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SATURDAY
March 15th



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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

RIDE TO THE CAPITOL: MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008

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WITH YOUR OWN STATE REPRESENTATIVE OR STATE SENATOR.
HOW MANY ORGANIZATIONS "RIDE" UP AND PARK ON THE CAPITAL
GROUNDS...

MOTORCYCLIST DO...

AND ALL BIKERS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE

THIS IS A MAJOR "ACTIVE BIKER DAY"

AND YOU CANNOT MISS THIS...

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11:30 am THIRD SATURDAY EVERY MONTH



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President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS WE HAVE SEEN THE BIG GOVERNMENT PROponents OF OUR COUNTRY BECOME EVEN MORE AGGRESSIVE THEN EVER IN PUSHING FOR MORE LAWS AIMED AT US AS MOTORCYCLISTS.

LEGISLATION HAS BEEN PROPOSED THROUGH HB 137 AND IT'S COMPANION BILL 802 TO GIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT A FREE HAND TO TARGET MOTORCYCLISTS AS THE ROOT OF ALL-EVIL WHEN IT COMES TO CREATING DANGEROUS TRAFFIC CONDITIONS. IT WOULD ALSO GIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT THE RIGHT TO SEIZE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND THE COURTS THE POWER TO SUSPEND YOUR DRIVING PRIVILEGES FOR 10 YEARS. THE AUTHOR OF THIS BILL CARLOS LOPEZ-CANTERA IS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM MIAMI. A CITY WHERE SOME OF THE MOST DANGEROUS TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN THE NATION EXISTS. IT'S ALSO A CITY WHERE CORRUPTION IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN LIKENED TO THAT OF A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY.

THIS KIND OF LEGISLATION STRIKES ME AS THE KIND OF MENTALITY YOU WOULD FIND IN A THIRD WORLD NATION, WHERE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IS SO INEFFECTIVE AND CORRUPT THAT THE MILITARY IS USED TO POLICE THE POLICE. WHERE IF AT ANY TIME, SOMEONE IN LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SEES SOMETHING THEY WANT, THEY JUST ARREST THE OWNER FOR SOMETHING AND SEIZE WHATEVER IT IS THEY WANT. SOUND FAMILIAR? ALL OF THE THINGS THIS LAW IS SUPPOSED TO DO TO MAKE THE HIGHWAYS AND BY WAYS SAFER ARE ALREADY ON THE BOOKS AS TRAFFIC LAWS WITHOUT THAT LITTLE TWIST OF SEIZER AND FORFEITURE.

A 10 YEAR SUSPENSION OF DRIVERS A LICENSE MIGHT BE A BIT STIFF FOR A FIRST OFFENDER BUT DEPENDING ON THE DEGREE OF THE OFFENCE SUCH AS RUNNING FROM POLICE AT HIGH SPEEDS MIGHT BE A STRONG DETERRENT. TOO BAD WE CAN'T HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT WHEN MOTORISTS KILL A MOTORCYCLIST BY VIOLATING THEIR RIGHT OF WAY. STREET RACING POSES AN EVEN BIGGER THREAT BECAUSE IT USUALLY INVOLVES INNOCENT VICTIMS. NOT TO MENTION THE FACT THERE ARE MORE OF THEM.

I DON'T GET IT. THOSE TWO THINGS ALONE EXCESSIVE SPEED AND INATTENTIONAL BLINDNESS ARE PROBABLY THE MOST COMMON CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS WHETHER YOU'RE ON A MOTORCYCLE OR IN A CAGE AND LEGISLATION IS BEING INTRODUCED CITING MOTORCYCLES AS THE PROBLEM. GRANTED THIS MORONIC STUNT RIDING AND THE EXCESSIVE SPEED ISSUE ARE DEFINITELY THINGS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED BUT STUPID LEGISLATION LIKE HB 137 AND 802 ARE NOT GOING TO MAKE IT GO AWAY.

IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS HELL BENT ON GETTING INVOLVED WITH MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THE ISSUE OF SPEED THEY SHOULD BE LOOKING AT WHAT'S CREATING THE SITUATION. MOTORCYCLES THAT ARE CAPABLE OF SPEEDS IN EXCESS OF 150

President's Message - Cont'd

M.P.H. SHOULD BE FITTED WITH RESTRICTOR CHIPS BEFORE THEY CAN BE ALLOWED INTO THE COUNTRY OR THE POTENTIAL BUYER WOULD HAVE TO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A COURSE TO CERTIFY THAT THEY ARE COMPETENT TO RIDE A MOTORCYCLE AT THOSE SPEEDS. IF THEY ARE CAUGHT EXCEEDING THE SPEED LIMIT AT HIGH SPEEDS, RUNNING FROM THE POLICE OR STUNT RIDING, THEY LOSE THEIR CERTIFICATION AND THEIR LICENSE. DEALERSHIPS WOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR SELLING A HIGH PERFORMANCE MOTORCYCLE WITHOUT A CHIP TO SOMEONE WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE. BUT IN REALITY THAT MAY BE JUST ADDING FUEL TO THE FIRE.

IN SPEAKING TO A FEW YOUNG SPORT BIKE RIDERS I GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY WANT TO BELONG TO AN ORGANIZATION LIKE ABATE BUT THAT WOULD MEAN LIVING IN DENIAL. THEY COULD NOT COMMIT TO WHAT WE STAND FOR. THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO "COMPETE", BECAUSE THAT'S REALLY THE MAIN REASON WHY THIS KIND OF STUNT RIDING AND HIGH SPEED RIDING EXISTS, IT'S A COMPETITION. POSSIBLY BEING REJECTED BY THEIR PEERS, TWO VERY IMPORTANT FACTORS IN BEING OF THAT GENERATION. ACCEPTANCE, BY LOOKING, ACTING, TALKING ALIKE, TOTAL LACK OF COMMON SENSE, LACK OF SELF CONTROL, THE FEELING OF BEING EXPENDABLE AND THE NEVER, ENDING COMPETITION. AND THEIR NUMBER ONE GOAL IS, TO WIN AT ALL COST.

THE FACT IS, IT'S A GENERATIONAL ENTITY IN OUR SOCIETY, IT EXISTS BECAUSE IT WAS ALLOWED TO EXIST, IT'S PROMOTED BY ADVERTISING AND IGNORED BY THE STATUS QUO. PERSONALLY I THINK IT WAS AN EXPERIMENT IN RAISING CHILDREN THAT WENT TERRIBLY WRONG.

APPARENTLY THE ONLY WAY THEY UNDERSTAND OR LEARN ANYTHING IS THROUGH ILLUSTRATION. THERE'S A SAYING WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO EXPLAIN SOMETHING TO SOMEONE AND YOU KNOW THEY JUST AINT GETTIN IT. "WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO DRAW YOU A PICTURE?" WELL, I GUESS WITH THIS GENERATION, YOU DO. I HAVE SOME VERY GRAPHIC ILLUSTRATIONS OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY LOSE BUT UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE NO WAY OF COMMUNICATING THESE ILLUSTRATIONS TO THEM. YET!

BACK IN JANUARY I PREDICTED SOME OLD GHOSTS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY RE APPEAR AND HERE WE ARE TWO MONTHS INTO THE NEW YEAR AND THE HELMET CONTROVERSY REARS IT'S UGLY HEAD, THANKS TO BOTH MARK ROSENKER, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD (NTSB) AND MARY PETERS, SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT). APPARENTLY PRESIDENT BUSH'S APPROACH TO REIGN IN BIG GOVERNMENT WAS JUST MORE CAMPAIGN BLUBBERING BECAUSE IN ORDER TO REIGN IT IN YOU MUST FIRST HAVE A HOLD OF THE REIGNS. OBVIOUSLY HE DID NOT, BECAUSE THE HORSE TOOK OFF WITH THE CART AND HE WASN'T ON IT. HIS APPOINTEE'S DO PRETTY MUCH WHATEVER THEY WANT AND HE DOESN'T FIND OUT OR CHOOSES TO IGNORE IT UNTIL THEY GET CAUGHT. THESE TWO HAVE TEAMED UP FOLLOWING SENATOR LAUDENBERG'S LEAD OF A COUPLE YEARS AGO TO MAKE IT A FEDERAL MANDATE THAT ALL STATES CONFORM TO A NATIONAL HELMET LAW. THANKS TO QUICK REACTION AND SOLIDARITY AMONG MOTORCYCLIST RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS NATIONWIDE, THE BILL WAS BEATEN DOWN. I THINK WE ALL KNEW AT THE TIME THAT THIS WAS JUST WINNING A BATTLE AND NOT THE WAR.

President's Message - Cont'd

IT'S ALSO OBVIOUS THAT THIS CHALLENGE IS GAINING SUPPORT IN 2008, WITH PEOPLE LIKE DR. RUNGE AT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AND SAFETY ADMINISTRATION REFERRING TO MOTORCYCLISTS AS "THE SCOURGE OF THE HIGHWAYS". BOTH SIDES ARE ARMED WITH STATISTICS CLAIMING THE OTHER'S ARE INCONCLUSIVE, APPARENTLY NOW WITH THE INMATES RUNNING THE ASYLUM IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO HAS WHAT. CONGRESS HAS DECIDED THAT THEY COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT THE FACTS AND STATS, THEY'RE GOING TO USE WHATEVER MEANS NECESSARY TO "SAVE US FROM OURSELVES", EVEN IF IT MEANS POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL EXTORTION BY WITHHOLDING FEDERAL FUNDS TO INDIVIDUAL STATES MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IF THEY DON'T GO ALONG WITH THE PLAN. THIS IS JUST AN EXAMPLE OF THE LENGTHS THESE PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO GO TO GET WHAT THEY WANT.

THIS IS WHY WE, AS A GRASSROOTS RIGHTS ORGANIZATION MUST BE HEARD THROUGH WORDS AND ACTION. WORDS, THROUGH LETTERS AND EMAILS TO ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC BY PASSING INFORMATION ALONG TO THEM WHEN EVER POSSIBLE. CIVIC GATHERINGS AND EVENTS ARE A GREAT WAY TO MEET THE PUBLIC AND PASS ON INFORMATION. REMEMBER, THEY ARE BEING SPOON FED SPIN AND BIASED BULL*#*T BY THE MEDIA AND THE PRESS. IT'S THE ONLY WAY WE'LL BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE THEM TO REALITY, UNTIL WE GAIN ENOUGH SUPPORT TO AFFORD PUBLIC ADDRESS MESSAGES. ACTION THE KIND OF PHYSICAL ACTION IT TAKES TO MAKE A PHONE CALL WHEN LEGISLATION IS BEING VOTED ON BY REPRESENTATIVES, GO TO A CITY COUNCIL MEETING OR MEET WITH LOCAL POLITICAL FIGURES TO PASS INFORMATION TO THEM THEY MOST LIKELY WILL NEVER SEE OTHERWISE.

VOTE! KNOW WHO YOU ARE VOTING FOR, SEND THEM A LETTER OR AN EMAIL AND TELL THEM YOU ARE A REGISTERED VOTER AND YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE THEY STAND ON THE ISSUES THAT AFFECT US ALL AS MOTORCYCLISTS. IF YOU NEED LITERATURE TO SEND THEM CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, IF YOU WANT TO BE BROUGHT UP TO SPEED ON THE ISSUES, VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR THE STATE'S WEB SITE THE LINK IS ON OUR SITE AS WELL. IF YOU NEED INSPIRATION, PLAN TO RIDE TO TALLAHASSEE WITH US IN APRIL. YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF BEING TRANSFORMED BY THE EXPERIENCE. THIS YEAR THE STATE MEETING AND RIDE TO THE CAPITOL WILL BE APRIL 11-14. INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN THIS NEWSLETTER, THE MASTER LINK, ON OUR WEB SITE, THE STATE WEB SITE AND FLYERS AT OUR CHAPTER MEETING. IT'S GREAT TO HAVE MORE OF US RIDING TOGETHER ON WEEKENDS AND SEEING MORE NEW FACES AT BIKE NIGHTS AND EVENTS. I HOPE YOU'RE AS PROUD OF BEING A MEMBER OF THIS CHAPTER AS I AM, I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT OUR NEXT MEETING. NOMINATIONS FOR THE CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BEGIN AT THE MEETING 3/15/08.

RIDE FREE, RIDE SAFE

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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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Vice President's Message

ANOTHER ATTACK ON OUR PRESIDENT, STRONGBOW, RESULTS IN HIM TAKING ANOTHER ONE ON THE CHIN AND OUR ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS HAVING ONE BOUNCE OFF HIS HEAD!

A FOWL ATTACK ON STRONGBOW AND BWANNA SHOWED THEIR RESOLVE IN THWARTING WHATEVER FLIES THEIR WAY WHEN REPRESENTING OUR CHAPTER. THIS TIME IT WASN'T THE MORONIC GARBLE OF A SELF APPOINTED RIGHTS ACTIVIST BUT IT WAS NONE THE LESS FEATHERED BY A DANGEROUS ATTACK! I AM GLAD TO REPORT THAT EYE WITNESSES ADVISED THAT THE ALLEGED ATTACKERS—POSSIBLY EGGED ON BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ANIMAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION (BUT THIS IS ONLY MY OPINION)—WAS THWARTED BY THE BURLY CHIN OF STRONGBOW AND INFLEXIBLE HEAD OF BWANNA. NOW, WE CAN ALL ATTEST TO THE RESOLVE OF OUR PRESIDENT AND IF YOU HAVE EVER TRIED TO GET A POINT ACROSS TO BWANNA, ANYTHING HITTING HIS HEAD IS A WASTE OF TIME AND HE IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF A RIDER NOT NEEDING A HELMET AS WHAT HE HAD IS MUCH HARDER THAN ANY MAN MADE PLASTIC PROTECTION (SORRY BRO, JUST FUNNIN' WITH YOU).

THE FACTS AS I HEARD THEM ARE: STRONGBOW AND BWANNA, RIDING IN A POKER RUN REPRESENTING OUR CHAPTER, WERE HIT BY TWO BIRDS. THESE BIRDS PAID FOR THEIR ATTACK ON OUR BROTHERS WITH THEIR LIVES! I'VE ADVISED STRONGBOW THAT I WOULD BE MONITORING THE WEB SITE OF THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY FOR ANY NEWS OF THEIR MEMBERS PASSING OR ANY PENDING CHARGES. AND WE ALL THOUGHT IT WAS JUST CAGERS AND SPORT BIKES WE HAD TO WORRY ABOUT!

THAT IN MIND I GUESS IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR ME TO WRITE ANOTHER ARTICLE ABOUT SPORT BIKE RIDERS. IF YOU READ THE LAST MESSAGE FROM DOC REICHENBACH IN THE LAST MASTER LINK YOU KNOW HE IS PERPLEXED AS I AM ON HOW WE CAN GET THESE YOUNGSTERS TO ACT MORE RESPONSIBLY AND AS RESOLVED AS I AM TO FIND A SOLUTION. I KNOW I MIGHT BE SOUNDING LIKE A BROKEN RECORD (THAT'S WHAT WE HEARD MUSIC ON BEFORE CD'S FOR YOU YOUNGSTERS) BUT WE HAVE TO EDUCATE THESE SPORTS BIKE RIDERS BECAUSE THEY KEEP KILLING THEMSELVES AND OTHERS, BRINGING NEGATIVE ATTENTION TO ALL OF US ON TWO WHEELS. REMEMBER WHEN WE ONLY HAD TO WORRY ABOUT THE BAD PRESS WE GOT FROM SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES OF 1%'ERS? MY OPINION, I'LL TAKE THEM EVERYDAY OVER THESE KIDS WITH THEIR DEATH WISHES!

REALITY IS, WE HAVE TO GET THESE KIDS CULTURED TO THE FACTS OF LIFE. THE OPERATIVE WORD THERE IS "LIFE". I PERSONALLY DON'T GET IT, BUT IT SEEMS THAT THESE KIDS JUST DO NOT FEAR DEATH. I MEAN, ARE THEY THAT F'N STUPID? MAYBE I'M JUST TOO OLD TO REMEMBER THAT FEELING OF IMMORTALITY BUT WITH WHAT WAS GOING ON IN VIET NAM AND MY LIFE ON THE STREETS OF NY AS A COP, I JUST NEVER FIGURED ON SEEING MY 30'S MUCH LESS 40'S AND

Vice President's Message - Cont'd

NOW I'M 55 AND CHERISH MY LIFE SO MUCH THAT I WANT ALL THE TIME HERE THAT I CAN GET.

PLEASE, I NEED YOUR HELP! HOW DO WE GET TO THESE KIDS?

I, AS WELL AS DOC REICHENBACH, HAVE ASKED IN THE PAST IF WE SHOULD DISTANCE OURSELVES FROM THESE SPORTS BIKE RIDERS. HOW CAN WE DO THAT? IT WAS PROVEN IN THE PAST BY OUR COUNTRIES WISEST LEADERS THAT ISOLATIONISM DOES NOT WORK. I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WHEN I GOT OLDER THAT I WOULDN'T WANT TO FIGHT AS MUCH AS I DID WHEN I CLAIMED I JUST DIDN'T KNOW ANY BETTER. NOW I FIND THAT I NEED TO FIGHT FOR WHAT I BELIEVE IN EVEN MORE BUT NOW I'M FIGHTING WITH MY MIND AND OPEN HANDS, FINGERS SLIDING OVER THIS KEYBOARD RATHER THAN WITH A CLENCHED FIST. NOW I LOOK TO MY MIND RATHER THAN MY BRAWN BUT WHAT DO I DO WHEN THERE ARE NO CLEAR ANSWERS COMING WHEN I TRY AND TRY TO THINK OF A WAY TO REACH THESE KIDS AND STOP THEM FROM KILLING THEMSELVES?

I LOOK AT THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD IMPOSE STIFF PENALTIES ON THESE KIDS FOR RIDING SO IRRESPONSIBLY BUT THEN RECOGNIZE THAT OUR LAWMAKERS HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO WRITE IT WITHOUT A PROFOUND AFFECT ON ME AND OUR MEMBERS THAT HAVE CHOSEN ME TO REPRESENT THEM. THEN I HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST SOMETHING THAT HAS THE SAME GOAL AS I HAVE—TO STOP THESE KIDS FROM KILLING THEMSELVES AND OTHERS—BECAUSE IT ALSO AVERSELY AFFECTS US AS WELL. HOW DO WE DO GET THE LEGISLATORS TO ENACT LAWS THAT CAN PROTECT US AND CONTROL THEM. SIMPLE ANSWER IS THAT WE CAN NOT! WE ARE THEM. WHAT I MEAN BY THAT IS; FOR BETTER-OR-WORSE, IF YOU RIDE IT AND IT HAS LESS THAN FOUR WHEELS IT IS US!

THERE ARE SO MANY "MOTORCYCLE DISCRIMINATORY ATTACK LAWS" THAT ARE EASY TO FIGHT JUST ON THEIR LACK OF MERIT, BUT WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE ARE AT AS MUCH AS A LOSS FOR THE RIGHT ANSWER AS THE LEGISLATORS?

THE ONLY THING I CAN GUESS AT—AND BELIEVE ME IT IS ONLY MY BEST GUESS—IS GET IN THEIR FACE EVERY OPPORTUNITY WE CAN, WITH THE REALITY OF WHAT THE LAWMAKERS ARE TRYING TO DO AND WHAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN ALL OUR YEARS ON TWO WHEELS, IN THE HOPE THAT WE CAN POSSIBLY GET THROUGH TO THEM THAT LIFE IS A PRIVILEGE THAT CAN BE TAKEN AWAY AT ANY MOMENT.

I STARTED THIS MESSAGE WITH HUMOR BUT IT IS ALL DEADLY SERIOUS. WE RECENTLY HAD TWO MEN WIN THEIR BOUTS WITH TWO BIRDS IN A FREAK OCCURRENCE. BUT CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF THEY WERE TRAVELING AT SPEEDS IN EXCESS OF 100MPH OR TRICK RIDING WITH THEIR FRONT WHEEL IN THE AIR OR THEIR ASS OFF THE SEAT?

Vice President's Message - Cont'd

WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING OR LEGISLATORS, WITHOUT OUR UNDERSTANDING AND LOVE FOR OUR FREEDOM OF THE ROAD, WILL DECIDE THE PATH WE RIDE WILL AND DICTATE OUR COURSE TO BE FOLLOWED. TO ME, ABATE IS PROTECTING MY RIGHT TO CHOOSE WHAT IS RIGHT FOR ME. YOU HAVE CHOSEN ME AND OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO REPRESENT YOUR RIGHT TO CHOOSE THE MANNER YOU WISH TO RIDE. AS YOUR CHOSEN REPRESENTATIVE, I AM ASKING YOU HERE AND NOW TO CONTACT ME WITH YOUR IDEAS BECAUSE I NEED YOUR HELP.

SHOULD YOU HAVE AN OPINION AND THE TIME TO WRITE, I'D REALLY LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU.

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!

JOHN "PAPA BEAR" OLSEY
YOUR, VICE PRESIDENT
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HEY PAPA BEAR,

THERE WERE ACTUALLY THREE OF THEM, I GOT ONE, BWANA GOT ONE AND WE'RE CLAIMING THE THIRD AS A SHARED KILL. TED SAW ALL THREE CRASH BUT WE DON'T KNOW HOW OR WHO GOT IT.

STRONGBOW

2008 CALENDAR

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 MANDATORY MOTORCYCLE CLUB EVENTS
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- 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
 27 - Nom-Knights-Broward- CANCELLED!!
 28-27 Loosberg Biked
- MAY**
 4 - Southern MC Annual
 10 - Black Pistons MC Keys Annual
 25 - St. ABATE Memorial Day Fun
- JUNE**
 1 - Soldiers for Jesus Annual
 7 - alternative MC Run
 8 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual
 14 - New Attitudes MC Annual
 15 - Peterson's North Nova Partners Day Fun
 22 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach Annual
 20 - ABATE Palm Beach event
 29 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual
- JULY**
 6 - USMV MC Chapter 2
 13 - Sunset Linka Worth off annual
 19 - Wheels of Man Chill Cookoff
 20 - AOA West Palm Beach off annual
 27 - Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud Annual
- AUGUST**
 4-10 60th Annual Georgia Bike Week
 15, 16, 17 - 13th International South Florida Tattoo Expo
 17 - AOA MC 41st Anniversary
 24 - Wings of Gold MC Ft. St. Lucie Annual
- SEPTEMBER**
 7 - US Military Vets MC Pompano Annual
 13 - Outcasts MC off annual
 14 - States MC 15th Annual Key West Tuneup Party
 19-21 - Phil Peterson's 36th Key West Poker Run
 27 - Black Pistons MC Key Largo off annual
 28 - Southern MC teddy Bear Run
- OCTOBER**
 5 - Mystic 7 MC Annual
 12 - AOA Treasure Coast off annual
 16-19 - Daytona Bikeoberfest
 25 - 34th Annual Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party
 26 - St. ABATE 29th Annual Motorcycle Night Rally
- NOVEMBER**
 2 - Alternative MC Annual
 9 - USMV MC National 21st Annual
 16 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach off annual
 23 - CMA Memorial Event
 30 - Keltics MC Charity Fund Raiser Event
- DECEMBER**
 7 - ABATE Palm Beach event
 7 - Heaven Cycles 31st Annual-St. PEEE Keys
 14 - 21st SFFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run
 20 - 9th Annual SFLCOC Christmas Party
 20 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami
 21 - Calvary Chapel Christmas Service



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HELLO MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THIS IS MY FIRST MESSAGE AND I'LL TRY TO MAKE AS MUCH SENSE AS I CAN.

FIRST OFF, SORRY I WASN'T AT THE LAST MEETING. AS YOU MAY KNOW I RIDE WITH STRONGBOW MOSTLY SINCE WE LIVE CLOSE TOGETHER AND WOULDN'T YOU KNOW HIS BIKE THREW A BELT ON THE WAY UP TO THE MEETING.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, I'M NOT GOING TO LEAVE HIM STRANDED. HE WAS ABLE TO GET THINGS TAKEN CARE OF AND RELEASED ME SO I COULD MAKE THE HERITAGE FESTIVAL. FOR THOSE THAT MADE THE FESTIVAL, I'M HEAR TO SAY THAT IT WAS AWESOME TO SEE THOSE BIKES COME RUMBLING IN. I WAS PROUD OF MY CHAPTER AND I KNOW THAT JIMMY LESS (ABATE SOUTH EAST PRESIDENT) WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE FOR THE SUPPORT.

WHEN I WAS CONSIDERING JOINING ABATE PALM BEACH A LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, I DID SOME RESEARCH AND FOUND OUT WHAT ABATE STOOD FOR AND REPRESENTED, AND UNDER THOSE IDEALS I JOINED. LIKE MOST PEOPLE WITH A LIFE, I FIGURED PAY MY DUES, BUY A PATCH AND SHOW SUPPORT WHEN I CAN, NO MANDATORY RIDES. THROUGH THE YEAR I STARTED MAKING OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS AND GOING ON MORE AND MORE RIDES TO DIFFERENT EVENTS AND MEETING GREAT PEOPLE. THE ONLY THING THOUGH, IT SEEMS TO BE THE SAME 50 OR SO PEOPLE AT THE MEETINGS, AND THE SAME DOZEN OR SO PEOPLE ON THE RIDES.

LET ME PUT A THOUGHT OUT THERE FOR EVERYONE TO CONSIDER. OUR CHAPTER HAS 260+ MEMBERS AND LET'S SAY ON AVERAGE THAT THERE ARE 4 WEEKENDS A MONTH. IF EVERYONE PICKED JUST ONE WEEKEND A MONTH TO MAKE A RIDE WITH OUR CHAPTER, THAT WOULD MEAN ON AVERAGE 60+ RIDERS EACH WEEKEND. I THINK THAT MIGHT TURN A FEW HEADS, DON'T YOU?

SO WHY DO WE WANT TO TURN A FEW HEADS AND POSSIBLY GET NOTICED? THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE LOOKING COULD BE CITY COMMISSIONERS, MAYORS, STATE REP'S, OR PEOPLE THAT MIGHT KNOW THESE STATE AND CITY OFFICIALS. BELIEVE ME, WORD WOULD GET BACK TO THEM THAT WE ARE HERE IN FORCE AND BEFORE THEY TRY TO DO SOMETHING LIKE DELRAY HAD DONE, THEY MIGHT THINK TWICE. OH, BY THE WAY, YOU MIGHT HAVE SOME FUN RIDING AS A CHAPTER ALSO.

ALSO SPEAKING OF DELRAY, YOU DON'T THINK YOU (WE) DIDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE? WHEN OUR OFFICERS SPOKE TO THE DELRAY COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR, HUNDREDS OF OUR FAVORITE FRIENDS WERE IN THE MEETING CHAMBERS AND OUTSIDE BACKING THEM UP. THIS DISPLAY OF SUPPORT GAVE OUR OFFICERS A LOUD VOICE AND A VOICE WHICH HAD TO BE LISTENED TO, AND GUESS WHAT, DELRAY DID. WITHOUT THE SUPPORT AND DISPLAY SHOWN, THINK OF WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED, DELRAY WOULD HAVE GOTTEN THEIR WAY AND THAT WOULD HAVE OPENED IT UP TO EVERY COMMUNITY THAT DOESN'T LIKE BIKERS.

WE AS ABATE MEMBERS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY THAT IS FIRST AND FOREMOST AND THAT IS TO PROTECT OUR RIGHTS AS BIKERS, PROMOTE DRIVERS EDUCATION AND SAFETY. WE ARE NOT A SOCIAL ORGANIZATION NOR ARE WE A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, BUT WE CAN HAVE FUN ALONG

THE WAY AS WE PROCEED IN OUR CAUSE. THE FREEDOM TO RIDE OUR ROADS AND OUR RIGHTS AS BIKERS ARE CONSTANTLY BEING ATTACKED AND IT IS YOU THAT WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.

HOPEFULLY I HAVE MADE SOME PEOPLE THINK AND EVALUATE THE REASON WHY THEY ARE ABATE MEMBERS. WE HAVE A JUST CAUSE, WORTHY OF OUR TIME AND DEDICATION WITH GOOD PEOPLE TO RUB SHOULDERS WITH AND SHARE IDEAS. AS AN ADDED BONUS WE HAVE AN OUTSTANDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH TWO PEOPLE WHO IN MY OPINION DISPLAY THE LEADERSHIP, SKILL, AND TACT THAT IS NECESSARY FOR OUR CHAPTER TO GROW, NEED I SAY WHO THEY ARE, STRONGBOW AND PAPA BEAR.

SO, WHAT DO YOU SAY, SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING OR THE NEXT RIDE? I HOPE SO CAUSE I'D LIKE TO MEET THE OTHER 210+ MEMBERS.

RIDE SAFE AND RIDE FREE

BWANA
ASST. SGT. AT ARMS



Thank you
ABATE!

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<h1>March 2008</h1>					DAYTONA BIKE WEEK BEGINS	1 DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
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		1 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	2 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB - See Coupon Pg 21	3 Fuddruckers Bike Night	4 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House Lama - Open	5
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HOW IT ALL BEGAN

ONCE UPON A TIME IN A VILLAGE, A MAN APPEARED AND ANNOUNCED TO THE VILLAGERS THAT HE WOULD BUY MONKEYS FOR \$10 EACH.

THE VILLAGERS SEEING THAT THERE WERE MANY MONKEYS AROUND, WENT OUT TO THE FOREST, AND STARTED CATCHING THEM. THE MAN BOUGHT THOUSANDS AT \$10 AND AS SUPPLY STARTED TO DIMINISH, THE VILLAGERS STOPPED THEIR EFFORT. HE FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD NOW BUY AT \$20. THIS RENEWED THE EFFORTS OF THE VILLAGERS AND THEY STARTED CATCHING MONKEYS AGAIN.

SOON THE SUPPLY DIMINISHED EVEN FURTHER AND PEOPLE STARTED GOING BACK TO THEIR FARMS. THE OFFER INCREASED TO \$25 EACH AND THE SUPPLY OF MONKEYS BECAME SO LITTLE THAT IT WAS AN EFFORT TO EVEN SEE A MONKEY, LET ALONE CATCH IT!

THE MAN NOW ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD BUY MONKEYS AT \$50 ! HOWEVER, SINCE HE HAD

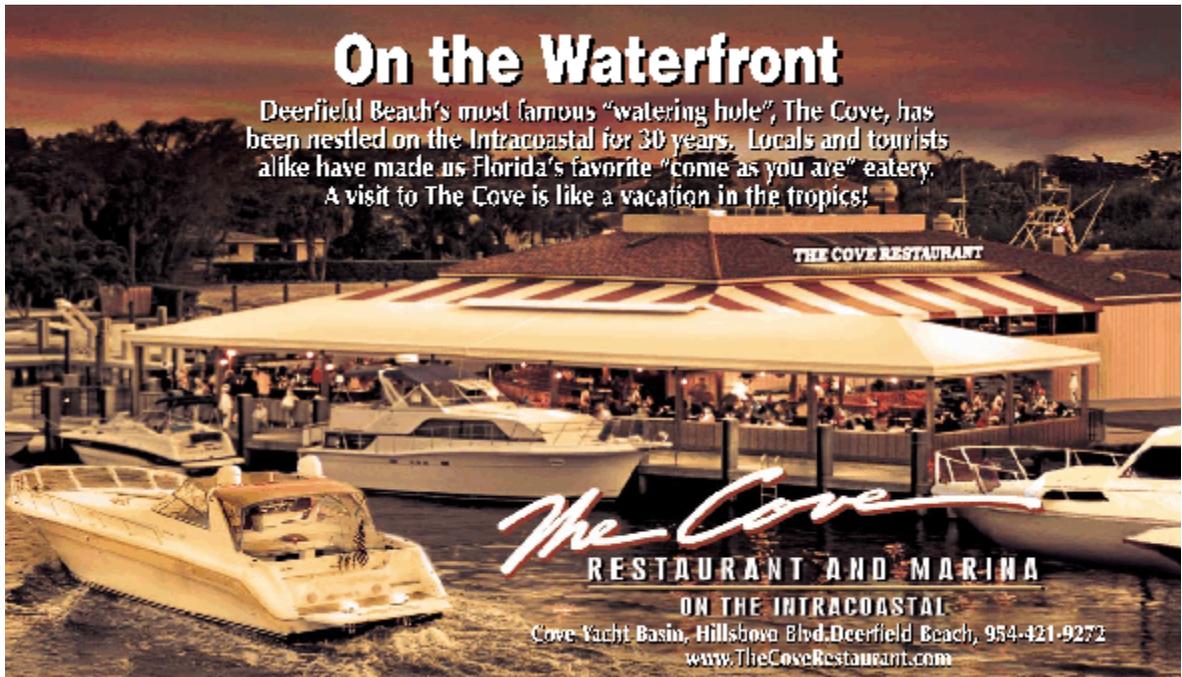
TO GO TO THE CITY ON SOME BUSINESS, HIS ASSISTANT WOULD NOW BUY ON BEHALF OF HIM.

IN THE ABSENCE OF THE MAN, THE ASSISTANT TOLD THE VILLAGERS. "LOOK AT ALL THESE MONKEYS IN THE BIG CAGE THAT THE MAN HAS COLLECTED. I WILL SELL THEM TO YOU AT \$35 AND WHEN THE MAN RETURNS FROM THE CITY, YOU CAN SELL THEM TO HIM FOR \$50 EACH."

THE VILLAGERS ROUNDED UP WITH ALL THEIR SAVINGS AND BOUGHT ALL THE MONKEYS. THEN THEY NEVER SAW THE MAN NOR HIS ASSISTANT, ONLY MONKEYS EVERYWHERE!

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SUBMITTED BY: REDD RUTAN
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WINE VS. WATER

TO MY FRIENDS WHO ENJOY A GLASS OF WINE... AND THOSE WHO DON'T. AS BEN FRANKLIN SAID: "IN WINE THERE IS WISDOM, IN BEER THERE IS FREEDOM, IN WATER THERE IS BACTERIA." IN A NUMBER OF CAREFULLY CONTROLLED TRIALS, SCIENTISTS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT IF WE DRINK 1 LITER OF WATER EACH DAY, AT THE END OF THE YEAR WE WOULD HAVE ABSORBED MORE THAN 1 KILO OF ESCHERICHIA COLI, (E. COLI) - BACTERIA FOUND IN FECES.

IN OTHER WORDS, WE ARE CONSUMING 1 KILO OF POOP. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT RUN THAT RISK WHEN DRINKING WINE &

BEER (OR TEQUILA, RUM, WHISKEY OR OTHER LIQUOR) BECAUSE ALCOHOL HAS TO GO THROUGH A PURIFICATION PROCESS OF BOILING, FILTERING AND/OR FERMENTING.

REMEMBER: WATER = POOP, WINE = HEALTH.

THEREFORE, IT'S BETTER TO DRINK WINE AND TALK STUPID, THAN TO DRINK WATER AND BE FULL OF SHIT. THERE IS NO NEED TO THANK ME FOR THIS VALUABLE INFORMATION: I'M DOING IT AS A PUBLIC SERVICE.



“SLO MOTION” HENDERSON

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

AS I REPORTED AT THE LAST MEETING, ABATE OF FLORIDA HAS A NEW PERSON DOING A NEW STATE LEGISLATIVE PAGE. SO FAR HE SEEMS TO BE DOING A GOOD JOB UPDATING IT. GO TO THE STATE PAGE <http://www.abateflorida.com/>, AT THE TOP IN THE CHOICES ON THE LEFT, CLICK ON THE NEW SELECTION “LEGISLATIVE INFO CENTER”. YOU CAN EVEN SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMAIL UPDATES FOR

CHANGES AND WHEN YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. ALSO LINKS TO AMA AND NCOM NEWS.

SUMMARY OF WHAT'S NEW.

- 1- CALL TO ACTION...IN RESPONSE TO THE US DOT SECRETARY, MARY PETERS, CALL TO DIVERT FUNDS FROM MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS INTO A CAMPAIGN FOR 100% STATE HELMET LAWS... SITE HAS SUGGESTS TO WRITE LETTERS. LET'S GET ON THAT JOB!
- 2 - CURRENT ISSUES STATUS AND ABATE OPINION. HB 137 AND SB838. WE OPPOSE NO ACTION AT THIS TIME NEEDED
- 3- OTHERS BEING WATCHED – WHICH WERE BETTER EXPLAINED AND ABATE'S STAND POSTED.

* UNDER REVIEW... **FL - HB 109 HIGHWAY SAFETY**- MAINLY SEEMS TO BE GOING AFTER UNLICENSED, SUSPENDED, OR EVOKED DRIVERS WITH STIFFER PENALTIES.

* UNDER REVIEW... **FL - HB 115** MOTOR VEHICLES USED TO FLEE FROM OR ELUDE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – IMPOUNDMENT OR IMMOBILIZATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE USED TO FLEE FROM OR ELUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; REQUIRES PAYMENT OF COSTS & CIVIL PENALTY BY OWNER OR LESSEE OF VEHICLE; PROVIDES FOR EXCEPTIONS

* UNDER REVIEW...: **FL - HB403 / SB684 BARRIERS/HIGHWAYS, CANALS AND BODIES OF WATER** ABATE'S CONCERN IS THE CABLE BARRIERS. ARE THEY APPROPRIATE FOR MOTORCYCLIST OR DO THEY ADD MORE DANGER DURING AN EVASIVE MANEUVER TO PREVENT AN OTHERWISE COLLISION OR VEHICLE CONTACT.

* DRIVER DISTRACTION ISSUES... PRESENTLY REVIEWING INTRODUCED BILLS...

* STIFFER PENALTIES... PRESSING FOR STIFFER PENALTIES ON ALL AVAILABLE ISSUES...

* STATE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS... GRANDFATHER CLAUSE ADDED AS AN AMENDMENT.

OTHER ISSUES STILL EXIST - SITES, COST, ETC. WATCHING FOR ADDITIONAL CHANGES...

WE NEED TO STEP AND GET MORE ACTIVE IN THESE ISSUES. WRITE THOSE LETTERS.

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AMA CONCERNED ABOUT NEW THREAT TO MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TRAINING FUNDS

POSTED FEBRUARY 15, 2008

U.S. TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY MARY PETERS IS URGING CONGRESS TO ALLOW STATES TO DIVERT FEDERAL MONEY NOW USED FOR MOTORCYCLE TRAINING AND AWARENESS TO INSTEAD PROMOTE THE USE OF MOTORCYCLE HELMETS, THE AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST ASSOCIATION REPORTS.

PETERS SENT LETTERS TO HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERS THIS WEEK ASKING FOR THE CHANGE.

ED MORELAND, AMA VICE PRESIDENT FOR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT DIVERTING FEDERAL MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FUNDS TO PROMOTE HELMET USE COULD HARM RIDER TRAINING COURSES AND MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS PROGRAMS THAT ARE ALREADY UNDERFUNDED IN MANY STATES.

"HELMET USE IS CERTAINLY ONE PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO MOTORCYCLE SAFETY," SAID MORELAND. "BUT THIS STEP IS A DIRECT RAID ON FUNDS THAT WERE APPROPRIATED BY CONGRESS TO ADDRESS THE SPECIFIC SAFETY CONCERNS OF THE MOTORCYCLISTS' RIGHTS COMMUNITY. FURTHERMORE, THE USE OF MOTORCYCLE HELMETS IS ALREADY ADVOCATED IN EXISTING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY INITIATIVES.

"FUNDING FOR RIDER-TRAINING COURSES IS FREQUENTLY UNDER THREAT IN CASH-STRAPPED STATES, AND CUTTING THE SAME-SIZE PIE INTO THINNER SLICES IS NOT THE COMPREHENSIVE, THOUGHTFUL, NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SAFETY STRATEGY WE NEED."

MORELAND ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT PETERS' PROPOSAL COULD CONTRADICT SECTIONS OF TRANSPORTATION BILLS PASSED IN 1998 AND 2005 THAT BAN THE USE OF FEDERAL MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FUNDS TO LOBBY STATE LEGISLATURES IN FAVOR OF MANDATORY HELMET LAWS AND COULD EFFECTIVELY REVERSE THOSE BANS.

THE AMA STRONGLY ADVOCATES THE VOLUNTARY USE OF HELMETS BY ADULTS, ALONG WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE SAFETY GEAR, AND DOES NOT OPPOSE LAWS REQUIRING HELMET USE BY MINORS. BUT THE ASSOCIATION BELIEVES ADULTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS ABOUT WHEN TO WEAR A HELMET.

SOURCE: [HTTP://WWW.AMADIRECTLINK.COM/NEWS/2008/FEDFUNDING.ASP](http://www.amadirectlink.com/news/2008/fedfunding.asp)



Reverend "Rocky"

MONTHLY ENCOURAGER

PROOF

WE SOMETIMES THINK THAT IT WOULD BE MUCH EASIER TO FOLLOW GOD IF WE COULD JUST SEE HIM ONCE. BUT, THE TRUTH IS, HE IS ALL AROUND US. WE JUST FAIL TO RECOGNIZE THE EVIDENCE. GOD IS MAKING HIMSELF KNOWN AND THE PROOF IS EVERYWHERE. HOW CAN WE TRUST WHAT CANNOT BE SEEN? SIMPLE-----LOOK FOR THE PROOF.

'THE SHADOWS PROVE THE SUNSHINE, THE ECHO PROVES THE SOUND, THE STEAM PROVES THE HEAT, THE WATERMARK PROVES THE FLOOD, AND THE RUSTLING OF THE LEAVES PROVE THE WIND. WE STRUGGLE TO BELIEVE WHAT WE CANNOT SEE, BUT, WE CANNOT SEE BECAUSE WE ARE NOT LOOKING. CREATION PROVES THE CREATOR, THE HEAVENS PROVE HIS GLORY, THE SON PROVES THE FATHER, THE CROSS PROVES HIS LOVE.'

WHAT MORE DO YOU NEED TO SEE? GOD LOVES YOU. HE WANTS TO BE IN YOUR LIFE. TRUST IN THE "PROOF" THAT IS BEFORE YOU EVERY SECOND OF YOUR LIFE. YOU WILL BE SEEING THINGS IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT.

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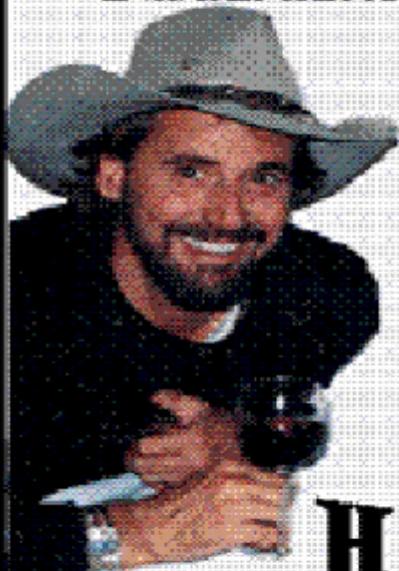
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TRANSPORTATION CHIEF CALLS FOR HELMET USE U.S. TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY MARY E. PETERS SENT LEGISLATION TO CONGRESS ON FEBRUARY 14TH SEEKING TO DIVERT FUNDING FROM RIDER TRAINING AND MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS FUNDS TO PROMOTE HELMET USE.

ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE LEGISLATION SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS WOULD ALLOW STATES TO USE FEDERAL MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FUNDING TO PROMOTE THE USE OF MOTORCYCLE HELMETS. CURRENTLY, STATES ARE LIMITED TO USING THE FUNDS FOR MOTORCYCLE SAFETY TRAINING AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS ONLY.

IN SPITE OF A CONGRESSIONAL BAN ON THE FEDERAL AGENCY LOBBYING STATE LEGISLATURES IN FAVOR OF PASSING HELMET LAWS, SECRETARY PETERS WROTE LETTERS TO HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERS "SEEKING GREATER FLEXIBILITY FOR STATES TO TARGET ONE OF THE LEADING CAUSES OF MOTORCYCLE DEATHS ACROSS THE NATION – RIDING WITHOUT A HELMET."

"SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION MARY PETERS IS REQUESTING AN AMENDMENT TO ALLOW THE SAFETEA-LU SECTION 2010 GRANT FUNDS TO BE USED TO PROMOTE HELMET USE IN A LETTER SENT TO PRESIDENT OF SENATE DICK CHENEY AND SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE NANCY PELOSI," EXPLAINED SPUTNIK, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE (NCOM-LTF). "THIS IS NOTHING MORE THAN A RAID ON A FUND THAT WAS INTENDED FOR MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS AND EDUCATION.

MOTORCYCLISTS ACROSS THE NATION FOUGHT HARD FOR MANY YEARS TO GET THIS GRANT MONEY AND THE OUTLINES FOR ITS USAGE WERE HAMMERED OUT AND AGREED UPON."

CONSIDER WRITING LETTERS TO YOUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ASKING THEM TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. WRITE SECRETARY PETERS AND REQUEST SHE WITHDRAW HER PROPOSED AMENDMENT.
2. SPEAK WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS AGAINST THIS LETTER IN AN ATTEMPT TO GATHER VOTES AGAINST THIS AMENDMENT IF SHE DOES NOT WITHDRAW IT AND IT BECOMES A WRITTEN BILL.

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INCREASED GLOBAL DEMAND FOR MOTORCYCLES FORECAST GLOBAL DEMAND FOR MOTORCYCLES IS PROJECTED TO EXCEED 59 MILLION UNITS IN 2011. ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY FROM THE FREDONIA GROUP, INC., A CLEVELAND-BASED INDUSTRY MARKET RESEARCH FIRM, THE DEMAND FOR MOTORCYCLES IS FORECAST TO ADVANCE 6.0 PERCENT ANNUALLY TO 59 MILLION UNITS IN 2011, REPRESENTING \$49 BILLION IN MANUFACTURERS' SALES.

"THIS GROWTH EMANATES FROM A MIX OF DEVELOPED MARKET INCREMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS AND EMERGING MARKET EXPANSIONS," QUOTED THE INDEPENDENT REPORT RELEASED FEBRUARY 7TH. "DEMAND FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF MOTORCYCLES IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN HEALTHY, DESPITE THE PLATEAUING OF GROWTH IN KEY MARKETS SUCH AS CHINA, WHICH IS RAPIDLY TRANSITIONING AWAY FROM MOTORCYCLES AND TOWARD CARS FOR ITS TRANSPORTATION NEEDS."

THESE AND OTHER TRENDS, INCLUDING MARKET SHARE AND COMPANY PROFILES, ARE PRESENTED IN "WORLD MOTORCYCLES", A MARKET RESEARCH STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE FREDONIA GROUP, AN UNBIASED INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ANALYST WITH FORTUNE 500 CLIENTELE. THE MOST RAPID GROWTH WILL OCCUR IN DEVELOPING MARKETS, WHERE RISING INCOME LEVELS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF HIGHER QUALITY MACHINES FEATURING THE LATEST TECHNOLOGIES WILL FUEL DEMAND.

"THIS GROWTH WILL BE TEMPERED IN PART BY THE INCREASING NUMBER OF RESTRICTIONS OR OUTRIGHT BANS ON MOTORCYCLE USE IN URBAN AREAS IN ASIA,"

ACCORDING TO THEIR RESEARCH. "IN DEVELOPED MARKETS, FUEL PRICES AND INCREASING RESTRICTIONS ON CAR USE IN SOME REGIONS SUCH AS WESTERN EUROPE ARE STOKING INTEREST IN THE EXCEPTIONAL FUEL ECONOMY AND COST EFFECTIVENESS MOTORCYCLES OFFER. WHILE THE MARKET FOR LARGE AND EXPENSIVE HIGH DISPLACEMENT MOTORCYCLES WILL ALSO REMAIN MODERATELY STRONG, CONCERNS REGARDING FUTURE DEMAND HAVE EMERGED DUE TO THE AGING OF THE CUSTOMER BASE, ESPECIALLY IN THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE."

TWO SEPARATE MOTORCYCLE MARKETS EXIST, AS BROKEN DOWN IN THE REPORT. THE FIRST CENTERS ON THE INDUSTRIALIZED TRIAD (THE US, JAPAN AND WESTERN EUROPE), WHERE MOTORCYCLES ARE SEEN AS PLEASURE VEHICLES. THE OTHER, MUCH LARGER MARKET IN UNIT TERMS EXISTS IN THE EMERGING ECONOMIES OF ASIA, LATIN AMERICA AND THE AFRICA/MIDEAST REGION, WHERE MOTORCYCLES ARE SEEN AS PRIMARY FAMILY AND WORK VEHICLES. "WHILE ASIA IS DOMINANT IN TERMS OF UNIT VOLUME, MOST KEY PLAYERS DERIVE FAR HIGHER REVENUES PER UNIT FROM SALES IN DEVELOPED MARKETS SUCH AS NORTH AMERICA," SAYS THE STUDY.

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VISION ZERO AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HAS BEEN CONVENED TO INVESTIGATE METHODS OF ELIMINATING ALL RISK ON THE ROADS, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF ELIMINATING MOTORCYCLES AS WELL. GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT ADVISORS FROM ACROSS THE EUROPEAN UNION GATHERED IN BRUSSELS FOR THE THREE-DAY CONFERENCE BEGINNING FEBRUARY 12TH, CALLED: "SAFE HIGHWAYS OF THE FUTURE... EXPLORING TECHNOLOGIES AND CHANGES REQUIRED TO ENABLE ZERO DEATHS ON EUROPE'S ROADS TO BECOME A REALITY."

PRESENTERS INCLUDED SWEDISH TRANSPORT ADVISOR CLAES TINGVALL WHO DEvised THE "VISION ZERO" TRANSPORTATION POLICY. VISION ZERO AIMS TO ELIMINATE ALL DEATHS ON THE ROADS THROUGH TECHNOLOGY, AND TINGVALL FAMOUSLY SAID ON TV:

"THERE IS NO ROOM FOR MOTORCYCLES IN VISION ZERO."

RUNE ELVIK, A NORWEGIAN TRANSPORT ADVISOR, RECENTLY SAID A DEBATE WAS NEEDED ON WHETHER MOTORCYCLES SHOULD BE ALLOWED ON THE ROADS IN ORDER FOR VISION ZERO TO PROGRESS.

TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE INCLUDED "SAFER VEHICLES BY DESIGN".

BRITISH MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY DEMANDS BETTER TREATMENT FOR BIKERS UNIT KINGDOM MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY LEADERS WANT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, LEGISLATORS, LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND TRANSPORT PLANNERS TO TREAT MOTORCYCLING AS A SERIOUS, RELEVANT ALTERNATIVE TO CARS, BUSES AND TRAINS. DAVID TAYLOR, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE UK MOTOR CYCLE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, MADE THIS PLAIN ONLY DAYS AFTER NEWS OF AN 8.6 PERCENT RISE IN MOTORCYCLE, SCOOTER AND MOPED REGISTRATIONS IN 2007 – THE BIGGEST JUMP IN SEVEN YEARS.

"THERE ARE MORE THAN 1.2-MILLION POWERED TWO-WHEELERS ON UK ROADS," HE TOLD MEDIA SOURCES ON JANUARY 22, 2008. "AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF FLAT SALES, THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT PEOPLE ARE SEEING PTW'S AS PRACTICAL, RELEVANT PERSONAL TRANSPORT THEY ARE PART OF THE SOLUTION TO TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND POLLUTION - IT'S TIME MOTORCYCLISTS WERE PROPERLY CONSIDERED AND TREATED SERIOUSLY 'THERE ARE MORE THAN 1.2-MILLION POWERED TWO-WHEELERS ON UK ROADS'."

"ALL TOO OFTEN CAR OWNERS, COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT TAKE PRIORITY WHILE THOSE ON TWO WHEELS ARE IGNORED OR AN AFTERTHOUGHT," TAYLOR ADDED. "WE WANT EQUALITY AND THE INCENTIVES THAT COME WITH THE RECOGNITION THAT PTW'S EASE TRAFFIC AND PARKING CONGESTION, REDUCE EMISSIONS AND PROVIDE RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT PERSONAL TRANSPORT."

IN PARTICULAR, THE MCIA WANTS:

GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT POLICIES THAT ACKNOWLEDGE PTW'S AS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO TACKLE CONGESTION AND CO2.

BETTER ROADS AND FASTER AND MORE EFFICIENT ROAD MAINTENANCE.

AN END TO AN UNFORGIVING ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE CLEARLY DESIGNED WITH NOT ALL ROAD USERS IN MIND.

THE PROMOTION OF PTW'S AS A LEGITIMATE AND RELEVANT CONGESTION-BUSTING MEANS OF TRAVEL, INCLUDING THEIR EXEMPTION FROM ROAD PRICING, PARKING AND CONGESTION CHARGES, ACCESS TO BUS LANES AND SECURE PARKING.

A LOWER SCALE OF VEHICLE EXCISE DUTY; NO MOTORCYCLE SHOULD BE TAXED MORE THAN THE SMALLEST CAR.

THE UK GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED A MOTORCYCLE STRATEGY IN 2005 BUT LITTLE HAD BEEN DONE WITH IMPLEMENTATION. PTW'S WERE ALMOST IGNORED IN THE GOVERNMENT'S LATEST CORE TRANSPORT POLICY PAPER "TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT POLICY".

THIS, TAYLOR SAID, WAS NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

"THE INDUSTRY FEELS, DESPITE WARM WORDS FROM MINISTERS, 'MAINSTREAMING' OF MOTORCYCLING IN TRANSPORT POLICY ISN'T HAPPENING. THERE SHOULD BE NO BARRIERS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MOTORCYCLING, BETTER PROTECTION FOR RIDERS AND RECOGNITION OF MOTORCYCLING AS A LEGITIMATE FORM OF TRANSPORT."

BIKIES INVITED INTO AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT FOR DEBATE MEMBERS OF THE GYPSY JOKERS, FINKS AND HELLS ANGELS WERE AMONG GUESTS AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE FOR A FEBRUARY 8TH BRIEFING ON NEW LAWS BEING INTRODUCED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO COMBAT OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE CLUBS, AND DEMOCRATS MP SANDRA KANCK PLUNGED HERSELF INTO CONTROVERSY BY INVITING THE "BIKIES" TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE.

MP KANCK DEFENDED THE PRESENCE OF THE OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE CLUB MEMBERS SAYING PEOPLE WHO ARE AFFECTED BY LEGISLATION SHOULD BE CONSULTED BEFORE IT BECOMES LAW. THE SEMINAR WAS ORGANIZED BY MS KANCK TO HIGHLIGHT CONCERNS THE LEGISLATION WILL UNFAIRLY TARGET PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTS, SUCH AS BIKERS WHO BELONG TO THE LONGRIDERS CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLE CLUB WHO'S HOMES HAVE BEEN RAIDED BY POLICE DURING ANTI-BIKIE EFFORTS.

UNDER THE LAWS, SCHEDULED TO BE DEBATED SOON IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, SOUTH AUSTRALIANS WHO HAVE CONTACT WITH BIKIES AT LEAST SIX TIMES A YEAR WILL FACE A

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MINIMUM OF FIVE YEARS IN JAIL. THE SERIOUS AND ORGANIZED CRIME (CONTROL) BILL 2007 ALSO WILL ENABLE THE POLICE COMMISSIONER, MAL HYDE, TO OBTAIN ORDERS FROM THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL, MICHAEL ATKINSON, DECLARING BIKIE GANGS ILLEGAL.

ANYONE INVOLVED WITH THE GANGS, OR WHO HAS ANY CONTACT WITH THEM, CAN THEN BE SERVED WITH ORDERS RESTRICTING THEIR MOVEMENTS BASED ON POLICE INTELLIGENCE, WHICH MUST REMAIN SECRET.

PROMINENT CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYER CRAIG CALDICOTT TOLD THE GATHERING THAT THE NEW LAWS WERE AN ATTEMPT "TO USE A SLEDGEHAMMER TO CRACK A WALNUT."

"THEY ARE BASICALLY AN OVERKILL," CALDICOTT SAID. "IT IS THE ONLY PIECE OF LEGISLATION IN AUSTRALIA AIMED AT A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO WEAR LEATHER JACKETS."

COLORS SOUGHT FOR MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM THE STURGIS MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM & HALL OF FAME IS SEEKING VESTS WITH PATCHES TO EXPAND AN EXISTING EXHIBIT ABOUT MOTORCYCLE CLUBS.

"I'M LOOKING TO REACH OUT TO MOTORCYCLE CLUBS WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO HAVE THEIR COLORS ON DISPLAY," SAID CHRISTINE PAIGE DIERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STURGIS MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM & HALL OF FAME IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

"ONE OF THE EXHIBITS WE'VE HAD ON DISPLAY FOR THE LAST SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS IS AN EXHIBIT ABOUT MOTORCYCLE CLUBS," EXPLAINED DIERS. "AS PART OF THE EXHIBIT, WE HAD A NUMBER OF VESTS WITH PATCHES REPRESENTING A VARIETY OF CLUBS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE OWNER OF THOSE PATCHES HAS RECLAIMED HIS COLLECTION. WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO REBUILD THE DISPLAY AND ARE LOOKING FOR CLUBS THAT MIGHT BE INTERESTED."

THE IDEA OF THIS EXHIBIT IS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE HISTORY OF MOTORCYCLING AND PRESENT A FAIR-MINDED REPRESENTATION OF MOTORCYCLE CLUBS IN THEIR MANY FORMS, SHE SAID. "I'D LIKE TO REBUILD THE EXHIBIT WITH THEMED SECTIONS TO DISPLAY, INCLUDING WOMEN'S CLUBS, FAMILY ORIENTED CLUBS, LAW ENFORCEMENT CLUBS AND VETERANS CLUBS."

ANYONE INTERESTED IN LOANING A JACKET, VEST OR PATCH, OR EVEN A PHOTO, TO THE MUSEUM FOR A TIME PERIOD OF ONE TO TWO YEARS, ALONG WITH A BRIEF CLUB DESCRIPTION OR HISTORY, SHOULD CONTACT HER AT CHRISTINE@STURGISMUSEUM.COM OR PHONE 605-347-2001.

WEIRD NEWS: CRASH ABSORBER INVENTED FOR MOTORCYCLES A NEW DESIGN OF CRASH ABSORBER CAN COMBAT THE TYPE OF ACCIDENT WHERE MOTORCYCLISTS RUN INTO SOMETHING AND ARE THEN KILLED BY THE BIKE PIVOTING OVER THE FRONT WHEEL AND

IMPACTING ON THE RIDER. IRANIAN INVENTOR MOHAMMAD HASSAN SHORABI HAS COME UP WITH A CONSTRUCTION THAT ABSORBS SOME OF THE IMPACT ENERGY AND TRANSFERS THE RESIDUE

OF THE IMPACT REACTION FORCE TO THE BACK AXLE. HE HAS INCORPORATED THE IDEA INTO A CHILD'S BIKE SO IT CAN TRAVEL AS PERSONAL AIRLINE BAGGAGE. IT COMPRISES A STRONG CONSTRUCTION THAT PROJECTS JUST FORWARD OF THE FRONT WHEEL AND IS ABLE TO SLIDE DOWN THE MAIN BODY OF THE BIKE AS THE VARIOUS PARTS OF IT COLLAPSE, BEND AND BREAK.

SHORABI HAS INSTALLED IT ON TWO DIFFERENT MOTORCYCLES, AND A FRIEND "WITHOUT MIND" TESTED IT BY RIDING IT INTO A WALL - AND SURVIVED THE EXPERIENCE.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "ONE MACHINE CAN DO THE WORK OF FIFTY ORDINARY MEN. NO MACHINE CAN DO THE WORK OF ONE EXTRAORDINARY MAN."

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