in the dark. A phosphorescent polymer film, developed by Yamaha of Japan, absorbs sunlight and then releases the energy at night as a soft glow. In phosphorescent materials, incoming UV light excites electrons to a state that they depart from very slowly, emitting visible light as they do so over many hours.

Yamaha has developed a vacuum pressure process that sticks a thin even layer of phosphorescent plastic film to irregularly shaped fenders, engine covers and cowlings.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "The penalty good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men."

Plato, Greek Philosopher (427-347 BC)

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Dumb Crooks in the News

(Local) Police hunt gunman after clerk shot in shoulder at Sunrise store

Sunrise --Officers are investigating the robbery and a shooting of a clerk at a convenience store Tuesday morning, according to police.

The incident occurred at the Shop N Save, at 1201 Sunset Strip, shortly after 11 a.m. when a gunman entered the store and tried to rob it. The store clerk, Rocky Hasan, who is in his 60's, was shot in the arm, said Lt. Robert Voss, police spokesman. "It looks like he went into shock," Fire-Rescue division chief Paul Yaeger said of Hasan. "We're taking him to the hospital as a precaution."

Hasan was taken to Broward General Medical Center for treatment, said Voss. He was listed in fair condition later in the day. The suspect was last seen running from scene. Police said he must have been shook up. He forgot the burgundy Lexus he drove up in and parked at the store. The keys were inside, said Jack Hasan, 67, who has owned the Shop N Save with his brother, Rocky, for the past 10 years.

Jack Hasan said the gunman walked in the store, pulled a gun and demanded cash. Then, before his brother Rocky could respond or do anything, the gunman fired three shots, he said. One hit Rocky Hasan in the arm.

The gunman was described as a black man, possibly in his 30s, who stands 6-foot to 6-foot-3. He was dressed in black.

(Brazil) "Let's Make A Deal"

"Kidnappers who abducted Gildo dos Santos near his factory in a suburb of Sao Paulo, Brazil, demanded \$690,000 in ransom, but Santos escaped. The next day, Santos got a call asking for \$11,500 to defray the cost of the abduction. After negotiating a 50% discount, Santos called Police who were waiting when Luiz Carlos Valerio showed up to collect the money".

(Arkansas) "Bad Timing"

Sherman Lee Parks of Arkansas escaped from jail the day he was scheduled to be released. He was re-arrested and is now back in jail serving a seven year sentence for escape".

(Largo, Fl.) "Accidental Idiot"

"James Brian Kuenn, 40, on trial in Largo, Fl. for murder, said the victim's death was accidental and that he was so embarrassed by the accident that he made it look like a murder to throw Police off". Must have worked, he was convicted.

(Miami, Fl.) "No Fore-Thought"

"Robbery suspect Denis Jasper, 20, was arrested at a Miami country club, where he had been hiding from Police in a ficus tree next to the golf course. He revealed himself by calling out to a golfer who hit into the rough, "Hey, hey, your ball's over there"

SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW *77

I knew about the red light on cars, but not the *77. It was about 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon, and Lauren was driving to visit a friend. An UNMARKED police car pulled up behind her and put his lights on. *Lauren's parents have always told them never to pull over for an unmarked car on the side of the road, but rather to wait until they get to a gas station, etc.
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Lauren had actually listened to her parents advice, and promptly called *77 on her cell phone to tell the police dispatcher that she would not pull over right away. She proceeded to tell the dispatcher that there was an unmarked police car with a flashing red light on his rooftop behind her. The dispatcher checked to see if there were police cars where she and there weren't, and he told her to keep driving, remain calm and that he had back up already on the way.

Ten minutes later 4 cop cars surrounded her and the unmarked car be hind her. One policeman went to her side and the others surrounded the car behind. They pulled the guy from the car and tackled him to the ground. The man was a convicted rapist and wanted for other crimes.

I never knew about the *77 Cell Phone Feature, but especially for a woman alone in a car, you should not pull over for an unmarked car. Apparently police have to respect your right to keep going to a safe & quiet; place. You obviously need to make some signals that you acknowledge them (i.e. put on your hazard lights) or c all *77 like Lauren did.

Too bad the cell phone companies don't generally give you this little bit of wonderful information.

*Speaking to a service representative at ** Bell ** Mobility confirmed that *77 was a direct link to state trooper info. So, now it's your turn to let your friends know about *77.

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Driving and talking on a cell phone similar to drunk driving

This story was sent to you by: **Papa Harley ABATE SE**

Driving and talking on a cell phone similar to drunk driving, study finds.

By Nancy McVicar

South Florida Sun-Sentinel Health Writer

June 30, 2006

Talking on a cell phone while driving is as dangerous as driving drunk, new federally funded research shows, and it doesn't matter whether you use a hands-free model or hold the phone up to your ear during the conversation.

The study, by University of Utah researchers, adds to a growing body of evidence that conversing by phone while behind the wheel can be hazardous.

"We found that when people talk on a cell phone they are as impaired as they are when they drive intoxicated at the legal blood-alcohol limit [of 0.08]. It was a surprise to us," said Frank Drews, one of the Utah researchers who has published earlier studies showing drivers on the phone are at higher risk of accidents.

The peer-reviewed study is being published today in the quarterly *Human Factors*, the journal of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society, which promotes the study of how humans, machines and other devices interact most optimally. The study was funded by a \$25,000 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration, which is interested in impaired attention in pilots, and by the researchers.

Drews and co-author David Strayer said legislators might want to use the findings to consider outlawing cell phone use while driving.

The cell phone industry has issued guidelines for drivers using phones but maintains that under certain conditions it is safe to talk and drive. Among the guidelines: Place calls only when not moving, use a hands-free device and don't engage in stressful conversations.

"Dialing can be a risky behavior, and that's what we tell people -- never drive and dial," said John Walls, vice president of public affairs for CTIA-The Wireless

Association, which represents the wireless telecommunications industry and issued the guidelines before the most recent study came out. "Decide whether you really need to make or take the call, and if it's a must, there are things you should do to do it responsibly."

The states of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut and 40 countries have put restrictions on using a phone while at the wheel, according to the Insurance Information Institute. But many are only partial bans that allow the use of hands-free models.

The Utah researchers say that's not enough.

"We have shown in previous studies there's no difference between hand-held and hands-free," Drews said. "There is a [more dangerous] component when people are dialing the phone or searching for the cell phone in the briefcase on the seat beside them, but what distracts people when talking on a cell phone is the conversation, not holding the phone."

The researchers recruited 40 men and women ages 22 to 34 and tested them as they operated a PatrolSim driving simulator equipped with a steering wheel, dashboard instruments and brake and gas pedals from a Ford Crown Victoria sedan. While at the wheel, the driver was surrounded by screens showing daylight freeway traffic.

The test was performed on four different days -- once when they were unimpaired and undistracted. On subsequent tests, each drove once while talking on a hand-held cell phone; once while talking on a hands-free phone; and once after drinking vodka and orange juice until they reached a 0.08 blood alcohol level.

When driving while talking on either type of cell phone, the driver was engaged in casual conversation with a research assistant on topics of interest to the driver.

Among the findings:

Three of the 40 drivers failed to stop in time and crashed into the rear of the pace car, and all were talking on a cell phone at the time. By comparison, none of the drunken drivers crashed during the tests. Drews said the drunken drivers came in for the test well-rested and drank their orange juice and vodka at 9 a.m., while most accidents in

which alcohol plays a role occur between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. when drivers are fatigued, which may account for the difference.

Drivers using either type of cell phone were 9 percent slower to hit the brakes when the car in front of them braked and were 19 percent slower to resume the normal speed after braking than unimpaired drivers.

Drivers on cell phones displayed 24 percent more variation in their following distance as their attention drifted between driving and their phone conversation.

Drunken drivers drove more aggressively than cell phone or unimpaired drivers, followed the pace car more closely, and were twice as likely to brake only four seconds before a collision would have occurred.

A number of other studies have looked at driving while talking on the phone. Earlier this year researchers at the University of Illinois analyzed 23 studies and found consistent patterns of inattention, such as slow reaction times. "There were clear costs to driving performance when drivers were engaged in cell phone conversations," they concluded.

The analysis also found that hands-free and hand-held conversations both affected driving performance.

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April 11, 1996

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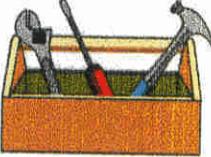
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

From: Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice-President of Government Relations
jeff@mrf.org (e-mail)

July 22, 2006

#06NR13 - MRF Announces Federal Motorcycle Safety Grant Program Users Guide

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation is pleased to announce the finalization of the National Highway Traffic Administration's (NHTSA) Motorcycle Safety Grant Program.

This program is the direct result of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, the supporting State Motorcycle Rights Organizations (SMRO's) and all the individual motorcyclists who have lobbied for this program over the past four years.

This program will provide much needed federal dollars from the Highway Trust Fund to the individual State's to help fund motorcycle safety programs. The grant program runs annually through 2009 and sets aside \$25 million dollars to be spent at \$100,000.00 a year per State.

In order to be eligible for the funds The States must meet one of six criteria and two the second and subsequent years. The criteria are that the applying State must have:

1. A motorcycle rider training program
2. A motorcycle awareness program
3. A reduction in fatalities involving motorcycles
4. An effective impaired driving program
5. A reduction in fatalities and accidents involving impaired motorcyclists
6. Use of fees collected from motorcyclist for motorcycle programs must be used for motorcycle programs.

The MRF is also pleased that the final program retains all of the same intents set forth by Congress in the original legislation.

For a complete guide to the program and all of the specifics on how, where and when to apply visit: <http://www.mrf.org/pdf/Grantguide.pdf>

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