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

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**NEXT
CHAPTER
MEETING
11:30AM**

SATURDAY

March 17th



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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

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PRESENTS

12TH ANNUAL FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY APRIL 13-APRIL 16, 2007

STATE MEETING: SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2007 AT 2:00PM

BOARD MEETING: 12:00 NOON

IN MONTICELLO AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL

RIDE TO THE CAPITOL: MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007

LEAVE FROM THE MONTICELLO KOA AT 9:00 AM

**!! ALL ARE WELCOME !!
FREE CAMPING - TENTS ONLY**

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LOCATED AT EXIT 225 ON I-10 IN MONTICELLO. (850) 997-3890 (FOR DIRECTIONS ONLY.) 20 MILES EAST OF TALLAHASSEE & 6 MILES SW OF MONTICELLO. FROM I-10 AT US 19, PROCEED SOUTH 600 FT. THEN WEST ON C158B FOR 2 MILES, THEN NORTH ON S259 FOR ½ MILE — FOLLOW SIGNS.

AMERICAN LEGION HALL

GO 2 BLOCKS WEST OF THE OPERA HOUSE ON US90. TURN LEFT ON WATER ST.
GO ½ MILE TO AMERICAN LEGION HALL ON THE RIGHT.

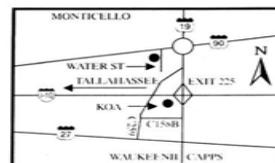
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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
PALM BEACH CHAPTER
MEETINGS ARE:



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

Boca Raton, FL 33497-1073

or Credit Card Information (below) and fax to:
561-883-2678

Date: _____ New Member Renew Inactive Address Change Transfer

Full Name: _____ Road Name: _____

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Registered Voter? State House: Senate: US Dist.

How can you best help ABATE? (Time, Labor, Money, ETC.) _____

Signature: _____

Contact: Strongbow for more information 561-483-4283 email: President@abatepalmbeach.com

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YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AND/OR PATCH WILL BE MAILED WITHIN TWO WEEKS



President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

MARCH IS GOING TO BE A VERY INTERESTING MONTH WITH THE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS BEGINNING IN TALLAHASSEE. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME BILLS PROPOSED REGARDING RE-CLASSIFICATION OF MOTORCYCLES AS MOTOR VEHICLES. WHAT THIS MEANS IS, IF, MOTORCYCLES ARE CLASSIFIED AS A MOTOR VEHICLE IT WILL BE MANDATORY FOR YOU TO CARRY INSURANCE ON YOUR BIKE UNDER THE SAME LAW THAT REQUIRES YOU TO CARRY INSURANCE ON YOU CAGE. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REGISTER YOUR BIKE WITHOUT INSURANCE.

THE PROVISIONS OF HB265 AND ITS COMPANION BILL SB984 CAN EFFECTIVELY CHANGE OUR LIFESTYLE MAKING IT UNAFFORDABLE FOR THE GREATER MAJORITY OF US TO RIDE. THIS CONCEPT IS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT IN EUROPE AND FROM WHAT I GATHER ONLY THE WEALTHY CAN AFFORD TO OWN AND RIDE MOTORCYCLES. THE IMPACT OF THIS KIND OF LEGISLATION BEING PASSED WILL BE DEVASTATING. INSURANCE RATES COULD GO FROM \$3,000 TO \$6,000 A YEAR.

JEFF BAXLA ABATE OF FLORIDA'S LEGISLATIVE OFFICER SAID, "IF YOUR BANK OWNS YOUR BIKE, YOU ARE IN WORSE TROUBLE BECAUSE THEY REQUIRE YOU TO HAVE INSURANCE. YOU WILL HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL LOVELY CHOICES TO MAKE. PERHAPS YOUR BANK WILL ALLOW YOU TO SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT THAT YOU WON'T RIDE IT SINCE YOU DON'T HAVE INSURANCE? (BECAUSE YOU CANNOT AFFORD IT). PERHAPS YOU WILL TURN IT BACK INTO THE BANK BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT SO SURE YOU WANT TO MAKE PAYMENTS ON SOMETHING YOU CANNOT RIDE? PERHAPS THE BANK WON'T TAKE THE RISK OF YOU RIDING THE BIKE WITHOUT INSURANCE AND WILL CALL THEIR NOTE DUE. IF THEY CALL THEIR NOTE DUE (AND THEY CAN, CHECK YOUR LOAN DOCUMENTS), YOU WILL EITHER PAY IT OFF OR THEY WILL REPOSSESS IT. WHEN THEY REPOSSESS YOUR BIKE, THEN THEY WILL SUE YOU TO PAY FOR IT ANYWAY". IT WONT BE LONG BEFORE OUR LIFESTYLE AS WE KNOW IT WILL DISAPPEAR. BIKE SHOPS AND DEALERSHIPS WILL BE FOLDING LEFT AND RIGHT.

WE CANNOT ALLOW THIS KIND OF LEGISLATION TO PASS. IF YOU'RE NOT READY TO PARK YOUR BIKE OR HAVE IT TAKEN FROM YOU, IF YOU'RE TIRED OF POLITICIANS AND LOBBYIST WHO ARE UNDOUBTEDLY BEING PAID OFF BY THE INSURANCE COMPANIES TRYING TO CONTROL YOUR

President's Message - Cont'd

LIFE, YOU NEED TO JOIN THE FIGHT. THIS IS GOING TO TAKE A STRONG UNITED EFFORT BY ALL MOTORCYCLISTS IF WE ARE GOING TO SUCCEED IN DEFEATING THIS BILL.

ABATE OF FLORIDA HAS ALWAYS BEEN ON THE FRONT LINE FIGHTING FOR YOUR RIGHTS BUT WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. IT TAKES ACTION; WE NEED ALL MOTORCYCLISTS TO CONTACT OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO LET OUR VOICES BE HEARD. YOUR LETTERS, EMAILS AND PHONE CALLS ARE WHAT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.

APATHY WILL BRING US ALL DOWN THAT'S THE SAD PART, WHEN THE SH*T HITS THE FAN AND WE LOSE *OUR BIKES* BECAUSE OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES GREED AND MANIPULATION, PEOPLE WILL BLAME ABATE FOR NOT DOING SOMETHING TO STOP IT. WELL, FACT IS WE'LL ALL BE THE PAYING THE PRICE FOR COMPLICITY AND WE CAN ONLY BLAME OURSELVES FOR NOT TAKING ACTION. SOME PEOPLE HAVE THE BALLS TO CLAIM THAT ABATE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING SINCE THE HELMET LAW WAS REPEALED. RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE BEATING DOWN LEGISLATION TO INCREASE PERSONAL INJURY INSURANCE FROM \$10,000 TO \$50,000 TO RIDE WITHOUT A HELMET. HELPING TO KILL A BILL PROPOSED TO HAVE FEDERAL MANDATED HELMET LAW. A "STIFFER PENALTIES BILL" TO INCREASE FINES AND PUNISHMENT FOR PEOPLE WHO CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH TURNING LEFT IN FRONT OF THEM OR FOR RUNNING INTO AND OVER MOTORCYCLISTS. BILLBOARDS ON FLORIDA HIGHWAYS TO RAISE AWARENESS. CONDUCTING SAFETY AND AWARENESS CLASSES IN LOCAL SCHOOLS AND DRIVER EDUCATION COURSES. THESE ARE JUST A FEW THINGS WE HAVE DONE AND, THE 2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS TUESDAY MARCH 6TH WITH AN ASSORTMENT OF VERY DIFFERENT CHALLENGES TO OUR FREEDOM. WE ALREADY HAVE A BILL PROPOSED TO BAN OR AT LEAST RESTRICT THE USE OF CELL PHONES WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE OF ANY KIND. WE ARE ALSO WILL BE TAKING ISSUE ON HB265 AND SB984.

ABATE IS COUNTING ON EVERYONE TO HELP PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF MOTORCYCLISTS ACROSS THE BOARD AND THIS MEANS YOU. YOUR LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT IS COMPLETELY UP TO YOU BUT IT IS ESSENTIAL, THAT ALL MOTORCYCLISTS TAKE ACTION IN ORDER FOR US TO BE HEARD. IF YOU BELIEVE IN MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS AND MOTORCYCLE SAFETY, YOU SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF ABATE OR AT LEAST SUPPORT THE CAUSE BY PARTICIPATING IN SENDING LETTERS AND EMAILS TO ELECTED OFFICIALS TO VOICE YOUR OPINION ON CURRENT LEGISLATION. FOR DRAFTS OF LETTERS THAT CAN BE PRINTED AND MAILED OR EMAILED TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM YOUR LOCAL DISTRICTS TO STATE REPRESENTATIVES GO TO OUR WEB SITE AT WWW.ABATEPALMBEACH.COM OR CONTACT STRONGBOW AT 561-483-4283 FOR COPIES TO BE FAXED. THERE IS ALSO A "FORUM" ON OUR SITE WHERE YOU CAN POST YOUR COMMENTS OR OPINIONS.

President's Message - Cont'd

APRIL 13TH THROUGH THE 16TH IS A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT YOU LOVE AND DEFEND YOUR RIGHTS AT THE SAME TIME. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE 12TH ANNUAL FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY IN TALLAHASSEE. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY ONE OF THE BEST RUNS YOU WILL EVER MAKE. TO RIDE INTO TALLAHASSEE WITH A THOUSAND OR SO OF YOUR CLOSEST FRIENDS ON MONDAY MORNING IS SOMETHING TO BEHOLD. POLICE ESCORTS, SIRENS, MOTORCYCLES ROARING OVER THE HILL, THE CAPITOL BUILDING IN ALL IT'S GLORY RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF YOU. HELL, ALL WE REALLY NEED IS A BRASS BAND PLAYING ON THE CAPITOL STEPS AS WE ROLL IN TO MAKE IT THE BEST MONDAY YOU EVER HAD.

THE CEREMONY THAT TAKES PLACE IN THE COURTYARD IS AN EXPERIENCE LIKE NOTHING YOU HAVE EVER HAD. FULL COLOR GUARDS CARRYING OUR FLAG AND THE BANNERS OF ALL ARMED FORCES. A TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AND WHO ARE NOW SERVING. THE BELL TOLLS TO HONOR OUR FALLEN BROTHERS AND SISTERS SINCE LAST YEAR. IF YOUR AREN'T MOVED BY THIS GATHERING, YOU HAVE NO SOUL. IT IS TRULY INSPIRING.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS MAKE 2007 THE YEAR YOU JOIN THE FIGHT TO SAVE OUR CHOSEN LIFESTYLE FROM THOSE WHO WANT TO SEE US DISAPPEAR. I BELIEVE IT WAS THOMAS JEFFERSON WHO SAID, "EITHER WE HANG TOGETHER OR WE'LL SURELY HANG SEPARATELY. THOSE WORDS HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE PROFOUND THEN THEY ARE TODAY.

YOUR BROTHER AT ARMS

Ride Free, Ride safe

Strongbow President

president@abatepalmbeach.com

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
President@abatepalmbeach.com

**ABATE of Florida, Inc.
Palm Beach Chapter
American Bikers Aiming Toward Education**

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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.

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JOIN US FOR THE RIDE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH FOR ABATE STATE MEETING IN TALLAHASSEE- SEE COVER FOR DETAILS

CONTACT GIA FOR ROOM INFORMATION 561-578-9399



Vice President's Message

AT THE LAST ABATE OF FLORIDA STATE MEETING, OUR STATE PRESIDENT, DOC REICHENBACH REQUESTED WE, AS CHAPTER DELEGATES, BE PREPARED AT THE NEXT STATE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF SPORT BIKE RIDERS AND THEIR EFFECT ON THE ACCIDENT STATISTICS. HIS QUESTION WAS IF WE, AS AN ASSOCIATION, SHOULD CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO EMBRACE THESE YOUNG RIDERS AND REPRESENT THEM AS MOTORCYCLISTS, OR SHOULD WE DISTANCE OURSELVES FROM THEIR NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR STATISTICS BECAUSE OF THEIR IRRESPONSIBLE RIDING. I MENTIONED THIS TO THE ATTENDEES AT OUR LAST CHAPTER MEETING. AT THAT TIME I JUST THREW THE THOUGHT FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION AND DIDN'T REALLY COMMENT ON THE DIRECTION TO GO. THAT WAS BECAUSE AT THE TIME I WAS NOT SURE MYSELF. NOW I AM, AND THIS IS WHY.

MOST OF OUR MEMBERS WHO KNOW ME PERSONALLY KNOW I OWN A BAR IN BOCA RATON. LAST FRIDAY NIGHT, THE NIGHT BEFORE OUR CHAPTER MEETING, I WAS RIDING HOME WEST ON CLINT MORE ROAD AND NOTICED THE EASTBOUND LANE OF CLINT MORE, JUST WEST OF JOG ROAD WAS CLOSED BECAUSE OF AN ACCIDENT. IT WAS ALMOST 5:00 AM, I WAS BEAT AND I KNEW I WAS GETTING UP AT 8:00AM TO MAKE OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING THAT SAME MORNING, SO I ONLY GLANCED AT THE MANGLED CAR ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD AND DIDN'T THINK MUCH OF IT. AT 9:15 AM THE NEXT MORNING WHEN I WAS RIDING EAST ON CLINT MORE AND WHEN THE ROAD WAS STILL CLOSED TO TRAFFIC, I KNEW THE ACCIDENT PROBABLY INVOLVED A FATALITY. AS A FORMER POLICE OFFICER AND ACCIDENT INVESTIGATOR, I KNEW THAT THE ONLY TO BE THE ONLY REASON WHY THEY WOULD KEEP A ROAD CLOSED THAT LONG. STILL I DIDN'T THINK THAT MUCH OF IT AND SAW NO RELEVANCE TO MENTION IT AT THE CHAPTER MEETING.

LATER THAT NIGHT I SAW THE STORY ON THE NEWS. I HEARD I WAS CORRECT IN ASSUMING THERE WAS A FATALITY INVOLVED IN THE ACCIDENT. I LEARNED THAT THERE WERE TWO YOUNG MEN IN CARS RACING EAST ON CLINT MORE ROAD AT EXCESSIVE SPEEDS AND ONE CRASHED. I HEARD THAT BOTH DRIVERS WERE BEING CHARGED WITH VEHICULAR HOMICIDE. THAT'S WHEN I STARTED PAYING ATTENTION AND IDENTIFIED THE RELEVANCE TO OUR CAUSE: "BOTH DRIVERS WERE CHARGED?" YES, THEY MANAGED TO ONLY KILL THE PASSENGER IN THE CAR THAT CRASHED.

Vice President's Message - Cont'd

THAT, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, IS A REASON FOR WHAT WILL BE MY DIRECTION TO EMBRACE AND EDUCATE THESE YOUNG SPORT BIKE RIDERS, RATHER THAN DISTANCE OURSELVES FROM THEIR NEGATIVE STATISTICS: THEY ARE NOT JUST KILLING THEMSELVES, THEY ARE KILLING OTHER PEOPLE TOO.

HOW IN GOOD CONSCIENCE CAN WE TURN AWAY FROM THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO FACILITATE OUR OWN CAUSE? ALSO, IN THE BY-LAWS FOR ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC., **ARTICLE II—PURPOSE, THE PURPOSE OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE: A) PROMOTE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY THROUGH EDUCATION.**

I KNOW THE KIDS LAST WEEKEND WERE IN CAGES, BUT WE ALL KNOW THE SCENARIO COULD JUST AS EASILY BEEN WITH KIDS ON SPORT BIKES. THEY'RE KILLING THEMSELVES; THEY'RE KILLING THEIR PASSENGERS; THEY'RE KILLING INNOCENT BYSTANDERS; THEY'RE KILLING THE FUTURE OF MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS! IN MY OPINION, IF WE LEAVE THEM ALONE OR DISTANCE OURSELVES FROM THEM, THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DEBASE US ALL AS BIKERS. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE THE LAW-MAKERS ALL OF THE NEGATIVE STATISTICS THEY NEED TO LEGISLATE MORE RESTRICTIONS ON ANYTHING WITH LESS THAN FOUR WHEELS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO EMBRACE AND EDUCATE THESE KIDS FOR OUR SURVIVAL, BUT IT'S PLAIN FOR ME TO SEE, IT'S ALSO JUST THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

I HOPE YOU CAN SUPPORT ME ON THIS, BUT ONE-WAY-OR-THE-OTHER, LET'S TALK ABOUT IT.

GOD BLESS, RIDE SAFE AND RIDE FREE.

JOHN "PAPA BEAR" OLSEY

YOUR, VICE PRESIDENT

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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 Store 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" Hrly's Grand Octoberfest Party
- 18-21 - Daytona Biketoberfest
- 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 - Nat's Toy Run Bike Drive
- 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 - Calvary Chapel Christmas Service

FLASCO BRO'S M/C

9TH ANNUAL POKER RUN

RAIN OR SHINE! RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK!

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2007

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 Helping Victims of Domestic Violence

Bring your old cell phones for SafeSpace

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 100 South US-1 Vero Beach
Last bike in at HILLBILLY HIDEAWAY by 3 pm.
 Venders - 50/50 - Door prizes!
 Entrance fee **\$10** per person
(Includes event shirt for first 200 registered!)
SFPC AND SFLCOC 3 - 5
 FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
 Kendall (772) 473-7638 OR Steve (772) 569-5004
 Vendors Welcome: Contact Kendall

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Sunday March 25, 2007

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\$3 Single / \$5 Couples
\$2 Beer \$3 Liquor \$5 Food

Door Prizes Vendors

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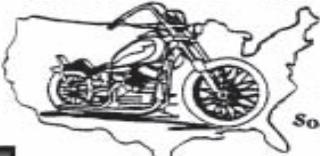
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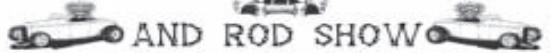
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Well here it is Brothers and Sisters. I have been writing this column now for almost one year. All this time I have been telling you things like "wait on the Lord," Healing is possible with prayer" Now unfortunately it is my turn. I have been diagnosed with some debilitating medical problems. I can tell you first hand, I wish it would all just go away..But, God gives us all adverse things to test our faith, and it seems the stronger we feel we are in faith the harder the problems are.

Yes, bad things do happen to good people. I am not a quitter though. When I got the doctors reports, I prayed to my Father in Heaven to bring it on. This is the Cross He has for me to bare. I gave control to my God the day I received Christ and I'm not backing out now. Faith, strong stuff. I know for a fact, that one of two things are going to happen when the smoke clears. I will either be healed by the Grace of God ,or I will die and go to Heaven because of my Faith. It's a win, win situation when you are a Believer in Christ. I also believe in this column, as a light for a lot of you who take time to read it.

So, I have asked my Asst. Chaplain Tumbleweed, to take the reigns and keep the fire burning. This man is truly a man of God. He has over 30 years of ministry work, including on the street with the homeless and the forgotten. He will be a Blessing to the entire Chapter of Abate and then some. Please take some time out to get to know this extraordinary human being.

Before I close I want to thank all of the members of Abate, for the privilege of being your Chaplain. I love you all, and I will continue to pray for each and every one of you. May God Bless and keep you strong.

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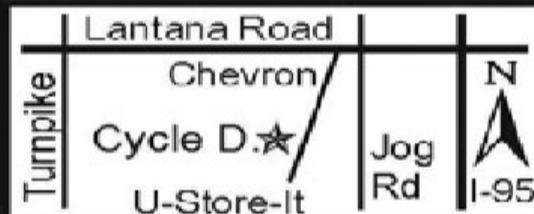
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OPERATION ROLLING THUNDER

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2007 OPERATION ROLLING THUNDER WAS AN EXPERIENCE THAT I WILL NEVER FORGET. THE WEATHER WAS GREAT AND THE V.F.W. 5335 WAS SERVING UP BREAKFAST AS THE BIKES WERE ROLLING IN, IT WAS JUST A GREAT DAY TO GET TOGETHER FOR A RIDE. IT LOOKED LIKE WE WERE GOING TO HAVE A GOOD SIZE GROUP FOR THE RIDE AS AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 277 ROLLED IN TO JOIN MEMBERS OF AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 268.

WE ROLLED OUT FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 268, GATHERED UP THE REST OF OUR GROUP AND HEADED OFF TO JUDY'S ON US 1 IN TEQUESTA. THE RIDE WAS GREAT, OUR GROUP OF ABOUT 20 TO 30 BIKES ARRIVED AT JUDY'S WHERE THERE WERE A LARGE GROUP OF NAM KNIGHTS, U.S. MILITARY VETS MC, LEGION RIDERS AND INDEPENDENTS ALREADY ASSEMBLED. THE RIDE COORDINATOR ARTMAN, WAS TOTALLY AMAZED AT THE ATTENDANCE AND HE MADE IT A POINT TO WELCOME EACH GROUP AS THEY ARRIVED.

THIS WAS A MUCH LARGER GROUP THEN HE EXPECTED AND IT WASN'T GOING TO BE ANY SMALL TASK GETTING A COUPLE HUNDRED BIKES FROM I.P. TO THE DESTINATION. THE POLICE ESCORT SHOWED UP ON TIME AND WE LINED UP FOR THE RIDE TO THE VETERANS HOSPITAL ON 45TH IN WEST PALM BEACH.

THE NAM KNIGHTS MC AND U.S. MILITARY VET'S MC WERE THE ROAD GUARDS OF THE DAY AND ANYBODY WHO HAS EVER BEEN PRIVILEGED TO RIDE WITH THESE GUYS WILL TELL YOU "NOBODY DOES IT BETTER". THEY DEMONSTRATED FLAWLESS EXECUTION MOVING THE GROUP THROUGH TEQUESTA AND THE POLICE ESCORTS DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF KEEPING SUNDAY AFTERNOON TRAFFIC FROM BECOMING IMPATIENT AS THE PACK ROLLED ON. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY BIKES THERE WERE BUT ROLLING DOWN I 95, I COULD BARELY SEE THE LEAD BIKES AND TO THE REAR THE LINE SEEMED ENDLESS.





ARRIVING AT THE V.A. WE PARKED CLOSE TO AN AREA WHERE PATIENTS COULD BE WHEELED OUT TO MEET US. I COULD HARDLY HOLD BACK THE TEARS AS THE MEN I CONSIDER MY HERO'S WERE WHEELED OUT. THERE WAS A LOT OF EMOTION BEING SHARED AT THAT MOMENT YOU COULD FEEL

IT ALL AROUND YOU. THERE WERE A COUPLE MEN THAT HAD A TEAR IN THEIR EYE AND A SMILE ON THEIR FACE THE WHOLE TIME WE WERE THERE. WHAT INCREDIBLE MEN THEY ARE. I HAVE BEEN STUDYING WW II HISTORY SINCE I WAS A KID AND EVERY TIME I HAVE MET A WW II VETERAN THE SAME OVERWHELMING FEELING OF PRIVILEGE AND GRATITUDE RETURNS. I CAN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT WHAT THEY SAW, WHAT THEY DID, WHAT THEY ENDURED AND WHAT THEY HAD ACCOMPLISHED. THIS IS THE GENERATION THAT THROUGH THEIR COURAGE AND GENIUS SAVED THE WORLD FROM EVIL DICTATORS AND FANATIC IMPERIALISTS. THEY CREATED AND PIONEERED, THEY REFINED AND INVENTED, THEY TAUGHT US AND TRAINED US, THEY TOLD US OF THEIR EXPERIENCES AND HOW IT SHAPED THE WORLD WE LIVE IN. THEY'VE SEEN IT ALL, FROM HORSE DRAWN WAGONS TO THE MOON AND BEYOND, THEY WERE THE GENERATION WHO TOOK US THERE.

THEY GAVE ALL THIS TO US; I BELIEVE WE OWE IT TO THEM TO PROTECT THE PRECIOUS FREEDOM THIS GENERATION FOUGHT FOR. THEY SACRIFICED OF THEMSELVES SO THAT OUR LIVES WOULD BE BETTER THEN WHAT THEY HAD GROWING UP. THEY SUFFERED THROUGH THE GREAT DEPRESSION, FOUGHT A WORLD WAR, WON AND THEN THEY GAVE US THE GREATEST TIME IN HISTORY TO GROW UP IN.

THERE ARE PLANS "OPERATION ROLLING THUNDER" RUNS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, I FOR ONE WILL NEVER MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE WITH MY BROTHERS AND TO SHOW MY SUPPORT AND GRATITUDE FOR THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SACRIFICED LIFE AND LIMB FOR US. I HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR THE NEXT RUN, RIDE WITH US TO SHOW OTHERS THAT WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN AND REMIND THEM THAT, "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE" AND THAT THEY CAN ALSO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION AND MAKE A VETERANS LIFE A LITTLE BETTER. HEAR THEIR STORIES, YOU CAN'T BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY HAVE DONE UNTIL YOU HEAR IT FROM THOSE WHO WERE THERE.



(Continued next page)



OPERATION ROLLING THUNDER CONT'D



PREPARE YOURSELF FOR AN EXPERIENCE THAT WILL BRING A TEAR TO YOUR EYE AND MAKE YOU PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN. BELIEVE ME, YOU'LL GLAD YOU TOOK THE TIME TO BE THERE.

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DISORDER IN THE COURT PART I

THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE WORKED WITH ATTORNEYS WILL FIND THIS VERY EASY TO UNDERSTAND. OTHERS WILL FIND IT EASIER.

ATTORNEY: ARE YOU SEXUALLY ACTIVE?

WITNESS: NO, I JUST LIE THERE.

ATTORNEY: WHAT IS YOUR DATE OF BIRTH?

WITNESS: JULY 18TH.

ATTORNEY: WHAT YEAR?

WITNESS: EVERY YEAR.

ATTORNEY: WHAT GEAR WERE YOU IN AT THE MOMENT OF THE IMPACT?

WITNESS: GUCCI SWEATS AND REEBOKS.

ATTORNEY: THIS MYASTHENIA GRAVIS, DOES IT AFFECT YOUR MEMORY AT ALL?

WITNESS: YES.

ATTORNEY: AND IN WHAT WAYS DOES IT AFFECT YOUR MEMORY?

WITNESS: I FORGET.

ATTORNEY: YOU FORGET? CAN YOU GIVE US AN EXAMPLE OF SOMETHING YOU FORGOT?

ATTORNEY: HOW OLD IS YOUR SON, THE ONE LIVING WITH YOU?

WITNESS: THIRTY-EIGHT OR THIRTY-FIVE, I CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH.

ATTORNEY: HOW LONG HAS HE LIVED WITH YOU?

WITNESS: FORTY-FIVE YEARS.

ATTORNEY: WHAT WAS THE FIRST THING YOUR HUSBAND SAID TO YOU THAT MORNING?

WITNESS: HE SAID, "WHERE AM I, CATHY?"

ATTORNEY: AND WHY DID THAT UPSET YOU?

WITNESS: MY NAME IS SUSAN.

ATTORNEY: DO YOU KNOW IF YOUR DAUGHTER HAS EVER BEEN INVOLVED IN VODOO?

WITNESS: WE BOTH DO.

ATTORNEY: VODOO?

WITNESS: WE DO.

ATTORNEY: YOU DO?

WITNESS: YES, VODOO.

ATTORNEY: NOW DOCTOR, ISN'T IT TRUE THAT WHEN A PERSON DIES IN HIS SLEEP, HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT IT UNTIL THE NEXT MORNING?

WITNESS: DID YOU ACTUALLY PASS THE BAR EXAM?

ATTORNEY: THE YOUNGEST SON, THE TWENTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD, HOW OLD IS HE?

WITNESS: UH, HE'S TWENTY-ONE.

ATTORNEY: WERE YOU PRESENT WHEN YOUR PICTURE WAS TAKEN?

WITNESS: WOULD YOU REPEAT THE QUESTION?

WHAT'S REALLY SCARY IS THAT SOME OF THESE ATTORNEY'S RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE SUCH AS JUDGES AND SOME ACTUALLY WIN. SOME MAY PURSUE POLITICAL CAREERS LATER AND ACTUALLY WIN.

ARE THERE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?

(SEE NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE FOR PART 2)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2007</h1>						
				1 Legends Bike Night	2 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House Lama - Open House	3
4	5	6	7 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB	8 Legends Bike Night Iron Eagle Bike Nite- Nothin-Fancy	9 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House Lama - Open House	10
DAYTONA BIKE WEEK						
11	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
18 Fiasco Bros - 9 th 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
25 Keltics MC Annual - Pg 13 Fly-n-Wheels - WPB -Pg 32	26	27 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	28 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB	29 Legends Bike Night	30 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House Lama - Open House	31 Turn 3 Anniversary- Biker Appreciation Party

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2007</h1>						
1 State's MC- Pompano 41 st Ann - Pg 14 Indiantown Bike Rally Pg 14	2	3 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	4 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB	5	6 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House	7 Outcasts MC Annual
8 CMA Easter Sunday Service	9	10 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	11 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB	12	13 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House Lama -	14 RIDE TO TALLAHASSEE (JOIN US FOR AMAZING SCENERY AND AWESOME RIDE)
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SAFETY CAMPAIGN - See and be seen: Motorcyclists want you to notice them

Tewksbury police officer Ray Lafortune with a motorcycle safety awareness sign. Local police chiefs have agreed to display the signs. (Photo courtesy Wendell Davis)

The Patriot Ledger

WEYMOUTH - He has been riding only nine years, but Wendell Davis has been hit four times while on his motorcycle.

"I have one of the largest motorcycles made - this is a 950-pound touring motorcycle - and every time they say, 'I didn't see you,'" Davis said. "What do you mean 'I didn't see you?' We're at a red light."

It turns out that being noticed is just as important to a motorcyclist's safety as it is to his image. Making sure you're seen is vital to riding safely, said Davis, a Massachusetts Motorcycle Association safety coordinator who has logged more than 300,000 miles on his bike.

The association is launching an effort to get large signs reading "Check Twice, Save a Life - Motorcycles are Everywhere" installed in high-traffic areas in all of the state's cities and towns.

Davis, a Weymouth resident, is leading the effort to get South Shore towns on board. He said police chiefs in Weymouth, Braintree, Quincy, Canton, Cohasset, Pembroke, Carver and Kingston have already agreed to display the signs.

The signs will begin popping up March 24 in anticipation of National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

"Our goal is to create motorcycle safety and awareness," Davis said. "The last two years we have been promoting this 'Check Twice, Save a Life.' In the last two years, our registrations have gone up and our death rates have gone down. We are one of, if not the only, state in the country that can say that."

Davis said police make perfect partners because they are aware of how dangerous the roads can be for motorcycle officers. Quincy police officer James Cochrane, 38, was killed in

September in an accident on Southern Artery in Quincy. A car turning left into a Stop & Shop parking lot crashed into him.

Simply reminding motorists that motorcycles are on the roads makes a big difference, Davis said. He said most motorcycle accidents are caused not by riders but by car drivers.

Davis said any effort to get motorists' eyes off cell phones and other distractions has a range of benefits.

"If people are aware of motorcycles, they're also aware of bicycles, pedestrians. They start looking and paying attention overall."

Motorcycle riders in Massachusetts pay \$2 as part of their annual registration to promote motorcycle safety programs. The state Registry of Motor Vehicles works with organizations like the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association to administer the programs.

Davis said the association is pushing to increase the safety-program fee to \$5 to help pay for more motorcycle-specific driver training.

"We suggest and recommend that motorcyclists take refresher courses regularly," he said. "The biggest thing is driving defensively, making sure that you're seen. I teach people to be aggressively defensive. People don't see you - flat out don't see you."



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STRONGBOW

I HAVE NO IDEA IF THIS IS TRUE OR NOT, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER. I BELIEVE THIS COULD HAVE HAPPENED, AND IT DOES MAKE A WONDERFUL STORY. WE'VE PROBABLY ALL SEEN COMMERCIALS ON TV WHERE THE PEOPLE IN AN AIRPORT ARE APPLAUDING OUR YOUNG WARRIORS RETURNING FROM THE WAR ZONES, GIVE THEM HUGS AND KISSES AND SHAKING THEIR HANDS. IN FACT, LAST FRIDAY, ABC NEWS' PERSON OF THE WEEK WAS A MAN FROM DALLAS, TX THAT GOES TO THE AIRPORT EVERY DAY TO GREET THE TROOPS THAT ARE RETURNING FROM IRAQ.

WILL YOU GIVE THIS TO MY DADDY?

LAST WEEK I WAS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA ATTENDING A CONFERENCE. WHILE I WAS IN THE AIRPORT, RETURNING HOME, I HEARD SEVERAL PEOPLE BEHIND ME BEGINNING TO CLAP AND CHEER. I IMMEDIATELY TURNED AROUND AND WITNESSED ONE OF THE GREATEST ACTS OF PATRIOTISM I HAVE EVER SEEN.

MOVING THRU THE TERMINAL WAS A GROUP OF SOLDIERS IN THEIR CAMO'S, AS THEY BEGAN HEADING TO THEIR GATE EVERYONE (WELL ALMOST EVERYONE) WAS ABRUPTLY TO THEIR FEET WITH THEIR HANDS WAVING AND CHEERING. WHEN I SAW THE SOLDIERS, PROBABLY 30-40 OF THEM, BEING APPLAUDED AND CHEERED FOR IT HIT ME. I'M NOT ALONE. I'M NOT THE ONLY RED BLOODED AMERICAN WHO STILL LOVES THIS COUNTRY AND SUPPORTS OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES. OF COURSE I IMMEDIATELY STOPPED AND BEGAN CLAPPING FOR THESE YOUNG UNSUNG HEROES WHO ARE PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE EVERYDAY FOR US SO WE CAN GO TO SCHOOL, WORK AND HOME WITHOUT FEAR OR REPRISAL.

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I COULD NOT BE MORE PROUD OF MY COUNTRY OR OF OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, A YOUNG GIRL, NOT MORE THAN 6 OR 7 YEARS OLD, RAN UP TO ONE OF THE MALE SOLDIERS. HE KNEELED DOWN AND SAID "HI," THE LITTLE GIRL THEN SHE ASKED HIM IF HE WOULD GIVE SOMETHING TO HER DADDY FOR HER.

THE YOUNG SOLDIER, HE DIDN'T LOOK ANY OLDER THAN MAYBE 22, SAID HE WOULD TRY AND WHAT DID SHE WANT TO GIVE TO HER DADDY. THEN SUDDENLY THE LITTLE GIRL GRABBED THE NECK OF HIS SOLDIER, GAVE HIM THE BIGGEST HUG SHE COULD MUSTER AND THEN KISSED HIM ON THE CHEEK.

THE MOTHER OF THE LITTLE GIRL, WHO SAID HER DAUGHTER'S NAME WAS COURTNEY, TOLD THE YOUNG SOLDIER THAT HER HUSBAND WAS A MARINE AND HAD BEEN IN IRAQ FOR 11 MONTHS NOW. AS THE MOM WAS EXPLAINING HOW MUCH HER DAUGHTER, COURTNEY, MISSED HER FATHER. THE YOUNG SOLDIER BEGAN TO TEAR UP. WHEN THIS TEMPORARILY SINGLE MOM WAS DONE EXPLAINING HER SITUATION, ALL OF THE SOLDIERS HUDDLED TOGETHER FOR A BRIEF SECOND. THEN ONE OF THE OTHER SERVICEMEN PULLED OUT A MILITARY LOOKING WALKIE-TALKIE.

THEY STARTED PLAYING WITH THE DEVICE AND TALKING BACK AND FORTH ON IT. AFTER ABOUT 10-15 SECONDS OF THIS, THE YOUNG SOLDIER WALKED BACK OVER TO COURTNEY, BENT DOWN AND SAID THIS TO HER, "I SPOKE TO YOUR DADDY AND HE TOLD ME TO GIVE THIS TO YOU." HE THEN HUGGED THIS LITTLE GIRL THAT HE HAD JUST MET AND GAVE HER A KISS ON THE CHEEK. HE FINISHED BY SAYING "YOUR DADDY TOLD ME TO TELL YOU THAT HE LOVES YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING AND HE IS COMING HOME VERY SOON."

THE MOM AT THIS POINT WAS CRYING ALMOST UNCONTROLLABLY AND AS THE YOUNG SOLDIER STOOD TO HIS FEET HE SALUTED COURTNEY AND HER MOM. I WAS STANDING NO MORE THAN 6 FEET AWAY FROM THIS ENTIRE EVENT UNFOLDED. AS THE SOLDIERS BEGAN TO LEAVE, HEADING TOWARDS THEIR GATE, PEOPLE RESUMED THEIR APPLAUSE.

AS I STOOD THERE APPLAUDING AND LOOKED AROUND, THERE WERE VERY FEW DRY EYES, INCLUDING MY OWN. THAT YOUNG SOLDIER IN ONE LAST ACT OF SELFLESSNESS, TURNED AROUND AND BLEW A KISS TO COURTNEY WITH A TEAR ROLLING DOWN HIS CHEEK. WE NEED TO REMEMBER EVERYDAY ALL OF OUR SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND THANK GOD FOR THEM AND THEIR SACRIFICES. AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S GOOD TO BE AN AMERICAN.

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ONE BOOK I REMEMBER READING IN SCHOOL WAS JOHN STEINBECK'S *TRAVELS WITH CHARLIE*. IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THIS AND THE TV SERIES *THEN CAME BRONSON* THAT BEGAN MY BIKE TRAVEL LUST. SO WHEN I DECIDED TO WRITE ABOUT SOME OF MY RIDES FOR THE NEWSLETTER, THE PLAY ON STEINBECK'S WORK CAME TO MIND FOR THE TITLE.

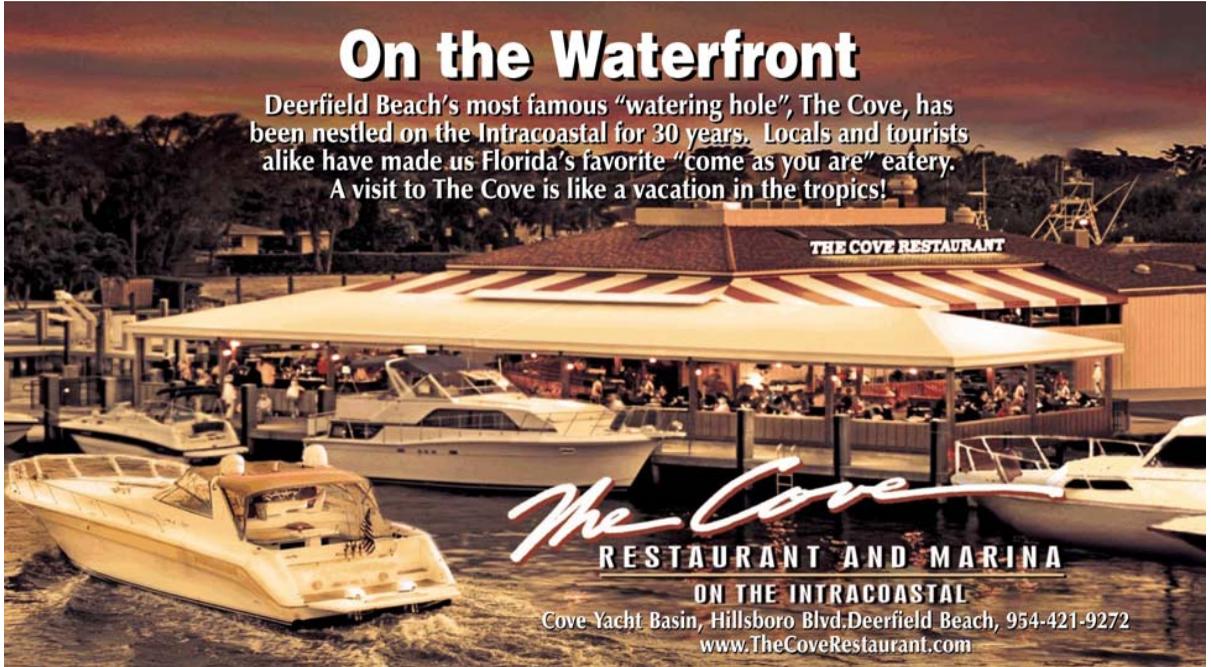
WE STARTED THE RIDE TO NAPLES FOR ABATE STATE MEETING FEBRUARY 10TH GATHERING AT THE DENNY'S ON HILLSBORO BLVD. WE MEET UP WITH ABATE SOUTHEAST AT CAFE 84 AND RODE ACROSS ALLIGATOR ALLEY. AFTER SOME CONTACT WITH A DEAD DEER – THANKFULLY SAFELY RIDING OVER IT BY TWO BIKES AT 70 MPH AND A SLOW RACE DUE TO ROAD WORK, WE ARRIVED IN NAPLES OK.

WE THEN TOOK A LUNCH BREAK AT A MEXICAN RESTAURANT. BACK ON THE ROAD FOR WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS A SHORT RIDE TO THE MEETING BUT AT THE SAME SPOT WAS A BIKE FEST AND NO CLEAR SIGNS, WE RODE AROUND UNTIL FINALLY SEEING THE HIDDEN SIGN FOR THE ABATE MEETING.

THE RETURN RIDE WAS NOT AS EVENTFUL AS THE FIRST JOURNEY, NOT AS COLD AS HAD EXPECTED. BUT GETTING BACK TO CIVILIZATION IN BROWARD WAS A BIT HAIRY WITH THE DARKNESS, TRAFFIC AND SOME OTHER BIKER ENTERING IN THE PACK AND CAUSING SOME CONCERN AND CONFUSION. STOPPING AGAIN AT CAFÉ 84, THE RIDE BROKE UP FOR EVERYONE'S RETURN HOME.

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NCOM NEWS BYTES

compiled and edited by Bill Bish - February 2007
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FREEDOM OF CHOICE MAY COME WITH A PRICE TAG PENNSYLVANIA MOTORCYCLISTS SUCCESSFULLY MODIFIED THEIR MANDATORY HELMET LAW IN 2003 TO ALLOW RIDERS 18 AND OLDER THE OPTION OF WEARING A HELMET, BUT NOW A LAWMAKER WANTS BIKERS WHO DON'T WEAR A HELMET TO CARRY AT LEAST \$10,000 IN MEDICAL INSURANCE TO COVER INJURIES IF THEY CRASH. STATE SEN. CONSTANCE WILLIAMS SAYS THE REQUIREMENT HONORS BIKERS' FREEDOM TO RIDE HELMETLESS WHILE MAKING SURE THEY TAKE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR DECISION.

GOVERNOR ED RENDELL, WHO SIGNED THE LAW THAT ALLOWS BIKERS TO RIDE WITHOUT A HELMET, HAS SAID MORE PENNSYLVANIANS DIE FROM SMOKING THAN MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS, BUT SEN. WILLIAMS CITES A NATIONAL REPORT BEING CIRCULATED AMONG STATE LEGISLATURES THAT SAYS HIGHWAY FATALITIES ARE ON THE RISE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 20 YEARS, LINKING THE INCREASE TO DEATHS FROM MOTORCYCLE CRASHES.

NEW TWIST FOR HELMET LAW MODIFICATION LOST REVENUES FROM TOURISM HAS BECOME A COMMON THEME FOR MODIFYING HELMET LAWS IN STATES THAT CLAIM MOTORCYCLISTS ARE RIDING AROUND THEM AND SPENDING THEIR VACATION MONEY IN OTHER STATES THAT DON'T REQUIRE HELMETS.

NOW VIRGINIA HAS TAKEN THAT ARGUMENT A STEP FURTHER BY PROPOSING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW MOTORCYCLISTS TO RIDE WITHOUT A HELMET ON STATE SCENIC HIGHWAYS. ON ALL OTHER ROADS, POLICE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP RIDERS FOR NOT WEARING HELMETS UNLESS THEY ARE STOPPED FOR ANOTHER DRIVING OFFENSE SUCH AS SPEEDING, MAKING THE HELMET VIOLATION A SECONDARY OFFENSE.

VIRGINIA MOTORCYCLISTS ARE REQUESTING HELP FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO PASS HB 2585, ASKING RIDERS TO WRITE THEIR DELEGATES TO LET THEM KNOW THAT YOU WOULD SPEND YOUR TOURISM DOLLARS IN VIRGINIA IF THE STATE ALLOWED FREEDOM OF CHOICE ON ITS BEAUTIFUL SCENIC BYWAYS.

BIKERS IN NEBRASKA ALSO WANT THE RIGHT TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS ABOUT HELMETS, SAYING THE CURRENT HELMET LAW IS COSTING THE STATE \$2-5 MILLION A YEAR DURING ANNUAL BIKE FESTIVALS IN NEIGHBORING STATES BECAUSE MOTORCYCLISTS AVOID RIDING THROUGH HELMET LAW STATES.

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MOTORCYCLISTS ARE LOBBYING THE UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE IN LINCOLN TO SUPPORT LB 253, A BILL THAT WOULD ALLOW RIDERS 21 AND OLDER TO RIDE WITHOUT A HELMET. ABATE OF NEBRASKA IS NOT ASKING FOR LETTERS OR PHONE CALLS TO THEIR LEGISLATORS AT THIS JUNCTURE, BUT THEY WOULD LIKE FOR OUT-OF-STATE RIDERS TO VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT WWW.ABATEOFNE.COM AND FILL OUT A SIMPLE ONLINE POLL THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO PUT TOGETHER WRITTEN TESTIMONY FROM MOTORCYCLISTS FROM ACROSS THE NATION.

"ABATE OF NEBRASKA HAS ONCE AGAIN FILED LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH FREEDOM OF CHOICE FOR ADULT MOTORCYCLISTS," SAID TIGER MIKE REVERE, STATE COORDINATOR FOR ABATE OF OKLAHOMA AND MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS (NCOM) BOARD OF DIRECTORS. "THEY HAVE APPEALED FOR OUR HELP, AND I PLEDGED NCOM'S SUPPORT FOR THEIR CAMPAIGN. UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVE THE ADDITIONAL SUBJECT OF THE HELMET LAW ASSAULT IN OKLAHOMA TO ADDRESS."

TELEVISION DOESN'T REFLECT REALITY MOST PEOPLE DRIVE SAFER THAN TELEVISION CHARACTERS, ACCORDING TO A UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM STUDY. THE UAB STUDY OF 79 PRIME TIME TV SHOWS REVEALED THAT ACTORS OFTEN DON'T BUCKLE UP BEFORE THEY DRIVE AND SOMETIMES DON'T WEAR HELMETS WHEN THEY RIDE MOTORCYCLES AND BICYCLES.

THE RESEARCH STUDY, PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL INJURY SCIENCES, FOUND THAT OVER FOUR WEEKS THE TELEVISION CHARACTERS BUCKLED UP ONLY 62 PERCENT OF THE TIME. THE TV CHARACTERS USED MOTORCYCLE HELMETS ONLY 47 PERCENT OF THE TIME AND BICYCLE HELMETS NINE PERCENT OF THE TIME. RESEARCH SHOWS MOST AMERICANS ARE MUCH SAFER - BUCKLING SEAT BELTS 80 PERCENT OF TIME, USING MOTORCYCLE HELMETS 60 PERCENT OF THE TIME BICYCLE HELMETS 40 PERCENT OF THE TIME.

"SINCE AMERICANS WATCH MORE THAN FOUR HOURS OF TV PER DAY, HOW SAFETY BEHAVIORS ARE DEPICTED ON TELEVISION CAN HAVE TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE ON PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF SEATBELT AND HELMET USE," SAID GERALD MCGWIN, PH.D., ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR RESEARCH AT THE CENTER FOR INJURY SCIENCES AND ONE OF THE STUDY AUTHORS. RESEARCHERS ALSO STUDIED 21,670 TELEVISION COMMERCIALS THAT MCGWIN SAYS PRESENT A SAFER DEPICTION, WITH SEATBELT USE BY 86 PERCENT OF INDIVIDUALS, MOTORCYCLE HELMET USE 100 PERCENT AND BIKE HELMET USE 84 PERCENT.

CONNECTICUT BIKERS WANT TO RAISE THE BAR CONNECTICUT STATE REPS WILBUR AND ZALASKI HAVE CO-SPONSORED A BILL TO REPEAL THEIR 15-INCH HANDLEBAR HEIGHT LAW. CT STATUTE # 14-801(B) READS: "NO PERSON SHALL OPERATE A MOTORCYCLE ON A HIGHWAY OR IN ANY PARKING AREA FOR TEN OR MORE MOTOR VEHICLES IF THE MOTORCYCLE IS EQUIPPED WITH HANDLEBARS THAT ARE MORE THAN FIFTEEN INCHES IN HEIGHT ABOVE THE

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UPPERMOST PORTION OF THE SEAT WHEN THE SEAT IS DEPRESSED BY THE WEIGHT OF THE OPERATOR."

REP. WILBER, WHO CO-SPONSORED THIS BILL WITH REP ZALAZKI, HAD AN OLR LEGISLATIVE REPORT DONE THAT CONCLUDED THAT HIGH HANDLEBARS ARE NOT A SAFETY ISSUE. THE REPORT ALSO FOUND THAT THERE HAS BEEN A TREND ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO CHANGE THE HEIGHT RESTRICTION LAW WITH 16 STATES COMPLETELY REPEALING THE LAW. HB 6937 IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, AND WOULD COMPLETELY REPEAL THE HANDLEBAR LAW 14-801(B), ALLOWING CONNECTICUT RIDERS TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT HEIGHT THEIR HANDLEBARS SHOULD BE.

VIRGINIA RIDERS BESIDE THEMSELVES VIRGINIA IS ONLY ONE OF TWO STATES THAT SPECIFICALLY PROHIBIT TWO MOTORCYCLES TO RIDE TWO ABREAST IN A TRAFFIC LANE, BUT RIDERS THERE ARE HOPING TO CHANGE THAT.

HB 1808 HAS PASSED OUT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AND BIKERS ARE URGING THEIR DELEGATES TO SUPPORT THE BILL WHEN IT COMES UP FOR A VOTE. THEY ARGUE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT TWO MOTORCYCLES ABREAST IN A TRAFFIC LANE AIDS IN MAKING THE MOTORCYCLES MORE VISIBLE TO OTHER TRAFFIC, AND THAT IN LARGER GROUPS OF MOTORCYCLES, RIDING TWO ABREAST KEEPS THE OVERALL LENGTH OF THE GROUP SHORTER, AND DISCOURAGES OTHER VEHICLES FROM DANGEROUSLY CUTTING INTO THE GROUP - AN ISSUE MOTORCYCLISTS RIDING IN GROUPS OFTEN FACE.

OH DEER! ACCORDING TO TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS, NEARLY 200 PEOPLE ARE KILLED NATIONWIDE EACH YEAR IN CRASHES INVOLVING WILDLIFE, MOSTLY DEER. THE COLLISIONS COST DRIVERS ALMOST \$1.5 BILLION EACH YEAR IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, DEATHS AND INJURIES.

THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT) SAYS THEY ARE TRYING TO CUT THOSE NUMBERS DOWN. FLASH LIGHTS AND MOTION SENSORS ARE JUST A FEW OF MANY SOLUTIONS TRANSPORTATION EXPERTS ARE CONSIDERING, AND CDOT HAS PUT UP A NUMBER OF WILDLIFE ESCAPE RAMPS ON US 550 THAT ALLOW WILDLIFE TO CROSS THE ROAD WITHOUT GETTING STUCK IN TRAFFIC. CDOT SAYS ANIMALS ARE GETTING MORE USED TO THE RAMPS, EVEN TEACHING THEIR YOUNG HOW TO USE THEM.

ON US 40, CDOT ALSO INSTALLED A SERIES OF UNUSUAL LOOKING REFLECTORS TO CREATE FLASHES OF LIGHT AT 54 ANGLES, HORIZONTALLY AND VERTICALLY, WHEN A VEHICLE'S LIGHT HITS THEM. ACCORDING TO CDOT, THE REFLECTED LIGHT BOUNCES BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE ROAD, DETERRING DEER AND OTHER WILDLIFE FROM CROSSING. DRIVERS CANNOT SEE THE LIGHT BECAUSE OF THE WAY IT'S REFLECTED.

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CDOT ALSO HOPES TO INSTALL A MOTION DETECTOR SYSTEM ON US 160, THAT WHEN TRIGGERED BY A DEER OR OTHER ANIMAL WILL CAUSE A LARGE LIGHT TO GO ON TO LET AN ONCOMING DRIVER SEE THERE'S AN ANIMAL ON OR NEAR THE ROAD. THE LIGHT MAY ALSO STARTLE THE ANIMAL AND KEEP IT OFF OF THE ROAD.

MEANWHILE, AN EIGHT STATE RESEARCH GROUP MET IN MINNESOTA TO BRAINSTORM IDEAS FOR KEEPING WILDLIFE OFF THE ROAD, AND THEIR LEADING PROPOSAL INVOLVES PLACING CANISTERS OF REAL OR SYNTHETIC WOLF AND COYOTE URINE NEAR THE ROADWAYS, HOPING THE SCENT OF PREDATORS WILL CAUSE THE ANIMALS TO FLEE.

INDONESIA INSTITUTES NEW ANTI-MOTORCYCLE LAWS NEW MOTORCYCLE LANES WENT INTO EFFECT IN JAKARTA IN JANUARY. MOTORCYCLISTS ARE NOW SUPPOSED TO USE THE "SLOW" LEFT LANES ON CITY STREETS AND POLICE BEGAN GETTING TOUGH ON RIDERS BY ISSUING MORE THAN A THOUSAND TRAFFIC TICKETS THE FIRST DAY TO BIKERS NOT RIDING IN THE DESIGNATED LANES. TRIALS ARE HELD ON THE SPOT AND TAKE ABOUT 5 MINUTES. THE HEAD OF TRAFFIC AT THE JAKARTA POLICE, SR. COMR. DJOKO SUSILO, SAID HE HOPED THE RULE WOULD INCREASE ORDER IN THE STREETS AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

THE LEFT-LANE RULE IS NOT THE ONLY NEW REQUIREMENT FOR MOTORCYCLISTS. THEY ARE ALSO BEING TOLD TO KEEP THEIR HEADLIGHTS ON DURING THE DAY, SO THAT OTHER VEHICLES CAN SEE THEM MORE EASILY.

THE CITY IS ALSO CONSIDERING BANNING THEM FROM ENTERING MAIN THOROUGHFARES DURING PEAK HOURS, RECOMMENDING THAT MOTORCYCLISTS PARK THEIR BIKES AND MAKE USE OF THE CITY'S BUSWAY INSTEAD.

OF 7.23 MILLION VEHICLES IN JAKARTA, 64.1 PERCENT, OR 4.64 MILLION, ARE MOTORCYCLES. THE JAKARTA TRANSPORTATION BOARD HAS ESTIMATED THAT MORE THAN THREE MILLION MOTORBIKES ARE ON THE CITY'S ROADS EVERY DAY, COMPARED TO 2.5 MILLION CARS. OUT OF THE 4,206 ROAD ACCIDENTS REPORTED LAST YEAR, 3,826 INVOLVED MOTORCYCLISTS.

BUT THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES EMISSIONS TESTS MAY BE THE BEST WAY TO CURB MOTORCYCLE GROWTH, SO THE JAKARTA ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN CALLED UPON TO ENFORCE STRICTER EMISSIONS TESTING FOR MOTORCYCLES TO CONTROL THE INCREASING NUMBER OF MOTORBIKES, UP 15% FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THE STATE MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT SAID MOTORBIKES THAT FAIL TO MEET EMISSIONS STANDARDS COULD BE BANNED FROM THE CITY'S STREETS. 60% OF THE MOTORCYCLES TESTED IN SPOT CHECKS DID NOT

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MEET EMISSIONS STANDARDS SET IN 1993, SO THE MINISTRY PREDICTS THAT EVEN MORE WOULD FAIL THE NEWER, TOUGHER EMISSION STANDARD ISSUED IN 2006.

JESSE JAMES FINED BY CARB CALIFORNIA AIR REGULATORS HAVE ISSUED \$271,250 IN TOTAL FINES AGAINST JESSE JAMES OF WEST COAST CHOPPERS, THE CO-PRODUCER AND HOST OF "MONSTER GARAGE" AND "MOTORCYCLE MANIA," SAYING THAT 50 OF HIS CUSTOM-BUILT CHOPPERS RAN AFOUL OF CALIFORNIA'S CLEAN-AIR RULES.

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD OFFICIALS SAID THEIR INSPECTORS FOUND THAT THE MONSTER BIKES SOLD BETWEEN 1998 AND 2005 DID NOT HAVE STATE CERTIFIED EMISSIONS EQUIPMENT ON THEIR EXHAUST AND FUEL SYSTEMS, RESULTING IN THESE BIKES SPEWING HYDROCARBONS AT UP TO 10 TIMES THE STATE LIMITS.

THE MARKET FOR CUSTOM-BUILT MOTORCYCLES HAS TAKEN OFF IN RECENT YEARS, AND PROMINENT BIKE BUILDERS HAVE ACHIEVED CELEBRITY STATUS, BUT PROGRESSIVELY STRICTER NEW EMISSIONS REGULATIONS FROM THE EPA ARE ALREADY IMPACTING THE MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY.

WEIRD NEWS: DRUNKEN DOUGHNUTS A PONTIAC, MI MOTORCYCLIST GETS SUED, THEN SENT TO PRISON, FOR HIS ACTIONS THAT TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE A BAR EARLIER THIS YEAR AS HE WAS "DOING DOUGHNUTS" IN THE PARKING LOT WHEN HE STRUCK AND INJURED A WOMAN WHO WAS STANDING OUTSIDE THE SALOON.

NOW HE'LL BE RIDING A PRISON VAN TO STATEVILLE CORRECTIONAL CENTER, WHERE HE WAS SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR AFTER PLEADING GUILTY TO FAILURE TO REPORT AN ACCIDENT WITH INJURY. HE WAS ALSO ORDERED TO PAY RESTITUTION, AND FACES A LAWSUIT FROM THE INJURED WOMAN WHO IS SEEKING \$50,000 EACH FROM THE RIDER, THE OWNER OF THE MOTORCYCLE AND THE SALOON OWNER.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "WE, TOO, BORN TO FREEDOM, AND BELIEVING IN FREEDOM, ARE WILLING TO FIGHT TO MAINTAIN FREEDOM. WE, AND ALL OTHERS WHO BELIEVE AS DEEPLY AS WE DO, WOULD RATHER DIE ON OUR FEET THAN LIVE ON OUR KNEES."

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GHOST RIDER MOVIE REVIEW

BY "SLOW-MOTION"

IT SEEMS MOTORCYCLES ARE BACK IN THE HOLLYWOOD MIND AGAIN. NOT SINCE THE FIFTIES AND SIXTIES (WITH *THE WILD ONE*, *EASY RIDER*, AND THE B ANGEL FLICKS) HAVE BIKES BEEN FEATURED IN FILM SO OFTEN. RECENTLY WE HAVE HAD THE *WORLD'S FASTEST INDIAN* (GREAT FLICK), *THE MOTORCYCLE DIARIES*, AND NOW *GHOST RIDER* AND *WILD HOGS*.

GHOST RIDER IS FROM THE MARVEL COMIC OF THE SAME NAME. IT HAS A GREAT CAST – NICOLAS CAGE IS GREAT AND ONE BIKER LEGEND AS THE DEVIL HIMSELF. THE STORY STARTS WITH A FATHER AND SON STUNT TEAM. THE SON SELLS HIS SOUL FOR HIS FATHER'S HEALTH. THIS CAUSES HIM TO LOSE THIS TRUE LOVE AND EVE MENDEZ – I WOULDN'T HAVE LET

THIS ONE GET AWAY. WHILE WAITING FOR THE DEVIL TO CLAIM HIS SOUL, THE SON BECOMES A FIRST CLASS STUNT RIDER. AFTER ONE MAJOR CRASH WHERE HE SHOULD HAVE DIED, ANY TRUE BIKER UNDERSTANDS WHAT HIS FIRST WORDS ARE. THE STUNTS ARE OK BUT I WAS A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH SOME OF THE STREET BIKE SCENES – DON'T NEED TO GIVE THEM ANY MORE WILD IDEAS. I KNOW STRONGBOW WOULD LOVE HIS PANHEAD CHOPPER. AFTER HE BECOMES THE DEVILS RIDER THE BIKE ALSO TRANSFORMS WHICH IS ONE THE FILM'S HIGH POINTS. SPECIAL EFFECTS AND THE CAST MAKE THIS MOVIE WORTH SEEING

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BIKER ROAD BAN: FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, I'VE BEEN HARPING ON MY FELLOW BIKERS TO STAND UP FOR THEIR RIGHTS, AND ONE WAY TO DO IT IS TO VISIT YOUR STATE LEGISLATURES. I HAD BARELY PUT LAST MONTH'S SACK TO BED, WHEN I RECEIVED THIS LETTER FROM DOUG FINDLAY, STATE COORDINATOR OF ABATE OF VIRGINIA.

"GUNNY, I HOPE 2007 BECOMES THE YEAR BIKERS FIND THEIR VOICE. HERE IN VIRGINIA WE'RE PLANNING A PROTEST RIDE ALONG THE LINES OF WHAT BIKERS DID IN ENGLAND. IN A NUTSHELL WE'LL BE CLOGGING UP THE TOLL BOOTHS ON THE FRIDAY LEADING INTO LABOR DAY WEEKEND. THE PRIMARY REASON IS VIRGINIA DOT ISN'T FOLLOWING OUR STATE'S ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW WHEN IT COMES TO TOLL ROAD DESIGN. BIKERS ARE BEING EXCLUDED, AND WE'RE GOING TO PUSH BACK IN A BIG WAY. "I BET WE MAKE IT INTO THE WASHINGTON POST. I'VE ALREADY SCOUTED THE DULLES TOLL ROAD OUTBOUND FROM DC, AND I'M HOPING WE CAN TEAM UP WITH ABATE OF MD TO INCLUDE THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE AS WELL. WHEN THE TIME DRAWS NEAR I HOPE YOU WILL HELP SPREAD THE WORD. EVERYONE I TALK TO IS EXCITED ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF MAKING A SPLASH."

AND SPREAD THE WORD WE DID, RIGHT HERE IN THE SACK. CONTACT THESE FOLKS IN VIRGINIA. THEY'RE DOING SOMETHING ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING THAT SEVERELY LIMITS THEIR FREEDOM TO RIDE, AND EVENTUALLY ALL OURS, TOO. I WILL BE EAGER TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THIS ONE, AND WE'LL SEE IF OUR OREGON AIM (AID TO INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS) ATTORNEY, SAM HOCHBERG, CAN GATHER MORE INFO FROM THE AIM LAWYERS IN THOSE PARTS.

WINTER AIM: SAM TELLS ME THAT THE AIM GROUP OF LAWYERS JUST HAD THEIR ANNUAL MEETINGS AND SEMINARS. THEY MEET TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE DOING AND CAN DO IN THEIR STATES IN BIKERS RIGHTS, AND THEY HASH OVER IDEAS IN MOTORCYCLE PERSONAL INJURY LAW, WHICH IS HOW THESE GUYS MAKE THEIR ACTUAL LIVING. NEARLY EVERY AIM LAWYER IS INVOLVED AND CONTRIBUTING SIGNIFICANTLY IN SOME WAY TO THE BIKERS RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THEIR OWN STATES, AND MANY OF THE RIGHTS CASES ARE "PRO BONO," LATIN FOR "FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC," OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. IN ENGLISH, IT MEANS THE LAWYERS WORK FOR FREE. WHY? MOST BIKERS WHO HAVE WORKED WITH AN AIM LAWYER IN SOME WAY KNOW THAT VIRTUALLY ALL OF THESE GUYS RIDE, AND MOST FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. I THINK OF LARRY KATKOWSKI, AKA "THE KATMAN," WHO PRACTICES OUT OF THE DETRIOT AREA AS THE MICHIGAN AIM ATTORNEY. KATMAN STAYED AT SAM'S WHEN HE RODE TO THE WEST COAST WITH HIS WIFE ON THE BACK OF THE TOUR CLASSIC. LIKE SAM AND MANY OTHER AIM LAWYERS, KATMAN WAS A RIDER LONG BEFORE HE WAS A LAWYER, LET ALONE BEFORE AIM STARTED UP, AND HE STAYED RIDING.

ANNUAL RIGHTS CONFERENCE: THIS OLD GUNNY WILL STOP ABOUT THE AIM LAWYERS, AND INSTEAD INVITE YOU TO MEET THESE FOLKS, AND AROUND TWO THOUSAND-PLUS OTHER RIDERS INVOLVED IN BIKERS RIGHTS FROM ALL OVER THE US, AND SOME FROM AROUND THE WORLD AS WELL, BY COMING TO THIS YEAR'S AIM AND NCOM (NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS) CONVENTION. YOU WON'T BE SORRY. THIS YEAR IT WILL BE IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, MAY 10TH - 13TH, 2007. DETAILS

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OREGON MAY RESTRICT KIDS FROM ATV RIDING OREGON vs. ATV RIDING PARENTS & KIDS? SENATOR ALLAN BATES FROM ASHLAND, OREGON THINKS HE IS SMARTER THAN MOST PARENTS AND IS FOOLING AROUND WITH THE RIGHTS OF PARENTS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE THE INTELLIGENCE TO DETERMINE THE ABILITIES OF THEIR OWN KIDS' RIDING ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES, ATV'S. HE IS INTRODUCING SB49 THAT WOULD PUT SEVERE LIMITATIONS ON THE AGES KIDS COULD LEGALLY RIDE AN ATV. IT SAYS IN ESSENCE THAT KIDS UNDER 12 CANNOT RIDE AT ALL; THOSE 12 TO 16 WOULD BE LIMITED TO 90CC'S OR LESS. ON TOP OF THAT, THERE'S ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE BILL FROM THESE SAME QUARTERS; IT'S SB101; AND IT REQUIRES CLASS I AND CLASS III ATV OPERATORS WHO ARE 7 YRS OLD OR OLDER TO HAVE ATV OPERATOR PERMITS WHENEVER RIDING 'EM ON PREMISES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THIS LAW WOULD AUTHORIZE FINES UP TO \$180.00. IT'S REAL APPARENT TO ME THAT OUR RIGHTS TO RIDE ALMOST ANY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ARE GOING TO BE SEVERELY RESTRICTED IF WE DON'T MAKE IT PLAIN TO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT WE TREASURE OUR FREEDOM. THE FULL TEXT OF THE FIRST ONE, SB49, CAN BE FOUND HERE:

[HTTP://WWW.LEG.STATE.OR.US/O7REG/MEASURES/SB0001.DIR/SB0049.INTRO.HTML](http://www.leg.state.or.us/O7REG/MEASURES/SB0001.DIR/SB0049.INTRO.HTML)

IF YOU FEEL AS THIS GUNNY DOES, THEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE . CONTACT YOUR OWN STATE LEGISLATORS IF YOU LIVE HERE IN OREGON, AND OUT-OF-STATERS CAN CONTACT THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL, AND YOU CAN ALSO HELP BY GETTING THE WORD OUT:

SENATOR ALLEN BATES
900 COURT ST. NE, S-312
SALEM, OR 97301
E-MAIL: SEN.ALANBATES@STATE.OR.US
WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.LEG.STATE.OR.US/BATES](http://www.leg.state.or.us/bates)

GUNNY SAYS: IF YA DON'T HAVE YER AIM CARD, GET IN TOUCH WITH AIM AND GET ONE IN YER POCKET. THEY ARE FREE AND CONTAIN INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP MEDICAL FOLKS TREAT YA IF YOU'RE HURT IN AN ACCIDENT. YOU CAN JOIN BY SIGNING UP AT AN AIM BOOTH AT MOST OF THE BIG EVENTS, OR YOU CAN CALL AIM AT 1-(800) ON-A-BIKE OR YOU CAN VISIT THE WEBSITE AT [WWW.ON-A-BIKE.COM](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.COM).

OUR AIM ATTORNEYS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO BE SPEAKERS AT YOUR GROUP MEETINGS. GIVE US A WHISTLE AND WE CAN USUALLY MAKE IT OUT TO A MEETING HERE IN OREGON. SAM TALKS ABOUT BIKES, BIKERS AND THE LAW, AND THERE'S A LOT OF TERRITORY IN THERE YOU CAN INQUIRE ABOUT, AND HE CAN GIVE YOU A GENERAL ANALYSIS ON WHAT SORTS OF INSURANCE TO LOOK FOR TO BEST COVER YOU AS A MOTORCYCLE RIDER. THE GUNNY TALKS ABOUT THE AID TO INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS (AIM) PROGRAM AND I'LL ALSO TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS (NCOM), AND THE OREGON CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS.

KEEP THE ROUND SIDE ON THE BOTTOM.

GUNNY, OREGON AIM CHIEF OF STAFF



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561-737-4102

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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.