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SATURDAY

May 17th



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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

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All members receive with their paid membership, the Masterlink newsletter, membership card, State Abate event discounts and updates, voting privileges, free Masterlink classified ads and Chapter newsletter.



President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

WITH THE FIRST CASE TO GO BEFORE A JUDGE BEING THROWN OUT OF COURT FOR AFTER MARKET PIPES ON A I A (OCEAN RIDGE) IN THE BOOKS, WE ARE NOW LOOKING FORWARD ONCE AGAIN. LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT ONE, THIS CASE WAS THROWN OUT BECAUSE OF THE OFFICER'S FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT. ONE OTHER CASE WAS DISMISSED IN A MAGISTRATE HEARING. OUR LEGAL COUNCIL AND I AGREED THAT IT WAS IN REALITY A SHALLOW VICTORY BECAUSE WE WERE UNABLE TO BRING TO LIGHT THE FACTS AND THE RESULTS OF HIS RESEARCH ON STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS FOR THE RECORD. IT DID HOWEVER ALLOW US TO "FLY THE JOLLY ROGER AND PUT A SHOT ACROSS THE BOW" IN REGARD TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENT IN THE COURTROOM. THIS WAS THE DAY FOR TRAFFIC COURT. THOSE OFFICERS PRESENT WERE GIVEN A GLIMPSE OF WHAT THEY COULD EXPECT WHEN THEY WRITE A TICKET FOR AFTER MARKET PIPES, NON-ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT, PIPES WITHOUT AN E.P.A. STAMP OR LOUD PIPES WITHOUT PROBABLE CAUSE OR PROPER USE OF A DECIBEL METER. WE WERE GIVEN A GLIMPSE OF THINGS TO COME.

THEIR TACTIC BECAME OBVIOUS, WRITE TICKETS AND NOT SHOW UP FOR COURT. THEY'RE BANKING ON THE FACT THAT WE WILL BECOME FRUSTRATED WITH THESE CASES BEING THROWN OUT WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO BRING THE CASE TO A VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY AND THAT EVENTUALLY, WE'LL JUST GO AWAY. YOU KNOW, STAY OFF A I A RATHER THAN GO THROUGH THE HASSLE OF HARASSMENT AND TAKING THE TIME OUT TO GO TO COURT, KNOWING THE CASE WILL BE THROWN OUT ANYWAY. WELL, I DON'T ABOUT YOU BUT PAYING A \$76.50 TICKET TO AVOID THE HASSLE JUST DOESN'T GET IT AND BEING FORCED TO STAY OFF A I A OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC THROUGH FARE IS JUST WHAT THEY WANT.

IS IT WORTH THE HASSLE? HELL YES.... IS IT GOING TO BECOME MORE PREVALENT IF WE DON'T TAKE A STAND? YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT. I URGE ANYONE THAT HAS BEEN TICKETED TO STICK WITH THE PROGRAM. IF ENOUGH PEOPLE CONTINUE TO REQUEST TO GO BEFORE THE JUDGE THERE IS FURTHER RECOURSE. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE MAINTAIN OUR RIGHT TO TRAVEL A I A AND ANY OTHER ROADWAY WE CHOOSE, IT'S OUR RIGHT AS AMERICAN CITIZENS AND AS TAXPAYERS. THE LAW IS ON OUR SIDE THIS TIME, IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT WE EXERCISE OUR RIGHTS AND CHALLENGE THOSE WHO THINK THEY ARE ABOVE THE LAW AND BEYOND REPROACH.

I RECEIVED WORD AND CONFIRMATION OF MY SUSPICIONS ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING ON A I A AND WHO'S BEHIND IT. THIS STATEMENT WAS REPORTEDLY TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE BOYNTON BEACH CHIEF OF POLICE. "THE RICH ON THE ISLAND HAVE THEIR POLICE TICKETING ALL MOTORCYCLES NOW TO KEEP THEM OFF A I A". "NOT NEW NEWS, BUT FROM A HORSES MOUTH SO TO SPEAK. I HAVE ALSO RECEIVED WORD THAT THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF OCEAN RIDGE WANTS ALL THE CREDIT FOR THIS MORONIC ACTION, CLAIMING "IT'S NOT THE RICH THAT WANT MOTORCYCLES OUT OF OCEAN RIDGE, I DON'T WANT MOTORCYCLES IN MY TOWN". I ALSO LEARNED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN OCEAN RIDGE DOESN'T HAVE A DECIBEL METER. GETTING A DECIBEL METER ISN'T REALLY A CHALLENGE, THEY CAN GET ONE FREE FROM THE D.M.V. TRAINING THEM TO USE ONE PROPERLY AND FOLLOW PROCEEDURES WILL BE THE REAL CHALLENGE.

President's Message

FOR ANYONE WHO HASN'T HEARD, SB 802, HAS PASSED THROUGH THE SENATE TUESDAY 5/29/08. THIS BILL WAS ORIGINALLY INTRODUCED BACK IN JANUARY AND WAS VERY MUCH A CONTROVERSIAL AND DISCRIMINATORY PIECE OF LEGISLATION AIMED AT DIRECTLY AT MOTORCYCLES, SPORT BIKES SPECIFICALLY AND THE STUNTS PERFORMED BY THEIR RIDERS. REJECTED IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM HB 137 THE BILL WAS REVISED TO INCLUDE ALL MOTOR VEHICLES. THE COMPANION BILL SB 802 WAS ORIGINALLY AN IDENTICAL BILL IN ITS VERBIAGE AND WAS EVENTUALLY REVISED TO MATCH HB 137 AND PASSED BY A VOTE OF 38-1. THE BILL WOULD STIFFEN PENALTIES FOR MOTORCYCLE-RIDERS WHO POP WHEELIES AND FOR ANYONE - INCLUDING DRIVERS OF CARS - GOING 50 MPH OR FASTER THAN THE SPEED LIMIT.

UPON FIRST CONVICTION ON THOSE CHARGES, THE DRIVER WOULD HAVE TO PAY A \$1,000 FINE. THE SECOND TIME, THEY'D HAVE TO GIVE UP THEIR DRIVER LICENSE FOR A YEAR AND PAY A \$2,500 FINE. ON THE THIRD CONVICTION, THEIR MOTORCYCLE OR CAR WOULD BE CONFISCATED AND THEY'D LOSE THEIR LICENSE FOR 10 YEARS.

AS YOU CAN SEE, WE AS MOTORCYCLISTS ARE CLEARLY IN THE SIGHTS OF GOVERNMENT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR 2008. HOW WE REACT AND TAKE ACTION NOW, WILL INDEED DECIDE OUR FUTURE AND WHAT FURTHER RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED ON OUR FREEDOM. IF WE ARE TO SURVIVE WE WILL NEED TO CONTINUE TO CHALLENGE THE ACTIONS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ON THE HOME FRONT AND MOVE FORWARD ON ISSUES THAT AFFECT US AND ALL MOTORISTS, IN FIGHTING FOR STIFFER PENALTIES FOR "RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATORS (ROWV) AND THE USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER DISTRACTIONS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO INJURY AND DEATH OF MOTORCYCLISTS.

WITH ALL THE CONCERNS OF GOVERNMENT IN SAVING US FROM OUR SELVES AND THE SEEMINGLY ENDLESS CONTROVERSY OVER STATE AND FEDERAL MANDATORY HELMET LAWS, WE HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US. I BELIEVE WE CAN PROBABLY EXPECT TO SEE SOME OTHER THREATS FROM THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY AS WE MANEUVER THE SLIPPERY ROCKS OF RECLASSIFICATION OF MOTORCYCLES AS MOTOR VEHICLES. IT APPEARS TO ME TO BE SOMEWHAT OF A POLITICAL "BULLFIGHT" WITH THEM WAVING THE RED CAPE CONCEALING THE INEVITABLE THRUST OF THE SWORD. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE DISTRACTED AND LED TO SLAUGHTER THROUGH COMPLACENCY. WE MUST TAKE UP THE OFFENSIVE POSITION AND BRING THE FIGHT TO THEM WHILE AVOIDING THE TRIP WIRES THROUGH EDUCATION AND AWARENESS.

GET INVOLVED, JOIN THE FIGHT, SUPPORT ABATE, THE MRF AND OTHER MRO'S ON THE FRONT LINE.

"THE PRICE OF FREEDOM IS ETERNAL VIGILANCE".

RIDE FREE, RIDE SAFE

STRONGBOW PRESIDENT
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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.

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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APRIL

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MAY

Don Burke
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John E. "Sandman" Wright
Elizabeth "Miza" Ranalla
Randy "Big Daddy" Sinclair
Shari Ball
Nancy "Red" Rutan

JUNE

Athena 'The Vagabond Chickie' Ransom
Chuck "Mailman" Ennis
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Keryn Piersa
Denis "Pepe" Lessard
Bob Sykes
Robbie "Smoke" Merritt
Sandy Merritt

JULY

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Gino Diano
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Tim "T.A." Ralph
Ron Foster
Douglas Smith
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You have 30 days from the last day of your expiration month to renew your membership or be deleted from the State's List. Also (very important) be sure to notify us of any change of address to continue receiving your newsletter and Masterlink



Vice President's Message

A LOT HAS BEEN GOING ON THIS MONTH WITH ABATE REPRESENTING OUR RIGHTS IN FLORIDA, PALM BEACH COUNTY AND EVEN MORE AROUND OUR COUNTRY. I TRY TO KEEP UP WITH SOME OF WHAT IS GOING ON WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS REPRESENTING MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS AROUND THE COUNTRY BY HAVING GOOGLE NEWS ALERTS FROM ABATE USA. THAT HELPS ME ACCEPT THE IDEA THAT IT'S NOT JUST OUR FLORIDA LEGISLATORS THAT HAVE NO IDEA THAT BIKERS INVOLVED IN ABATE WILL NOT "GO QUIETLY INTO THE NIGHT". TIME AND TIME AGAIN, I AM READING OF ABATE CHAPTERS AROUND THE COUNTRY SHOWING THE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LAWMAKERS THAT MOTORCYCLISTS HAVE A VOICE IN WHAT THEY DO THAT EFFECTS US AND IT'S A LOUD VOICE. NOW, I'M GOING TO LET STRONGBOW FILL YOU IN ON WHAT ABATE OF FLORIDA AND OUR CHAPTER HAS BEEN DOING TO REPRESENT YOUR RIGHTS. I AM GOING TO GO IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT DIRECTION THIS MONTH.

I BRIEFLY ADDRESSED SOMETHING AT OUR LAST MEETING ABOUT MEMBER INVOLVEMENT IN OUR CHAPTER, RIDES TO SFPC EVENTS AND ABATE EVENTS. TO SYNOPSISIZE WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT IN A VERY SHORT TIME, I SUGGESTED THAT ALTHOUGH WE HAVE GOTTEN A LOT ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST TWO AND A HALF PLUS YEARS WE HAVE LOST SOME SIGHT ON WHAT IT IS THAT WE ALL LOVE TO DO THE MOST AND THAT IS RIDE AND HAVE FUN! SO THIS IS WHAT I AM SUGGESTING...

FIRST OF ALL I AM PLANNING A RIDE JUST FOR THE JOY OF RIDING AND TO HAVE SOME FUN! THIS IS NOT AN ABATE SPONSORED EVENT! NO POLITICAL AGENDA; NO FUND RAISING; NO MC FUNCTIONS; JUST A RIDE WITH FRIENDS DOING WHAT WE ALL LOVE WITH THE ONE AND ONLY PURPOSE OF HAVING FUN!

HERE'S THE INFO:

DATE: SUNDAY JUNE 8TH.
 TIME: 8:00 AM MEET TIME, KICKSTANDS UP AT 8:30 A.M.
 PLACE: HOLIDAY INN/DENNY'S DEERFIELD BEACH, HILLSBOROUGH BOLD., JUST WEST OF 195
 DESTINATION: STAN'S IDLE HOUR GOODLANDS RESTAURANT AND BAR. CHECK THEM OUT AT: [HTTP://WWW.GOODLAND.COM/STAN.HTM](http://www.goodland.com/stan.htm). THEY HAVE LIVE OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT, REASONABLE BEER AND GOOD FOOD.
 THE RIDE: WE WILL RIDE SOUTH ON 195 TO 1595, GO WEST TO RTE. 27 SOUTH, TO CHROME AVE. WEST. THEN WE WILL RIDE FL 41 N TO MARCO ISLAND. WE WILL RETURN FROM MARCO ISLAND VIA ALLIGATOR ALLEY. APPROXIMATE TOTAL DISTANCE OF THE RIDE 300 MILES. WE WILL MAKE SEVERAL FUEL, REST AREA AND DRINK STOPS ALONG THE WAY OUT AND BACK.

I DID THIS RIDE WITH ABATE SOUTHEAST CHAPTER IN DECEMBER AND IT WAS AN ASS-KICKIN FUN DAY WITH A GREAT RIDE. ALL ABATE MEMBERS; FRIENDS, FAMILY AND ANYONE ELSE WHO WANTS TO GO

Vice President's Message - Cont'd

ON A FUN RIDE ARE INVITED! PLEASE E-MAIL ME AT VICEPRESIDENT@ABATEPALMBEACH.COM IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

NEXT THING I WANT TO DO TO GET US TOGETHER IS A ONCE A MONTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PARTY FOR OUR MEMBERS. I NEED YOU TO E-MAIL ME AND TELL ME YOUR MONTH OF BIRTH SO I CAN INCLUDE YOU IN THE CELEBRATION THAT MONTH. AGAIN, THIS IS NOT AN ABATE SPONSORED EVENT! NO POLITICAL AGENDA; NO FUND RAISING; NO MC FUNCTIONS; JUST A BUNCH OF FRIENDS GETTING TOGETHER AND ONLY PURPOSE IS HAVING FUN! IT WILL BE AT A DIFFERENT BAR OR RESTAURANT EVERY MONTH THAT SUPPORTS ABATE. EVERYONE WILL TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN DRINKS AND WHATEVER AND I'LL SPRING FOR THE CAKE. IT WILL BE ON A FRIDAY OR SATURDAY NIGHT THAT WILL BE ANNOUNCED THE MONTH BEFORE IN THE NEWSLETTER AND IN THE WEEKLY PRESIDENTS E-MAIL. WE'LL START THIS IN JUNE.

IF ANY OF YOU HAVE IDEAS ON SOME FUN THINGS WE CAN ALL DO TOGETHER I'M ALL EARS. YOU ALL HAVE MY CONTACT INFO IN THIS ARTICLE AND IN EVERY NEWSLETTER, SO JUST LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK AND SEE WHAT I CAN DO TO GET IT DONE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AT OUR EVENT ON JUNE 28TH AND REMEMBER, WE STILL NEED SOME HELP. SO GIVE US AN HOUR OR SO ON THAT DAY AND THEN GO HAVE SOME FUN.

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

VICEPRESIDENT@ABATEPALMBEACH.COM

2008 CALENDAR

© 2008 SOUTH FLORIDA PRESIDENTS COUNCIL
SFPC MANDATORY MOTORCYCLE CLUB EVENTS
 ARE LISTED IN LARGER LETTERS
 Call (954) 439-9997 or (954) 574-2600
 for changes, corrections, additions or inquiries

MAY

- 4 - Southern MC Annual
- 18 - Black Pistons MC Keys Annual
- 24 - Wheels on the Road 'Try Again' Benefit Party at Mickey's
- 25 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

JUNE

- 1 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual
- 7 - Alternative MC Run
- 8 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual
- 13 & 14 - ARC / Toyota of Stuart Treasure Coast Bike Fest
- 14 - New Attitudes MC Annual
- 15 - Peterson's North Shore Fathers Day Event
- 22 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach Annual
- 28 - ABATE Palm Beach event
- 29 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual

JULY

- 6 - USMV MC Chapter 2
- 13 - States Lake Worth off annual
- 19 - Wheels of Man Chili Cookoff
- 20 - AOA West Palm Beach off annual
- 27 - Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud Annual

AUGUST

- 4-10 68th Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 15, 16, 17 - 13th International South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 17 - AOA MC 41st Anniversary
- 24 - Wings of Gold MC Pt. St. Lucie Annual

SEPTEMBER

- 7 - US Military Vets MC Pompano Annual
- 13 - Outcasts MC off annual
- 14 - States MC 15th Annual Key West Tunap 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 - SE ABATE 28th Annual Motorcyclists Rights 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-31 FREE Kegs!
- 14 - 21st SFPC 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

NEW LOCATION!

The Big Fish was torn down so the party is moved up north to the AOA MC Dania Beach Clubhouse

**BLACK PISTONS MC
FLORIDA KEYS**

3rd ANNUAL PARTY

Noon, May 18, 2008

- LIVE MUSIC ENJOY HOWE'S FAMOUS 'FISH FRY'!!!
- GAMES RAIN OR SHINE
- PRIZES
- FOOD \$ SINGLE \$5 COUPLES
- DRINKS
- VENDORS * 



*WE DOORS CALL 305-451-4546 to reserve your spot at our event
 • INDEPENDENTS WELCOME
 WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ADMITTANCE TO ANYONE

**ABATE of FLORIDA, INC.
SOUTHEAST CHAPTER
MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION
Noon-6PM, Sunday, May 25th, 2008**

at CAFE 27 4690 US27, Sunshine Ranches 33332
 954-859-9957 • 1/4 mi north of Griffin Rd

Live Music by **LIMEROCK**
 Service w/ Honor Guard

\$8/person Vendors • 50/50
 \$5/couple Door Prizes

You'll Have a Great Time!
 Contests
**CMA Memorial Wall
 Vietnam Memorial Wall**

Safety & Membership Booth



Rain or Shine
ABATE



954-591-4724 or 954-305-1599 for more info.

LET THOSE WHO RIDE DECIDE

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Florida Chapter
1st Annual Party

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Vendors

Party Starts
@
NOON
Till 9:PM

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LIVE Music
Door Prizes
50/50

Donations:
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Sunday, June 1st
Benny's Ice House
9803 S. Military Trail
Boynton Beach, FL




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Alternative MC 

and the
Florida Epilepsy Foundation
Present Food

**The 1st Annual
Dice Roll-Off**
Benefit for the Children
At Pompano Harley-Davidson
11AM-4PM, June 7, 2008

Door Prizes
Live Raffles
Cash Prizes




WINGS OF GOLD M/C
PALM BEACH
**2ND ANNUAL &
3 COUNTY DICE RUN**
SUN. JUNE 22, 2008

SIGN UP STARTS AT 10 AM TO 12 NOON AT THESE LOCATIONS



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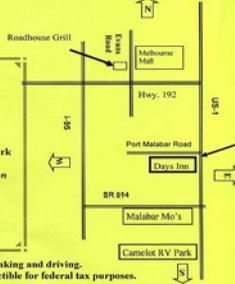
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Sergeant-at-Arms

HELLO EVERYONE.

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THANK-YOU SAM FOR GIVING US A PLACE TO STAY. SAM IS A VERY NICE LADY THAT LIVES IN TALLAHASSEE WHICH OPENED HER HOUSE TO ABATE PALM BEACH MEMBERS. SHE DID THIS BECAUSE SHE LIKED THE WORK WE HAD DONE IN DELRAY. SHE IS A CLASSY LADY THAT MADE ALL FEEL WELCOMED. YOU CAN SEE PICTURES OF US AND HER ON OUR WEB PAGE; SHE ALSO RODE WITH US ON THE FREEDOM RIDE THAT MONDAY. AGAIN SAM, THANK-YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND FRIENDSHIP.



THE FREEDOM RIDE I HEARD WAS FANTASTIC. I COULDN'T RIDE WITH THE GROUP DO TO A MISFORTUNE THAT HAPPENED, BUT CAME IN A FEW MINUTES LATER. I ROAD IN WITH GUNNER AND LIKE THE BROCHURE SAID, WE PARKED ON THE CAPITAL GROUNDS. FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, THERE WERE NO TICKETS ISSUED FOR LOUD PIPES OR PARKING, IMAGINE THAT RIGHT THERE IN THE CAPITAL.

WHILE WE WERE IN TALLAHASSEE, WE WENT TO SEE OUR REPRESENTATIVES; ALL WERE OUT TO LUNCH EXCEPT ONE, GO FIGURE, SO WE MET A LOT OF SECRETARIES. WE MADE THE ROUNDS AS A GROUP AND LEFT BUSINESS CARDS AND COPIES OF A LIST OF MOST IMPORTANT LEGISLATION ABATE IS CONCERNED ABOUT.

NOW I'LL TELL YOU THAT I WAS NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO THE RIDE



Sergeant-at-Arms - Cont'd



BACK HOME. WHEN WE LEFT TALLAHASSEE IT WAS 36 DEGREES AND 510 MILES BACK. YOU KNOW I THINK I ENJOYED THE RIDE BACK MORE THAN THE RIDE UP. WE STOPPED AT ROLAND MARTIN'S MARINA FOR SUPPER, KICKED BACK AND STRETCHED OUT. THE SUN WAS GOING DOWN AND IT WAS NICE BEING WITH FRIENDS, COULDN'T ASK FOR ANYTHING BETTER.

IN CONCLUSION, THE RIDE WITH GOOD FRIENDS WAS BETTER THAN I IMAGINED. I MET AND TALKED WITH MEMBERS OF OTHER CHAPTERS AND RECONFIRMED MY COMMITMENT TO OUR CAUSE. ALL IN ALL I HAD A GREAT TIME AND I TRULY RECOMMEND THE RIDE. SO, MAYBE I'LL SEE YOU ON THE NEXT FREEDOM RIDE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ABOUT THIS ARTICLE OR ANY OTHER, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME.

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BY GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST.



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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

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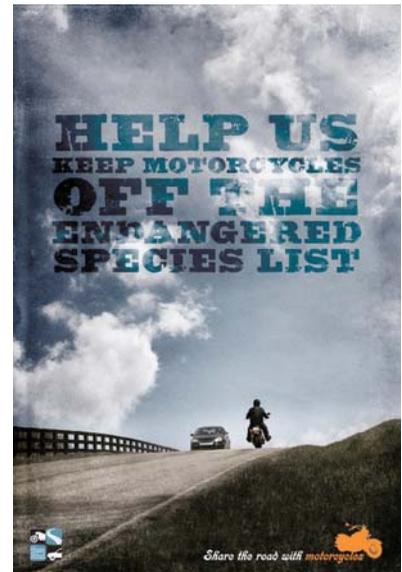
WHEREAS, THE MOTORCYCLE IS AN ENERGY-EFFICIENT VEHICLE THAT REDUCES FUEL CONSUMPTION, TRAFFIC AND PARKING CONGESTION; AND

WHEREAS, THE MOTORCYCLE IS AN IMPORTANT FORM OF TRANSPORTATION FOR COMMUTING, TOURING AND RECREATION; AND

WHEREAS, AS A MATTER OF SAFETY, IT IS NECESSARY TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE DRIVING HABITS TO HANDLE THESE VEHICLES ON FLORIDA ROADWAYS; AND

WHEREAS, MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH RAISES PUBLIC AWARENESS OF PROPER SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR SHARING THE ROAD WITH MOTORCYCLIST;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHARLIE CRIST, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DO HEREBY EXTEND GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL OBSERVING MAY 2008 AS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH



FARMER JOHN

JOHN THE FARMER WAS IN THE FERTILIZED EGG BUSINESS. HE HAD SEVERAL HUNDRED YOUNG LAYERS (HENS), CALLED 'PULLETS', AND TEN ROOSTERS, WHOSE JOB IT WAS TO FERTILIZE THE EGGS.

THE FARMER KEPT RECORDS AND ANY ROOSTER THAT DIDN'T PERFORM WENT INTO THE SOUP POT AND WAS REPLACED. THAT TOOK AN AWFUL LOT OF HIS TIME, SO HE BOUGHT A SET OF TINY BELLS AND ATTACHED THEM TO HIS ROOSTERS. EACH BELL HAD A DIFFERENT TONE SO JOHN COULD TELL FROM A DISTANCE, WHICH ROOSTER WAS PERFORMING. NOW HE COULD SIT ON THE PORCH AND FILL OUT AN EFFICIENCY REPORT SIMPLY BY LISTENING TO THE BELLS.

THE FARMER'S FAVORITE ROOSTER WAS OLD BUTCH, A VERY FINE SPECIMEN HE WAS, TOO. BUT ON THIS PARTICULAR MORNING JOHN NOTICED OLD BUTCH'S BELL HADN'T RUNG AT ALL! JOHN WENT TO INVESTIGATE. THE OTHER ROOSTERS WERE CHASING PULLETS, BELLS-A-RINGING. THE PULLETS, HEARING THE ROOSTERS COMING, WOULD RUN FOR COVER.

BUT TO FARMER JOHN'S AMAZEMENT, OLD BUTCH HAD HIS BELL IN HIS BEAK, SO IT COULDN'T RING. HE'D SNEAK UP ON A PULLET, DO HIS JOB AND WALK ON TO THE NEXT ONE. JOHN WAS SO PROUD OF OLD BUTCH, HE ENTERED HIM IN THE RENFREW COUNTY FAIR AND HE BECAME AN OVERNIGHT SENSATION AMONG THE JUDGES.

THE RESULT...THE JUDGES NOT ONLY AWARDED OLD BUTCH THE NO BELL PIECE PRIZE BUT THEY AWARDED HIM THE PULLETSURPRISE AS WELL.

CLEARLY OLD BUTCH WAS A POLITICIAN IN THE MAKING: WHO ELSE BUT A POLITICIAN COULD FIGURE OUT HOW TO WIN TWO OF THE MOST HIGHLY COVETED AWARDS ON OUR PLANET BY BEING THE BEST AT SNEAKING UP ON THE POPULACE AND SCREWING THEM WHEN THEY WEREN'T PAYING ATTENTION.

VOTE CAREFULLY THIS YEAR...THE BELLS ARE NOT ALWAYS AUDIBLE!

SUBMITTED BY: BIG JEFF A.L.R. 268

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May 2008</h1>						
				1	2 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House Lama - Open House	3
4	5	6 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	7 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB - See Coupon Pg 22	8	9 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House Lama - Open House	10
11 	12	13 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	14 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB - See Coupon Pg 22	15	16 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House Lama - Open House	17 ABATE-PBC MEETING 11:30 
18 Black Pistons MC - Keys- <u>Annual-Pg 11</u> Nam Knights MC - Pg 13	19	20 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	21 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB - See Coupon Pg 22	22	23 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House Lama - Open House	24 WOTR Benefit - Pg 13
25 ABATE SE - MEMORIAL DAY PG 11		27 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	28 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB - See Coupon Pg 22	29	30 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House Lama - Open House	31

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<h1>June 2008</h1>						
1 Soldiers for Jesus MC 1 st Annual - Pg 12	2	3 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	4 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB - See Coupon Pg 22	5	6 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House Lama - Open House	7 Alternatives MC - Pg 12
8	9	10 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	11 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB - See Coupon Pg 22	12	13 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House Lama - Open House	14 ABATE STATE MEETING - PALM BAY - PG 13 
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29	30					

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LET'S RIDE

BY SLO MOTION

WHILE THE TRIP TO TALLAHASSEE WAS THE FIRST TRIP THERE FOR BWANA AND MYSELF, IT WAS ALSO THE FIRST STATE MEETING FOR TED AND LEFTY. BOTH OF OUR AMERICAN LEGION RIDER BROTHERS TOLD ME IT REALLY OPENED THEIR EYES TO WHAT ABATE REALLY IS. I WISH ALL

OUR MEMBERS COULD EXPERIENCE THAT.

WE HAVE A CHANCE WITH THE JUNE 14TH STATE MEETING CLOSE IN PALM BAY FOR MANY MEMBERS TO GET THAT EXPERIENCE. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE TO DO IN ONE DAY, BEING ABOUT A 3 HR RIDE, THE INDEPENDENCE CHAPTER HAS SOME EVENTS PLANNED TO MAKE IT A FULL EVENT WORTH STAYING OVER FOR. THEY ARE CALLING IT A SPACE COAST BLAST. IF I COULD I WOULD GO ON FRIDAY TO ATTEND THE CHAPTER SUPPORTED BIKE NIGHT AT ROADHOUSE GRILL IN MELBOURNE. ON SATURDAY THE MEETING BEGINS AT 2 PM AFTER THE STATE BOARD MEETING AT THE DAYS INN. THE MEETING USUALLY LASTS ABOUT 4 HOURS WITH A MEAL PROVIDED. SO THOSE WHO WANT TO COULD RIDE HOME AFTERWARDS BUT STAYING OVER WOULD BE MORE FUN. AFTER THE MEETING THEY ARE PROMOTING A LIVE BAND AT MALABAR MO'S. THESE SOCIAL EVENTS ARE GREAT TO MEET OTHER CHAPTERS' MEMBERS AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS. SUNDAY WOULD BE A GOOD WAY TO MAKE A GOOD RIDE BACK, WITH STOPS AT OTHER BIKER BARS LIKE ARCHIE'S' SEABREEZE IN FT. PEIRCE. WE WILL MAKE MORE PLANS AS WE SEE HOW THE RIDE PLANS WORK.



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SOME RIDE IDEAS I HAVE IN MIND ALREADY. TAKE I-95 UP, MAYBE 2 STOPS, ONE COULD BE PALM BAY HARLEY. STRONGBOW MENTIONED SOME BIKER BARS IN THE AREA WORTH VISITING, MAYBE THAT NIGHT OR SUNDAY. SUNDAY COULD BE A LEISURELY RIDE DOWN US 1-A1A PERHAPS STOPPING AT ARCHIE'S. I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE SOME FEEDBACK AND MANY RIDERS.

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10:15-11:15	Treasuary	Delegates	Newsletter
11:30-12:30	Treasury	Legislative	Membership
12:30-1:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:30-2:30	Secretary	Sgt-At-Arms	Safety

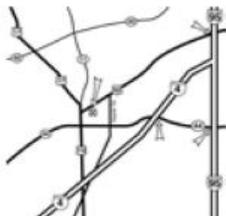
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9am - 12 Noon Presidents/Vice Presidents Meeting

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THAT WAS THE WELCOME LORI SALIERNO RECEIVED AT HER FIRST PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL SPEAKING EVENT. SEVENTEEN YEARS BEFORE, A RIOT HAD PUT AN END TO TRADITIONAL ASSEMBLIES. THIS WAS THE ADMINISTRATION'S FIRST ATTEMPT AT REINSTATING THE PRACTICE.

WHILE MANY SAW THESE KIDS AS SOCIETY REJECTS AND DELINQUENTS, LORI SAW POTENTIAL LEADERS. SHE HAD COME TO SPEAK TO THEM ABOUT BECOMING PEOPLE OF INTEGRITY AND LEADERS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

AFTER FAILING TO GET THE STUDENTS ATTENTION, THE ADMINISTRATOR HANDED THE MICROPHONE TO LORI. A GIRL IN THE BLEACHERS STOOD UP. "HEY LADY! TAKE THIS!" SHE SAID, MAKING A HAND GESTURE TOWARD THE ASSEMBLY'S INVITED GUEST. OTHER KIDS JEEERED FROM THE BALCONIES-----COMPLETE CHAOS. IF IT HAD BEEN ANYONE OTHER THAN LORI ON STAGE, THE STUDENTS MIGHT HAVE INTIMIDATED THE SPEAKER INTO A HYSTERICAL BREAKDOWN. BUT THE PETITE BLONDE FIREBALL WASN'T ABOUT TO BACK DOWN FROM THE CHALLENGE THESE KIDS PRESENTED THAT DAY.

ADRENALINE PUMPING AND HEARTS POUNDING, LORI TALKED ABOUT LIVING WITH HEALTHY, STRONG ATTITUDES, AND HOW STUDENTS SHOULD FILL THEIR MINDS WITH HONORABLE AND RIGHTEOUS THOUGHTS. HER WORDS WERE SPOKEN WITH GENUINE SINCERITY AND CONFIDENCE, AND NEVER CAME ACROSS AS CLICHÉD. IF SHE SAYS IT, YOU BELIEVE IT.

WHEN SHE GOT TO THE PART ABOUT STAYING PURE FOR MARRIAGE, EIGHT BOYS (THEY LOOKED MORE LIKE GROWN MEN) DECIDED IT WAS TIME FOR HER TO QUIT. THEY STOOD UP AND ROCKED BACK AND FORTH, INCHING THEIR WAY FORWARD AND CHANTING IN LOW TONES. SHE GLANCED AT THE SUPERINTENDENT--HE JUST SHRUGGED HIS SHOULDERS.

AS LORI WAS SPEAKING THE LORD BROUGHT AN IDEA TO HER MIND. SHE ANNOUNCED, "I WANT THE ENTIRE SCHOOL TO LOOK AT THESE EIGHT GUYS." EVERYONE DID. "WHEN I SAID THE WORD 'VIRGIN,' THOSE EIGHT BOYS STOOD UP BECAUSE THEY ARE THE VIRGINS OF THIS

SCHOOL." POINTING AT THEM, SHE SAID, "I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW PROUD I AM THAT YOU ARE VIRGINS---THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE FUTURE MEN OF INTEGRITY, THAT YOUR GOING TO BE GREAT HUSBANDS AND GREAT FATHERS. THANK YOU FOR BEING MEN WHO SAY, 'WHEN'RE VIRGINS AND WE'RE PROUD OF IT!' STARING IN DISBELIEF THE BOYS SAT DOWN.

LORI FINISHED HER SPEECH AND WALKED OFF STAGE, SOAKED WITH NERVOUS SWEAT. " LADY, HOW DID YOU DO THAT? ASKED THE SUPERINTENDENT. " LET ME CROSS THE LINE BETWEEN CHURCH AND STATE AND I'LL TELL YOU, SHE SMILED. "YO MAMA WE AIN'T NO VIRGINS," ONE OF THE EIGHT GUYS FROM THE ASSEMBLY INTERRUPTED HER.

" I KNOW," SHE SAID. "WE'RE A GANG. YOU AIN'T AFRAID OF US?" LORI SMILED AND SAID, " I LOVE YOU MORE THAN I'M AFRAID OF YOU." HE THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT AND THEN HE ASKED, " YOU REALLY THINK I COULD BE A LEADER IN THIS COUNTRY?" " I AM SO CONVINCED OF IT, I'M GIVING MY LIFE TO IT. AND YOU KNOW, I'M HERE FOR ANOTHER REASON. I'M HERE BECAUSE SOMEONE LOVES YOU VERY MUCH." WITH A DOUBTING TONE HE SAID, "SOMEBODY LOVES ME? HOW YOU KNOW THAT." STILL SMILING LORI SAID, " BECAUSE HE SENT ME HERE TO TELL YOU." NOW THE KID IS FULL OF CURIOSITY. "WHO SENT YOU HERE TO TELL ME?" LORI TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL POLICY THAT ALLOWS ANSWERING ANY QUESTION A STUDENT ASKS, EVEN IF IT REQUIRES A RELIGIOUS ANSWER. " HIS NAME IS JESUS CHRIST, " HE NOT ONLY BELIEVES THAT YOU CAN BE A LEADER, BUT HE LOVES YOU AND HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR YOU." AFTER THAT ASSEMBLY, THE LORD INSPIRED LORI TO CREATE CELEBRATE LIFE INTERNATIONAL; THIS IS A MINISTRY DEDICATED TO REACHING AT-RISK KIDS THROUGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS, CAMPS, AND THE JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM. HER GOAL WAS TO BE LIKE MOSES, LEADING THE PEOPLE OUT OF EGYPT AND BRINGING THEM TO THE EDGE OF THE PROMISED LAND. BY HER PASSION, AND CONTAGIOUS OPTIMISM SHE HAS MANAGED TO CHANGE LIVES AND SAVE SOULS. IS THERE SOME TALENT YOU HAVE THAT MIGHT BE USED TO BETTER SOMEONE'S LIFE? WE ALL SHOULD TAKE A LESSON FROM THIS BRAVE AND CARING WOMAN. NO MATTER WHAT MAY STAND BETWEEN US AND WHAT IS RIGHT, GOD WILL OPEN A DOOR FOR YOU. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO TRUST IN HIS GRACE, AND CROSS THE LINE.

FATHER GOD, TODAY I COME TO YOU WITH AN OPEN HEART. I PRAY THAT YOU SHOW ME THE WAY TO BE A BETTER PERSON AND TO HAVE THE STRENGTH TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT IN MY LIFE. SHOW ME MY TALENTS AND GUIDE ME IN THE DIRECTION YOU HAVE FOR ME. ALLOW ME TO DO THINGS FOR YOUR GLORY. IN JESUS NAME, AMEN

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TODAY'S MOTORCYCLE OWNERS HAPPIER OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH THE MOTORCYCLE OWNERSHIP EXPERIENCE HAS INCREASED IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, ACCORDING TO THE J.D. POWER AND ASSOCIATES 2007 MOTORCYCLE COMPETITIVE INFORMATION STUDY RELEASED TODAY.

THE STUDY FINDS THAT IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN PRODUCT SATISFACTION AND DEALERSHIP SERVICE HAVE HELPED DRIVE THE INCREASE IN OVERALL OWNERSHIP SATISFACTION ACROSS THE INDUSTRY. SERVICE, BUILD QUALITY AND PRODUCT/PERFORMANCE PRIMARILY DRIVE THE OVERALL MOTORCYCLE OWNERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH THE COST OF OWNERSHIP HAS INCREASED AMONG MOTORCYCLE OWNERS FOR A SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, WITH OWNERS BEING MOST SATISFIED WITH THE INITIAL PRICE AND RESALE VALUE OF THEIR BIKE. SATISFACTION WITH MAINTENANCE/REPAIR COSTS, COST OF ACCESSORIES AND INSURANCE HAS ALSO INCREASED.

MOTORCYCLE OWNERS ARE STRONG ADVOCATES OF THEIR BRAND AND DEALER, AS 68 PERCENT "DEFINITELY WILL" RECOMMEND THEIR BRAND AND 56 PERCENT WILL RECOMMEND THE DEALER FROM WHICH THEY PURCHASED THEIR MOTORCYCLE.

"LOYALTY AND ADVOCACY LEVELS ARE PARTICULARLY HIGH AMONG MOTORCYCLE OWNERS WHEN COMPARED WITH OWNERS IN THE AUTOMOTIVE AND BOATING INDUSTRIES," SAID RESEARCH MANAGER TIM FOX. "FOR EXAMPLE, ONLY 47 PERCENT OF BOAT AND 35 PERCENT OF AUTO OWNERS SAY THEY ARE LOYAL TO THEIR BRAND. THE MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY IS MUCH MORE OF A NICHE MARKET WHERE CONSUMERS HAVE A PARTICULARLY STRONG ALLEGIANCE TO A BRAND COMPARED WITH AUTOMOTIVE AND MARINE INDUSTRIES."

NOW IN ITS 10TH YEAR, THE STUDY MEASURES OWNER SATISFACTION WITH NEW MOTORCYCLES BY EXAMINING FIVE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THE OVERALL OWNERSHIP EXPERIENCE: PRODUCT; QUALITY; COST OF OWNERSHIP; SALES; AND SERVICE. THE 2007 MOTORCYCLE COMPETITIVE INFORMATION STUDY INCLUDES RESPONSES FROM 8,796 OWNERS WHO PURCHASED NEW ON-ROAD MOTORCYCLES BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 2006 AND MAY 2007.

TOP US MARKETS FOR MOTORCYCLE OWNERSHIP A NEW STUDY FROM THE MEDIA AUDIT REVEALS THAT SPOKANE, WASHINGTON IS THE TOP MARKET IN THE U.S. FOR MOTORCYCLE OWNERSHIP. AMONG ADULTS WHO LIVE IN SPOKANE, 18.5% OWN A MOTORCYCLE, COMPARED TO

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9% FOR ALL U.S. ADULTS. OTHER MARKETS WITH A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF MOTORCYCLE OWNERSHIP INCLUDE RIVERSIDE-SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA (18.4%), FOLLOWED BY RENO, NEVADA (15.2%), BOISE, IDAHO (14.8%) AND SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH (14%).

ACCORDING TO THE MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL (MIC), NEW MOTORCYCLE RETAIL SALES EQUATED AN ESTIMATED \$10.7 BILLION IN 2006, THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN 25 YEARS. THE MIC ATTRIBUTES THE RECENT GROWTH TO THE RISE IN POPULARITY OF MOTOR SCOOTERS AND INCREASE IN FEMALE RIDERS.

TODAY, THERE ARE MORE THAN 450 MODELS ON THE MARKET, FROM CRUISERS TO SPORT BIKES TO SMALLER FUEL EFFICIENT COMMUTER BIKES.

ACCORDING TO THE MEDIA AUDIT, A MAJORITY OF MOTORCYCLE OWNERS ARE MARRIED (59.2 PERCENT) WITH AN AVERAGE AGE OF 41 YEARS. ADULTS WHO OWN A MOTORCYCLE EARN \$77,714 IN ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME, A FIGURE THAT IS \$12,424 HIGHER THAN THE HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR THE AVERAGE U.S. ADULT.

ROUNDING OUT THE TOP TEN MARKETS FOR MOTORCYCLE OWNERSHIP ARE EUGENE-SPRINGFIELD, OREGON (13.8% ADULT MOTORCYCLE OWNERSHIP), COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO (13.1%), MILWAUKEE-RACINE, WISCONSIN - HOME OF HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTOR COMPANY (12.9%), PORTLAND, OREGON (12.4%), AND MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA (12.3%).

OVERSEAS CYCLE4 SALES SURGE THE EUROPEAN PTW (POWERED TWO-WHEELERS) MOTORCYCLE MARKET IS STILL FLOURISHING. AFTER BREAKING THE 2 MILLION UNITS THRESHOLD IN 2005, IT TOUCHED THE 2.5 MILLION UNITS LANDMARK AT THE END OF 2007. LAST YEAR THE PTW MARKET GREW BY A REMARKABLE 10.1%.

ACCORDING TO FIGURES TRANSMITTED BY THE ACEM STATISTICAL CORRESPONDENTS THE TREND OF THE 50cc SEGMENT (MOPEDS AND SCOOTERS) IS NOW POSITIVELY ORIENTED AFTER 10 CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF DECLINE, AND THE VOLUME APPROACHES ONE MILLION UNITS. FOR 2007 THE REGISTRATIONS OF MOTORCYCLES OVER 50cc RECORDED THE 5TH CONSECUTIVE POSITIVE YEAR WITH +3% AND 1.5 MILLION UNITS.

SINCE 2002, WHEN THE PTW REGISTRATIONS REACHED THEIR LOWEST POINT (1,873,822 UNITS), THE MARKET HAS RECOVERED STEADILY AND IN 2007 IT REACHED 2.5 MILLION VEHICLES, WITH A +32% INCREASE OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

THE CURRENT FLEET OF PTWs IN EUROPE AMOUNTS TO APPROXIMATELY 30,000,000 VEHICLES. OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, EU MARKET TRENDS CLEARLY SHOW THAT MOTORCYCLES ANSWER THE MOBILITY NEEDS OF AN INCREASINGLY HIGHER SHARE OF THE EUROPEAN POPULATION.

UNFAMILIAR BIKES INVITE PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED RIDERS DRASTICALLY INCREASE THEIR CHANCES OF CRASHING SIMPLY BY RIDING A DIFFERENT MOTORCYCLE, AN INSURANCE STUDY HAS FOUND.

EVEN EXPERIENCED RIDERS CAN BE PRETTY WOBBLY WHEN THEY HOP ON AN UNFAMILIAR BIKE, ACCORDING TO DATA FROM THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST MOTORCYCLE INSURER, PROGRESSIVE, WHICH CONDUCTED A STUDY OF ALMOST 2 MILLION MOTORCYCLE POLICIES OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD AND FOUND THAT RIDERS WHO SWITCH BIKES ARE NEARLY 70 PERCENT MORE LIKELY TO CRASH THAN RIDERS WHO KEEP THE SAME BIKE.

"MOST PEOPLE ALREADY KNOW THAT RIDING CAN BE ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS FOR NEW BIKERS," SAID RICK STERN, A PROGRESSIVE MOTORCYCLE PRODUCT MANAGER WHO IS ALSO A RIDER. "BUT OUR DATA SHOWS THAT THE LESS FAMILIAR YOU ARE WITH YOUR BIKE, THE MORE LIKELY YOU ARE TO BE INVOLVED IN A COLLISION, REGARDLESS OF YOUR EXPERIENCE."

THE STUDY ALSO FOUND CRUISER RIDERS WHO SWITCH TO SPORT BIKES ARE THREE-AND-A-HALF TIMES MORE LIKELY TO CRASH. THAT'S MORE THAN DOUBLE THE RISK THEY'D HAVE THAN IF THEY JUST SWITCHED TO ANOTHER CRUISER.

SPORT BIKERS, ON THE OTHER HAND, CAN REDUCE THEIR RISK BY MORE THAN A THIRD JUST BY SWITCHING TO A CRUISER, ACCORDING TO PROGRESSIVE'S RESEARCH.

"WE WANT EXPERIENCED RIDERS TO KNOW THEIR RISKS SO THEY CAN TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS WHEN THEY REPLACE THEIR BIKES," SAID STERN. "IT'S A GOOD IDEA FOR RIDERS TO TAKE THEIR NEW BIKE OUT FOR A COUPLE OF SHAKE DOWN CRUISES IN A PARKING LOT BEFORE HITTING THE OPEN ROAD."

EVEN PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN RIDING FOR YEARS CAN BENEFIT FROM PRACTICING THE BASICS ON THEIR NEW BIKE, STERN SAID, INCLUDING LOW-SPEED RIDING, TURNING, SHIFTING AND SWERVING, AND HIGHER-SPEED PANIC STOPPING.

PUSH HELMET LAWS, LOSE YOUR JOB! THE FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOUISIANA SAFETY COMMISSION, WHO HAS PUSHED HELMET LAWS THROUGHOUT THREE GUBERNATORIAL ADMINISTRATIONS, SAID HE WAS FIRED BECAUSE HE DISAGREES WITH NOW-GOVERNOR BOBBY JINDAL'S EFFORTS TO RE-REPEAL THEIR STATE'S HELMET MANDATE FOR ADULT RIDERS.

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE COLONEL JAMES CHAMPAGNE, WHO HAS HELD HIS POST FOR 12 YEARS THROUGHOUT THEIR ON-AGAIN-OFF-AGAIN HELMET LAW, WAS ABRUPTLY TERMINATED MARCH 25TH, SAYING HIS DISMISSAL FOLLOWED A MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF BECAUSE "I REFUSED TO COMPROMISE MY VIEWS ON THE HELMET ISSUE."

CHAMPAGNE TESTIFIED IN COMMITTEE AGAINST JINDAL'S FORMER BOSS AND MENTOR EX-GOVERNOR MIKE "BIG DADDY" FOSTER'S SUCCESSFUL PUSH TO ABOLISH THE STATE'S HELMET LAW BACK IN 1999, AND THEN TESTIFIED IN FAVOR OF OUTGOING GOVERNOR KATHLEEN BLANCO'S SUCCESSFUL DRIVE TO RESTORE THE HELMET LAW IN 2004. FOSTER ONCE HINTED PUBLICLY THAT CHAMPAGNE'S POSITION ON MOTORCYCLE HELMETS COULD COST HIM HIS JOB.

ENTER NEWLY-ELECTED GOV. JINDAL, WHO FAVORS REPEAL OF THE MANDATORY HELMET LAW AS A FREEDOM OF CHOICE ISSUE, AND LOOKS TO FULFILL ONE OF HIS FEW SPECIFIC CAMPAIGN PROMISES. AT LEAST TWO BILLS ARE PENDING IN THE LEGISLATURE THAT WOULD REPEAL THE HELMET REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULTS.

JINDAL REPLACED CHAMPAGNE WITH THE FORMER HEAD OF BIG DADDY'S SECURITY DETAIL DURING HIS TERMS AS GOVERNOR, 26-YEAR VETERAN OF THE STATE POLICE COL. JOHN LEBLANC, WHO HAS SAID THAT WILL NOT TAKE A POSITION IN THE LEGISLATURE ON THE HELMET ISSUE.

IN 2004 THE STATE HAD 80 MOTORCYCLE FATALITIES, BUT DESPITE THE HELMET REQUIREMENT THAT FIGURE ROSE TO 95 IN 2006, WHEN LOUISIANA RANKED NO. 3 IN THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF MOTORCYCLE DEATH RATES PER 10,000 REGISTERED MOTORCYCLES WITH A DEATH RATE OF 15.5 PER 10,000 REGISTERED MOTORCYCLES; MORE THAN DOUBLE THE NATIONAL RATE (NATIONALLY, IN 2006, 7.3 MOTORCYCLISTS WERE KILLED FOR EVERY 10,000 REGISTERED MOTORCYCLES ON THE ROAD). NEIGHBORING MISSISSIPPI, WHICH ALSO HAS A HELMET LAW, RANKED NO. 1 IN THE NHTSA DATA WITH 20 RIDERS KILLED PER 100,000 BIKES.

THE REPORT ALSO NOTED THAT NATIONWIDE IN 2006 JUST 1 IN 2 RIDERS WORE A HELMET, BUT 42% OF MOTORCYCLISTS KILLED IN CRASHES BETWEEN 2002 AND 2006 WERE NOT WEARING HELMETS.

"THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION IS IN FULL SWING AND NOW IS THE TIME FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE MOTORCYCLING COMMUNITY TO START VOICING THEIR OPINIONS AND LET THE POLITICIANS OF THIS STATE KNOW THAT WE ARE VOTING, TAX PAYING, CONSTITUENTS OF THEIRS," SAID POET, STATE EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT OF ABATE OF LOUISIANA. "REMEMBER: ONE VOICE IS BUT A WHISPER, BUT A THOUSAND VOICES ARE A ROAR!"

UNEMPLOYMENT LINE, PART II NEW JERSEY SENATOR FRANK LAUTENBERG IS THE BIGGEST HELMET-PUSHER IN CONGRESS, BUT HE MAY BE FACING STIFF COMPETITION FOR HIS JOB IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION. ABATE OF THE GOLDEN STATE IS BACKING U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT ANDREWS IN HIS BID TO REPLACE THE 84-YEAR-OLD FOUR-TERM NANNYCRAT. AS A 9-TERM VETERAN OF THE U.S. HOUSE, ANDREWS HAS WORKED WITH MOTORCYCLISTS AND SPONSORED THE HIPPA BILL TO PROTECT MOTORCYCLISTS' HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AND HAS ALSO PLEDGED TO VOTE AGAINST ANY HELMET LEGISLATION.

ABATE IS ASKING CONCERNED RIDERS TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD TO FLOOD THE VOTING BOOTHS WITH MOTORCYCLISTS FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION, AND DUE TO HISTORICALLY LIGHT VOTER TURNOUT BIKERS COULD EASILY SWING THE ELECTION.

THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME ABATE OF THE GARDEN STATE AS ONE OF OUR NEWEST NCOM MEMBER GROUPS.

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WEIRD NEWS: ANGRY BIKES CAN SAVE LIVES HONDA MOTOR COMPANY SCIENTISTS STUDYING THE WAY THE BRAIN REACTS TO DIFFERENT IMAGERY FOUND THAT MOTORCYCLES THAT RESEMBLE A HUMAN FACE - ESPECIALLY AN ANGRY ONE EVOKED WITH DIAGONAL HEADLIGHTS AND ABBREVIATED NOSE - ARE "SIGNIFICANTLY" MORE VISIBLE TO OTHER DRIVERS.

MEASUREMENTS TAKEN WITH FUNCTIONAL MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING CONFIRM THAT A MORE LIFELIKE FRONT-END DESIGN "ELICITS A RESPONSE SIMILAR TO THAT WHEN A HUMAN FACE IS SEEN," SUGGESTING THAT OTHER DRIVERS WILL MORE QUICKLY RECOGNIZE THE MOTORCYCLE'S PRESENCE AND REACT ACCORDINGLY.

"PEOPLE IN FOUR-WHEELED VEHICLES WILL SEE NOT JUST MOTORCYCLES COMING AT THEM BUT MOTORCYCLES WITH HUMAN CHARACTERISTICS AND FACES," SAYS CHARLES KENNY, PRESIDENT OF RIGHT BRAIN PEOPLE, A CONSUMER PSYCHOLOGY FIRM SPECIALIZING IN MOTOR VEHICLES. "IT CONNECTS TO SOMETHING VERY BASIC IN THE PSYCHE THAT GOES BACK TO WHEN THEY WERE LITTLE CHILDREN."

BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, KENNY POINTS TO THE DISNEY MOVIE CARS, AND TO KIDS' TOYS SUCH AS THOMAS & FRIENDS TRAINS, BOTH OF WHICH CAUSE YOUNGSTERS TO EMOTIONALLY IDENTIFY WITH INANIMATE OBJECTS.

"THE HUMAN BRAIN," HONDA'S 2005 STUDY EXPLAINS, "EXHIBITS A STRONG RESPONSE TO FACIAL PATTERNS, ESPECIALLY TO THE EYES AND MOUTH." THE OBSERVATION LED TO THE EXTRAPOLATION THAT HUMAN-LOOKING BIKES ARE MORE QUICKLY RECOGNIZED BY MOTORISTS, MAKING THEM MORE EASILY AVOIDED.

MAJOR MANUFACTURERS SUCH AS SUZUKI, KAWASAKI, HONDA, YAMAHA, BUELL, TRIUMPH AND DUCATI ALL FEATURE 2008 SPORTBIKES FITTED WITH MENACING CAT'S EYE HEADLIGHTS, AND ACCORDING TO MONEY.CNN.COM THE NEW HONDA DN-O I DELIBERATELY INCORPORATES A HUMAN LOOK INTO ITS FRONT VIEW.

"THE SPORTBIKE COMMUNITY REALLY WANTS AN AGGRESSIVE, HARD-EDGED DESIGN," SAYS JOHN PAOLO CANTON, SPOKESMAN FOR DUCATI NORTH AMERICA. "NOBODY WANTS TO BUY A 300-KM/H MOTORCYCLE THAT LOOKS CUTE."

WITH MOTORCYCLE USE WORLDWIDE NEAR AN ALL-TIME HIGH, "CONSPICUITY ENHANCEMENT" AS RESEARCHERS CALL IT, CAN HELP PROMOTE AWARENESS AND AVOIDANCE OF MOTORCYCLES SHARING THE ROAD.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "FOR IF MEN ARE TO BE PRECLUDED FROM OFFERING THEIR SENTIMENTS ON A MATTER...REASON IS OF NO USE TO US...DUMB AND SILENT WE MAY BE LED, LIKE SHEEP, TO THE SLAUGHTER." GEORGE WASHINGTON

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