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## ***PALM BEACH CHAPTER***

*DEDICATED TO FREEDOM OF CHOICE,  
FREEDOM OF THE ROAD*

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11:30AM**

**SATURDAY**

**February 17<sup>th</sup>**



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## **Biker Appreciation Night**

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***Saturday February 17, 2007***

**6:00 PM 'TIL....**

FEATURING

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**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.**

**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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## President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

WE ARE HEADING INTO THE NEW YEAR AT FULL SPEED, JANUARY JUST FLEW BY. ANDY ROONEY WAS RIGHT, "LIFE *IS* LIKE A ROLL OF TOILET PAPER, THE CLOSER YOU GET TO THE END THE FASTER IT GOES". SOME OF YOU YOUNGER RIDERS MAY NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT I MEAN BUT "WAIT 'TIL YA HIT 50"!

WE'VE HAD SOME GREAT PARTICIPATION IN RIDES IN JANUARY, MAKING A STRONG SHOWING IN NUMBERS TURNING OUT FOR THE BLESSING OF THE BIKES AT STATES MC CLUBHOUSE, ABATE S.E. CHAPTER SEMI ANNUAL RIGHTS RALLY AND DER KRIEGER MC ANNUAL. BELIEVE ME WHEN I TELL YOU, IT REALLY MADE A GREAT IMPRESSION ON THE OTHER CLUBS AND RIDERS ATTENDING THOSE EVENTS. I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR BEING THERE REPRESENTING OUR CHAPTER AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST' 268 AND 277, I WAS PROUD AND HONORED TO LEAD THOSE RIDES AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVEN LARGER NUMBERS RIDING TOGETHER IN THE FUTURE.

FEBRUARY, IS THE SNAP BACK TO REALITY MONTH TO ME, ALL THE HOLIDAY STUFF IS OUT OF THE WAY AND THE YEAR IS REALLY UNDERWAY AND IT'S TIME TO GET BACK DOWN TO IT. IT IS ALSO A TIME TO REFLECT AND A TIME LOOK TO THE FUTURE. THERE WILL BE SOME GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROUP RIDES IN FEBRUARY.

THERE'S A ABATE STATE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> AND A GATOR LOVE RUN SCHEDULED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> HOSTED BY ABATE GATOR ALLEY CHAPTER. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE THE STATE MEETING AND GATOR LOVE RUN PLEASE CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER, CONTACT INFORMATION IS ON THE INSIDE OF THE FRONT COVER.

FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> IS A BIKER APPRECIATION PARTY HOSTED BY BRENT AND SUSAN AT TURN 3 SPORTS BAR. THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SUPPORTERS OF OUR CHAPTER AND IT WOULD BE A GREAT WAY TO SHOW THEM WE APPRECIATE THEM AND MAKE A STRONG SHOWING IN NUMBERS. SUNDAY THE 18<sup>TH</sup> OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF STATES MC LAKE WORTH CHAPTER WILL BE HOLDING THEIR 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL POKER RUN AT BENNIE'S ICE HOUSE. FEB. 24<sup>TH</sup>

## President's Message - Cont'd

WHEELS OF MAN DEERFIELD Bch. 34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL, "THESE GUY'S HAVE BEEN AROUND FOREVER"! ALWAYS A GREAT PARTY. FEB.25 ARCHIES SEABREEZE POKER RUN.

AS YOU CAN SEE THERE'S SOMETHING HAPPENING EVERY WEEKEND, THESE ARE EVENTS THAT WE CAN ENJOY TOGETHER AS A CHAPTER OR EVEN A SMALL GROUP OF FRIENDS RIDING TOGETHER. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE TRY TO BE REPRESENTED AT ALL THESE EVENTS. WE'VE BEEN INVITED TO STOP BY LAMA AND STATES MC CLUBHOUSES FOR THEIR OPEN HOUSE NIGHTS EVERY FRIDAY. WHENEVER WE HAVE VISITED WITH THEM WE HAVE HAD A GREAT TIME. I THINK IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE COULD GET TOGETHER AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH AND MAKE IT A POINT TO VISIT THEM. I KNOW THEY APPRECIATE IT AND WE APPRECIATE THEIR INVITATION.

### CHAPTER ELECTIONS

WE ARE ALSO APPROACHING AN ELECTION. JUNE OF 2007 WILL BE A TIME TO CHOOSE WHO WILL LEAD THIS CHAPTER IN THE COMING YEAR. WE NEED TO COMMUNICATE WITH ONE ANOTHER AT MEETINGS, ON A RIDE OR MAYBE DURING AN EVENT OR EVEN A BIKE NIGHT ABOUT WHO WE WANT TO TAKE THIS CHAPTER TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

IF YOU HAVE THE DRIVE, COMMITMENT, IDEAS, DIRECTION, DEDICATION AND WANT PEOPLE TO JOIN YOU IN WORKING TO REACH THE GOALS ESTABLISHED BY ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. AND OUR CHAPTER, MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE. IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN OUR CHAPTER WHO YOU FEEL CAN LEAD AND/OR ASSIST IN DIRECTING THE COURSE OF THE CHAPTER, NOMINATE THEM. LET'S REALLY TAKE A LOOK INSIDE OURSELVES AND A LOOK AT OTHERS IN THE CHAPTER AND SEE WHERE WE CAN GO FROM HERE. THERE ARE THOSE AMONG US WHO HAVE OFFERED THEIR OPINION ON WHAT WE CAN DO TO CONTINUE TO BUILD AND EXPAND OUR OUTREACH TO THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY AND GAIN THEIR SUPPORT. I URGE YOU TO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT HOW YOU CAN BECOME MORE INVOLVED. YOUR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT DOESN'T NEED TO BE THAT OF A CHAPTER OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER BUT IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE TO OUR ADVANTAGE TO HAVE YOU CONSIDER A POSITION ON THE BOARD.

VOLUNTEERING TO HEAD UP A COMMITTEE OR TO BECOME A MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE IS A GREAT WAY TO GET INVOLVED. I BELIEVE THERE HAVE BEEN SOME GREAT CHAPTER OFFICERS THAT HAVE BEEN SPAWNED FROM COMMITTEE'S IN SOUTHEAST CHAPTER AND IN TALKING WITH MEMBERS OF OUR OWN CHAPTER I AM VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT WE HAVE SOME

## President's Message - Cont'd

EXCELLENT CANDIDATES OF OUR OWN. HOPEFULLY, WE WILL BE SO FORTUNATE AS TO HAVE THEM STEP UP OR BE NOMINATED.

WE WILL BE TALKING MORE ABOUT OUR DIRECTION AS A CHAPTER AT OUR NEXT MEETING AND WE WILL NEED YOUR INPUT IN DETERMINING OUR COURSE AND A PLAN OF ACTION TO ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION. REMEMBER THIS ISN'T THE BOARDS CHAPTER IT'S OUR CHAPTER AND EVERYONE IS A VITAL PART REGARDLESS OF YOUR LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT.

THE NEXT MEETING IS AN IMPORTANT ONE SINCE THIS IS OUR FIRST ELECTION COMING UP AND YOUR PARTICIPATION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED, PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

YOUR BROTHER AT ARMS

**Ride Free, Ride safe**

**Strongbow President**

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**ABATE P.B.C.**

**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**



### **DECEMBER**

Robert Lewis  
 Mark "Uncle Fester" Weimer  
 Jaime Dobies  
 Eugenio "Gene" Valentin  
 Cynthia "Hotfoot" Shearer  
 Allen "Fireball" Shearer

### **JANUARY**

James "Storm" Swain  
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 Kathi "Wheels" Culler  
 Martha "Roadkill" Ledford  
 Walter C. "Tripp" Malin, III  
 Daniela "Swiss Miss" Malsbury  
 Douglas "Roadrunner" Thal  
 Valerie "Twinkie" Holcomb

### **FEBRUARY**

Paul "Razor" Herrington  
 George Bello  
 Michael Smith  
 Stuart Brysen  
 Robert "Preacher Bob" Jordan  
 Paul "Waldo" Corcoran  
 Leo C Filip  
 Natasha "Tash" Bianco  
 William "Bill" Power  
 Bonnie "Bebe" Bloom

*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*

**JOIN US FOR THE RIDE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> FOR ABATE STATE MEETING IN NAPLES - SEE PAGE 28 FOR FLYERS - GATOR ALLEY HAS A POKER RUN ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**CONTACT GIA FOR ROOM INFORMATION 561-578-9399**



## Vice President's Message

AS I LOOK AROUND THE BOARD MEETINGS OF OUR CHAPTER AND AT THE STATE ABATE MEETINGS I NOTICE MANY THINGS WE HAVE IN COMMON. THE MOST PREVALENT IS GREY HAIR. OUR ASSOCIATION LEADERS ARE THERE BECAUSE OF LEADERSHIP ABILITY GAINED THROUGH EXPERIENCE. THIS COMFORTS ME IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE TAKING DIRECTION FROM A FOUNDATION OF EXPERIENCE AND DEDICATION, BUT IN THAT KNOWLEDGE I RECOGNIZE THAT OUR FUTURE, AS ALWAYS, LIES IN YOUTH. I LOOK AT THE YOUNG MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS I SEE ON THE ROADS RIDING SPORTS-BIKES CAPABLE OF SPEEDS AND MANEUVERS WE NEVER CONSIDERED AND TO SAY THE LEAST; I AM CONCERNED.

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW ONCE SAID THAT "YOUTH IS WASTED ON THE YOUNG". BUT TO THAT I ASK; IS THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR EXPERIENCE WORTH OUR POTENTIAL IF IT IS NOT SHARED WITH THE INEXPERIENCED? WITHOUT BELABORING THIS WITH PHYSIOLOGICAL DISCUSSION, WHAT I AM TRYING TO SAY IS: THE FUTURE OF ABATE, MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS AND BIKERS IS RIDING THE MACHINES THAT ARE CURRENTLY HURTING US THE MOST; SPORT BIKES, CROTCH ROCKETS, JAP CRAP...WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL THEM THEY ARE THE FUTURE GENERATION OF "LIVE TO RIDE, RIDE TO LIVE"

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT THE THOUGHT OF THAT TOTALLY DEPRESSES THE HELL OUT OF ME!

THE ONLY CHOICES WE HAVE, THAT I CAN SEE, IS TO EITHER TO KEEP PUSHING THE YOUTHS AS FAR AWAY AS WE CAN AND BLAME THEM FOR THE DEGENERATION OF OUR BIKER SUB-SOCIETY, OR EDUCATE THEM INTO WHAT WE ARE AND WHAT IS A REASONABLE BEHAVIOR TO BE ACCEPTED.

DAMN, BUT THAT STATEMENT USES TWO WORDS THAT I PERSONALLY HAVE RARELY BEEN COMFORTABLE WITH: "REASONABLE AND ACCEPTABLE". THEIR LIVES DEPEND ON THEM THOUGH AND WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE THEM SEE THAT.

## Vice President's Message- Cont'd

LET'S FACE IT, WHEN WE WERE YOUNG WE RARELY CONSIDERED ANYTHING THAT WAS "REASONABLE OR ACCEPTABLE", BUT AS THE OLDER WE GET WE BECOME MORE INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE THAN EVER BEFORE BECAUSE OUR FUTURE GETS SHORTER AND SHORTER AS EVERY DAY PASSES.

MY VERY MOST IMPORTANT POINT IS: THEY ARE KILLING THEMSELVES AND THAT HURTS US AS MUCH AS IT HURTS THEM. WE NEED TO GET THEM INVOLVED WITH US SO WE CAN SCHOOL THEM WITH OUR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO BE BETTER AND SAFER BIKERS THAN WE WERE. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM OUR MISTAKES (HOPEFULLY), OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS NOW TO BRING THEM INTO OUR SOCIETY TO SCHOOL THEM TO REPRESENT OUR AND THEIR FUTURE. IT IS NOT AN EASY TASK, BUT AS THEY ARE OUR FUTURE I FEEL WE MUST EMBRACE THEM FOR THEIR AND OUR OWN GOOD.

THESE WORDS EVEN TASTE BITTER TO ME AS I WRITE THEM, BUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MESSAGE DOES NOT DIMINISH IN THAT DISTAIN. PLEASE MAKE IT YOUR DUTY TO BRING THE YOUTH INTO US. BRING THEM TO A MEETING.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

RIDE FREE RIDE SAFE.

JOHN "PAPA BEAR" OLSEY

YOUR, VICE PRESIDENT

**TO ABATE PALM BEACH CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS :**

STRONGBOW PLEASE ACCEPT THIS LETTER AS MY RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY OF ABATE PALM BEACH CHAPTER. I HAVE BEEN ACTIVE ON OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A YEAR AND FEEL THAT MY POSITION CANNOT BE FULFILLED UNTIL ELECTIONS.

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS MY RESIGNATION, I WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THIS CHAPTER BUT DO NOT HAVE THE TIME TO CONTINUE ON THE BOARD.

AS OF JANUARY 31, 2007 I KELLY (MOONSHINE) HUNTER RESIGNS AS SECRETARY, PALM BEACH CHAPTER.

SINCERELY,

KELLY (MOONSHINE) HUNTER  
01-31-07

**In accordance with the ABATE of Florida, Inc. By-Laws specifically Article IX Paragraph (D)(6) the position of ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Secretary has been vacated upon the acceptance of Kelly "Moonshine" Hunter resignation 2/1/07.**

**The position of Chapter Secretary is now open for nominations. Nominations and a vote of confidence will be called for at the next chapter meeting held 17 February 07 at our regularly scheduled time and location.**

**Article IX, Paragraph (D)(6) provides that the President of a Chapter "[w]ill appoint a pro-tem to fill a vacant position until the next regular meeting when the membership can vote on a person to fill the vacant position." It is necessary to announce the vacancy to the membership prior to the next monthly meeting and request nominations from the membership to fill the position permanently. An election can then be held at the March meeting.**

**John "Wade" Lippard  
ABATE P.B.C.  
Legal Counsel / Legislative Liaison**

# 2007 CALENDAR

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 SOUTH FLORIDA PRESIDENTS COUNCIL  
 CALENDAR EVENTS  
 Call (954) 436-9697 or (954) 571-2600  
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**FEBRUARY**  
 4 - Third Tradition MC Annual  
 11 - AOA MC Ft. Laud Annual  
 18 - States MC Lake Worth Annual  
 18 - H-D of Miami's 11th Anniversary Party  
 24 - Wheels of Man MC Deerfield Annual  
 25 - Alternative's 4th Annual

**MARCH**  
 2-11 - 66th Annual Daytona Beach Bike Week  
 18 - Fiasco Brothers Annual  
 25 - Keltics MC Annual

**APRIL**  
 1 - States MC Pompano 41st Annual  
 7 - Outcasts MC Annual  
 8 - CMA Easter Sunday Service  
 15 - AOA MC West Palm Beach Annual  
 15 & 16 - Peterson's South Anniversary Weekend  
 22 - Wings of Gold MC Stars & Stripes Run  
 27-29 Leesberg Bikefest

**MAY**  
 5 & 6 - Ft. Laud. Air & Sea Show  
 6 - Southern MC Annual  
 20 - Black Pistons MC Keys Annual  
 26 - Mojo's Birthday at Mystic Seven MC  
 27 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

**JUNE**  
 2 - New Attitudes MC Annual  
 9 - Black Pistons MC West Palm Annual  
 10 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual  
 16 - Nam Knights Annual  
 17 - Peterson's North Shore Fathers Day Event  
 24 - Nate's Toy Run Bicycle Drive

**JULY**  
 1 - USMV MC Chapter 2  
 8 - States Lake Worth off annual  
 21 - Wheels of Man Chili Cookoff  
 22 - Nate's Toy Run Bicycle Drive  
 29 - Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud Annual

**AUGUST**  
 3-12 67th Annual Sturgis Bike Week  
 10-12 - 12th International South Florida Tattoo Expo  
 12 - AOA MC 40th Anniversary  
 26 - Wings of Gold MC Stuart Annual

**SEPTEMBER**  
 2 - US Military Vets MC Pompano Annual  
 9 - States MC 14th Annual Key West Tuneup Party  
 14-16 - Phil Peterson's 35th Key West Poker Run  
 23 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run  
 30 - Black Pistons MC Ft Keys off annual

**OCTOBER**  
 7 - Mystic 7 MC Annual  
 14 - AOA Treasure Coast off annual  
 14 - Bobby B's "Boss" Hrlly's Grand Octoberfest Party  
 18-21 - Daytona Bikeoberfest  
 27 - 33rd Annual Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party  
 28 - SE ABATE 27th Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally

**NOVEMBER**  
 4 - Alternative MC Annual  
 11 - US Military Vets MC National 20th Annual Party  
 17 - Ned's Toy Run Bike Ride  
 18 - CMA Memorial Event  
 25 - 3rd Annual Keltics for Kids Fun-Raiser

**DECEMBER**  
 2-Heaven Cycles 30th Annual-30 FREE Kegs!  
 9 - 20th SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run  
 15 - 8th Annual SFLCOC Christmas Party  
 15 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami  
 23 - Calvey Chapel Christmas Service

# South Florida Outlaws Annual Valentines Party

**Sunday February 11th, 2007**  
 From noon til ??? at our new house in Dania

Great Live Music  
 by "Sooner or Later"

Vendors • Friends • Food & Drink

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 Call to make reservations  
 954-931-1085

Directions: North side Stirling Road,  
 1 block west of Anglers Ave  
 at Lakeview Drive  
 Look for long wood fence - park in lot.

## States M/C Lake Worth, Florida

# 8th Annual Poker Run Sunday Feb. 18th 2007

Party Begins: 1PM  
 Benny's Ice House  
 9803 Military Trail - Boynton Beach  
 561-734-6924

Poker Run Sign-in: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm  
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**FEBRUARY 10, 2007**

**POKER RUN INFO!!**  
Register 8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  
Last take out 11:40 a.m.

**CENTRAL RUN**  
Start at Toyota of Stuart  
5181 SE Federal Highway Stuart, FL

**SOUTH RUN**  
Start at Best Sight Motor Cycle Inc.  
1180 S Military Trail, Vero, FL

**NORTH RUN**  
Start at Archer's Gearhouse  
407 S. Glades Drive, Ft. Pierce, FL

All of the poker runs end at the  
**PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!**  
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Toyota of Stuart  
Motorcycle Show performance • Good Food & Beverages  
Kids Games & Activities • Community Booths & displays  
Poker Runs Thru the Treasure Coast & The Palm Beaches  
Special Performance by Bobby Friss  
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THE RESPONSE WAS IMMEDIATE. REPORTEDLY, ONE DEMOCRAT WALKED OUT IN PROTEST, THREE OTHERS GAVE SPEECHES CRITICAL OF WRIGHT'S PRAYER AND ANOTHER BLASTED WRIGHT'S "MESSAGE OF INTOLERANCE." REV. WRIGHT SAID AFTERWARDS, "I CERTAINLY DID NOT MEAN TO BE OFFENSIVE TO INDIVIDUALS, BUT I DON'T APOLOGIZE FOR THE TRUTH. THE WHOLE POINT WAS TO SAY THAT WE ALL HAVE SINS THAT WE NEED TO REPENT--ALL OF US....THE PROBLEM, I GUESS, IS THAT YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSE TO GET TOO SPECIFIC WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT SIN."

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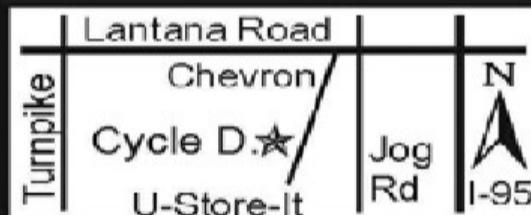
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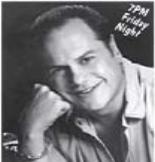
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<h1>February 2007</h1>						
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4 Third Tradition MC - Annual	5	6	7 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB - Pg 19	8 Legends Bike Night  Iron Eagle Bike Nite- Nothin-Fancy	9 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House  Lama - Open House	10 ABATE of FL State Meeting - Pg 27
11 AOA MC -Ft Ldle - Annual - Pg 13  Gator Love Ride - Pg 27	12	13 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	14 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB	15 Legends Bike Night	16 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House  Lama - Open House	17 ABATE-PBC MEETING 11:30  Biker Apprec - Turn 3 - Cover
18 States-MC - Lake Worth - Annual - Pg 13	19	20 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	21 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB	22 Legends Bike Night	23 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House  Lama - Open House	24 Wheels of Man- MC- Deerfield- Annual - Pg 14
25 Alternatives- MC - 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual- Pg 14  Archies Poker Run - Pg 19	26	27 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	28 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB			

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## **BRAIN CRAMPS**

*If you ever feel a little stupid, just dig this up and read it again; you'll begin to think you're a genius.*

(On September 17, 1994, Alabama's Heather Whitestone was selected as Miss America 1995.)

**Question: If you could live forever, would you and why?**

**Answer: "I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever,"** *Miss Alabama in the 1994 Miss USA contest.*

**"Whenever I watch TV and see those poor starving kids all over the world, I can't help but cry. I mean I'd love to be skinny like that, but not with all those flies and death and stuff."**

*Mariah Carey*

**"Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life".**

*Brooke Shields, during an interview to become spokesperson for federal anti-smoking campaign.*

**"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body,"**

*Winston Bennett, University of Kentucky basketball forward.*

**"Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country,"**

*Mayor Marion Barry, Washington, DC.* (Caught smoking crack with a hooker in a hotel room in Baltimore. Think before you vote.)

**"That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I'm just the one to do it,"** *A congressional candidate in Texas.* (Sounds a little like G.W. Bush, think before you vote)

**"Half this game is ninety percent mental." *Philadelphia Phillies manager, Danny Ozark***

**"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it."**

*Al Gore, Vice President* (He also claimed to have been an Astronaut and the inventor of the Internet. Think before you vote.)

**"I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix."**

*Dan Quayle* (He's actually from Wisconsin and bought peaches in Florida to show support for Florida's orange growers. Think before you vote.)

**"We've got to pause and ask ourselves: How much clean air do we need?"**

*Lee Iacocca*

**"The word "genius" isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."**

*Joe Theisman, NFL football quarterback & sports analyst.*

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**"Traditionally, most of Australia's imports come from overseas." *Keppel Enderbery***

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*Submitted by "Boca Bill" ABATE P.B.C.*

## **U.S. drivers eat, shave, email -- oh, and drive**

By Andrea Hopkins Mon Jan 22, 12:07 AM ET

Talk on the phone while you're driving? Fix your makeup? Check e-mail? You're not alone.

A survey released on Monday shows 81 percent of Americans do more than drive when they're behind the wheel.

More than eight of 10 people surveyed by Nationwide Mutual Insurance said they adjust the radio or music while they drive, while 73 percent talk on the phone, 68 percent eat, 19 percent send text messages and 5 percent checked their e-mail.

Personal hygiene was also a big driver distraction, with 19 percent fixing their hair, 12 percent putting on makeup and 2 percent shaving while at the controls of a car.

"Clearly Americans have much to do and little time to do it, so to cope with that we've become multi-taskers," said Bill Windsor, associate vice president of Safety at Nationwide.

"The problem with that is driving requires focus, and multi-tasking while driving puts you and your fellow drivers at risk."

Drivers in the survey also admitted to changing seats with passengers, watching a movie, painting their toenails, nursing a baby and putting in contact lenses while driving.

Younger drivers multi-task the most, the survey found, with 35 percent of 18-to-27 year olds saying they always multi-task in the car, compared to 21 percent of baby boomers.

Windsor said the consequences for young drivers are severe, with car accidents being the number one cause of death for Americans aged 18 to 27.

"The bottom line is if it can be done in the kitchen, bathroom, office or bedroom, it should not be done in the car," Windsor said.

While some U.S. jurisdictions require hands-free devices for cellphone use in cars, most of the activities listed in the survey are not illegal unless they are determined to be the cause of an accident.

The survey of 1,200 drivers between the ages of 18 and 60 found that while 83 percent believe they are safe drivers, 38 percent admitted they have driven a certain distance without any recollection of doing so.

Sandra Guile, spokeswoman for AAA in Cincinnati, said the automobile club's driving instructors have seen it all, and work hard to try to correct the bad habits.

"Imagine if you're going 55 miles an hour down the road and you spill something on your suit and you have a meeting that day -- you're going to be more worried about grabbing a napkin than watching the road," said Guile. "But it just takes a split second to look away and there's an accident."

Cincinnati professor Penny Braboy said that while she never eats or makes phone calls while driving, she does answer the phone if it rings -- and she admits to other distractions.

"I have put on lipstick in the car," Braboy, 55, said with a laugh. "And I might try to look for something in my purse, which I know is dangerous." But she said her distractions have never caused an accident. "I try to be careful," said she, getting into her sport utility vehicle, Starbucks coffee in hand.

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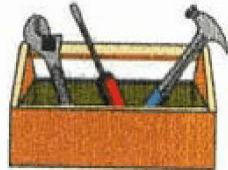


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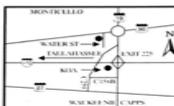
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## **NCOM NEWS BYTES**

*compiled and edited by Bill Bish - January 2007*

### **National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)**

**HELMET LAWS THREATENED** AT LEAST THREE STATE LEGISLATURES ARE ALREADY PROPOSING TO ENACT HELMET LAWS IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THEIR 2007 SESSIONS: ARKANSAS, MONTANA AND PENNSYLVANIA. SPURRED BY A RENEWED FEDERAL ENTHUSIASM IN PROMOTING HELMET LAWS, AND DUE TO THE INCREASED POPULARITY OF MOTORCYCLE RIDING, STATE GOVERNMENTS ARE SEEKING WAYS TO CURB RISING MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES.

NEW MOTORCYCLE SALES HAVE TOPPED ONE MILLION FOR THE FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR, AND HAVE EXPERIENCED 14 CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF RECORD SALES, NOW TRIPLE THE NUMBER OF NEW BIKES SOLD A DECADE AGO. BUT ALONG WITH THAT BOON HAS COME A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN MOTORCYCLE DEATHS, WITH THE LATEST FIGURES FROM THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA) REFLECTING A 13 PERCENT INCREASE IN RIDER FATALITIES FROM 4,028 IN 2004 TO 4,553 IN 2005.

CURRENTLY, 20 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REQUIRE ALL MOTORCYCLISTS TO WEAR HELMETS, WHILE THE OTHER 30 STATES ALLOW FREEDOM OF CHOICE FOR ADULT RIDERS.

**SALT LAKE CITY WITHDRAWS HELMET PROPOSAL** THROUGH THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF BIKERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WHO TOOK TIME TO WRITE, CALL AND E-MAIL MAYOR ROCKY ANDERSON TO OPPOSE A SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH CITY ORDINANCE REQUIRING HELMET USE BY ALL MOTORCYCLISTS AND BICYCLISTS WITHIN THE CITY, THE PROPOSED LAW HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE HAS RESPONDED THAT THEY HAVE "ABANDONED THE PROPOSAL, DUE TO THE IMMENSE AMOUNT OF CALLS AND E-MAILS BOTH FROM LOCAL MOTORCYCLISTS AND MOTORCYCLISTS NATIONWIDE. WE ARE NOW LOOKING INTO WAYS TO BETTER ENFORCE THE HELMET LAW ALREADY IN EXISTENCE, (FOR RIDERS 18 YEARS OLD AND UNDER) AND REQUIRE THE SAME FOR BICYCLISTS AND SCOOTERS."

**NUMBERS GAME** EVEN IF WE ACCEPTED THE GOVERNMENT'S CLAIM THAT UNHELMETED RIDERS COST U.S. TAXPAYERS \$853 MILLION LAST YEAR, LET'S PUT THAT NUMBER IN PERSPECTIVE. ACCORDING TO MAG-UK (MOTORCYCLE ACTION GROUP OF THE UNITED KINGDOM), CITING STATISTICS FROM THE BBC WEBSITE, THE UNITED STATES SPENT \$1.9 TRILLION ON HEALTHCARE IN 2004, SO UNHELMETED MOTORCYCLISTS ACCOUNTED FOR .00004% OF THE TOTAL COSTS.

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FOR COMPARISON, CARING FOR SMOKING RELATED HEALTH PROBLEMS COST THE GOVERNMENT \$12.9 BILLION, OR .007%, MAKING IT 150 TIMES MORE COSTLY. OBESITY COSTS THE GOVERNMENT \$7.7 BILLION IN HEALTHCARE EXPENSES. ALCOHOL COSTS THE GOVERNMENT \$12.2 BILLION IN HEALTHCARE EXPENSES. MEDICAID FRAUD COSTS THE GOVERNMENT \$140 BILLION IN HEALTHCARE EXPENSES.

**S&S FIRST TO OBTAIN EPA ENGINE CERTIFICATION** S&S CYCLE, INC. HAS SUCCESSFULLY PROCURED EPA CERTIFICATION ON ALL THREE OF ITS V-SERIES ENGINE FAMILIES, BECOMING THE FIRST MOTORCYCLE ENGINE MANUFACTURER TO PRODUCE PRE-CERTIFIED EPA COMPLIANT ENGINES FOR USE BY INDIVIDUALS AND CUSTOM BIKE BUILDERS.

BY USING MOTORS THAT ARE PRE-CERTIFIED TO MEET EMISSIONS REGULATIONS, INDIVIDUALS AND BUILDERS CAN NOW BUILD EPA COMPLIANT MOTORCYCLES WITHOUT HAVING TO GO THROUGH THE COMPLICATED AND COSTLY EMISSIONS TESTING PROCEDURES THEMSELVES, THUS ALLOWING SMALL VOLUME MANUFACTURERS TO BUILD AND SELL AS MANY CUSTOM MOTORCYCLES AS THEY WANT TO, AND INDIVIDUALS CAN NOW OWN, RIDE AND SELL THEM WITHOUT PRIOR RESTRICTIONS AS LONG AS THE ENGINE PACKAGE IS NOT ALTERED IN ANY WAY THAT INCREASES EXHAUST EMISSIONS.

UNDER EPA REGULATIONS ISSUED IN 2003, CUSTOM BIKE BUILDERS ARE LIMITED TO BUILDING ONLY 24 NON-COMPLIANT MOTORCYCLES PER MODEL YEAR, AND INDIVIDUALS ARE ALLOWED TO OWN ONLY ONE EPA EXEMPT KIT BIKE IN THEIR LIFETIME. BUT FOLLOWING A YEAR OF SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS BETWEEN THE EPA AND INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER GROUPS, THE "CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLE ENGINES" EPA LETTER OF GUIDANCE DATED JULY 25, 2006 CISD-06-15 (MC), NOW ALLOWS BUILDERS OF AFTERMARKET ENGINES TO PROVIDE EPA-COMPLIANT ENGINE PACKAGES TO INDIVIDUALS, DEALERS AND SMALL VOLUME MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURERS (<3,000 ANNUAL UNITS, EXCLUDING CALIFORNIA), THUS CIRCUMVENTING THE STRICT REGULATIONS APPLIED TO NON-EPA COMPLIANT MOTORCYCLES.

THEREFORE, THE NEW CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE WILL PERMIT CERTIFIED ENGINES INSTALLED IN NEW HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLE CHASSIS TO BE OPERATED OR RE-SOLD WITHOUT ONEROUS CONSTRUCTION AND OWNERSHIP RESTRICTIONS, PROVIDED THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROCEDURE, AS WELL AS THE FEDERAL CLEAN AIR ACT ANTI-TAMPERING REQUIREMENTS, ARE MET.

**ALUDE POLICE, FORFEIT YOUR BIKE** THE FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL HAS DEVELOPED A PLAN TO FIGHT FLEEING CYCLISTS WITHOUT ENGAGING IN HIGH SPEED PURSUIT OR EVEN TAKING THEM TO TRIAL. FLORIDA POLICE HAVE A POLICY RESTRICTING HIGH-SPEED CHASES, AND POLICE CARS CAN'T KEEP UP WITH A SPORT BIKE'S TOP SPEED OR ABILITY TO ACCELERATE.

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BUT ALL THE LAW REQUIRES IS THAT POLICE GET THE TAG NUMBER, AND THEN THEY CAN GO PICK UP THE BIKE LATER. POLICE SEIZED 344 MOTORCYCLES LAST YEAR BY ACCUSING THEIR OWNERS OF RUNNING FROM POLICE -- A FELONY -- INITIATE THE SEIZURE PROCEEDING, THEN DROP THE CHARGES. THIS ALLOWS POLICE TO KEEP THE BIKE WITHOUT THE EFFORT OF A COURT BATTLE OR THE DANGER OF A NOT GUILTY VERDICT. EVEN AN INNOCENT MOTORCYCLIST WILL THINK TWICE ABOUT FIGHTING AN UNJUST SEIZURE SINCE THE FELONY CHARGES CARRY JAIL TIME AND A PERMANENT BLACK MARK ON MORE THAN JUST THEIR DRIVING RECORD.

ALTHOUGH POLICE CLAIM THE CONFISCATION POLICY IS DONE TO SAVE THE LIVES OF INNOCENT MOTORISTS, NO AUTOMOBILE DRIVER HAS BEEN KILLED BY A MOTORCYCLIST ON THE RUN.

**NATIONAL ID ON THE WAY** SOME STATE OFFICIALS ARE GIVING THE NATIONAL ID SYSTEM A COOL RECEPTION, AND HOPE CONGRESS WILL REASSESS -- AND PERHAPS REPEAL -- LEGISLATION IT PASSED THAT ESTABLISHES A NATIONAL ID SYSTEM BY 2008.

THE REAL ID ACT OF 2005 IS INTENDED TO DETER TERRORISM AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, BUT MANY DEEM THE PROGRAM UNNECESSARY, COSTLY AND ANNOYING.

AMONG THE MOST ALARMING DILEMMAS, ASIDE FROM PRIVACY ISSUES, IS THAT UNDER THE REAL ID SYSTEM IT COULD TAKE WEEKS TO PRODUCE A SINGLE IDENTIFICATION CARD. REAL ID WOULD ALSO PUT A MAJOR DENT IN STATES' COFFERS, COSTING TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW SYSTEM, INCLUDING INSTALLING NEW MACHINES IN DMV OFFICES TO PRODUCE THE CARDS, AND EACH STATE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOOTING ITS OWN BILL.

RIGHT NOW, NO ONE'S SURE HOW LONG RESIDENTS WILL HAVE BEFORE THEY MUST CONVERT TO THE NEW ID SYSTEM OR WHAT TYPES OF DOCUMENTATION THEY MUST PRESENT, AND ARE AWAITING FURTHER DIRECTION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "POSTERITY! YOU WILL NEVER KNOW HOW MUCH IT COST THE PRESENT GENERATION TO PRESERVE YOUR FREEDOM! I HOPE YOU WILL MAKE GOOD USE OF IT! IF YOU DO NOT, I SHALL REPENT IT IN HEAVEN THAT I EVER TOOK HALF THE PAINS TO PRESERVE IT!"

JOHN ADAMS, APRIL 26, 1777

**AND THAT'S ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS!**



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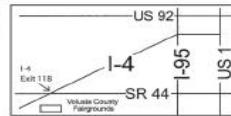
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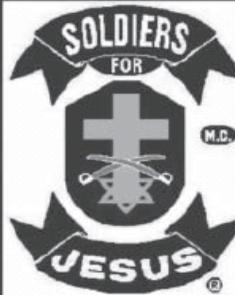
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## From *The GUNNY'S SACK* - January 2007

IT'S THE SECOND MONTH OF A BRAND NEW YEAR, 2007. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO ACCOMPLISH THIS YEAR? IN OREGON, WE'D REELECTED GOVERNOR KULONGOSKI, WHICH MEANS WE MAY HAVE TO WAIT ANOTHER FOUR YEARS TO GET THE HELMET LAW OFF OUR BACKS. HE'S SAID THAT HE WILL NOT SIGN ANY BILL THAT WOULD ABOLISH THE LAW. WE HAVE PEOPLE HERE WHO HAVE RIDDEN FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS AND NEVER KNOWN THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN THAT REGARD. TO MY MIND THAT IS ABSOLUTELY SAD.

IN LOUISIANA, THEY SLAPPED THE HELMET BACK ON THEIR HEADS, AND THE GOVERNOR BRAGGED ABOUT THE SAVINGS OF LIVES BECAUSE OF THE HELMETS. THEY DIDN'T TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT MOTORCYCLE SALES DROPPED ABOUT THE SAME AS THE ACCIDENT RATE. WE NEED TO GET OUR PEOPLE EDUCATED. WE ARE PART OF THE TRAFFIC, AND CAR DRIVERS NEED TO BE EDUCATED ABOUT THAT. ONE THING WE CAN DO IS TO GET OUR RIDERS TO TAKE RIDING COURSES AND RE-TAKE THE CLASSES REGULARLY. EDUCATION SAVES LIVES. I STARTED RIDING IN 1948, AND A HELMET WAS NOT A REGULAR PART OF MY ATTIRE UNTIL 1988. MY GOD! ACCORDING TO THE SAFETY-CRATS I SHOULD HAVE DIED LONG AGO!

THE NEW YEAR BRINGS OTHER CONCERNS AS WELL. THE IRAQ SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED EVEN MORE AND WE HAVE A DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS AND SENATE IN THIS COUNTRY NOW. IT'S NOT HARD TO GUESS WHAT THEY WANT US TO DO ABOUT THAT. I WON'T TAKE SIDES, BUT I WILL ADDRESS MY ELECTED OFFICIALS AS TO HOW I PERSONALLY FEEL ABOUT THE WHOLE THING. I HOPE THE REST OF YOU WILL AS WELL. WE PROVED THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE HAS FORCE, NOW LETS PUT IT TO GOOD USE.

THERE ARE PEOPLE WE HAVE ELECTED WHO WOULD LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN TO OUTLAW MOTORCYCLES ALTOGETHER. INSURANCE COMPANIES THAT ARE SPENDING MUCHO DOLLARS TO GET LAWS PASSED THAT RESTRICT RIDING EVEN MORE THAN IT IS NOW. I'D RATHER THEY SPEND MY INSURANCE DOLLARS ON MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS FOR CAR DRIVERS!

MANY NEW HIGHWAY DESIGNS WON'T PROPERLY CONSIDER MOTORCYCLES IF WE AREN'T VIGILANT. WE ARE ALREADY PRETTY MUCH INVISIBLE WITHOUT THE ADDED BURDEN OF ROADS THAT ARE DESIGNED WITHOUT US IN MIND. ALL MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATIONS NEED MORE THAN EVER TO PUT YOUR HEADS TOGETHER FOR THE WELFARE OF US ALL. OUR ENEMIES WON'T GO AWAY ANY MORE THAN WE WILL. ANTI-TINKERING LAWS AND MANUFACTURING RESTRICTIONS ARE GETTING TOUGHER ALL THE TIME AND WE NEED TO KEEP A WEATHER EYE WIDE OPEN THERE.

THOSE ARE A FEW OF THE CHALLENGES WE FACE AS BIKERS IN THE NEW YEAR. MORE THAN EVER, IT'S TIME FOR US TO STICK TOGETHER, AND STAND UP FOR WHAT'S RIGHT.

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NEWSBITS 'N' PIECES:

KIDS MOTORIZED SCOOTER: LOOKS LIKE A LITTLE VESPA FROM THE FIFTIES. IT HAS A TWO-SPEED GEARBOX (2.5 AND 5 MPH) POWERED BY A RECHARGEABLE BATTERY, ALONG WITH AUTOMATIC BRAKES, WORKING HEADLIGHT, HORN AND HAZARD-WARNING LIGHTS. AIMED AT CHILDREN AGED FROM THREE TO SEVEN, IT SELLS FOR £195, WHATEVER THAT IS IN AMERICAN MONEY. I HAVEN'T SEEN ONE IN THIS COUNTRY YET BUT KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED.

WHAT KID WOULDN'T LOVE ONE OF THESE CRITTERS. HOLBROOK, N.Y.: HARLEY HEARSE? YEAH, FROM THE INTERNET COMES THIS LITTLE JEWEL, COURTESY OF NEWSDAY.

OUTSIDE THE MOLONEY FUNERAL HOME HERE IS A HARLEY-DAVIDSON THAT HAS BEEN THAT HAS BEEN CONVERTED TO A HEARSE. WHAT BETTER WAY FOR A BIKER TO GO TO HIS REST? RIDING IN STYLE IN A HARLEY HEARSE. THE CONVERSION WAS DEMONSTRATED HERE AND WE ARE TOLD IT WILL BE USED ON REQUEST FROM FAMILIES OF WHOMEVER WANTS THE SERVICE. IT'S ACTUALLY A MODIFIED TRIKE THAT CAN HAUL AS MUCH AS 900 POUNDS. VERY MODIFIED, AT OVER \$80K. IT'S THE CUSTOM CREATION OF "TOMBSTONE HEARSE," OF ALUM BANK, PA.

THIS IS A ROAD-WORTHY MACHINE THAT, MOLONEY ACKNOWLEDGES, BRINGS MUCH-NEEDED SMILES TO AN OTHERWISE SOMBER PROCESSIONAL BETWEEN FUNERAL HOME AND FINAL RESTING PLACE. "WE WANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO OFFER SOMETHING UNIQUE," SAYS MOLONEY, 42, WHO, WITH HIS UNCLE AND TWO OLDER BROTHERS, RUNS FIVE FUNERAL HOMES. "AND THIS IS A VERY UNIQUE SPECIALTY ITEM," HE SAYS. "WHEN WE USE IT, PEOPLE ARE OVERWHELMED WITH IT."

ITALY: WANT SOMETHING REALLY DIFFERENT TO RIDE ROUND ON? LOOK TO THE ITALIAN BIKE, THE "IRS." THESE GUYS TRIKED-OUT A SUZUKI SV1000, BUT THEY MADE TWIN FRONT WHEELS THAT LEAN TOGETHER WITH TILTING LINKAGE, MUCH LIKE THE PIAGGIO "MP3" TWIN FRONT WHEEL SCOOTER. THE MACHINE HAS A NEW FRAME UNDERNEATH THE STANDARD BODYWORK, WHICH IS RETAINED LIKE MOST OF THE ORIGINAL "DONOR" MACHINE. MORE INFORMATION ON THIS LITTLE BEAST IS FOUND AT [WWW.IRS1000.IT](http://www.irs1000.it) SWITZERLAND: NOW, TAKE THAT "IRS" BIKE A STEP FURTHER, AND YOU'RE RIDING THE INSIDE OF A LONG, BUBBLE-SHAPED TWO-WHEELED BEAST, POWERED BY A BMW K-SERIES MOTOR, THE ECO-MOBILE, WITH OTHER BIKES OFFERED BY THE SWISS FIRM, PERAVES. Y'GOTTA SEE THESE THINGS TO BELIEVE 'EM. GO TO [HTTP://ECO.PERAVES.CH/NDEXE.HTM](http://eco.peraves.ch/ndexe.htm). OH, AND THIS BUBBLE-BOY WILL DO 155 MPH, AND YOU CAN GET AIR CONDITIONING, HEAT, AND EVEN LEATHER SEATS.

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THIS CRITTER RUNS A 4-SPEED UNIT WITH AN ELECTRIC REVERSE, AND AN AUTOMATIC VERSION IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO GO THE WHOLE CAR ROUTE. CAR PEDALS SIT BELOW THE HANDLEBARS THAT STILL HAVE A TWIST-GRIP THROTTLE. BUTTONS OPERATE THE LITTLE STABILIZER WHEELS WHEN COMING TO REST. THE MAKERS CLAIM IT'S STILL LIKE RIDING A BIKE, SINCE IT BANKS TO CORNER, BUT YOU HAVE THE CREATURE COMFORTS OF A CAR. THE PRICE LOOKS A LITTLE STEEP AT \$55,599, UNLESS YOU CONSIDER THE COST OF A CUSTOM BIKE. I'VE SEEN SOME \$60,000.00 HARLEYS IN DEALERSHIPS HERE IN OREGON.

HONOLULU: DURING PRESIDENT BUSH'S VISIT TO HAWAII LAST YEAR, STEVE FAVELA, 30, AND TWO OTHER MOTOR OFFICERS CRASHED THEIR BIKES AS THE MOTORCADE TRAVELED ACROSS HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE. BUSH WAS THERE TO MEET THE TROOPS THERE FOR BREAKFAST. LIGHT RAIN HAD BEEN FALLING, AND SOME ROADS ON THE BASE WERE SLICK. FAVELA SUFFERED INTERNAL INJURIES AND DIED. THE PRESIDENT SENT HIS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY. IT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT IT GOES TO SHOW THAT EVEN THE HIGHLY-WELL TRAINED POLICE CAN DIE ON BIKES. OUR CONDOLENCES ALSO TO HIS FAMILY.

THE EVER-LOVIN NEED FOR SPEED: SPEEDING IS NOT NECESSARILY RECKLESS, EVEN AT 128 MPH, A JUDGE RULED. A MOTORCYCLIST HAD TRIED TO FLEE FROM STATE TROOPERS. JUDGE JOHN STEINHEIDER RULED THAT JACOB H. CARMAN, 20, WAS NOT GUILTY OF RECKLESS DRIVING, WHEN HE WAS SPOTTED BY A TROOPER WHO THEN CHASED HIM AT THE TOP SPEED OF HIS CRUISER'S ODOMETER - 128 MPH. HE SAID "AS MUCH AS IT PAINS ME TO DO IT, SPEED AND SPEED ALONE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH RECKLESS DRIVING". HE DID SAY THAT IF HE HAD A PASSENGER, HE'D HAVE THROWN THE BOOK AT HIM. NEVERTHELESS, CARMAN WAS FINED \$300.00 FOR TRYING TO ELUDE THE COP, AND EXPIRED TAGS. I'M SORRY FOLKS, BUT RUNNING AWAY FROM THE POLICE JUST BECAUSE YOUR TAGS ARE OUT OF DATE IS JUST FOOLISH, ANY WAY YA LOOK AT IT! PLUS, OUR OREGON AIM LAWYER, SAM HOCHBERG, TELLS ME THAT YOU MIGHT WELL BE CONVICTED OF RECKLESS DRIVING WITH SPEED THAT HIGH, DEPENDING OF COURSE ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

GUNNY AGAIN: HAVE YOU GOT YOUR AIM CARD? IF NOT AND YOU GO TO MOTORCYCLE RUNS OR SWAP-MEETS HERE IN OREGON, THERE IS NO EXCUSE. THIS GUNNY SETS UP AT MOST OF THEM DURING THE SUMMER AND IS HAPPY TO GET YA SIGNED UP. I'LL GIVE YOU YOUR CARD ON THE SPOT AND IT DOESN'T COST YOU ONE CENT. THE IDEA IS TO LET MEDICAL FOLKS KNOW WE HAVE SOME SMALL BITS OF MEDICAL INFORMATION PARTICULAR TO YOU AND IT MIGHT JUST HELP IN AN EMERGENCY. NOT ONLY THAT BUT IT WILL HELP US TO NOTIFY YOUR PEOPLE THAT YOU HAVE A PROBLEM. YOU AREN'T OBLIGATED TO USE OUR AIM ATTORNEYS BUT ITS NOT THE WORST IDEA YOU COULD COME UP WITH. THEY HANDLE WRECKS ON A CONTINGENCY FEE BASIS, AND OF COURSE, THE AIM LAWYERS RIDE, JUST LIKE OUR OREGON GUY FOR THE PAST 19 YEARS, SAM HOCHBERG. CALL THE MAIN OFFICE AT 1-800-531-2424, OR 1-800-ON-A-BIKE, AND THEY WILL SEND YOUR CARD! OR, GET A HOLD OF GUNNY AND I'LL GET YOU SQUARED AWAY. REACH ME VIE E-MAIL AT [AIMGUNNY@AOL.COM](mailto:AIMGUNNY@AOL.COM) OR SAM HOCHBERG, OUR OREGON AIM ATTORNEY, IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [SAMBIKELAW@AOL.COM](http://SAMBIKELAW@AOL.COM).

Keep the round side on the bottom.

**Gunny**, Oregon AIM Chief of Staff



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**Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting**

**11:30 AM Saturday**  
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**Boynton Beach, FL 33435**  
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**GOALS & PURPOSES  
OF ABATE**

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

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

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

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

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.