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**SATURDAY  
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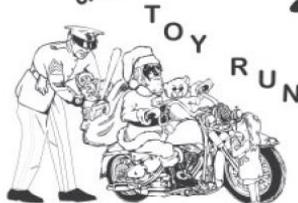
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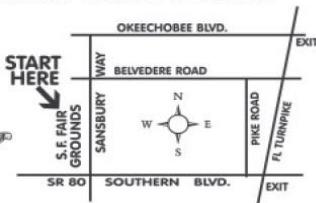
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PALM BEACH CHAPTER**

**MEETINGS ARE:**

**11:30 am THIRD SATURDAY EVERY MONTH**



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## President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for helping to make last months meeting and anniversary party a great success.

Thanks to Chris, V.F.W. Post 5335 Commander for allowing us to hold the party there. Karol and Joyce for doing a great job behind the bar. To Sandman, for pitching in to help with the K.P. detail and manning the door.

Special thanks to my Bro Pipes, for helping with the shopping and cooking up some of the best BBQ pork, chicken, burgers and barkers you'll find anywhere. We couldn't have done it without you. Also, thanks to RIO, Moonshine and Katrina, Tumbleweed, Dan and all of you for helping coordinate the activities of the day.

It was great to have our Brothers and sisters of ABATE S.E. the American Legion Riders, States MC, and Military Vets.

It's been two and a half years since I began researching the cell phone epidemic plaguing the roadways of South Florida. I was encouraged by the fact that I was not alone, I found that there were organizations out there with websites, bumper stickers and vehicle window signs with the slogans like "**Hang up and Drive**". I applaud your efforts and accomplishments. BUT!!!

There has been an evolution in stupidity in regard to talking on a cell phone and driving. Now we have the young and the mindless driving with their S#\*t filled skulls lain comatose against the side window with their seat set back as far as possible to conceal their identity. Like they had an identity to begin with. Somewhere between conception and 30 years of age they have earned the distinction of being some of the most incredible idiots ever to slide behind the wheel of an automobile. In a world where stupidity is celebrated by imitation and driven by the "I can do anything dumber than you can, I can do everything dumber than you" mentality. For example: Skateboarding off a roof top trying to land on a hand rail two stories below. Yes, we have a new generation of veggies.

This is especially evident among the 16 to 20 year old drivers, mainly because cell phones have been in their hands for the past ten years. I see grade school kids on bicycles wheeling mindlessly around the streets of our neighborhood with cell phones up to their heads. I can't

## President's Message - Cont'd

tell you how many times I've had to stop while they ride right into the path of my bike without seeing me and actually look surprised when they finally realize what they're doing. Some actually seem annoyed by the fact that they have to stop talking long enough to get out of the way.

**It's time for PARENTS TO WAKE UP!** But that's not going to be easy and probably won't happen until their kid rides into the path of a vehicle and gets killed. Of course they'll blame the motorist and probably rightfully so because the operator of the vehicle will undoubtedly be on a "cell phone". We won't hear about that because as it stands, police investigating the accident are not required to complete their report by filling out the part of that report "Distractions". They don't ask what the motorist was doing at the time of the accident. Were they, changing the radio station, lighting a cigarette, adjusting a mirror or putting on make up, fixing their hair, reading and talking on a cell phone? It has become so common place and so accepted to do all of these things I would be willing to bet if asked they would tell the truth thinking they weren't doing anything wrong.

**Parents, your children are watching you!** Education begins at home, you can't just send your kids off to school and shift the responsibility of teaching your children common sense and responsibility on teachers. That's your job, they're your kids. Teachers are supposed to teach children practical application of lessons in the 3 R's, science, computers and other essentials to survive in today's world. Your job is to raise your children by example. Take responsibility for your own actions and stop blaming others for what you didn't do. Please, talk to your children about using their cell phone responsibly.

Speaking of responsibility and since we're on the subject of a younger generation their problem is becoming our problem. We are paying higher insurance rates because of their inability to be responsible for owning and riding a bike capable of speeds in excess of 150 m.p.h.

Most of us who have been riding a while bought bikes that were basically trainers when we started riding. For whatever reason we owned bikes that helped us develop our riding skills before we bought the kind of bikes we ride today. First of all there weren't a lot of bikes around capable of 150 m.p.h. but the roads and highways were not designed for those speeds and they for the most part still aren't. Fact is anybody can walk into a dealership and buy a bike capable of speeds in excess of 150 m.p.h. as a first bike. The person buying that bike today is not of the same mentality as those of us who grew to a ripe ole' age and still ride. They are riding to compete with their peers who have already demonstrated that they have a death wish.

Riding under some of the most dangerous traffic and road conditions you will find these idiots blasting down the road at speeds in excess of 100 m.p.h. doing wheelies, front wheel stands along with a variety of other circus clown antics that prove nothing to anyone other than they

## President's Message - Cont'd

are complete idiots. The only problem is that with every catastrophic accident and tragic loss of life brings another challenge to *our* freedom. Every time one of these veggies eliminates themselves from the gene pool we wind up being held responsible.

If the insurance companies, dealerships and other proponents of the "Helmet Law" among other things, are so concerned about our safety, why aren't there laws requiring anyone wishing to purchase a motorcycle capable of speeds exceeding 120 m.p.h. required to carry a certificate of competency. It's already a condition in purchasing a high performance car from overseas, why not motorcycles?

Ride Free, Ride safe

## Strongbow President

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561-483-4283





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

**You may know us as the motorcycle organization that got the helmet law repealed in Florida or from our motorcycle rights and safety rally's throughout the year. ABATE of Florida is not a club, we are a motorcycle rights & safety organization dedicated to promoting motorcycle safety while remaining ever vigilant of the legislative issues concerning motorcyclists' nationwide.**

**THERE ARE NO MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**For more information contact Strongbow President ABATE P.B.C. 561-483-4283**  
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ABATE is a not-for-profit Motorcycle Rights Organization; our mission is to lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.

## **MEMBERSHIPS DUE**

### OCTOBER

John "Trash" Clough  
Peggy Gendron  
Walt Malin  
Ken "Shadow" Meade  
Scott "Redneck" Rosado  
Christopher Sharp  
Doug "Taffyman" Taffe  
Charles "Chuck" Widle

### NOVEMBER

Mike Moore  
Jimmy Cash  
Jack "Blind Jack" Culpepper  
Bob "Loop" Leupp  
Allen "Ace" Ryant



*You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to review your membership or be deleted from the State's List. Also (very important) be sure to notify us of any change of address to continue receiving your newsletter and Masterlink*

### **Message from Natasha**

Dear Strongbow and all ABATE Members,

I want to thank all of you for your help and support during the benefit. Also, for all the calls. I am getting stronger and better everyday and can't wait to get back.

Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart.

Natasha

## 2006 CALENDAR

© 2006 SOUTH FLORIDA PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL  
**SFPC** MANDATORY MOTORCYCLE CLUB EVENTS  
SOUTH FLORIDA PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL  
 ARE LISTED IN LARGER LETTERS  
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**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" Hrlly's Grand Octoberfest Party  
 19-22 - Daytona Biketoberfest  
 22 - 2nd Annual Keltics for Kids Fun-Raiser  
 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  
 26-Heaven Cycles 29th Annual-29 FREE Kegs! <MOVED>

**DECEMBER**  
 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 MM Services

# 7TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL RUN

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

## **"THE LONE CHRISTIAN"**

Ask a group of people what God is like, and you'll probably get different answers. "He's a force in the Universe" or others picture Him as a benevolent grandfather who overlooks our "little sins". Many more different descriptions have been given but they don't add up to who He really is. The real God might surprise you.

As He reveals Himself in scripture, God is a person-in every reference. He is named-Yahwe, Jehova, Elohim, and 32 other names. He, or Him are the masculine pronouns used. God fits all of the attributes of a person. He shows intelligence to reason, emotions to feel, and the will to make decisions. He is always Spirit and His love remains constant.

Believers can expect Gods principles and laws to hold true and for Him to act exactly as He has promised. God is eternal. He has no beginning or end. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. No one created Him. God simply is.

That's hard for people to understand. But if the Lord were completely explainable, He would be like us and unworthy of worship. If we are to honor our Heavenly Father, we should know Him as He really is--an eternal, unchanging person.

As Thanksgiving gets closer, lets all be thankful for GOD and His unconditional love.

'til next time, ride safe

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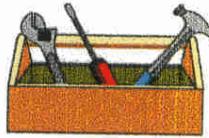
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April 11, 1996

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

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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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## NCOM NEWS BYTES

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

**AAA PROMOTES USE OF AIR BAGS AND HELMETS FOR MOTORCYCLISTS** The American Automobile Association has issued a press release urging motorcyclists to “explore new safety advances - including airbags” in an effort “to help motorcycle riders curtail the growing number of fatal crashes involving riders.”

“AAA wants all motorists to be aware that tremendous growth in the popularity of motorcycling has added millions of new motorcycles and riders to our roadways,” said AAA President, Robert L. Darbelnet. “This means drivers need to be more aware than ever of how to share the road safely with motorcycles. And motorcyclists need to take every opportunity to increase their margin of traffic safety... (and) better protect themselves by wearing protective gear, clearly illuminating their rides and looking into new technologies such as motorcycles equipped with airbags, the road can be safer for all of us,” Darbelnet said.

“Promising new safety technologies - such as a motorcycle airbag system recently tested by AAA in cooperation with its equivalent motoring organization in Germany, ADAC – demonstrate that motorcycles can be equipped to provide much more protection for riders,” AAA said.

AAA continued, “Motorcyclists owe it to themselves and their loved ones, to upgrade to a high quality helmet if they have not already done so, and to wear appropriate eye protection, footwear, gloves, and bright or reflective riding apparel.”

“Motorists too, need to play a larger role in motorcycle safety,” Darbelnet said. Approximately 50 percent all motorcycle crashes involve another vehicle, according to AAA.

**AIR BAGS ON MOTORCYCLES SETTING A TREND** As cyclist injuries and deaths increase, motorcycle makers are installing more safety features — such as making greater use of antilock brakes and adding air bags. Some people wonder how effective air bags will be, how much of a market exists, and how much they would save cycle owners on insurance.

Honda Motor Co. added air bags in June to its fully loaded Gold Wing, an 860-pound touring bike designed for distance driving in comfort and made near Marysville, Ohio. Honda began working on its air bag system in 1990 after determining that more than half of the motorcycle accidents that result in deaths or injuries occur when the front of the motorcycle strikes another vehicle or object. The cost of airbags adds about \$1,500 on a \$24,000 Gold Wing.

Yamaha Motor Corp., with U.S. headquarters in Cypress, Calif., is developing an air bag system and is using a scooter with air bags for research in Japan, according to the company's Web site.

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Worldwide Riders, a Cheyenne, Wyo.-based motorcycle accessories company, sells vests with protective bladders that inflate as riders are being ejected from their motorcycles.

"The motorcycle manufacturers are engaging in a lot of R&D in the area of — some would call it safety, some would call it risk management," said Tom Lindsay, spokesman for the Ohio-based American Motorcyclist Association. "It's part of a trend."

Bob Hartwig, chief economist for the New York City-based Insurance Information Institute, said the insurance benefits of having motorcycle air bags probably would be small because the devices protect only the driver and only in frontal crashes. Air bags in cars protect drivers and passengers in front and side crashes.

Jake Balzer, an analyst with Guzman & Company, an investment banking firm, said there may be somewhat of a market for air bag-equipped motorcycles, but questioned whether Honda will sell that many unless states require motorcycles to have the devices.

Tim Buche, president of the Motorcycle Industry Council, said many motorcyclists love new features and will be attracted to air bags. But he said the market will determine whether the idea will spread. "If air bags are going to be successful, they are going to be available on other motorcycles," he said. "It remains to be seen."

**GOLDEN STATE ENACTS R-O-W LEGISLATION** "I decided to sign this bill after extensive consideration and thorough deliberation with proponents and opponents of this issue," said California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in signing a bill to increase penalties against motorists convicted of a Right-of-Way violation that results in injury. "I remain committed to enhancing traffic safety in California."

SB-1021, which was signed into law on September 30, imposes additional fines when a motorist is convicted of a traffic offense that causes "bodily injury" or "serious bodily injury" to another person. The new law also mandates that the California Driver's Handbook and the curriculum of traffic-violator schools include information about "respecting the right-of-way of others, particularly pedestrians, bicycle riders, and motorcycle riders."

The R-O-W bill was sponsored by Senator Debra Bowen (D-28) and co-sponsor Assembly Member Bonnie Garcia(R-80), worked with ABATE of California in successfully lobbying SB-1021 into law.

Sixteen states have now passed R-O-W Bills since Virginia passed the first such legislation three years ago, spearheaded by ABATE of Virginia and the Virginia Coalition of Motorcyclists (VCOM) founded by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) Attorney Tom McGrath. They are: Arkansas, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, North

Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and now California.

**CELEBRITY R-O-W** By now you've probably read at least one report of Angelina Jolie's sideswiping of a motorcycle, and injuring the teenage girl passenger, as she supposedly fled the paparazzi in India where she's shooting *A Mighty Heart*. But a version of the story from the local Indian media relays the firsthand accounts of both the accident victim and an eyewitness:

The student, Mittal Rawat (19), told Janwadi police and *The Indian Express* newspaper that; "Two vehicles were also proceeding towards the same direction and tried to overtake me. One of the vehicles brushed against my motorcycle and I fell down. Both the vehicles then sped away," he said. Eyewitness Nikhil George, a student, said the two vehicles had jumped the signal; "Soon after jumping the signal, one of the four-wheelers hit the motorcycle. The rider and a girl riding pillion fell, but had a narrow escape," he said.

This Indian outlet's version of events exemplifies their apparent disinterest in milking the accident story because of a celebrity's involvement; while young Rawat's statement that "immediately following the incident, Jolie's vehicle pulled up beside me and my damaged motorcycle, rolled down a window, and she asked how old I was. When I told her 19, she said to the driver, 'No, he's way too old to take home to Maddy and Shiloh. Let's get out of here,' and they drove off. I'm not sure what she meant by that," would have set off a week of cover stories in the sensationalist American tabloid media, *The Indian Express* let it pass without further exploitation.

But NCOM News Bytes won't.

**CALIFORNIA GOES HANDS-FREE** California lawmakers have joined New York and New Jersey in requiring drivers to use hands-free headsets, earbuds or speaker phones.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the ban on handheld cell phone use while driving, and the new law goes into effect in July 2008. Violators face a whopping \$20 base penalty - local fees can be added in - that rises to \$50 for subsequent offenses.

**LAW OF NATURAL SELECTION:** "2 Killed In Motorcycle Crash; Police Say Rider Was On Phone. On October 9, a man and his wife were killed when the motorcycle they were riding missed a curve and ran into a concrete median in Ellettsville, Indiana, and police report that the driver was simultaneously talking on a cell phone and operating the motorcycle when the crash happened. Neither was wearing a helmet."

This newspaper report was sent to us by Tiger Mike Revere, State Director of ABATE of Oklahoma and member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) board of directors. He has this to add as editorial:

"This is one heck of a shame, especially when so many of us are actively campaigning to

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reduce the number of motorcyclist deaths and injuries associated with OTHERS yakking on cell phones! We certainly don't need to contribute to these totals ourselves by violating the Law Of Natural Selection, which is always out there to weed out the stupid," said Tiger Mike, adding "Of course, the idiot media had to address that they weren't wearing a helmet, but I don't think it would've mattered in this case. The most important piece of safety equipment that needed to be used wasn't, and that is what's UNDER the helmet, not the helmet itself!"

**MONTANA FACES HELMET LAW THREAT** In a request sent to NCOM News Bytes from AMA Chairman Dal Smilie; "The MT Head Injury group is having a state Senator draft a helmet bill. First one they have tried in Montana since the early '90s," going on to explain that ABATE of Montana is an NCOM Member Group that may need assistance "since we have not had a helmet law in a long time. So, let the folks out there know."

Glen Fengstad, one of the leaders of ABATE of Montana, and Vice Chairman of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) board of directors, reported during the 2006 NCOM Convention that "Montana was vulnerable, and it seems to be coming to pass. We have a new State Board, which seems to be very 'gung-Ho' and hopefully with guidance of Dal and myself and a few other 'old hands' we will again stave off this threat."

### **IMPLEMENTING THE NATIONAL AGENDA FOR MOTORCYCLE SAFETY**

ImplementNAMS.org is a new website introduced by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation to focus on improving rider safety and to help stem the rise in motorcyclist crashes by implementing the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety.

Released in November 2000 as a joint, two-year effort of NHTSA and the MSF, NAMS is a comprehensive blueprint and strategic vision for the future of motorcyclist safety. Intended to provide direction to the safety community for a decade or more, the plan addresses safety countermeasures on a variety of fronts. NAMS outlines 82 specific recommended actions to improve motorcyclist safety, categorized in five major areas: research and information, and human, social, vehicle and environmental factors.

The National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety was always intended to inspire the mobilization of efforts to promote and improve motorcycle safety on all levels. Dr. Sue Bailey, Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration referred to the NAMS document in her Forward Letter as "...a blueprint for the future."

The Administrator also mentioned in the NHTSA NAMS Forward Letter, "My challenge to you, the motorcycling and traffic safety communities is to take action on those parts of the National Agenda that you can support so the recommendations become reality and motorcycle safety is enhanced." She goes on to add, "I believe there is something in the National Agenda for Motorcycle Safety for everyone to work toward. The motorcycling and traffic safety communities must give it life."

The MSF has established a NAMS Grant Program available for those who wish to implement innovative projects based upon the recommendations provided in NAMS. This small-award

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grant program targets a broad range of grassroots efforts to improve motorcyclist safety. The grants, up to \$10,000 each, may be used to jumpstart new programs or to support ongoing efforts that complement NAMS recommendations.

**CELEBRITY BIKE BUILDER FACES DUI MANSLAUGHTER CHARGES IN FATAL ACCIDENT** Billy Lane turned himself in to face DUI manslaughter charges, as Florida Highway Patrol spokeswoman Kim Miller said Lane's blood alcohol level was .192, more than twice the state's legal limit of .08, when the accident occurred on State Road A1A south of Melbourne Beach leaving a 56-year-old male moped rider dead.

The custom chopper builder was arrested on charges of driving under the influence manslaughter, driving with his license suspended and driving under the influence with serious bodily injuries stemming from the Sept. 4 accident that killed Gerald Vernon Morelock, a Sebastian Inlet park ranger who was killed in the head-on collision between his 1983 Yamaha moped and Lane's Dodge Ram pickup when Lane attempted to pass several cars across a double yellow section of the two-lane highway, violating Morelock's right-of-way and killing him instantly.

Lane was transported to the Brevard County Jail Complex where he was photographed and booked into the jail. He was released within 90 minutes on a \$15,000 bond, officials said.

The deadly crash was also not the only run-in with traffic enforcement for the celebrity biker. Lane was recently cleared of drunken driving charges stemming from a June encounter with the North Carolina Highway Patrol who said Lane drove on the wrong side of a two-lane road without a helmet. Lane refused a breath test, which resulted in his license being suspended for a year.

Miller said having a revoked license should have kept Lane from behind the wheel but apparently wasn't enough to keep Lane from driving again.

**WEIRD NEWS: ANGRY DRUNK DRIVER RUNS HIMSELF OVER** A drunk driver, who drove at a gang of bikers while waving a pool cue, ran himself over after getting out of his car. The 50-year-old was driving along Highway 4 near Concord, California, when he saw the bikers, many of whom were wearing leather and skull caps.

California Highway Patrol Officer Scott Yox told the San Francisco Chronicle the man waved a pool cue at the bikers and swerved his car towards them. The bikers split into two groups to get away and the irate driver aimed his car at two bikers who had pulled off the highway. He got out of his car with the pool cue - but before he could do anything, he was knocked down by his own car which had been left in reverse. The man was knocked into the highway and his car reversed into the center divider. Some of the bikers grabbed him and pulled him out of danger.

Authorities said they had no idea why Brooks reacted the way he did to the bikers, who kept calm and didn't retaliate. "We don't believe they went to fisticuffs with him," said Officer Yox. The man suffered cuts and scratches and was taken to a near by hospital. He could face charges of assault with a deadly weapon and drink driving.

**WIERDER NEWS: SOBER BIKER RUNS HIMSELF OVER** A 17-year-old youth allowed 408 vehicles go over his body in Orissa's Malkangiri district in India. Debraj Senapati, who practices martial arts, placed himself between two wooden slabs on a mud field and allowed the vehicles - 404 motorcycles and four cars - to run over his stomach one by one in 20 minutes in the presence of thousands of people on October 9th.

In the past, Senapati had allowed 70 vehicles - all motorcycles - to run over his body. He now plans to break the world record by allowing 500 motorcycles and five cars to run over his body.

"I aim to create a world record," Senapati was quoted as saying by a local newspaper.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "For if men are to be precluded from offering their sentiments on a matter...reason is of no use to us...dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep, to the slaughter."

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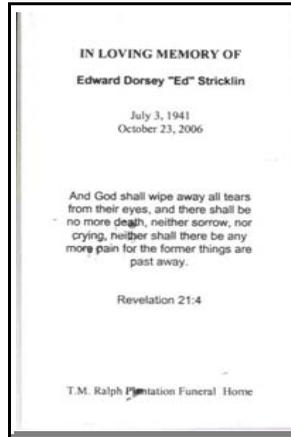
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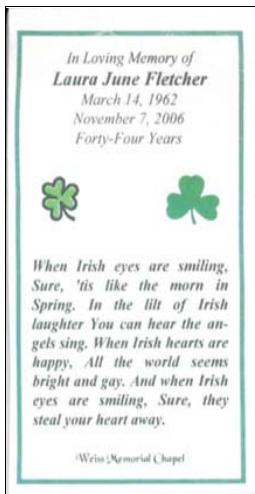
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## AMA News Bits

New York has enacted a law supporting the goals of the AMA's Justice for All campaign. AB-4914, which was signed into law by Governor George E. Pataki on August 16, authorizes mandatory revocation and suspension of licenses and registrations when a motorist convicted of violating another motorist's right-of-way causes serious physical injury or death of another person. The new law also requires offenders to participate in an accident-prevention course.

Individual leadership by Larry Schwartz, AMA District 3 President, AMA-PAC Chairman, and AMA Community Council leader, and Bob "Prospector" Boellner, Vice President of ABATE of New York, along with the activism of their state-level organizations, was instrumental in the New York victory. New York joins several other states in passing legislation that supports the goals of Justice for All. A California bill requiring additional penalties for right-of-way offenders, SB 1021, recently passed the state legislature with overwhelming support and awaits the governor's signature. For more information about the AMA's Justice for All campaign, visit [www.AMADirectlink.com/justice](http://www.AMADirectlink.com/justice).

**A Santa Cruz County, California** Superior Court judge ruled in August that at least a dozen citations leveled against self-taught helmet law activist Richard Quigley for not wearing a motorcycle helmet are unconstitutional because the California Highway Patrol has failed to properly define what constitutes a safe motorcycle helmet. In his seven-page ruling, Judge Michael Barton sided with Quigley, 61, of Aptos, whose argument in numerous court appearances over the years is that his soft leather baseball cap is just as much a helmet as the so-called standard hard-shelled helmets worn by most motorcycle riders.

The California Highway Patrol must define what a helmet is or any citations written by officers are unconstitutional, Barton ruled. The interpretation of what constitutes a helmet, the judge wrote, is unfairly left up to the CHP officer's "subjective opinion," and the set of guidelines and safety standards are "vague." Quigley, who's been fighting the helmet law for years, since it first went into effect, was elated at the judge's detailed clarification of a ruling last month.

In July, Barton sided with Quigley and dismissed nine helmet citations against him on the premise the law was too vague. Recently, he dismissed the final two citations against Quigley, ruling that "The CHP is the only state agency authorized by the statutes to adopt reasonable regulations establishing specifications and standards for motorcycle safety helmets. The CHP's failure to adopt such regulations, and make them available to the public, has rendered the helmet law statutes void for vagueness as applied."

The judge's order and its implications caught the California Highway Patrol off guard, and the agency's general counsel was seeking legal advice. Since the motorcycle helmet law went into effect, Quigley said he has never paid any fines as a result of a citation. Instead, he said, he has served hours of community work at the Santa Cruz Law Library where he researched the case he has finally won.

Past President, Karen Bolin Passes Away

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation regrets to report that our beloved past President, Karen Bolin, passed away on October 30, 2006. Karen's integrity, her love of motorcycling, and her dedication to motorcyclists' rights will be long remembered. A memorial service will be held for Karen on November 4, 2006 at 10:00 AM at Yahn and Son Funeral Home 55 West Valley Hwy South, Auburn WA 98071. Karen requested that in lieu of flowers a donation be sent to the National Cervical Cancer Coalition ([www.nccc-online.org](http://www.nccc-online.org)) at 6520 Platt Avenue # 693, West Hills, CA 91307. Karen's concern and hope was that every woman be tested regularly.

Please contact Deborah Butitta with any questions.

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**For you football fans.**

Miami FL. -- A seven-year old boy was at the center of a Miami courtroom drama yesterday when he challenged a court ruling over who should have custody of him.

The boy has a history of being beaten by his parents and the judge initially awarded custody to his aunt, in keeping with child custody law and regulations requiring that family unity be maintained to the degree possible. The boy surprised the court when he proclaimed that his aunt beat him more than his parents and he adamantly refused to live with her.

When the judge suggested that he live with his grandparents, the boy cried out that they also beat him. After considering the remainder of the immediate family and learning that domestic violence was apparently a way of life among them, the judge took the unprecedented step of allowing the boy to propose who should have custody of him. After two recesses to check legal references and confer with child welfare officials, the judge granted temporary custody to the Miami Dolphins, whom the boy firmly believes are not capable of beating anyone.

(A/S 10/11/06)

## Party Poopers

For all the diversity of opinion among the Founding Fathers in the 1770's, there was one thing that virtually everyone agreed upon: Political Parties were a very bad idea.

In his farewell address as president, George Washington referred to political parties as the "worst enemy" of democratic governments, "potent engines by which cunning, ambitious and unprincipled men will ... subvert the power of the people." Alexander Hamilton equated political parties with "ambition, avarice, and personal animosity." Thomas Jefferson could hardly agree more: "If I could go to heaven but with a party, I would not go there at all".

## English Lessons

The Founding Fathers' abhorrence of political parties was in response to the partisan politics that characterized England's House of Commons. The Commons was supposed to serve as a check on the power of the Monarch, but successive kings had been able to use their vast wealth, power, and control of public offices to create a party of Royalists. Thus, it had been reduced to members fighting among themselves instead of working together to advance the common good.

This was what the Founding Father's were trying to avoid in the United States: warning factions that would pursue selfish interests at the expense of the nation.

Sound familiar?

But what exactly was the national interest? And if the Founding Father's couldn't agree on what the national interest was, who among them got to decide? These fundamental questions caused the first factions to form in American political life.

If you have studied our history and the forming of our government you already know that our current form of government and the electoral process has created such a divide between Democrats and Republicans that the issues destroying our way of life are all but completely ignored.

After viewing the recent political campaign ads and listening to the endless rhetoric and accusations of the candidates running for office I have come to a

very discouraging conclusion. If half of what they said about each other is true then none of them should be in office, they should be in jail.

If we are ever to bring this country together and save ourselves from the inevitable collapse of the United States government as it was intended "For the people, by the people" it's time to look at some serious political reform. The two party system must be changed, we can no longer afford to allow politicians of either party to stonewall programs, block legislation, withhold information and spend our tax dollars hiring people to dig up any kind of dirt they can find to discredit, demoralize and deliberately destroy careers of people that don't support their agenda.

Democrats and Republicans use their political power and influence to get what they want at the expense of the American Citizen. They pass laws that force us to go along with their agenda through coercion and extortion. Special interest groups, big business, and foreign money is fueling what has become a bitter battle for power and control of our destiny with no regard for the well being of the citizens of this country.

Whenever there is an election we hear candidates talk about their plan to make America a better place. They speak about tax cuts; social security reform and giving the country back to the people. All these great ideas and plans from both sides sound great and most would probably make a huge difference in the lives of Americans and would indeed make America a better place. After the election it seems everything goes right back to politics and business as usual. We as Americans have become so complacent or maybe it's preoccupied with struggling to keep our heads above water and trying to improve our own lives that we loose sight of all the pledges and promises made during the campaigns. Have you ever noticed that whenever both sides worked together in a non -partisan effort to get thing done, things get done. Ok, why aren't we taking these examples of progress and using them for true political reform.

We need to put an end to this irresponsible nit picking, finger pointing and blaming the other guy for failing to get things done. All we are doing is hanging our dirty laundry out for the world to see. Thanks to the media's thirst for scandals, shock and sensationalism the image of what was once a nation of prosperity and an example to the world, is being portrayed as a corrupt and failing Democracy.

How can we expect any country to support what they don't respect? Emulate what they see as a joke, a corrupt government and a lazy complacent

society that is allowing their country being occupied and over run by uneducated, unskilled and ignorant illegal aliens that have found a way to destroy our country from within. They probably already have all this in their own countries and are being threatened, intimidated and controlled by tyranny and fanaticism in the name of religion.

If we are to save this country, it's time for a change in our electoral process and reform of the two party systems. Both parties have candidates with great ideas and plans to build a better America; I say we give them both an opportunity to do what they say.

At the end of the election the guy who wins get to be president, the guy that looses gets to be vice president. That would make both parties responsible for implementing their plans and hold them accountable for their success or failure. If the plan is a success we the people move one step closer to building a better America, if the plan fails they are made responsible for finding out what went wrong correcting the error. We live in a very volatile world with nations lining up against us. It's time to save our own country and become self sufficient, we have everything we need right here in the greatest nation on earth. With a renewed faith in government and unity among the American people, this country will revive itself.

All other empires and great societies throughout history have crumbled after 250 to 300 years because of similar failings. What makes us think that we will survive without taking steps to change our course before someone else does it for us? If you think it can't happen here, I got news for ya, It already is.... We're on the final leg of the course that has destroyed every great society in history. It doesn't have to happen, we still have a chance. We need to start making those changes now, screw all this politically correct crap. Are kidnappings, beheadings and mass murder politically correct? Talk to Nick Berg and Daniel Pearl's family about politically correct and profiling.

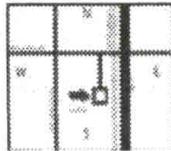
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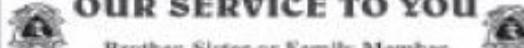
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To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.