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MEETING
11:30AM**

**SATURDAY
December 16th**

**NEW LOCATION SEE
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**LET THOSE
WHO RIDE
DECIDE!**

THREE KINGS L.A.M.A.



Annual Toy Run

**Sunday January 7th - 11am
Iron Eagle Motorcycle**

First: Breakfast at LAMA WPB Club-House (at 8am)

Meeting Place at Iron Eagle (Tombstone)
New Location 1890 S. Military Trail

Leaving Iron Eagle (at 11am)
to Caridad Health Center
8645 Boynton Beach Blvd.



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Welcome**



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PALM BEACH CHAPTER**

MEETINGS ARE:

11:30 am THIRD SATURDAY EVERY MONTH



Membership Application

Membership Dues: \$20.00 per person for 1 year or \$150 for Life Membership

Fill out form, print, sign, and attach your check or money order and mail to:

**ABATE - Palm Beach Chapter
P.O. Box 971073
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YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AND/OR PATCH WILL BE MAILED WITHIN TWO WEEKS



President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Can you believe it "The Holiday Season" is officially upon us?

This time of year, Florida has without a doubt some of the best riding weather you will find anywhere. We also have people traveling here from near and far and bringing their bad driving habits with them. Throw that into the mix with what you deal with every time you kick a leg over your bike and the odds change dramatically. When you have the everyday idiots doing stupid sh*t and a tourist population like we have, it is probably some of the most dangerous riding conditions you'll find anywhere. If you think about the entire driving population on the road at the same time it's enough to scare the hell out anybody.

If you think about the mix of people from countries that have no traffic signs along with the illegal alien population we already have, combined with the vegetation generation on drugs and cell phones, drunks and seniors that should be road tested annually, a group of drivers just getting behind the wheel for the first time, on drugs and on cell phones, holiday shoppers on cell phones, congested road ways, fart cars jamming through traffic with inexperienced drivers on cell phones, people with no clue as to where their going or so it appears, on cell phones, road construction (that the counties only do during tourist season) and the antiquated roadway's we already have and everybody on friggin cell phones. Not to exclude riders from all over the country and *their* bad riding habits along with the fact that they saved their money all year to come down here to party and raise hell and are determined to spend every dollar doing it. We got a problem.

We *have* some serious conditions to be aware of. As members of ABATE, I ask that you be an example of responsibility, use turn signals or hand signals, watch your speed and be ready for anything. Never assume that people see you, especially during the holidays because they probably don't. During the Holiday Season everybody's in a big friggin hurry, intersections become slaughter ally, people running red lights and stop signs are certain death for us. Take a second to look both ways before pulling out, it only takes a split second for it to be too late. If your leading a group remember the riders behind you, give them a safe and comfortable distance to follow you. If your riding in a group keep the formation tight, distance between bikes can give cages an opportunity to cut in, cut through or try to ride with the group.

We joined our brothers and sister of C.M.A. for the 7th Annual Memorial Run out at Dynasty Cycle. My personal thanks to C.M.A. for their excellent Road Guards and the poor bastard

President's Message - Cont'd

from the police department that was assigned to escort a few hundred bikes through Coral Springs on a Sunday afternoon by himself. Great job, thanks. The wall displaying the names of our brothers and sisters no longer with us is a sobering example of how close we are as motorcyclist. I don't think anyone there didn't know at least one person. I hope we all will make it our personal commitment to see to it that our name doesn't wind up on that wall until your 90. I hope we will also make a commitment to include other motorcyclist by looking out for one another. Don't let other riders ride drunk, even if you don't know them. If you see someone about to leave a party or a bar and they are obviously impaired try to talk them into waiting at least an hour or better yet leaving the bike in the care of someone else they know. This may be one of the toughest job's you will ever have, but it's so vitally important for all of us to take on the task of keeping them off their bikes. Please, make an attempt to at least talk to someone unable to make the decision themselves not to ride.

It's also a time to remember those we love, our families, our brothers and sisters and our friends and those of others. I think we owe it to them to be responsible when we're out riding. If you get jammed up let somebody help you out. Your not going to impress anybody doing something stupid. Making that decision to let somebody help you out can save your life, the life of your passenger or maybe just *not* bangin up your bike and at the very least making a damn fool of yourself. Lead by example and stay alive, it works!

The loss of a single life is a tragedy, during the Holidays it's even more incredibly devastating because it affect's so many people. Think about those who love you, your family and friends looking forward to seeing you alive and in one piece. The Holiday's, for most of us is a time to join with loved one's we may only get to see at this time of the year. If you have children, think of what they will suffer if you're not there Christmas morning, they'll never see Christmas the same way again remembering that they lost you during the most exciting and magical times of the year. Imagine that child seeing a present from you and not being able to open it because you're not there to share the moment with them. It will be with them the rest of their lives.

It's not worth that proverbial "one for the road", obviously a phrase coined before the invention of the automobile and certainly before there were a couple million vehicles on "the road". Today it's one of the dumbest and most ridiculous phrases ever. If someone is trying to leave a bar or a party don't be the one to try to get them to stay for "one more". Peer pressure is probably one of the leading contributors to injury and death whether alcohol is involved or not. Unless you're going to make it your personal responsibility to insure that you get that person home safely, don't be so irresponsible as to try to make them stay for "one more". They have made their decision to leave, probably because they know they've reached their limit and are trying to do the right thing. Would you want to be the one to identify the body? One of their family will. Because you can afford to buy them "one more", do you think you can afford to financially support the family of that husband, wife, mother, father or their children?

President's Message - Cont'd

It would be a far better thing as a friend to be responsible for getting them home alive, than to be responsible for their injury or their death. Be responsible, make a call to have someone come pick them up and ride their bike or find someone to take them home and have the bike secured. Most bars I've hung around have no big problem with bringing the bike inside. If someone is in a cage try to get them to hand over the keys, have someone pick them up other than the cops, ask the barkeep to put the keys in the register.

Let's all make a conscience effort to be responsible for ourselves and all those we love and care about to see that we get through this joyous time of year alive and well.

I want to wish you all my sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring you and your loved ones health, wealth, happiness and peace.

Don't forget to say a prayer for our brothers and sisters around the world in service of our country, especially those in combat fighting against the godless heathens that want to destroy us.

God bless all of us, everyone and God bless America.

Your Brother At Arms

Ride Free, Ride safe

Strongbow President

president@abatepalmbeach.com

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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
President@abatepalmbeach.com

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American Bikers Aiming Toward Education**

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MEMBERSHIPS DUE



OCTOBER

John "Trash" Clough
Peggy Gendron
Walt Malin
Ken "Shadow" Meade
Doug "Taffyman" Taffe
Charles "Chuck" Widle

NOVEMBER

Mike Moore
Jimmy Cash
Jack "Blind Jack" Culpepper
Allen "Ace" Ryant

DECEMBER

A. Randy "Sportster" Lewis
Robert Lewis
Terri Vanover
Vincent Vanover
Mark "Uncle Fester" Weimer
Kenneth "Pladde" Nola
Kenneth "Knuckles" Roman
Sue "Uzi" Roman
Jaime Dobies
Sandy "Sidecar Sandy" LaRoche
Eugenio "Gene" Valentin
Cynthia "Hotfoot" Shearer
Allen "Fireball" Shearer
Ron Taylor

You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew 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



Brothers and Sisters,

ABATE Palm Bch. Chapter would like to offer our sincerest condolences to the family of Bob Amchir. God grant him peace.

I will always remember Bob for his total commitment to helping children and always being a vital part of every event to raise awareness and money for Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation.

May your Wings of Gold carry you home, your Heart of Gold has surely earned you a place in heaven.

Strongbow

2006 CALENDAR

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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 - Calvary Chapel MM Services

2007 CALENDAR

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JANUARY
 7 - States MC 11th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
 14 - Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day
 21 - SE ABATE Semi Annual Rights Rally
 28 - Der Krieger MC Annual

Expected Attendance 35,000 Bikes & 70,000 People

RICK CASE presents
HONDA
 Cars & Cycles
 175 E Griffin Road

SFPC
 19th Annual
Christmas Toys in the Sun Run

ONSTAGE
LOU GRAM
 LEADING FRONT
 OF "FOREIGNER"
 Plus local bands:
 Sooner or Later
 Not Fragile, and the
 Hep Cat Boo Daddies!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2006

GRAND MARSHALL
 BSO Sheriff
Ken Jenne
 Celebrity Guests
 Steven Tyler
 (of Aerosmith)
 Richie Sambora
 (of Bon Jovi)
 Vanilla Ice
 (of Van Halen)
 Ritchie Simpson
 (of Spangano)
 Dennis Rodman
 Hulk Hogan
 Nikk Taylor
 Geoff Tate &
 Mike Stone from
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 West of 85 between Cypress Creek & Atlantic Ave
 Assemble at 7:00am - Departing at 10:00am

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7th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 16, 2006



8pm until... ???

At LUKES Place

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Motorcycle Ministry

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5th Annual Christmas Service

Sunday, December 17, 2006

Refreshments served from 11AM to 11:30AM
 Service begins PROMPTLY at 11:30 AM

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold,
 I bring good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.
 For there is born to you this day in the city of David
 a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." *Luke 2:10-11*

SERVICES AT STATES MC CLUBHOUSE
Speaker: Bob Applegate
 761 SW 13th Court • Pompano Beach, FL 33060
 Info - Call Billy @ 305-790-9484 - billykick@aol.com

Directly after the service we will be departing to ride to
"Big Ed" Stricklins Memorial Run which leaves at 1PM
 from Secret Woods Park on SR 84 - (See flyer page 11)

PLEASE RIDE WITH US ON

'BIG ED' STRICKLIN'S



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MEMORIAL RUN & PLAQUE CEREMONY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2006

Itinerary

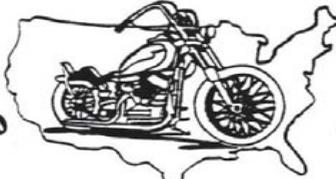
MEET NOON-1PM @ SECRET WOODS PARK
On State Road 84 - Between 441 & I-95 on the north side of the road

RIDE TO EVERGLADES HOLIDAY PARK @ 1PM
On US 27 - at the western end of Griffin Road, across from Cafe 27
Memorial Service & Plaque Ceremony at the Boat Ramp

PARTY AT LUKES PLACE RIGHT AFTER CEREMONY
East side of University Drive in the Pier One Shopping Center

FREE BUFFET - MUSIC BY 'CLOSE ENOUGH' - DRINK SPECIALS
We're just gonna have a good time damn it cause that's what Big Ed would have wanted.

13th ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BIKES STATES



50/50 Good Food

M. C.

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Colors and Bikes will be Blessed
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***From: Rocky
Chaplain, ABATE P.B.C.***

"THE LONE CHRISTIAN"

CHANGING OUR FOCUS

Nothing can touch a Believer's life unless it comes through the permissive will of God. That means He has complete control, even when it feels like Satan is running rampant through our personal lives. When Paul was trapped in Roman confinement, He knew that God could rescue him, after all, HE HAD REMOVED PETERS CHAINS. (Acts 12:7) But Paul was not simply waiting around for liberation. Even in his chains he continued with his kingdom work because he believed God did everything for a reason. It's true that the Lord has a purpose for whatever he brings into a person's life. Though we might wish for different circumstances, God allows us to go through a given situation when it will ultimately bring out the most favorable result. When we allow Him to finish the work instead of trying to extricate ourselves, we'll see a positive outcome. The whole time Paul was in prison for preaching the Gospel, He was still doing just that. For two years he was incarcerated, he preached to the same people who held him in bondage. (Phillippians 1:13) There isn't a single verse in the Bible that promises believers an easy life. In fact the Word warns that the opposite is true. (John 16:33) But we, like Paul, can choose to live above our circumstances by realizing that God has a plan to use our experiences for our good and the benefit of others.

'til next time, ride safe
Your Brother in Christ

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 Thurs 12/7 Rob Arenth
 Fri & Sat 12/8&9 Conspiracy
 Thurs 12/14 Rob Arenth
 Fri & Sat 12/15&16 That Band
 Thurs 12/21 Rob Arenth
 Fri & Sat 12/22&23 Phil Hull & Phrenzzz
 Thurs 12/28 Rob Arenth
 Fri & Sat 12/29&30 Reality Check

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This poem was forwarded to me by my Brother: Sportster Vice President, C.M.A. Alpha Omega Chapter.

Thank you my Bro,

Peace be with you always, God Bless you.

Strongbow

A Different Christmas Poem

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light, I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight. My wife was asleep, her head on my chest, My daughter beside me, angelic in rest. Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white, Transforming the yard to a winter delight. The sparkling lights in the tree I believe, Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve. My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep, Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep. In perfect contentment, or so it would seem, So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near, But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear. Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, Then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow. My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear, And I crept to the door just to see who was near. Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night, A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.

A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old, Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold. Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled, Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child. "What are you doing?" I asked without fear, "Come in this moment, it's freezing out here! Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve, You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"

For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift, Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts... To the window that danced with a warm fire's light Then he sighed and he said "It's really all right, I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night." "It's my duty to stand at the front of the line, That separates you from the darkest of times. No one had to ask or beg or implore me, I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me. My Gramps died at ' Pearl on a day in December," Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always remembers." My dad stood his watch in the jungles of ' Nam ', And now it is my turn and so, here I am. I've not seen my own son in more than a while, But my wife sends me pictures; he's sure got her smile.

Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag, The red, white, and blue... an American flag. I can live through the cold and the being alone, Away from my family, my house and my home. I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet, I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat. I can carry the weight of killing another, Or lay down my life with my sister and brother... Who stand at the front against any and all, To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall." "So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright, Your family is waiting and I'll be all right." "But isn't there something I can do, at the least, "Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast? It seems all too little for all that you've done, For being away from your wife and your son." Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret, "Just tell us you love us, and never forget. To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone, To stand your own watch, no matter how long. For when we come home, either standing or dead, To know you remember we fought and we bled. Is payment enough, and with that we will trust, That we mattered to you as you mattered to us."

PLEASE, Would you do me the kind favor of sending this to as many people as you can? Christmas will be coming soon and some credit is due to our U.S.service men and women for our being able to celebrate these festivities. Let's try in this small way to pay a tiny bit of what we owe. Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us.

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PM Tony Blair
A thought for the day:

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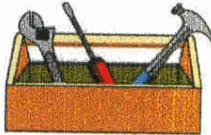
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SUBJECT: HOV Lane Enforcement - Motorcycle Exemption

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NEW U.S. TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY LOVES TO RIDE Mary E. Peters, the new U.S. Transportation Secretary, recently visited the Harley-Davidson plant in Milwaukee and talked about the "alarming rise" in motorcyclist fatalities. Peters is an ardent motorcyclist who will "never, ever ride without a helmet," but she does not, however, think that the federal government should order mandatory helmet use.

"We don't believe that it's up to the federal government to mandate helmets," she said, adding that was something for the individual states to decide. She urged motorcyclists to wear helmets and protective gear, drive sober and take classes on safe motorcycling.

"Cyclists have a lot of responsibility to take care of themselves," she said, but added that motorists also have to do a better job of sharing the road with motorcycles. Peters commended Harley-Davidson Inc. for its efforts in motorcycle safety programs and cycle maintenance.

On Sept. 30, the U.S. Senate confirmed Peters' appointment, and the Harley-Davidson tour was her first public event since she was sworn in. Nicole Nason, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, also took the tour. They visited what is called Harley-Davidson University, where the 660 Harley dealerships nationwide learn how better to service the vehicles.

LAUTENBERG TO CHAIR TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE The new Democratically controlled U.S. Senate has reassigned committees and New Jersey Democratic Senator Frank Lautenberg will be chairman of a transportation subcommittee when the new Congress convenes in January. Lautenberg will head the Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security and Water Quality Subcommittee, and among the issues his panel will deal with is motorcycle safety.

Lautenberg has a long history of supporting helmet laws. In 1991 he worked to insert language in a highway bill that created a nationwide helmet mandate that was removed in 1995 by the Republican controlled Congress after much lobbying by bikers across the country. In May of last year, Lautenberg attempted to reinstate the federal helmet law by amending the transportation reauthorization bill (SAFE-TEA), but his amendment was defeated by a vote of 28 to 69.

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Lautenberg again raised the ire of motorcyclists across the country this summer by sending a personal letter to all 50 governors praising the benefits of helmet laws and suggesting that such legislation may be introduced in the U.S. Senate in the near future.

MRO LEADER ELECTED TO PUBLIC OFFICE Former ABATE of Oregon State Coordinator Joe Laurance was elected to Douglas County Commissioner position 2 on Tuesday night.

Laurance won with 53% of the vote against a well-known local businessman.

In a phone conversation with Joe he credited ABATE and BikePAC membership for the skills and desire to run and win an elected office," said Ken Ray, Executive Director of BikePAC of Oregon.

Laurance was State Coordinator of ABATE for two years, and is a member of BikePAC of Oregon. He also traveled to Washington DC to lobby on behalf of Oregon during the formation of the current highway funding statute. "Joe has been a participant in MRF conferences and NCOM conferences and proudly labels himself a biker as well as commissioner-elect," said Ray. County Commissioner-elect Laurance said will continue to work for motorcyclist's interests not only in Douglas County, but also at the State and Federal levels.

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists supports motorcyclists who run for public office through NCOM Freedom Fund contributions, mentoring from NCOM Legislative Task Force legislators and lobbyists and instructional literature such as "How To Get Elected To Public Office," written by New Hampshire State Representative Sherman Packard, one of the first bikers in the country elected to the legislature.

CARB WANTS TO TEST MOTORCYCLES The California Air Resources Board (CARB) has submitted a proposal to expand the state's vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) program in part by subjecting high-mileage vehicles to annual inspections and including motorcycles for the first time. The CARB proposal was included in a draft state plan to achieve federal pollution standards.

CARB also intends to tighten new motorcycle exhaust and evaporative emissions standards by an additional 50 percent beginning with the 2013 model year. The Federal EPA used the current CARB standards as a basis for establishing stricter new emissions regulations that went into effect with the 2006 model year motorcycles with further reductions taking effect in 2010.

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POKER RUNS UNDER SCRUTINY "Poker Runs' for charity (such as those staged by motorcycle or car clubs) amount to illegal gambling under Arizona Law," states a pamphlet issued by the Arizona Gaming Department. "50/50 drawings or raffles, where the funds raised are split 50-50 between the fund-raisers and the winner, are also illegal gambling.

Bobbi Hartman, a lobbyist for ABATE of Arizona and member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Legislative Task Force, told NCOM News Bytes that "We were recently made aware that our Motorcycle Poker Runs, 50/50's and like Raffles, were being closely scrutinized by the Arizona Department of Gaming (ADG). It was thought that this was due to "new" gambling laws in the state of Arizona passed under Prop 202 back in 2003 giving Native Americans 'exclusive rights' to gambling."

Motorcyclists should be aware that similar restrictions have already arisen in Texas and New Mexico, and this situation was a topic of discussion at the recent NCOM Regional Meeting in Albuquerque. For direction on how to legally conduct poker runs and raffles, visit the www.azag.gov/consumer/gambling/statutes.html or www.azgaming.gov, but in short you cannot charge for a poker run and any monies received must either be donations or charges for food, beverages, etc. As for 50/50 or raffles, if your club, organization or association is not a 501 and/or you are not doing it for a charitable organization, you cannot legally conduct a raffle.

FLORIDA BIKERS WANT HARSHER PENALTIES IN FATAL ACCIDENTS The streets that lead to Daytona Beach are lined with spots where motorcycle enthusiasts have lost their lives. Some of the dead during past Bike Weeks and Biketoberfests were at fault, unwisely mixing alcohol and speed. Others, like Jody Driggers, were just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

His death stands out, biker-rights activists say, because he was doing no more than sitting at a stoplight on International Speedway Boulevard when he was hit from behind by a sport utility vehicle. "I remember that case," said James "Doc" Reichenbach II, president of ABATE of Florida and chairman of the board for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists. "I'm tired of going to funerals."

Motorcycle advocates look at fatality and injury statistics and see a pattern. In too many cases, they say, at-fault drivers of cars or trucks involved in fatal crashes with motorcycles received nothing more than a slap on the wrist. They chafe at laws that require evidence of malicious intent or extreme recklessness before criminal charges can be filed. Advocates say that should change. They want criminal penalties to apply and they've collected thousands of signatures nationwide, pushing Congress and state legislatures to enact their goals into law.

Reichenbach's group is trying to stiffen penalties for motorists who cause a biker's death by violating their right of way. He acknowledges that one reason those who have fatal crashes

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with motorcycles are not treated more harshly is because of the social stigmas attached to the biker culture. "The lifestyle has carried such an image over the years," he told the News Journal. "People say 'whatever,' because you've got hair down the middle of your back. These are just solid citizens who care about their state and their country. We're mothers, fathers, patriots. All we want is to be treated like everybody else."

COMING TO A THEATER NEAR YOU Bikers who were hired as extras in the movie "Wild Hogs" say that their prized Harley-Davidson motorcycles were damaged during filming. The damage occurred in the village of La Cienega while the production was filming an explosion at a biker bar.

Ronnie Baca, one of the extras, says that about ten motorcycles, including his, were damaged. The production company cut him a check for \$3,200, but Baca says that won't do it. "That's not what my bike is valued at," he says, adding that it "will probably be twice as much as that."

The production company says that the matter is not finished and it is working with an insurance company to come up with an equitable settlement.

WEIRD NEWS: AUSSIE BIKERS RIDE NUDE TO GET YOUR ATTENTION SEX? Now the Motorcycle Council of New South Wales has your attention. Stripped for action, the Australian bikers set out on their 'now notice us' ride.

The number of motorcycles and scooters on Sydney's streets is increasing as motorists look for ways to avoid high fuel prices and congestion. Sick of being ignored by Sydney drivers, motorcyclists are hitting back with a publicity campaign featuring nude riders and the slogan: "Come on, what do we have to do to get you to look twice?"

Photographs and a video being submitted to television stations as a community service announcement during Motorcycle Awareness Week, Oct 28 - Nov 5, show motorcyclists riding naked through the streets of Sydney, puzzling passers-by.

The motorcyclists are men and women of different shapes and sizes to highlight that riders come from all walks of life. Guy Stanford, chairman of the MCC of NSW, said it was a lighthearted approach to a serious issue. "We hope that people have a good laugh at our expense but also see how vulnerable motorcyclists can be on the road and remember to look twice, particularly at intersections," he said. View a sample video at <http://media.smh.com.au/?rid=23063&sy=smh&source=undefined>.

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PARISIAN BIKERS DECLARED FILTHY The mayor of Paris has been declared anti-motorcycle, as he and his council have been plotting for years on how to get rid of motorcycles in the French capital. Mayor Bertrand Delanoë has recently been quoted as stating; "motorcycles pollute between 3 and 122 times more than cars!"

In recognition of this he has decided that on high pollution days, when cars can only come into the capital city on alternate days (determined by the last digit of their license plate - odd or even), that motorcycles will need to follow the same rule. In the past, motorcycles were exempt.

PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT BANS MOTORCYCLE RENTALS In order to control growing street crime in the former capital city of Karachi, Pakistan the Sindh government decided to ban all motorcycle rental shops immediately.

Sindh Transport Minister, Muhammad Adil Siddiqui, ordered the Home Secretary and national law enforcement to take stern action. The minister said it was observed that anti-social elements were using rented motorbikes in robberies and street crimes. He hoped that by banning motorcycle rental, the cases of mobile phone snatching and others crimes would decline.

Adil directed police to take stern action against the violators of traffic rules and show no leniency.

PHILIPPINE POLICE PHOTOGRAPH BIKERS People intending to travel by motorcycle on Makati's roads should be ready to say "cheese" in front of a digital camera, though some may frown at having their photo taken for police records. Police in the country's financial capital are now implementing a new scheme that would involve taking photographs of men and women on motorcycles, according to The Philippine Star newspaper.

Senior Superintendent Gilbert Cruz, Makati City's newly-installed chief of police, said his pet project hopes to prevent street crimes in the locality by making people think twice before committing crimes, knowing that their pictures have been taken.

Cruz said Mayor Jejomar Binay has provided them with 11 digital cameras, which are now being used by various police units patrolling the city. "We came up with this scheme to prevent crimes committed by motorcycle-riding men in Makati City," he told The Star. "We are doing this because most criminals can afford to buy second-hand motorcycles, which they usually abandon after a heist.

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Chief Inspector Alex Fulgar, operations chief of the Makati City Police Department, said Oplan Photo Sita appears to be working since no crime perpetrated by motorcycle-riding suspects have been recorded since Cruz took over and implemented the scheme.

BIKERS' TURN FOR URINE TESTING Police in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia will be conducting random urine tests on motorcyclists in the ongoing Ops Sikap XI traffic operation. Due to concerns over the high number of motorcyclists killed in traffic accidents, federal traffic chief Sen Asst Comm (II) Nooryah Md Anvar has put out the order to state police contingents to begin the checks immediately.

"It worked when we implemented it for bus drivers; with word going around they became more careful. Since it has worked with bus drivers, we are hoping it will have the same effect on motorcyclists."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Many of the supporters of repealing the helmet laws are very effective. They are very well educated and well-funded. And they have a single issue. They present this not as a safety issue, but as a matter of state's rights and individual freedom. They are very good. I wish they were on our side."

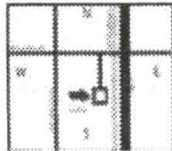
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