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## ***PALM BEACH CHAPTER***

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FREEDOM OF THE ROAD*

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### **NEXT CHAPTER MEETING**

**11:30AM**

**SATURDAY**

**December 15<sup>th</sup>**



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WHO RIDE  
DECIDE!**

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### **ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.**

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**PRESENTS**

## **13TH ANNUAL FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY** **APRIL 11-APRIL 14, 2008**

**STATE MEETING: SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2008 AT 2:00PM**

**BOARD MEETING: 12:00 NOON**

**IN MONTICELLO AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL**

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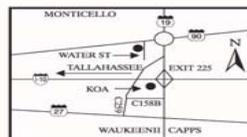
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PALM BEACH CHAPTER**

**MEETINGS ARE:**

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



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## President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

SINCE THE SECOND READING ON THE DELRAY BEACH PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGARDING LOUD PIPES AND THE NOISE ISSUE ON ATLANTIC AVE. I HAVE RECEIVED A COUPLE CALLS FROM RIDERS THAT HAVE RECEIVED TICKETS ON A I A AT HIGHLAND BEACH AND OCEAN RIDGE. IRONICALLY ENOUGH WHILE I WAS WRITING THIS I GOT A CALL FROM MY BRO, RACCOON JOE YELLIN "WHAT THE F\*#\* IS GOIN' ON WITH THIS WORLD!? ME AND MY BUDDY FROM ORLANDO JUST GOT \$76.00 TICKETS FOR NOT HAVING STOCK PIPES IN OCEAN RIDGE". THEY WERE SITTING AT A LIGHT ON THEIR WAY TO THE SEASIDE DELI. WHEN THE LIGHT CHANGED THEY PULLED OUT AND WERE IMMEDIATELY STOPPED. WHEN HE ASKED WHY THEY WERE BEING PULLED OVER THE COP SAID, "THOSE AREN'T FACTORY PIPES". THE COP DID NOT USE DECIBEL METER TO VERIFY THAT THE PIPES WERE IN VIOLATION OF STATE STATUE REGARDING "LOUD PIPES" IN FACT THE WORD LOUD PERTAINING TO THE PIPES WAS NOT EVEN MENTIONED. NO PROBABLE CAUSE WAS CITED FOR THE STOP AND THERE WERE NO OTHER INFRACTIONS LISTED. RACCOON TOLD THE DELI OWNER HE WASN'T GOING TO BUY ANYTHING TODAY BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENED AND HE WOULD NOT BE BACK IN FACT HE WAS GOING TO TELL EVERYONE HE KNEW ABOUT THE INCIDENT SO THEY WOULDN'T PASS THROUGH THIS TRAP. APPARENTLY THEY HAD STOPPED FOR GAS BECAUSE THEY TOLD THE GUY AT THE TEXACO STATION THE SAME THING. HIGHLAND BEACH HAS BEEN DOING THIS KIND OF CRAP FOR OVER A YEAR THAT I KNOW OF.

WHAT DO THESE TWO COMMUNITIES HAVE IN COMMON? DELRAY BEACH IS RIGHT BETWEEN THEM.

REALIZING THE CITY OF DELRAY HAS GOT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ASS IN A CRACK WITHOUT ANY LOGICAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, THE NEXT LOGICAL MOVE IS TO ASK FOR HELP FROM THEIR COUNTERPARTS FROM THE NORTH AND SOUTH. IT APPEARS TO ME LIKE THE PERFECT AMBUSH TO MINIMIZE MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC INTO DELRAY BEACH FROM THE EAST. IF THE THERE WASN'T A CONSPIRACY BEFORE, IT SURE LOOKS LIKE THEY GOT ONE GOING NOW. WHEN I BROUGHT THIS UP AT A MEETING WITH VICE MAYOR MONTAGUE AND THE CITY ATTORNEY THE SUBJECT WAS IGNORED AND THE CONVERSATION CHANGED IMMEDIATELY.

IF YOU REMEMBER DELRAY BEACH HAS BEEN UNABLE TO ENFORCE IT'S CURRENT NOISE ORDINANCE FOR SOME TIME DUE TO THE STRAIN IT PUTS ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. I MEAN, THE CHIEF OF POLICE IN DELRAY COULD ONLY OFFER TO TRY TO ASSIST IN A STUDY AND A SURVEY REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSION. I WAS STANDING RIGHT BEHIND HIM AS HE ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL, IT WAS OBVIOUS TO ME THIS GUY WAS BEING PUT ON THE SPOT.

## President's Message - Cont'd

YOU KNOW, LIKE HE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH GOING ON WITH EMERGENCIES AND CRIME THEY HAD TO HEAP THIS RIDICULOUS CRAP ON HIM TOO. I'M NOT SYMPATHIZING WITH HIM BUT THIS IS WHY SHIT GOES WRONG. YOU PUT SOMEONE IN CHARGE OF SOMETHING THEY ARE NOT CAPABLE OF DOING EFFECTIVELY AND THEN HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE FAILURE OF THE PROJECT. KIND OF LIKE TAKING SOME ONE WHOLL..L. IS THE GREATEST GUIDANCE COUNSELOR EVER AND MAKING HIM THE PRINCIPLE. HE SUCKS AT BEING A PRINCIPLE AND HE GETS FIRED. NOW HE'S OUT OF A JOB AND HE CAN'T GO BACK TO BEING THE GREATEST GUIDANCE COUNSELOR THE SCHOOL HAS EVER SEEN.

IN POLITICS THIS IS A VERY COMMON PRACTICE. IN THIS CASE THE MAYOR STARTED THIS WITHOUT GIVING IT A LOT OF THOUGHT. SHE MORE THAN LIKELY ORDERED THE CITY ATTORNEY TO WRITE THIS ORDINANCE AND HAVE IT ON HER DESK WITH A DEADLINE ATTACHED TO IT. WHICH PUT HER IN A POSITION WHERE SHE COULDN'T OR DIDN'T DO A LOT OF RESEARCH ON IT'S CONSTITUTIONALITY. THE FIRST PART BEING A TOTAL BAN OF MOTORCYCLES ON A FIVE BLOCK SECTION OF ATLANTIC AVE. THE SECOND BEING AN AMENDMENT TO STIFFEN THE PENALTY FOR LOUD OR RAUCOUS NOISE AND THAT ALL MOTORCYCLE EXHAUST SYSTEMS WOULD HAVE E.P.A. CERTIFIED STAMPS ON THEM OR THE RIDER WOULD BE FINED \$200. OUR LEGAL COUNSEL DID A GREAT JOB OF PUSHING BACK WHEN THE MAYOR TRIED TO BULLY THEM WITH CURT REMARKS. THE AUDIENCE RESPONDED TO HER REQUEST THAT APPLAUSE BE HELD BACK TO ESCALATE THE PROCEDURE BY APPLAUDING ANYWAY. IN MY OPINION THE FIRST ROUND WAS A STAND OFF BUT WE GAVE THEM A BLOODY NOSE IN THE SECOND ROUND. I'M STILL AWAITING WORD AS TO IF AND WHEN THE COMMISSION WILL MEET TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF THE 90 DAY STUDY AND SURVEY OR IF THEY ARE GOING TO WAIT UNTIL APRIL.

MEAN WHILE IF YOU ARE TRAVELING NORTH OR SOUTH ON A1A BE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE TWO MUNICIPALITIES ARE IN FACT WRITING TICKETS FOR MOTORCYCLES WITH ANYTHING OTHER THAN STOCK PIPES.

IF YOU ARE STOPPED AND TICKETED, REQUEST THAT YOUR CASE GOES BEFORE A JUDGE AT THE INITIAL HEARING. NO CITY OR MUNICIPALITY CAN PASS AN ORDINANCE TO SUPERCEDE AN EXISTING STATE STATUTE. THESE STOPS ARE ILLEGAL, THERE IS NO LAW THAT STATES THAT YOU CANNOT INSTALL AFTERMARKET EXHAUSTS AND THEY ARE NOT ILLEGAL. IF NO DECIBEL MEASUREMENT IS TAKEN AT THE TIME YOU ARE STOPPED THE JUDGE MUST THROW THE CASE OUT. IF THE DECIBEL METER IS USED AND THE SOUND DOESN'T EXCEED .80 THEY CANNOT WRITE YOU A TICKET. THE PIPES ARE NOT ILLEGAL BUT EXCEEDING THE DECIBEL LEVEL IS. IF YOU ARE ASKED TO REV YOUR MOTOR YOU CAN REFUSE BY LAW OF SELF-INCRIMINATION. YOU DON'T RIDE THAT WAY SO WHY SHOULD YOU DO IT NOW. IF EVERYONE DOES THIS, IT'S GOING TO JAM THE COURT DOCKET UP AND EVENTUALLY THE JUDGE WILL HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION TO CONTINUE THIS OR CALL OFF THE DOGS.

## President's Message - Cont'd

I THINK IT MIGHT BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW LONG THIS WOULD GO ON IF EVERYBODY THAT WAS STOPPED WOULD TELL THE COP THEIR PIPES HAVE E.P.A. STAMPS ON THEM, LOCATED ON THE BOTTOM OR ON THE BACK SIDE OF THE PIPE. THAT WAY THE COP WOULD HAVE TO GO INVERTED WITH A FLASHLIGHT AND PUT HIS NOSE ABOUT AN INCH FROM A HOT EXHAUST PIPE TO TRY TO FIND IT. OH WELL, "ONE GOOD BURN DESERVES ANOTHER".

RIDE FREE, RIDE SAFE

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Happy Holidays and a Prosperous  
New Year to All!

### HOLIDAY WISHES FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I WOULD LIKE TO SEND MY SINCEREST WISHES AND THE SENTIMENTS OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS A HAPPY HANUKKAH TO ALL OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS. MAY THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND TRUE MEANING OF HANUKKAH FILL YOUR HEART AND BE WITH YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES. MAY IT BRING YOU COMFORT, IN BEING TOGETHER WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND JOY OF GIVING AND SHARING MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY BRIGHT. WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY SAFE AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR, MAY IT BRING GOOD HEALTH, WEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PEACE.

YOUR BROTHER AT ARMS

STRONGBOW  
AND THE ABATE P.B.C. BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS

WHEN YOU ARE MAKING OUT YOUR CHRISTMAS CARD LIST THIS YEAR, PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

A RECOVERING AMERICAN SOLDIER

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MAY GOD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.



**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.

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## **MEMBERSHIPS DUE**

### **NOVEMEBER**

Jack "Blind Jack" Culpepper  
Michael Novak



### **DECEMBER**

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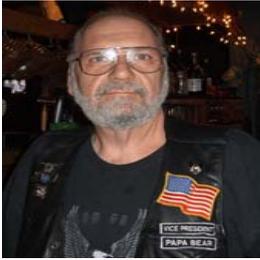
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## Vice President's Message

ON NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, WE WERE INVITED TO A "MEET & GREET" MEETING WITH ABATE SOUTHEAST CHAPTER BY THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAJORITY WHIP, REPRESENTATIVE ELLYN BOGDANOFF. AS YOU KNOW, THAT WAS THE DAY OF OUR CHAPTER MEETING, SO OUR PRESIDENT, STRONGBOW, REQUESTED I ATTEND. I RODE DOWN EARLY THAT MORNING WITH OUR ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, BWANA.

WE JOINED JIMMY "LES" LESNIAK AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHEAST CHAPTER FOR THEIR BOD MEETING AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, BREAKFAST. THEN WE RODE LESS THAN ABOUT 100 FEET TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OFFICE TO MEET WITH HER. I HAVE TO ADMIT THOUGH, IT DID LOOK GOOD WHEN ABOUT 20 BIKES PULLED UP IN FRONT OF HER OFFICE AND PARKED ON THE STREET. UNFORTUNATELY, IT WAS A MOOT POINT AS SHE DID NOT ARRIVE UNTIL AFTER WE WERE THERE AND ALREADY PARKED.

I LEARNED THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT COVERS THE AREA EAST OF US1 TO THE OCEAN, FROM DANIA BEACH INTO BOCA RATON. THIS INCLUDES ALL OF US A1A, LOS OLAS AND ALL THE AREAS OF THE PIERS ALONG THAT ROUTE. THIS INCLUDES MANY OF THE AREAS IN SOUTH PALM BEACH AND BROWARD COUNTIES WHERE WE LIKE TO RIDE AND PARTY. AS WELL AS BEING THE MAJORITY WHIP WHERE ALL PROPOSED BILLS IN THE STATE HOUSE PASSES OVER HER DESK, SHE CAN BE AN IMPORTANT FRIEND OR ADVISORY.

IN MY OPINION, THE MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE BOGDANOFF WENT CAUTIOUSLY WELL. I SAY CAUTIOUSLY BECAUSE AFTER ALL, SHE IS A LAWYER AND A POLITICIAN. MY TAKE ON HER THOUGH IS THAT SHE HAS A SINCERE INTEREST IN REPRESENTING THE BEST INTERESTS OF HER CONSTITUENTS. WE DISCUSSED SEVERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE RECENT PROPOSED DELRAY BEACH NOISE ORDINANCE. SHE WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE SE CHAPTER'S ATTORNEY THAT THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA TOOK PRECEDENCE OVER ANY MUNICIPALITY AND THAT THE CONTINUITY OF REGULATIONS IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE.

HER STATEMENT THAT MANY OF THE LAWS EFFECTING MOTORCYCLISTS ARE THERE TO, "PROTECT THEM FROM THEMSELVES", DID BRING A ROUND OF FERVENT DISCUSSION, BUT NO ONE GOT DISRESPECTFUL OR VIOLENT AND SHE ACTUALLY WAS ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS ABATE EXISTS IS TO REPRESENT OUR RIGHTS TO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS ON OUR OWN.

WE ALSO HAD A GOOD CONVERSATION WHEN THE SE CHAPTER SAFETY DIRECTOR, SUZANNE KEEN, BROUGHT UP OUR SAFETY CLASSES AND JUST WHAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - CONT'D

MOTORCYCLISTS AND BIKERS. THE REPRESENTATIVE MENTIONED THAT SHE HAD NOTICED THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS SHE HAS SEEN DO NOT RIDE IN THE CENTER OF THE LANE AND SUZANNE EXPLAINED HOW LANE USAGE IS COVERED IN THE CLASS WHILE EXPLAINING THAT THE CENTER OF THE TRAFFIC LANE IS WHERE MOST CARS LEAK OIL AND FLUIDS SO WE AVOID IT. SHE ALSO TOUCHED ON THE STEREOTYPES MANY PEOPLE HAVE ABOUT BIKERS BECAUSE OF HOW WE APPEAR, MENTIONING HOW WE BRING THIS UP IN THE CLASSES WHEN WE ASK THE ATTENDEES TO GUESS THE OCCUPATIONS OF THE INSTRUCTORS AND THEN TELLING THEM THAT SHE IS A COMPUTER GEEK (HER WORDS, NOT MINE), JIMMY LES IS A TEACHER AND I AM A RETIRED COP. I BELIEVE IT BROUGHT HOME THE FACT THAT BIKERS GO A LOT DEEPER PAST THE LEATHERS.

I BELIEVE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS WE GOT HER TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT ABATE OF FLORIDA IS SERIOUS ABOUT REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF OUR ALMOST 8,000 MEMBERS AND THAT OVER 85% OF OUR MEMBERS ARE REGISTERED VOTERS (YES WE SAID THE MAGIC WORD, VOTERS).

THEN WE WENT OUT IN FRONT OF HER OFFICE, JIMMY LES PULLED HIS BIKE UP ONTO THE SIDEWALK RIGHT IN FRONT OF HER WINDOW AND SHE SAT ON THE BIKE WHILE WE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE SOME PICTURES. BY NOW THEY SHOULD BE ON OUR WEB SITE, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.

ALL-IN-ALL, I THINK IT WAS A WELL WORTHWHILE RIDE AND GOOD TIME SPENT DEVELOPING THE FRIENDSHIP OF AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL FIGURE. TIME WILL TELL ON THAT, BUT I THINK SHE'S AN OK LADY.

NOW ON A DIFFERENT SUBJECT, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON. THAT MEANS THERE ARE A LOT MORE PEOPLE ON THE ROADS. I CAN REMEMBER WHEN I WAS A KID AND THOUGHT THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WAS THE VERY BEST TIME OF YEAR. THEN I BECAME A COP AND AS A ROOKIE WAS ASSIGNED TO "CHRISTMAS TRAFFIC". I WORKED THE DOWNTOWN AREA OF THE CITY MY ENTIRE CAREER AND EVEN AS A MOTOR OFFICER ALWAYS HAD TO DEAL WITH THE SHOPPERS OF CHRISTMAS TRAFFIC.

PEOPLE GET SO DAMNED STRESSED OUT ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE GETTING FOR WHOM, WHERE THE BEST PRICES ARE AND HOW THEY'RE GONG TO THEN PAY FOR IT ALL, THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON IS JUST LOST, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY GET BEHIND THE WHEEL OF THEIR CARS.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - CONT'D

JUST REMEMBER... ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO BE HEARD IS SHOW UP!  
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO HAVE WHAT YOU SAY TO COUNT IS SHOW UP  
AND VOTE!

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO WRITE ME WITH YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS ARTICLE OR ANY OTHER  
ISSUE YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS!

GOD BLESS ALL, RIDE SAFE AND RIDE FREE AND PLEASE ALLOW MY WIFE, KATHY AND ME TO  
WISH YOU ALL THE VERY BEST, HAPPY AND SAFE, HOLIDAY SEASON. JUST PLEASE BE HERE  
WELL AND HEALTHY TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH US.

JOHN "PAPA BEAR" OLSEY  
YOUR, VICE PRESIDENT  
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## 2007 CALENDAR

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**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

## 2008 CALENDAR

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**JANUARY**

- 6 - States MC 12th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
- 13 - Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day
- 20 - SE ABATE Semi Annual Rights Rally
- 27 - Der Krieger MC Annual

**FEBRUARY**

- 2 - Alternative 4th Annual
- 3 - Third Tradition MC Annual
- 10 - AOA MC Ft. Laud Annual
- 17 - States MC Lake Worth Annual
- 17 - H-D of Miami's 12th Anniversary Party
- 23 - Wheels of Man MC Deerfield Annual

**MARCH**

- Feb 29 - March 9 - 67th Annual Daytona Beach Bike Week
- 16 - Keltics MC Annual
- 23 - CMA Annual
- 30 - Fiasco Brothers Annual

**APRIL**

- 5 - Outcasts MC Annual
- 6 - States MC Pompano Annual
- 12 - Mystic 7 Mojo's Birthday
- 13 - AOA MC West Palm Beach Annual
- 12 & 13 - Peterson's South Anniversary Weekend
- 20 - Wings of Gold MC Stars & Stripes Run
- 25-27 Loosberg Bikefest

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Saturday, December 15, 2007

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Sunday, December 23, 2007

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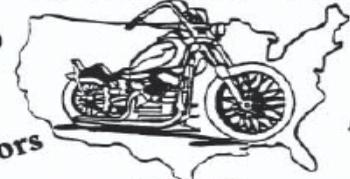
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[HTTP://WWW.WPBF.COM/NEWS/14359197/DETAIL.HTML](http://www.wpbf.com/news/14359197/detail.html) TO INCREASE THE NO VOTE PRESENTLY ONLY AT 77%.

### ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

#### DAYTONA BEACH CHAPTER LEGISLATIVE REPORT

OCTOBER 14, 2007

#### TALLAHASSEE

SPECIAL SESSION C

THIS SESSION FOR PIP AND STATE OF FLORIDA BUDGET IS NOW CLOSED. THE BUDGET HAS BEEN FINALIZED. ABATE OF FLORIDA'S \$500,000 FOR MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS WAS NOT TOUCHED. BILLBOARDS WILL BE GOING UP ACROSS THE STATE. WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES SIGNS AND TRINKETS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED. PIP WILL AGAIN BE REQUIRED IN JANUARY 2008. THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO REQUIRE MOTORCYCLISTS TO GET PIP, BUT OUR LOBBYIST, DOC RIECHENBACH, MADE SURE THE EXEMPTION WAS PUT BACK IN HB 13C. MOTORCYCLES ARE EXEMPT BECAUSE THE DEFINITION FOR MOTOR VEHICLES REQUIRED TO HAVE PIP ARE THOSE WITH **FOUR** WHEELS.

#### HB 175 **USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES** BRISE SB266 WILSON

PROHIBITS USE OF CELLULAR TELEPHONE WHILE OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEPT WHEN USING HEADSET OR HANDS-FREE DEVICE; PROVIDES EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDES PENALTY; PROVIDES FOR ENFORCEMENT ONLY AS SECONDARY OFFENSE.

ON THE FEDERAL SIDE – WASHINGTON DC [HTTP://THOMAS.LOC.GOV](http://thomas.loc.gov)

#### **HIPAA TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS H1076 S616**

REFERRED TO THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EMPLOYMENT, LABOR, AND PENSIONS AND REFERRED TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS. WITH OUT THE LOOPHOLES CORRECTED, THE FEDERAL AGENCIES WILL NOT IMPLEMENT THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT OF THE ORIGINAL BILL. WITHOUT THIS BILL, HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES OR EMPLOYERS, IN THEIR QUEST TO GET THE CHEAPEST COVERAGE, COULD DENY COVERAGE FOR INJURIES RECEIVED FROM A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT. THERE IS ONLY DISTRICT 12 REP. ADAM PUTNAM, FROM ALL OF THE FLORIDA'S CONGRESSMEN THAT HAS SIGNED ON AS A COSPONSOR. SEVERAL ISSUES OF OUR CHAPTER NEWSLETTER HAVE SAMPLE LETTERS. REP. CORRINE BROWN WAS A COSPONSOR IN PREVIOUS VERSIONS OF THIS BILL

SEVERAL YEARS AGO. WRITE TO SENATORS NELSON AND MARTINEZ AND YOUR REPRESENTATIVE (MICA, FEENEY, OR BROWN) EITHER THE LOCAL OFFICE OR EMAIL THEIR WASHINGTON DC OFFICE.

### **HR2694 RIGHT TO REPAIR BILL**

THE PURPOSE IS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF CONSUMERS TO DIAGNOSE SERVICE, MAINTAIN, AND REPAIR THEIR MOTOR VEHICLES. MOTOR VEHICLE COMPANIES CONSIDER A LOT OF INFORMATION PROPRIETARY. REP. MICA HAS STATED THAT THERE IS SOME INTERNATIONAL TRADE ISSUES INVOLVED. I FIND REP HASTINGS AND BROWN AMONG THE 26 COSPONSORS

### **NATIONAL TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD NTSB**

THE NTSB PREVIOUSLY RESEARCH MASS TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS. IN FORTY YEARS, THEY INVESTIGATED 124000 AVIATION AND 10000 SURFACE ACCIDENTS, BUT ONLY 6 MOTORCYCLE CRASHES. IN OCTOBER 2006 THEY HELD A MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FORUM THAT DID NOT INCLUDED ANY MOTORCYCLIST ON THE PANEL AND DID NOT INCLUDED ANYTHING ABOUT AUTOMOBILE DRIVER INATTENTION. OUR LOBBYIST WAS THERE AND MET ON NOVEMBER 30, 2006 WITH VICE CHAIRMAN SUMWALT. DOC REICHENBACH INFORMED THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN FEDERAL NHSTA, FHWA AND STATE DATA. THE VICE CHAIRMAN AGREED AND FURTHER MENTIONS HOW THE VEHICULAR MILES TRAVELED VMT DATA WAS POOR. ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 NTSB ISSUED THERE RECOMMENDATION FOR A NATION MANDATORY HELMET MANDATE. CHAIRMAN ROSENKER STATES "THE FACTS ARE CLEAR-HEAD INJURIES ARE A LEADING CAUSE OF DEATHS IN MOTORCYCLE CRASHES". SINCE THEN, THE NTSB HAS MADE FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AND THEIR LETTERS CAN BE VIEWED ON THE MRF WEBSITE.

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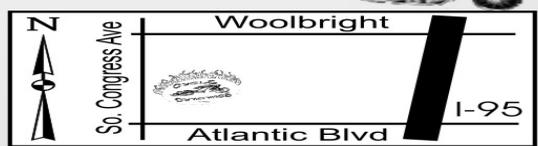
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9 <b>Toy-n-Sun-                      Run</b>	10	11 <b>Iron Eagle Bike                      Nite</b>	12 <b>Island Jack's                      - Bike Night-                      Margate &amp;                      WPB - See                      Coupon Pg                      22</b>	13 <b>Fuddruckers                      Bike Night</b>	14 <b>State's MC -                      Lake Worth -                      Open House</b>  Lama - Open House	15 <b>ABATE-PBC                      MEETING 11:30</b>  <hr/> <b>SFLOG X-Mas                      Pg 13</b>
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23 <b>Calvary                      Chapel -                      States - Pg 13</b>	24	25 	26 <b>Island Jack's                      - Bike Night-                      Margate &amp;                      WPB - See                      Coupon Pg                      22</b>	27 <b>Fuddruckers                      Bike Night</b>	28 <b>State's MC -                      Lake Worth -                      Open House</b>  Lama - Open House	29
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## *Reverend "Rocky"*

### MONTHLY ENCOURAGER

FIRST OFF I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO EVERYONE WHO WAS NOT AT THE LAST CHAPTER MEETING, OUR NEW ASST. CHAPLIN. HIS EXPERIENCE IS QUITE IMPRESSIVE. HE HAS BEEN THROUGH BIBLE SCHOOL AND ROAD WITH THE CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLIST ASSN. HE HAS A HEART OF GOLD, AND LOVES THE LORD JESUS. THE REASON I CHOSE THIS MAN TO BE MY ASSISTANT IS SIMPLY, HE RIDES A HARLEY, (KIDDING) WE ARE A FAST GROWING CHAPTER AND I WANT ALL OF THE MEMBERS TO HAVE ACCESS TO COUNSELING AND PRAYER AT ALL TIMES. HIS NAME IS LOU BENCINNI. WHEN I CAME ON BOARD WITH ABATE, LOU IMMEDIATELY TOLD ME THAT GOD HAD PLACED ME THERE, AND IF I COULD EVER FIND A PLACE FOR HIM, IN THIS SO IMPORTANT MINISTRY, HE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN ME. WELL A LITTLE OVER A YEAR HAS PASSED AND I HAVE HAD A GREAT TIME. WEDDINGS, RIDES, AND YES UNFORTUNATELY FUNERAL AND MEMORIALS. AS I SAID, WE ARE GROWING, AND SO MUST THE MINISTRY. I WELCOME LOU TO OUR FAMILY, AND I HOPE EVERYONE ELSE DOES TOO. LOU'S E-MAIL ADDRESS WILL BE POSTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT CHRISTMAS IS NOT FAR OFF. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I WISH EVERYONE THE MERRIEST AND JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY HANUKKAH. BE NICE TO SOMEONE TODAY, AND LETS ALL LOVE EACH OTHER.

I ALSO WANT TO ASK WHY WE ONLY HAVE 50-80 PEOPLE AT THE CHAPTER MEETINGS? THIS IS NOT RIGHT. COME ON PEOPLE, YOU JOINED TO BE PART OF A GREAT TEAM. WELL NOW WE NEED SOME NUMBERS INTERACTING AT THE MEETINGS AND THE RIDES. I HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE OF OUR OVER 200 MEMBERS SOON.

TILL NEXT TIME MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU STRONG.

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## TO STRONGBOW AND ALL MY FRIENDS AT ABATE OF PALM BEACH

I AND THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 268 WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY IN ALLOWING ME TO ADDRESS THE MEMBERS AT THE NOV. 17 MEETING AND BRINGING TO YOUR ATTENTION OUR VA HOSPITALS "CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD PROGRAM." I WAS QUITE TAKEN BY THE SPONTANEOUS PASSING OF THE HAT AND LADY DI'S DONATING HER 50/50 WINNINGS TO SUPPORT THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMAN WHO HAVE SERVED AND SACRIFICED FOR US ALL. YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO OUR LOCAL RETURNING VETERANS DAILY AFFAIRS AS THEY ADJUST BACK INTO SOCIETY. MANY SAY THEY SUPPORT OUR TROOPS BUT BE ASSURED THAT THE NAME ABATE WILL BE ON THE PALM BEACH VETERANS HOSPITALS LIST OF THOSE WHO ACTUALLY DO.

I HUMBLY REMAIN. LOOP  
ASST. DIRECTOR ALR 268



### Immediate Responses

These responses were from the Palm Beach Post in regard to the second reading of the City of Delray Beach' proposed ordinance to increase fines and a required E.P.A. stamp on all motorcycle exhaust pipes or be fined \$200.

#### Comments

By mike brown

Nov 6, 2007 11:12 PM | [Link to this](#)

We have way too many crybabies in our society today. And I think to pass a law that governs our very own freedom then its time the people take over our city halls across the nation. Get a life on your laws!! We don't need anymore laws to tend with maybe the people eating their food outdoors should go back inside, or better yet pass a law that food business' should be limited to inside eateries only. That should sum it up.

By djb

Nov 6, 2007 10:20 PM | [Link to this](#)

If they want to ban bikes, then they ought to ban people from smoking. That's more annoying than loud motorcycles.

By mike brown

Nov 6, 2007 9:21 PM | [Link to this](#)

I don't ride a bike and I think that there are some noisy bikes out there and I also think that those who have noisy bikes know how to keep it to a minimum. I think that if I were eating at a restaurant and I wanted quietness I would not choose to eat outside the place if so equipped. If I chose to eat outside then I am just going to have to put up with the noise weather it be a car's horn police sirens and yes, a loud motorcycle.



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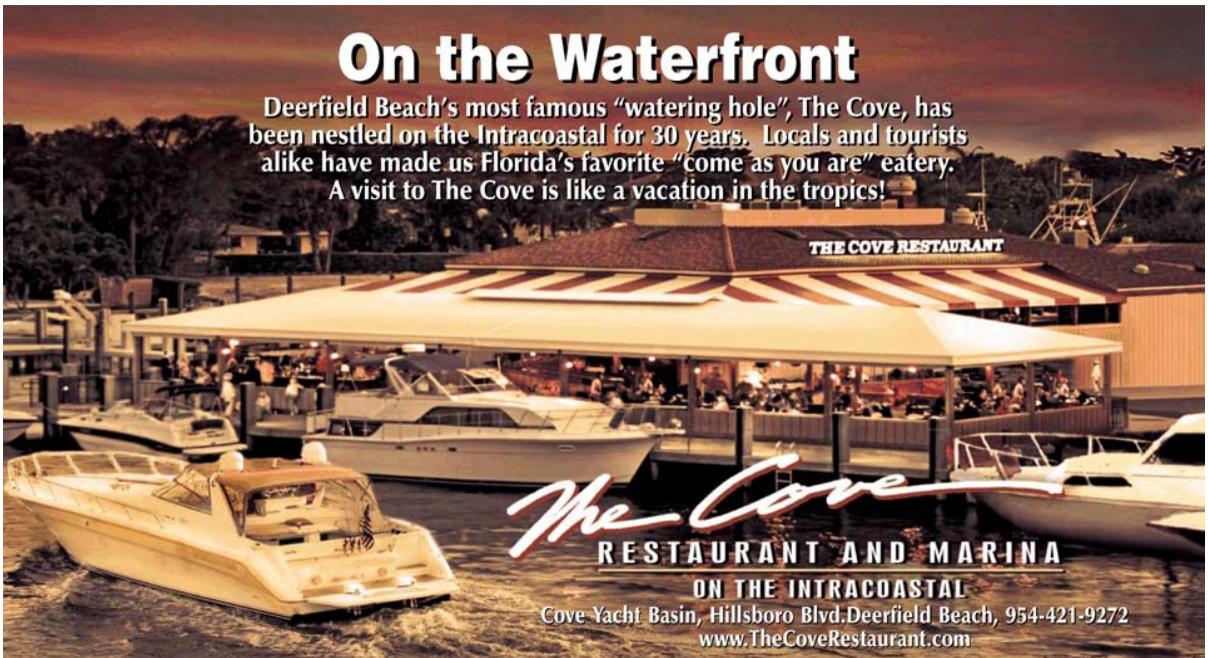
about QUALITY of the service provided? Everyone's read the stories. I have been a Long Term Care Insurance Professional here in Florida for more than ten years. It costs nothing to look into a solution, which is more than we might say if you remain an Ostrich! LTC Insurance is better than using HOPE. SO let's lose this back burner bird & get answers you need to help your family!

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( A.B.A.T.E. & A.L.R. Post 268 Member )

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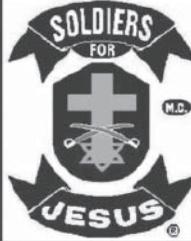
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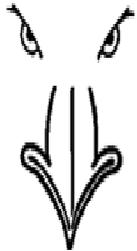
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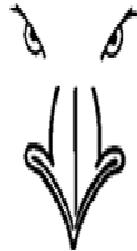


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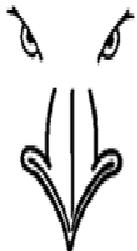
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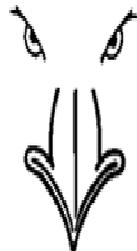
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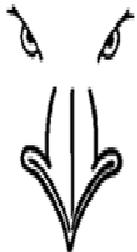
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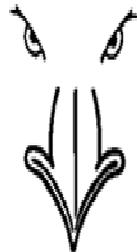
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## NCOM NEWS BYTES

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**NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS (NCOM)**

**MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE PASSES HELMET LAW REPEAL, BILL GOES TO GOVERNOR** A HELMET LAW REPEAL BILL HAS PASSED BOTH HOUSES OF MICHIGAN'S STATE LEGISLATURE, AND PROPONENTS ARE MOUNTING AN INTENSE LOBBYING EFFORT AIMED AT GOVERNOR JENNIFER GRANHOLM WHO VETOED A SIMILAR MEASURE LAST YEAR CITING SAFETY CONCERNS.

THIS YEAR'S VERSION, HOUSE BILL 4749, WAS APPROVED BY THE SENATE BY A VOTE OF 23-15, AND BY THE HOUSE 69-39, AND IS SIMILAR TO A BILL PASSED BY BOTH CHAMBERS LAST YEAR BUT WITH AN OPT-OUT CLAUSE DESIGNED TO ALLOW QUALIFIED RIDERS TO PURCHASE A PERMIT ALLOWING THEM TO RIDE WITHOUT A HELMET.

THE LAW WOULD ALLOW RIDERS OVER 21 TO PURCHASE A \$100 ONE-YEAR STATE PERMIT OR A \$200 THREE-YEAR PERMIT. THE RIDER MUST CARRY AT LEAST \$20,000 IN INSURANCE TO PAY FIRST-PARTY MEDICAL BENEFITS IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT, HAVE BEEN LICENSED FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS TO OPERATE A MOTORCYCLE OR HAVE COMPLETED A MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSE. RIDERS WHO DO NOT PURCHASE A PERMIT AND RIDE WITHOUT HELMETS FACE A FINE OF UP TO \$300.

"MODERNIZING MICHIGAN'S OUTDATED HELMET LAW WILL BRING IN MUCH-NEEDED REVENUE, JOBS AND INVESTMENTS," SAID JIM RHOADES, LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR OF ABATE OF MICHIGAN. "WE URGE THE GOVERNOR TO PUT ASIDE HER PERSONAL OBJECTIONS TO MODERNIZING MICHIGAN'S HELMET LAW."

ABATE OF MICHIGAN AND THE CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS OF MICHIGAN ARE AMONG THE GROUPS THAT SUPPORT THE BILL, ARGUING THAT HELMETS OFFER LITTLE PROTECTION AND HURT TOURISM, AND POINTING OUT THAT REVENUE FROM THE SALES OF PERMITS WOULD GENERATE AN ESTIMATED \$15-20 MILLION A YEAR FOR THE CASH-STRAPPED STATE.

STATE REP. BARBARA FARRAH, D-SOUTHGATE, WHO SPONSORED THE BILL, SAID 30 OTHER STATES, INCLUDING ALL OF MICHIGAN'S NEIGHBORS, ALLOW SOME FORM OF HELMET-FREE RIDING, GIVING THEM AN EDGE OVER MICHIGAN IN ATTRACTING TOURISM DOLLARS FROM OUT-OF-STATE MOTORCYCLISTS.

THE GOVERNOR WILL HAVE 14 DAYS TO SIGN OR VETO THE BILL WHEN IT HITS HER DESK, OR LET IT BECOME LAW WITHOUT TAKING ANY ACTION, BUT PROPONENTS OF THE LEGISLATION

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INTEND TO FURTHER LOBBY THE GOVERNOR FOR HER SUPPORT BEFORE SENDING THE BILL TO HER OFFICE.

CONCERNED RIDERS ARE BEING URGED TO CONTACT GOVERNOR GRANHOLM AT (5 | 7) 335-7858 AND REQUEST THAT SHE SIGN HB 4749 INTO LAW.

**FEDS ANNOUNCE CAMPAIGN TO CURB RIDER FATALITIES** To COMBAT THE RISING TREND OF MOTORCYCLE INJURIES AND FATALITIES, U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION MARY E. PETERS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED A COMPREHENSIVE NEW FEDERAL INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY WITH MORE RIDER EDUCATION AND TRAINING, TOUGHER STANDARDS FOR HELMET CERTIFICATION LABELING, LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING, AND ROAD DESIGNS THAT CONSIDER MOTORCYCLE DYNAMICS.

SECRETARY PETERS – AN AVID MOTORCYCLIST HERSELF – ALSO RELEASED A TELEVISION PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT PROMOTING RIDER SAFETY AND USE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE GEAR, REFERRING TO HER OWN CRASH ON A TWO-LANE HIGHWAY NEAR TUCSON IN 2005 WHEN SHE SUFFERED A BROKEN COLLARBONE.

PETERS SAID THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY INITIATIVE WILL CREATE NEW NATIONAL SAFETY AND TRAINING STANDARDS FOR NOVICE RIDERS, CURB COUNTERFEIT HELMET LABELING SO THAT CONSUMERS CAN BE CERTAIN THEY ARE BUYING DOT-CERTIFIED HELMETS, PLACE NEW FOCUS ON MOTORCYCLE-SPECIFIC ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, AND PROVIDE TRAINING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON HOW TO SPOT UNSAFE MOTORCYCLISTS. IN ADDITION, PETERS SAID, THE PLAN INCLUDES A BROAD PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN – INCLUDING THE PSA - ON SAFE RIDING TECHNIQUES.

**NHTSA TO EVALUATE STATE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAMS** THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA) RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PLANS TO CONDUCT A SURVEY OF STATE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ADMINISTRATORS AND/OR STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICES IN ALL 50 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO GATHER DATA ON STATE-LEVEL MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAMS.

THE STUDY WILL USE THE STATE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ADMINISTRATOR AND STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY OFFICE SURVEY TO GATHER COMPREHENSIVE DATA ON WHAT EACH OF THE 50 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ARE DOING TO PROMOTE AND ENSURE SAFE RIDING BEHAVIOR.

**HONDA BAGS SAFETY AWARD** HONDA ENGINEERS WERE HONORED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF VEHICLE SAFETY SYSTEMS AT THE 20TH

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE ON THE ENHANCED SAFETY OF VEHICLES HELD EARLIER THIS YEAR IN LYON, FRANCE.

HONDA DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER SATOSHI IJIMA WAS RECOGNIZED AT THE SAFETY CONFERENCE FOR HIS RESEARCH INTO MOTORCYCLE CRASH SAFETY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW DEVICES, INCLUDING THE FIRST MOTORCYCLE AIRBAG SYSTEM. HIS TEAM BEGAN THEIR RESEARCH INTO MOTORCYCLE AIRBAGS IN 1990, AND HONDA'S FLAGSHIP TOURER, THE GL1800 GOLD WING, IN 2006 BECAME THE FIRST PRODUCTION MODEL TO BE EQUIPPED WITH THIS AIRBAG SYSTEM.

THE CONFERENCE IS ONE OF THE LEADING FORUMS ATTENDED BY RESEARCHERS, ENGINEERS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT WHICH VEHICLE SAFETY IS DISCUSSED. OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THIS YEAR'S EVENT INCLUDED LIGHTING SYSTEMS FOR IMPROVED MOTORCYCLE VISIBILITY.

### **SURVEY FINDS MAJORITY OF MOTORCYCLE OWNERS AT HIGH RISK FOR THEFT**

MOTORCYCLE THEFT RATES ARE AT THEIR HIGHEST LEVELS NATIONWIDE, AND CONTINUE ON THE RISE. ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT FIGURES BY THE NATIONAL INSURANCE CRIME BUREAU (NICB), 71,523 MOTORCYCLES WERE STOLEN IN 2006, AND MOTORCYCLE THEFT HAS RISEN A FULL 137 PERCENT SINCE THE YEAR 2000.

LOJACK CORPORATION IN COOPERATION WITH THE NICB CONDUCTED AN ONLINE "FITNESS TEST" GEARED TO GAUGE THE RISK OF THEFT FOR MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS, AND FOUND THAT A FULL 67 PERCENT OF MOTORCYCLE OWNERS WHO RESPONDED TO THE SURVEY ARE AT A HIGH RISK FOR THEFT.

THE 10-QUESTION MOTORCYCLE THEFT PREVENTION FITNESS TEST CONDUCTED OVER THE SUMMER REVEALED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE RESPONDENTS WERE AT A HIGH RISK FOR THEFT BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT TAKING NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS, SUCH AS SECURING THEIR BIKE TO AN IMMOVABLE OBJECT WHEN PARKED IN A LOT OR GARAGE, AND ARMING THEIR BIKES WITH THEFT DETERRENTS (ALARMS, KILL SWITCHES, ETC.) AND RECOVERY SYSTEMS. RESPONDENTS DID SCORE WELL, HOWEVER, WHEN IT CAME TO APPLYING GOOD COMMON SENSE THEFT PROTECTION MEASURES, SUCH AS PARKING IN A CONCEALED AREA AT HOME, PARKING IN A WELL LIT AREA IN A GARAGE/PARKING LOT, AND NEVER LEAVING KEYS ON THE THEIR PARKED BIKE.

"AS THIS SURVEY SHOWED, MOTORCYCLE OWNERS NEED TO STEP UP THEIR THEFT PROTECTION MEASURES IN ORDER TO KEEP THEIR BIKES SAFE," SAID PATRICK CLANCY, VICE PRESIDENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, LOJACK CORPORATION. "UNFORTUNATELY, USING GOOD COMMON SENSE

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IS NOT ENOUGH TO PROTECT BIKES FROM TODAY'S CLEVER THIEVES, WHO TYPICALLY KNOW JUST WHICH BIKES THEY WANT AND HOW TO STEAL THEM."

LOJACK AND NICB HAVE DEVELOPED A BOOKLET ENTITLED "GET IN THE KNOW" THAT DETAILS THE STEPS OWNERS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT THEIR MOTORCYCLES FROM BEING STOLEN. THE TWO NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AUTHORITIES ON VEHICLE THEFT AND PREVENTION HAVE ALSO LAUNCHED A JOINT EDUCATION INITIATIVE CALLED THE VEHICLE THEFT PROTECTION PROGRAM TO HELP OWNERS PROTECT THEIR ASSETS FROM THEFT, AND BEGAN THEIR CAMPAIGN BY DESIGNATING JULY, THE HIGHEST VEHICLE THEFT MONTH OF THE YEAR, AS NATIONAL VEHICLE THEFT PROTECTION MONTH.

**PRINCE CHARLES RESCUES CRASHED BIKER** BRITISH ROYAL PRINCE CHARLES HAS BEEN PRAISED FOR STOPPING TO HELP A MOTORCYCLIST WHO PLUNGED 15 FEET OFF A MOUNTAIN ROAD IN SCOTLAND. THE PRINCE OF WALES WAS EN ROUTE TO HIS PRIVATE RETREAT IN SCOTLAND WHEN HE WITNESSED MOTORCYCLIST HUGH SIMPSON SKID ON GRAVEL AND DRIVE OFF A STEEP BANK.

THE PRINCE IMMEDIATELY STOPPED HIS LAND ROVER AND INSTRUCTED HIS BODYGUARDS, WHO ARE ALL TRAINED FIRST-AIDERS, TO HELP SIMPSON WHO SUSTAINED A BROKEN WRIST AND FOOT.

SIMPSON, 52, SAYS, "I CANNOT THANK PRINCE CHARLES ENOUGH. HE ASKED HIS PROTECTION OFFICERS TO COME TO MY ASSISTANCE. THEY WERE VERY GOOD."

**CHINA SOUTH DECLARED WORLD'S LARGEST MOTORCYCLE MAKER** ACCORDING TO CHINESE NEWS AGENCY XINHUA, CHINA'S STATE-OWNED AUTOMOTIVE COMPANY CHINA SOUTH HAS EMERGED AS THE WORLD'S LARGEST MOTORCYCLE PRODUCER WITH AN ANNUAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF FIVE MILLION UNITS.

THE COMPANY'S PRODUCTS ARE SOLD IN OVER 100 COUNTRIES UNDER THE BRANDS JIALING, JIANSHE, DAYANG AND JINAN QINGQI. CHINA SOUTH IS A STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISE UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE "STATE COUNCIL OF THE CHINESE CABINET" AND IS INVOLVED IN THE MILITARY AND NATIONAL DEFENSE INDUSTRIES. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE ASSETS AND SALES OF CHINA SOUTH ARE IN EXCESS OF \$12.66 BILLION.

CHINA EXPECTS TO MAKE 21 MILLION TWO WHEELERS A YEAR BY 2010, UP FROM 17 MILLION IN 2005, WHILE THE WORLD'S SECOND LARGEST MOTORCYCLE MARKET IN INDIA EXPECTS TO PRODUCE 15 MILLION MOTORBIKES A YEAR IN 2010, UP FROM 6.7 MILLION IN 2005. BY COMPARISON, AMERICANS OWN AROUND 7 MILLION MOTORCYCLES AND BUY JUST

OVER 1 MILLION NEW BIKES PER YEAR. AMERICAN MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURER HARLEY-DAVIDSON PRODUCED ABOUT 350,000 MOTORCYCLES LAST YEAR.

**VIETNAM TO IMPLEMENT HELMET LAW** VIETNAM HAS ONE OF THE WORLD'S HIGHEST TRAFFIC FATALITY RATES, WITH 14,000 DEATHS RECORDED LAST YEAR – MOST INVOLVING THE UBIQUITOUS MOTORBIKE, WHICH CONSTITUTES OVER 90% OF THE VEHICLES IN THIS COUNTRY OF 85 MILLION PEOPLE WHO OWN ONE MILLION CARS BUT UPWARDS OF 20 MILLION MOTORBIKES, AND ONLY 3% WEAR HELMETS.

THE ROADS ARE ALSO SOME OF THE MOST HAZARDOUS ON EARTH. FEW DRIVERS LOOK BEFORE PULLING INTO TRAFFIC. SPEEDING, WEAVING, UNDERAGE DRIVING AND DRUNKEN DRIVING ARE COMMON. VIETNAM'S TRAFFIC FATALITY RATE IS ABOUT 27 PER 100,000 – NEARLY DOUBLE THAT OF THE UNITED STATES AND AMONG THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD, ACCORDING TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO). FEW PEOPLE BOTHER WITH HELMETS, SAYING THEY ARE HOT, BULKY AND UNFASHIONABLE. BUT BY JANUARY 1, EVERYONE WILL BE REQUIRED TO DON THE SO-CALLED “RICE COOKERS” AS THE GOVERNMENT ENFORCES A NEW LAW INTENDED TO SAVE LIVES.

BUT ENFORCEMENT WON'T BE EASY. WHEN VIETNAM TRIED TO IMPOSE A HELMET LAW IN 2001, ANGRY RIDERS PROTESTED AND THE GOVERNMENT BACKED DOWN AFTER THE LAW WAS DEEMED UNENFORCEABLE. INSTEAD, THE LAW MADE HELMETS COMPULSORY ONLY ON HIGHWAYS, THOUGH MANY STILL IGNORE THE LAW WITH FINES THE EQUIVALENT OF \$1.25 LEVIED AGAINST VIOLATORS. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE DISCUSSING WHETHER TO RAISE THE FINE WHEN THE NEW LAW KICKS IN.

OFFICIALS HAVE EVEN RESORTED TO AIRING GRAPHIC TELEVISION COMMERCIALS TO PROMOTE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, BUT THE IMAGES OF DEAD AND DYING MOTORCYCLISTS DOES LITTLE TO CONVINCE MOST MOTORBIKE COMMUTERS IN HANOI, WHO SAY THEY WILL ONLY ABIDE THIS TIME IF FORCED. “WEARING HELMETS IN CITIES IS RIDICULOUS,” SAID NGUYEN TUNG ANH, 21, A STUDENT IN HANOI. “IT WILL REDUCE DRIVERS' VISION, HEARING AND IT IS NOT SUITABLE FOR THE WEATHER CONDITIONS HERE.”

THE EFFORT TO FORCE RIDERS TO STRAP ON HELMETS IS BEING BOLSTERED BY A WHO-SUPPORTED PROJECT THAT WILL CHANNEL \$860,000 INTO VIETNAM FOR PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOCUSING IN PART ON INCREASING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLE HELMETS. THE WHO PROJECT IS PART OF A TWO-YEAR, \$9 MILLION GRANT MADE BY THE BLOOMBERG FAMILY FOUNDATION IN 2007 TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO REDUCE TRAFFIC DEATHS AND INJURIES IN COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD. PREVENTION PROGRAMS WILL BE PILOTED IN MEXICO AND VIETNAM, WITH A FOCUS ON INCREASING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLE HELMETS, SEAT-BELTS AND

CHILD RESTRAINTS; REDUCING DRINK-DRIVING; AND IMPROVING THE VISIBILITY OF PEDESTRIANS, CYCLISTS AND MOTORCYCLISTS.

**NEWS OF THE WEIRD: MALAYSIAN MOTORCYCLIST KILLED BY LIGHTNING WHILE TALKING ON CELL PHONE** A MALAYSIAN MAN WHO WAS TALKING ON A MOBILE PHONE WHILE RIDING HIS MOTORCYCLE WAS KILLED WHEN STRUCK BY A BOLT OF LIGHTNING, ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS FROM KUALA LUMPUR.

THE MAN, 39, WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE LODGED THE PHONE BETWEEN HIS EAR AND HELMET AND WAS SPEAKING ON THE PHONE WHEN THE LIGHTNING STRUCK. PASSERSBY SAID HE WAS THROWN FROM THE MOTORCYCLE AFTER BEING STRUCK BY THE BOLT, THE NEW STRAITS TIMES DAILY REPORTED.

THE VICTIM WAS IMMEDIATELY SENT TO A NEARBY HOSPITAL IN THE SOUTHERN SEREMBAN CITY, BUT WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD ON ARRIVAL, A POLICE SPOKESMAN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING. POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING THE ACCIDENT.

**NCOM CONVENTION** THE 23RD ANNUAL NCOM CONVENTION WILL BE HELD MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND, MAY 8-11, 2008 AT THE SHERATON NORTH HOUSTON - GEORGE BUSH INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT, LOCATED AT 15700 JFK BOULEVARD, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77032. THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE THE LARGEST NCOM CONVENTION EVER, SO RESERVE YOUR ROOM NOW FOR THE SPECIAL NCOM RATE OF \$79.00 BY CALLING (281) 442-5100. AIRPORT/HOTEL TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED 24 HOURS.

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REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE CONVENTION ARE \$75 INCLUDING THE SILVER SPOKE AWARDS BANQUET ON SATURDAY NIGHT, OR \$40 FOR THE CONVENTION ONLY. ALL MOTORCYCLISTS WELCOME. TO PRE-REGISTER, CALL THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS AT (800) 525-5355 OR VISIT [WWW.ON-A-BIKE.COM](http://WWW.ON-A-BIKE.COM).

THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS IS REQUESTING THAT MRO'S, MOTORCYCLE CLUBS, AND RIDING ASSOCIATIONS SUBMIT THE NAMES OF THOSE MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS WHO HAVE DIED SINCE MAY 2007, SO THAT WE MAY HONOR THEIR MEMORIES DURING THE

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ATTENDEES ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO BRING AN ITEM FOR THE FREEDOM FUND AUCTION, WITH PROCEEDS BENEFITING THE MOTORCYCLISTS RIGHTS MOVEMENT NATIONWIDE THROUGH GETTING OUR PEOPLE ELECTED DONATIONS, SPEAKER PROGRAM, LOBBYING ACTIVITIES AND OTHER PROJECTS AS DETERMINED BY THE NCOM BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "MORALITY CANNOT BE LEGISLATED BUT BEHAVIOR CAN BE REGULATED. JUDICIAL DECREES MAY NOT CHANGE THE HEART, BUT THEY CAN RESTRAIN THE HEARTLESS."  
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