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**NEXT CHAPTER
MEETING**

11:30AM

SATURDAY

July 19th



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WHO RIDE
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**ABATE of Florida, Inc
Lake County Chapter**



**August 9, 2008 ** State Meeting
Lake County FL**

State Board Meeting Aug 9th, Sat ** starts at 12 noon
Delegates Meeting at 2:00

LOCATION: Eagles Aerie # 42733 - map available at hotel.
27150 Haywood Worm Farms Rd, Okahumpka 34762
Party to follow at Days Inn

*Hotel: \$59. plus 11% tax. Days Inn 20390 N US Hwy 27, Clermont 34715 — 352-429-0483 — 40 rooms
are blocked off at that rate & reservations must be made by July 25th to get this rate, mention ABATE
Lake Cnty. Check in is 3 pm.. Located 1/2 mile south of FI Turnpike on US 27, Clermont.*

Camping: 352-429-2116 Bee's RV Resort 20260 N US Hwy 27, 1/2 mile South from hotel. Tent & RV



*We are doing it again! State Meeting for Aug 9th, lodging
facilities in Clermont- Groveland near the south bound
entrance of the Fl. Turnpike off of Hwy 27. Full dining facility,
tiki bar by pool, sports pub on site. Lake County members will
greet the Delegates on Fri evening at hotel. Be sure to pick up
info for other activities planned for the weekend at the front
desk when you check in.*

**Live music by: JERICO
at the Days Inn**

no cover 8-midnite
**Drink Specials
50/50 & Prize Drawings**

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<http://lake.abateflorida.com>

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information available at Days Inn

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President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY SAYING I AM TRULY HUMBLD AND HONORED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS YOUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO ATTENDED OUR MEETING AND FOR YOUR SUPPORT. I HAVE ALSO BEEN PRIVILEGED BY AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT MAKE UP OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THEIR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO OUR CHAPTER IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT ABATE IS ALL ABOUT. THE WHEELS ARE ALREADY TURNING IN TAKING THIS CHAPTER TO THE NEXT LEVEL AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TO SHARE IN OUR SUCCESS.

I BEGAN WRITING THIS MESSAGE JUST AFTER THE ELECTIONS WERE FINAL TO TRY TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE AND PRIDE IN WHERE WE HAVE TAKEN THIS CHAPTER. THAT IS UNTIL OUR 1ST ANNUAL FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY. MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IF YOU WEREN'T THERE YOU MISSED OUT ON AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME. THIS EVENT WAS SOMETHING I WILL NEVER FORGET. WE HAD AN INCREDIBLE TURNOUT, I THANK EVERYONE THAT RODE IN FOR THE PARTY, I WAS OVERWHELMED BY THE SUPPORT EVERYONE SHOWED US BY MAKING THIS A GREAT EVENT AND A GREAT TIME FOR ALL. MY SPECIAL THANKS AND APPRECIATION GOES OUT TO ABATE SE AND THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POSTS 268, 277, 162 AND 142 FOR MAKING AN IMPRESSIVE SHOWING AND FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR CHAPTER SINCE DAY ONE.

OUR STAFF PERFORMED ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY, I COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD OF THE TIME, EFFORT AND DEDICATION EVERYONE HAD IN PLANNING AND COORDINATING THE MANY HUGE TASKS PRESENTED IN PUTTING AN EVENT LIKE THIS TOGETHER, ESPECIALLY FOR THE FIRST TIME. THERE WAS AN EMERGENCE OF SPIRIT AMONG ALL THOSE THAT PARTICIPATED, FAR MORE THAN ANYONE COULD EVER ASK. FROM THE IMMENSE TASK FROM PLANNING RIGHT DOWN TO PACKING UP. IT HAD BECOME SO WELL ORGANIZED IT WAS RECOGNIZED BY TWO P.B.S.O OFFICERS SITTING IN THE PARKING LOT TALKING WITH JIMMY THE OWNER OF THE UGLY MUG. AFTERWARDS JIMMY TOLD ME THEY WERE VERY IMPRESSED ON HOW WELL COORDINATED EVERYTHING WAS. THEY HUNG AROUND LITTLE WHILE AND LEFT, PROBABLY WISHIN' THEY WERE HANGIN' OUT WITH US.

MY SINCEREST GRATITUDE GOES OUT TO LADY DI, FOR HER INCREDIBLE TENACITY IN PLANNING AND COORDINATING THIS EVENT. HER ATTENTION TO EVERY DETAIL AND RESOURCE WROTE THE FIRST PAGE IN ORGANIZING SOMETHING OF THIS MAGNITUDE FOR OUR CHAPTER. THANK YOU FOR AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN MAKING THIS EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS. I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU THAT SERVED ON THE COMMITTEE FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION AND COMMITMENT, YOUR EFFORTS AND MANY HOURS OF HARD WORK REALLY MADE IT HAPPEN. MY THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO ALL MY BRO'S FOR WORKING THEIR ASSES OFF TAKING CARE OF THE

President's Message - Cont'd

TRAFFIC AND PARKING DETAIL AS WELL AS SET UP, TEARDOWN AND OUTSIDE SECURITY. THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE. LAST BUT NOT LEAST, TO ALL OF YOU THAT MANNED THE TABLES, YOU ALL DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF KEEPING THINGS MOVING ALONG QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY, THANKS TO YOU IT CAME OFF WITHOUT A HITCH.

OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO JIMMY AND SUSAN FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE AND TO ALL OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ABATE S.E. FOR ALLOWING TO USE THEIR EVENT EQUIPMENT AND TRAILER. IT REALLY MADE A TOUGH JOB A WHOLE LOT EASIER. AND TO ALL OF YOU THAT MADE THE RIDE UP, WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND BROTHERHOOD, IT REALLY MEANS A LOT TO US.

JIMMY V. AND THE STAFF AT THE UGLY MUG DID A GREAT JOB, THEY REALLY WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO MAKE US FEEL WELCOME AND KEPT THE PARTY GOING STRONG ALL EVENING. COLD IRON WAS THE ENGINE THAT TURNED THE WHEEL, THESE GUYS BLEW THAT ROOM AWAY, WITH AN EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE OF ROCK AND BLUES THAT REALLY IMPRESSED EVERYONE THAT HAD NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE. THEY VOLUNTEERED TO DO THIS FOR US AND I KNOW THEY TURNED DOWN A BUNCH OF PAYING GIGS TO BE THERE FOR US. THANK YOU MY BROTHERS. YOU CAN CATCH THEM AT TURN 3 SPORTS BAR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY JULY 18TH & 19TH. BRENT AND SUSAN OWNERS OF TURN 3 CONTRIBUTED TO OUR EVENT BY DONATING TO THE BASKET OF CHEER. SUSAN JOINED OUR CHAPTER 2 YEARS AGO AND THEY BOTH HAVE BEEN STRONG SUPPORTERS OF OUR CHAPTER AND REALLY HELPED GET US THROUGH THE FIRST TWO YEARS ALLOWING US TO HOST BIKER APPRECIATION PARTIES AND SUPPLYING GREAT FOOD FOR FREE BUFFETS.

IRON EAGLE JEFF AND GATOR WERE ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT OF THE PARTY RUNNING THE SLOW RIDE AND WEENIE BITE CONTESTS AS ONLY JEFF AND GATOR CAN. GREAT JOB GUYS. IF YOU ENJOYED THE CONTESTS YOU CAN CATCH THIS ON GOING COMPETITION EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT AT IRON EAGLE MOTORCYCLE Co. 1890 S. MILITARY TRAIL W.P.B. THEY HAVE ONE OF THE BEST BIKE NIGHTS ANYWHERE AND ALL DONATIONS GO TO THE MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION.

JUNE WAS KIND OF LIKE A NEW BEGINNING FOR US IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT WAYS, WE HAD A GREAT RIDE UP TO THE ABATE OF FLORIDA STATE MEETING JUNE 13TH IT TURNED OUT TO BE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND IN ALL WITH A PARTY SATURDAY NIGHT HANGIN' OUT WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE AND THE RIDE BACK TO PALM BEACH ON SUNDAY. OUR CHAPTER ELECTIONS WERE HELD THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND AND I THINK WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN PLACE TO MAKE THIS THE BEST YEAR EVER. AS WITH ANY ORGANIZATION LIKE OURS, WE'VE HAD OUR FAIR SHARE OF BUMPS IN THE ROAD, BUT THOSE WHO HAD MADE THEIR COMMITMENT TO HELPING TO BRING OUR CHAPTER TO THIS LEVEL STAYED ON BOARD AND I AM DEEPLY INDEBTED TO ALL OF YOU. YOU HAVE GIVEN OF YOURSELVES IN TIME AND EFFORT TO HELP LAY THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH TO BUILD AND SHAPE ABATE PALM BEACH FOR THE FUTURE. IT IS INDEED A NEW BEGINNING AND IT IS MY

President's Message - Cont'd

SINCEREST HOPE THAT THIS NEW BEGINNING WILL BRING MORE OF OUR MEMBERSHIP INTO THE CIRCLE OF ACTIVE MEMBERS WITH NEW IDEAS AND COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE OUR PROGRESS AND STRENGTHEN OUR BOND.

WE HAVE A GREAT START, WITH OUR V.P. PAPA BEAR LEADING THE WAY BY ACTIVATING OUR SAFETY PROGRAM. IT'S GREAT THAT WE HAVE MEMBERS LIKE LEFTY, TED C AND JAG SIGNING UP TO CONDUCT CLASSES, THIS IS WHAT WE DO, THIS IS WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT. MOTORCYCLISTS RIGHTS, SAFETY AND AWARENESS FOR ALL MOTORCYCLISTS ACROSS THE BOARD. THAT IS OUR CHOSEN MISSION AND A CAUSE I HAVE COMMITTED MYSELF TO FOR OVER FIVE YEARS. AS YOUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT I AM COMMITTED TO BRINGING THIS CHAPTER TO THE FOREFRONT AND MAKE IT AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT ABATE OF FLORIDA WAS INTENDED TO BE. IN MY OPINION THAT MEANS A DEDICATED GROUP OF PEOPLE WITH ONE COMMON GOAL WORKING AS ONE IN ORDER TO HAVE OUR VOICE HEARD ABOVE THE WHINING OF THE PUBLIC BECAUSE OF LOPSIDED MEDIA REPORTS AND NEWS ARTICLES ABOUT ACCIDENTS INVOLVING MOTORCYCLES.

WE SHOULD REMAIN ON THE FRONT LINE FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES, WORKING IN COORDINATION WITH EVERY MRO AND MRSP AVAILABLE TO US WITH A UNITED VOICE TO BRING ABOUT MANDATORY DRIVER EDUCATION CLASSES IN ALL FLORIDA SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND SCHOOL SYSTEMS NATION WIDE.

I BELIEVE A MANDATORY CELL PHONE BAN NEEDS TO BE PURSUED, IT WAS PROPOSED BACK IN 2003 TO ABATE OF FLORIDA. IT WAS MET WITH TENDED ENTHUSIASM. SINCE, THEN THERE HAS BEEN AN EVOLUTION IN STUPIDITY, THE TEXT MESSAGING HERD THAT FINDS IT'S NECESSARY TO SPEAK IN SOME MORONIC CODE, TYPING WHILE DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE. AS IF DIALING A PHONE NUMBER WASN'T ENOUGH OF A DISTRACTION. HANDS FREE IS NOT AN OPTION. IN MY PERSONAL OPINION, MOST PEOPLE CAN'T CONCENTRATE ON WHAT THEY'RE DOING WHILE DRIVING SOLO. INTRODUCE A CELL PHONE IN ANY FORM INCLUDING "HANDS FREE" AND YOU HAVE A DISTRACTED DRIVER. DISTRACTED DRIVERS KILL PEOPLE. AND TODAY, FLORIDA STILL DOESN'T HAVE A LAW MAKING IT MANDATORY FOR POLICE ACCIDENT REPORTS TO INCLUDE COMPLETION OF THE DISTRACTIONS PORTION OF THE REPORT. DISTRACTIONS, THE NUMBER ONE KILLER OF MOTORCYCLISTS.

IN ALMOST EVERY "RIGHT OF WAY" VIOLATION BE IT BIKE OR CAGE THE RESPONSE HAS ALWAYS BEEN "I DIDN'T SEE THEM" TO THE POINT WHERE IT'S BECOME ACCEPTED AS A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY. I AM COMMITTED TO PUSHING FOR STIFFER PENALTIES AND PLAN TO OPEN A CAMPAIGN TO BRING THIS DEADLY PRACTICE BEFORE THE PUBLIC TO TRY TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS PROBLEM AND HOW IT AFFECTS ALL MOTORISTS.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN AVOIDING RIDING ON ROADS BECAUSE OF POLICE PRESENCE AND UNLAWFUL STOPS, WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT. WHEN IS ENOUGH, ENOUGH? I SAY NOW! FOR NEARLY A YEAR WE HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH COMMUNITIES ALONG A I A WHO HAVE DECIDED

President's Message - Cont'd

THEY DON'T WANT MOTORCYCLES ON A I A. MUCH WORSE THEY HAVE GIVEN THEIR POLICE FORCES A FREE HAND TO DO IT ANYWAY THEY SEE FIT. WE ALL KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING AND FOR THE MOST PART THEY ARE SUCCEEDING. IN A RECENT POLL I CONDUCTED IT WAS CLEAR THAT EVERYONE THAT RESPONDED WAS AVOIDING A I A.

ALTHOUGH THIS MAYBE A WAY TO AVOID THE HARASSMENT ON THE LOCAL LEVEL EVERY YEAR HAS SHOWN AN INCREASE OF MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC ON A I A BY MOTORCYCLISTS FROM OTHER STATES. ARE WE GOING TO ALLOW THEM TO RIDE INTO THESE "TICKET MILL" COMMUNITIES WITHOUT ADDRESSING THIS FLAGRANT ACT OF DISCRIMINATION? I FEEL IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THESE SELF PROCLAIMED EXPERTS THAT ARE WRITING TICKETS FOR SOMETHING THAT IS NOT ILLEGAL. THEY KNOW OUT OF STATE RIDERS WONT COME BACK TO FIGHT THE TICKETS EVEN THOUGH THE TICKET WILL BE THROWN OUT IN MOST CASES, THEY'RE GENERATING REVENUE FOR THEIR COMMUNITIES AT THE EXPENSE OF UNWARY CITIZENS WHO HAPPEN TO RIDE MOTORCYCLES. DO WE PASS OUT FLIERS AND PUT UP SIGNS TO WARN THEM TO STAY OFF A I A OR DO WE TAKE THE FIGHT TO THOSE WHO VIOLATE OUR RIGHT TO RIDE FREE ON ANY PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE WITH OUT HARASSMENT? THE CHOICE IS YOURS, I CHOOSE TO FIGHT.

ABATE IS FOR ALL MOTORCYCLISTS, I INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AS A MEMBER OR AS A SUPPORTER OF THE CAUSE BY MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TO OUR CHAPTER. HELP US, TO HELP YOU PRESERVE YOUR FREEDOM AND THE FREEDOM OF ALL MOTORCYCLISTS.

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 HB 1697 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

I FEEL COMPELLED TO START THIS VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO EXPLAIN TO EVERYONE THE OVERWHELMING PRIDE I HAVE IN OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS WHO WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE OUR FIRST EVER SFPC CALENDAR EVENT A GREAT SUCCESS. AS THE OLD SAYING GOES, "YOU NEVER GET A SECOND CHANCE TO MAKE A GOOD FIRST IMPRESSION," AND WE SUCCEEDED. EVERYONE I HAVE SPOKEN TO HAS COMPLEMENTED US ON A FIRST CLASS, QUALITY EVENT.

THE MORNING AFTER THE EVENT MY WIFE KATHY AND I RODE DOWN TO FLORIDA CITY FOR THE WINGS OF GOLD MIAMI CHAPTER'S ANNUAL WITH OUR ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS LITTLE RAY, HIS WIFE SARAH, RAY-RAY AND BLONDIE. I WAS APPROACHED BY SEVERAL DIFFERENT MC'S, MC ASSOCIATIONS, INDEPENDENTS AND EVEN SEVERAL OF THE VENDORS WHO HAD BEEN AT OUR EVENT THE NIGHT BEFORE. THEY ALL HAD NOTHING BUT COMPLIMENTS AND THOUGHTS OF A GOOD TIME AT OUR FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY.

NONE OF THIS COULD HAVE BEEN DONE WITHOUT THE HARD WORK OF OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO WORK WITH US. IF I TRY TO START NAMING ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO ASSISTED TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SPECIAL ONE I KNOW I WILL PROBABLY FORGET SOMEONE, SO AS NOT TO MINIMIZE ANYONE'S EFFORT I'LL JUST GIVE A VERY HEARTFELT THANK-YOU TO ALL WHO OF OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS WHO PITCHED IN TO MAKE THIS SUCH A SPECIAL DAY. NOT TO MINIMIZE THE EFFORT THAT ANY OF OUR MEMBERS GAVE TO US, BUT I HAVE TO GIVE SPECIAL THANKS TO FRENCHIE WHO WAS WITH ME GETTING AND LOADING THE TRAILER AT 7:30 AM AND STAYED WORKING WITH ME ALL DAY AND NIGHT UNTIL WE UNLOADED THE TRAILER IN SUNRISE AFTER 1:30 AM. YOU WERE ALL A GREAT EXAMPLE OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WILLING TO UNSELFISHLY GO ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR OUR CHAPTER.

THANKS ALSO HAS TO GO OUT TO JIM AND HIS STAFF AT THE UGLY MUG FOR HOSTING OUR EVENT IN THE MOST PROFESSIONAL, COURTEOUS AND EFFICIENT WAY. I ONLY HAD A VERY FEW MINUTES TO SAMPLE A QUICK BITE OF THEIR FOOD, BUT IF ANY OF YOU GET TO STOP BY THERE FOR A COCKTAIL AND HAVE A SUDDEN GRUMBLING IN YOUR STOMACH, YOU GOTTA TRY HIS FISH FINGERS. THEY WERE FANTASTIC! I HOPE ALL OF US CONTINUE TO STOP BY AND SHOW THEM OUR GRATITUDE BY SPENDING SOME TIME AND A FEW DOLLARS THERE.

WE HAD TONS OF DOOR PRIZES DONATED FROM FRIENDS AND ADVERTISERS ALL OVER THE TRI-COUNTY AREA THAT SHOWING THEIR APPRECIATION FOR US. I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS WHO TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO GO OUT AND GET THEM FOR US.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU DEFINITELY HAS TO GO OUT TO TWO SPECIAL FRIENDS. FIRST I'D LIKE TO THANK JEFF, FROM IRON EAGLE MOTORCYCLES, WHO RAN THE SLOW RIDE AND WEENIE BITE FOR US AT THE EVENT. JEFF HAS BEEN A FRIEND TO THE PALM BEACH COUNTY MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY AND ABATE SUPPORTED FOR A LONG TIME AND RUNS ONE OF THE BEST BIKE NIGHTS IN THE AREA EVERY TUESDAY WHERE ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION. THEN SUE AND BRENT FROM TURN 3 NOT ONLY TOOK TIME ON A SATURDAY NIGHT TO ATTEND OUR EVENT, ALONG WITH MY WIFE KATHY AND I, DONATED HALF OF THE LIQUOR

Vice President's Message - Cont'd

BOTTLES FOR OUR BASKET OF CHEER. THESE ARE SOME TRULY GREAT AND SUPPORTIVE FRIENDS THAT DESERVE OUR THANKS.

TIME AND TIME AGAIN DURING THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT PEOPLE CAME OVER TO ME AND COMPLEMENTED THE TRULY ASS-KICKIN MUSIC THEY WERE ENJOYING FROM COLD IRON. I MENTIONED IT EVERY TIME I WAS ON STAGE BUT IT BEARS REPEATING. THESE GREAT MUSICIANS NOT ONLY ENTERTAINED US ALL NIGHT LONG THEY DONATED THEIR TIME TO THE CHAPTER AND THEY HAD TO TURN DOWN TWO MONEY-MAKING GIGS TO DO IT! SO IF YOU HEAR OF THEM PLAYING ANYWHERE AROUND THE AREA, DO YOURSELF A FAVOR AND STOP BY FOR AWHILE AND MAKE SURE YOU VISIT THEIR TIP-BUCKET TOO!

IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT FEELING TO SHARE OUR TIME AND WORK WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ABATE SOUTHEAST CHAPTER. THEY BROUGHT THE MORE MEMBERS TO OUR FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY THAN ANY OTHER MC OR ASSOCIATION. THEY ALSO LENT US THE CONES, TABLES, CHAIRS EVENT SIGNS AND TRAFFIC FLAGS WE NEEDED FOR THE EVENT. THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT, JIMMY LES, EVEN LOANED US HIS TRUCK AND THEIR TRAILER TO GET THE EQUIPMENT WE NEEDED TO THE EVENT, AND JIMBO THEIR VICE PRESIDENT MET US AT THEIR WAREHOUSE TO LET US IN, THEN HE EVEN HELPED FRENCHIE AND ME LOAD THE EQUIPMENT UP. BROTHERHOOD AND COOPERATION IS WHAT ABATE IS ABOUT. BROTHERS AND SISTERS LIKE THEM MAKE ALL THE HARD WORK WORTH IT.

I WANTED TO END THIS MESSAGE BY EXTENDING MY APPRECIATION TO ALL THE MOTORCYCLE CLUBS, MOTORCYCLE RIDERS AND RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATIONS THAT SHARED SUCH A GREAT TIME WITH US. ALL THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE BENEVOLENCE OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA PRESIDENTS COUNCIL BY INCLUDING US IN THEIR EVENT CALENDAR. THE SFPC EFFORT IN COORDINATING THE EVENT CALENDAR FOR THE MOTORCYCLE CLUBS AND MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATIONS OF SOUTH FLORIDA SO THAT THERE ARE NOT CONFLICTING EVENTS IS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. SOUTH FLORIDA HAS ENJOYED PEACE AND TRANQUILITY AMONG THE MOTORCYCLE CLUBS FOR YEARS AND THE SFPC SCOPE OF COMMUNICATION IS A MAJOR FACILITATOR OF THAT.

THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!

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!

JOHN "PAPA BEAR" OLSEY

YOUR, VICE PRESIDENT

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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 Tuneup Party
- 18-21 - 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 Biketoberfest
- 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 - Calvery Chapel Christmas Service

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NEWS FROM THE ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE.....

LADY DI AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A HUGE THANK-YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED OUT AT OUR FIRST EVENT ON SATURDAY. IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND THAT WAS ONLY BECAUSE OF ALL OF THE MONTHS OF PLANNING AND THE HARD WORK BY A LOT OF DEDICATED PEOPLE. WHETHER YOU WERE IN THE PARKING LOT DIRECTING BIKES OR SELLING 50/50 TICKETS OR TICKETS FOR THE BASKET OF CHEER OR MANNING THE MEMBERSHIP OR SAFETY BOOTH, WE WANT TO THANK YOU! EVERYONE DID A GREAT JOB AND WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT ALL OF YOUR HELP!

FOR A WHILE NOW, I HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO TO HAVE MORE FUN. SEVERAL OF YOU HAVE EXPRESSED TO ME THAT ALTHOUGH YOU JOINED ABATE FOR THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT WE DO, YOU ALSO WANTED TO RIDE WITH A GROUP OF PEOPLE AND HAVE FUN. WELL, WE HAVE A GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE. NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS BRING IN SOME FUN! IT IS OBVIOUS THAT PEOPLE HAD A GREAT TIME SATURDAY. EVERYONE ENJOYED THEMSELVES. I FEEL THAT A BIG PART OF THAT WAS THE BAND. COLD IRON WAS GREAT AND THEY REALLY ROCKED THE HOUSE! PAPA BEAR AND I HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THE FACT THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MONTHLY BIRTHDAY PARTY AND I WILL BE OBTAINING THEIR SCHEDULE SO THAT HOPEFULLY WE CAN COORDINATE OUR PARTY TO BE ABLE TO INCLUDE THEM. ALSO, IN THE FALL, WE WILL BE RESCHEDULING THE RIDE TO MARCO ISLAND WHICH WE HAD TO CANCEL EARLIER THIS YEAR.

THE LEADERSHIP SEMINAR WILL BE IN DELAND ON JULY 12TH AND 13TH. WE ARE PLANNING TO RIDE TO DELAND LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON. EXACT DETAILS WILL BE IN THE PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CALL ME AT 561-302-7150.

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KATHY OLSEY
ACTIVITIES/SOCIAL DIRECTOR



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2008</h1>						
		1 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	2 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB - See Coupon Pg 23	3	4 	5
6	7	8 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	9 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB - See Coupon Pg 23	10	11 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House Lama - Open House	12 ABATE Leadership Seminars - Deland
13 State's MC Lake-Worth - Off Annual - Pg 13 <hr/> ABATE Leadership Seminars	14	15 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	16 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB - See Coupon Pg 23	17	18 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House Lama - Open House	19 ABATE-PBC MEETING 11:30 Wheels of Man - Chili Cookoff - Pg 13
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27 Black Piston - MC - Annual - Pg 14	28	29 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	30 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB - See Coupon Pg 23	31		

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17 AOA MC 41 st ANNUAL	18	19 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	20 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB - See Coupon Pg 23	21	22 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House	23
24 WINGS OF GOLD MC - PORT ST LUCIE	25	26 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	27 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB - See Coupon Pg 23	28	29 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House	30
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DRAFTING GUYS OVER 60

(THIS IS SO FUNNY & OBVIOUSLY WRITTEN BY A FORMER SOLDIER.)

NEW DIRECTION FOR THE WAR ON TERRORISTS. SEND SERVICE VETS OVER 60 YEARS OLD.

I AM OVER 60 AND THE ARMED FORCES THINKS I'M TOO OLD TO TRACK DOWN TERRORISTS. YOU CAN'T BE OLDER THAN 42 TO JOIN THE MILITARY. THEY'VE GOT THE WHOLE THING ASS BACKWARDS. INSTEAD OF SENDING 18-YEAR OLDS OFF TO FIGHT, THEY OUGHT TO TAKE US OLD GUYS. YOU SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO JOIN A MILITARY UNIT UNTIL YOU'RE AT LEAST 35.

FOR STARTERS:

RESEARCHERS SAY 18-YEAR-OLDS THINK ABOUT SEX EVERY 10 SECONDS. OLD GUYS ONLY THINK ABOUT SEX A COUPLE OF TIMES A DAY, LEAVING US MORE THAN 28,000 ADDITIONAL SECONDS PER DAY TO CONCENTRATE ON THE ENEMY.

YOUNG GUYS HAVEN'T LIVED LONG ENOUGH TO BE CRANKY, AND A CRANKY SOLDIER IS A DANGEROUS SOLDIER. 'MY BACK HURTS ! I CAN'T SLEEP, I'M TIRED AND HUNGRY.' WE ARE IMPATIENT AND MAYBE LETTING US KILL SOME IDIOT THAT DESPERATELY DESERVES IT WILL MAKE US FEEL BETTER AND SHUT US UP FOR A WHILE.

AN 18 -YEAR-OLD DOESN'T EVEN LIKE TO GET UP BEFORE 10 A.M. OLD GUYS ALWAYS GET UP EARLY TO PEE SO WHAT THE HELL. BESIDES, LIKE I SAID, 'I'M TIRED AND CAN'T SLEEP AND SINCE I'M ALREADY UP, I MAY AS WELL BE UP KILLING SOME FANATICAL SON-OF-A-B_____.

IF CAPTURED WE COULDN'T SPILL THE BEANS BECAUSE WE'D FORGET WHERE WE PUT THEM. IN FACT, NAME, RANK, AND SERIAL NUMBER WOULD BE A REAL BRAINTEASER.

BOOT CAMP WOULD BE EASIER FOR OLD GUYS. WE'RE USED TO GETTING SCREAMED AND YELLED AT, AND WE'RE USED TO SOFT FOOD. WE'VE ALSO DEVELOPED AN APPRECIATION FOR GUNS. WE'VE BEEN USING THEM FOR YEARS AS AN EXCUSE TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE, AWAY FROM THE SCREAMING AND YELLING.

THEY COULD LIGHTEN UP ON THE OBSTACLE COURSE, HOWEVER. I'VE BEEN IN COMBAT AND DIDN'T SEE A SINGLE 20-FOOT WALL WITH ROPE HANGING OVER THE SIDE, NOR DID I EVER DO ANY PUSH UPS AFTER COMPLETING BASIC TRAINING. I CAN HEAR THE DRILL SGT. IN THE 'NEW ARMY' NOW, 'GET DOWN AND GIVE ME ... ER ... ONE.'

ACTUALLY, THE RUNNING PART IS KIND OF A WASTE OF ENERGY, TOO. I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE OUTFRAN A BULLET.

AN 18-YEAR-OLD HAS THE WHOLE WORLD AHEAD OF HIM. HE'S STILL LEARNING TO SHAVE, TO START UP A CONVERSATION WITH A PRETTY GIRL. HE STILL HASN'T FIGURED OUT THAT A BASEBALL CAP HAS A BRIM TO SHADE HIS EYES, NOT THE BACK OF HIS HEAD.

THESE ARE ALL GREAT REASONS TO KEEP OUR KIDS AT HOME TO LEARN A LITTLE MORE ABOUT LIFE BEFORE SENDING THEM OFF INTO HARM'S WAY.

LET US OLD GUYS TRACK DOWN THOSE DIRTY ROTTEN COWARD TERRORISTS. THE LAST THING AN ENEMY WOULD WANT TO SEE RIGHT NOW IS A COUPLE OF MILLION PISSED-OFF OLD FARTS WITH 'ATTITUDE' AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS WHO KNOW THAT THEIR BEST YEARS ARE ALREADY BEHIND THEM.

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*BASIC RIDER COURSE NOW REQUIRED FOR ALL MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT***

STARTING JULY 1, NEW MOTORCYCLISTS MUST TAKE AND PASS THE BASIC RIDER COURSE THROUGH THE FLORIDA RIDER TRAINER PROGRAM BEFORE THEY CAN HAVE THE MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT ADDED TO THEIR LICENSE, PER SECTION 322.12(5)(A), FLORIDA STATUTES.

AFTER JULY 1 OF THIS YEAR, EVERYONE WILL HAVE TO TAKE THE CLASS AND PASS THE TEST, NO MATTER THEIR AGE. FUTURE MOTORCYCLISTS WILL BE ABLE TO FIND A BASIC RIDER COURSE SPONSOR OR TEACHER ON OUR WEBSITE. UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION, THE SPONSOR WILL SUBMIT THE PASS RESULTS ELECTRONICALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT RECORDS. UPON RECEIVING THE RESULTS, THE APPLICANT WILL BE PROCESSED FOR A MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT'S FLORIDA RIDER TRAINING PROGRAM HAS A WEALTH OF INFORMATION ON MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND PROPER LICENSURE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK OUT WWW.FLHSMV.GOV. ALSO INFORMATION ON WHERE TO FIND APPROVED SPONSORS WHO TEACH THE COURSE CAN BE FOUND HERE.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANYONE DRIVING A MOTORCYCLE WITHOUT AN ENDORSEMENT IS VIOLATING THE LAW, TODAY.

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WHAT IF I HAD COMPLETED THE TESTS BEFORE JULY 1 AND DID NOT GET THE ENDORSEMENT BY THAT DATE? WILL MY WAIVER FROM A THIRD PARTY TESTER BE HONORED?

Yes. AS LONG AS THE TESTS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED, YOU CAN STILL GET THE ENDORSEMENT UP TO 1 YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THE WAIVER.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I HAD A MOTORCYCLE PERMIT FROM A DL OFFICE PRIOR TO JULY 1 BUT DID NOT COMPLETE MY TESTS?

YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE BASIC RIDER COURSE BEFORE SECURING YOUR ENDORSEMENT.

WHAT IF I HAVE COMPLETED THE EXPERIENCED RIDER COURSE BUT DID NOT SECURE MY ENDORSEMENT BEFORE JULY 1, 2008?

YOU STILL HAVE TO TAKE THE BASIC RIDER COURSE BEFORE YOU CAN SECURE THE ENDORSEMENT AND BE LEGAL TO DRIVE A MOTORCYCLE.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT SLOW MOTION



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT OF ABATE FLORIDA

"THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION END IN MAY WITH ONLY ONE BILL PASSED THAT WILL AFFECT LAW BREAKERS; HB 137 WAS SIGNED INTO LAW BY THE GOVERNOR. IT PERTAINS TO HIGH RATES OF SPEED AND DOING TRICKS ON MOTORCYCLES HOWEVER IT ALSO HAS PROVISIONS FOR CARS AND TRUCKS THAT DO HIGH RATES OF SPEED. I BELIEVE THE GOVERNOR MAY HAVE VETOED THIS LEGISLATION IF SOME INTERNET COWBOY WOULDN'T HAVE THREATENED THE BILL SPONSORS LIFE."

DOC ALSO STATED THAT THE STIFFER PENALTIES AMENDMENT WAS CUT DUE TO THIS BEHAVIOR. HOWEVER HE HAS SEVERAL STATESMEN WHO WILL INTRODUCE BILLS CALLED FOR STIFFER PENALTIES FOR DRIVERS INJURING OR KILLING MOTORCYCLISTS.

WHILE SESSIONS ARE CLOSED, WE HAVE A LARGER MISSION TO ELECT THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR CAUSE IN THIS TIME OF ELECTIONS. WE NEED TO DO OUR HOMEWORK TO SEE WHO DESERVES OUR SUPPORT AND VOTE. OUR BROTHER CHAPTERS HAVE SUCCESSFUL DETERMINED ELECTION RESULTS TO GAIN US FRIENDLY FACES IN THE CAPITAL. WE NEED TO DO THAT AND EVEN MORE IMPORTANT AS OUR COUNTIES OF PALM BEACH, MARTIN AND BROWARD ARE KEY PLAYERS IN STATE POLITICS. WE CAN SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US WITH VOTES AND SPREADING THE WORD WHO TO BACK TO OUR FELLOW BIKERS AND CITIZENS. HELP TO DECIDE WHO WE WORK FOR BY RESEARCHING ALL THE CANDIDATES AND ISSUES. THERE ARE TWO INTERNET SITES TO HELP [HTTP://WWW.VOTE-USA.ORG/](http://www.vote-usa.org/) AND [HTTP://WWW.VOTESMART.ORG/](http://www.votessmart.org/) TO HELP COLLECT THIS INFORMATION.

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GOVERNOR VETOES MICHIGAN HELMET LAW REPEAL FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR, MICHIGAN RIDERS SUCCESSFULLY MANEUVERED A HELMET LAW MODIFICATION BILL THROUGH THEIR

STATE LEGISLATURE AND ONTO THEIR GOVERNOR'S DESK, AND FOR THE SECOND TIME GOVERNOR JENNIFER GRANHOLM HAS VETOED THE MEASURE. MOTORCYCLISTS HAD HOPED THAT BY ADDING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, SUCH AS PUMPING UP THE STATE'S ECONOMY BY CHARGING \$100 PER YEAR FOR THE RIGHT TO RIDE HELMETLESS, AND BY WINNING SUPPORT FROM THE STATE'S TOP LAW ENFORCEMENT GROUP, THEY WOULD CONVINCE GRANHOLM TO CHANGE HER MIND THIS TIME AROUND. BUT DESPITE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT IN THE LEGISLATURE AND ENDORSEMENT OF HOUSE BILL 4749 BY THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF POLICE ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL AS THE PROMISE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$25 MILLION ANNUALLY POURING INTO THE STATE COFFERS FROM FREEDOM-MINDED RIDERS, GRANHOLM QUICKLY DISPATCHED THE BILL AGAIN CITING SAFETY CONCERNS AND INSURANCE COSTS. IT WOULD NOW TAKE A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF BOTH CHAMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO OVERRIDE GRANHOLM'S VETO, AN OPTION ABATE OF MICHIGAN AND THE MICHIGAN CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS ARE LOOKING INTO.

MYRTLE BEACH CONSIDERS HELMET LAW TO DETER RALLY-GOERS "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH," HAS BECOME THE CAMPAIGN SLOGAN BY RESIDENTS OF MYRTLE BEACH, SC AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AS THEY CONSIDERED OPTIONS TO PUT A STOP TO LOCAL MOTORCYCLE RALLIES AND DETER BIKERS FROM ATTENDING. ONE OPTION UNDER CONSIDERATION IS THE PASSAGE OF A LOCAL ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE MOTORCYCLISTS TO WEAR HELMETS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS. DURING THE PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD AT A PACKED CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECENTLY, RESIDENT RONNIE FELTS SAID HE HAS SPOKEN WITH MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE WHO URGED THE CITY TO PUSH THE STATE FOR A LOCAL OPTION ON THE STATE'S HELMET LAW, WHICH NOW SAYS NO MOTORCYCLIST 21 OR OLDER IS OBLIGATED TO WEAR HEADGEAR. THE CITY CANNOT NOW PASS ANY LAW MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THE STATE'S, THOUGH ACCORDING TO THE (MYRTLE BEACH) SUN NEWS WHICH REPORTED ON THE MEETING, MAYOR PRO-TEM WAYNE GRAY SAID THERE ARE EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES TO DO JUST THAT. EVEN THOUGH THE BIKE RALLIES FILL THE CITY AT LEAST TWO WEEKENDS EACH MAY -- DURING THE HARLEY-DAVIDSON CRUISIN' THE COAST RALLY AND THE ATLANTIC BEACH BIKEFEST -- THE AUDIENCE GAVE JOYCE HARRIS A STANDING OVATION WHEN SHE TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT SHE AND OTHERS HAD ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH OFFICIALS IN FORT LAUDERDALE, FL WHO PUBLICLY DECLARED SPRING BREAK PARTIERS WERE NOT WELCOME ANY MORE AND THE CITY BEGAN HEAVILY ENFORCING STRICTER ORDINANCES TO DETER THEM FROM COMING. NO ONE IN THE AUDIENCE SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE RALLIES, AND EACH OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AGREED THEY WANT TO PUT AN END THEM NEITHER OF WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE CITY. "WE'RE GOING TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO SHUT

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THE SUCKER DOWN," SAID COUNCILMAN CHESTNUT, WHO ALSO RECEIVED A STANDING OVATION. CITY MANAGER TOM LEATH, CITY ATTORNEY TOM ELLENBURG AND POLICE CHIEF WARREN GALL ARE PLANNING TO COME UP WITH OPTIONS TO PRESENT TO THE COUNCIL, WHICH WILL LIKELY INCLUDE HIGHER TAXES TO PAY FOR A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

DRIVERS MAKE IT TOUGH TO BE AN EASY RIDER A NEW POLL REVEALS THAT CAR DRIVERS WISH THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO SHARE THE ROAD WITH MOTORCYCLE RIDERS. AND MOST BIKERS, IN TURN, WANT CAR DRIVERS TO BE MORE CAREFUL ON THE ROAD. ACCORDING TO THE ONLINE SURVEY OF LICENSED CONNECTICUT DRIVERS, CONDUCTED BY DIRECTIVE ANALYTICS ON BEHALF OF ALLSTATE INSURANCE, IF THE STATE'S CAR DRIVERS HAD THEIR DRUTHERS, ABOUT ONE IN FOUR WOULD HAVE BIKERS BANNED FROM HIGHWAYS AND PARKWAYS. AND NEARLY HALF SAID BIKERS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED ON ROADWAYS ALTOGETHER IN INCLEMENT WEATHER. WHY THE ANIMOSITY? BECAUSE CONNECTICUT CAR DRIVERS CONSIDER MOTORCYCLES UNSAFE. EIGHTY PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS THOUGHT MOTORCYCLES ARE MORE DANGEROUS OR MUCH MORE DANGEROUS THAN OTHER VEHICLES. ONE IN FIVE, IN FACT, SAID THEY HAVE COME CLOSE TO HITTING A BIKER. ILLUSTRATING JUST HOW ANTI-MOTORCYCLE THEY ARE, 75 PERCENT OF DRIVERS SAID THEY WOULD NOT LET THEIR CHILD RIDE ONE. BUT, THE GRIPES AREN'T JUST ON THE PART OF MOTORISTS. THE SURVEY ALSO REVEALS THAT BIKERS OVERWHELMINGLY (80 PERCENT) THOUGHT THEY WERE SAFER ON THE ROAD THAN CAR DRIVERS, STATING THAT CAR DRIVERS ARE CARELESS AND DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND THEM. BIKERS ALSO FOUND CAR DRIVERS TO BE AGGRESSIVE, TRYING TO CUT RIDERS OFF, AS WELL AS IMPATIENT, TENDING TO TAILGATE CYCLISTS. "WHETHER WE PREFER FOUR WHEELS OR TWO, WE ALL HAVE PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS, AND PERHAPS EVEN STRONG OPINIONS, ABOUT OTHER DRIVERS -- BUT THESE OPINIONS SHOULD NEVER GET THE BETTER OF US WHILE WE ARE IN OUR VEHICLES," SAID ANDREA SHORT, ALLSTATE FIELD PRODUCT MANAGER. "PARTICULARLY NOW AS THE WARMER WEATHER APPROACHES AND HEAVY TRAFFIC RE-EMERGES, ALL DRIVERS SHOULD BE CAREFUL AND COGNIZANT OF FELLOW DRIVERS AT ALL TIMES SO WE MAY SHARE THE ROADWAYS SAFELY."

SHARING THE ROAD MOTORCYCLE GROUPS AND CLUBS FROM ACROSS SOUTHEAST TEXAS GATHERED AT COWBOY HARLEY-DAVIDSON IN BEAUMONT TO KICKOFF A MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN TO FOCUS PUBLIC ATTENTION ON THE NEED FOR INCREASED CAUTION ON THE PART OF MOTORISTS AND BIKERS ALIKE. DAVID DIE, A MEMBER OF THE RED KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB, ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF ABATE AND THE CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS BANNED TOGETHER TO SECURE A GRANT FROM THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION TO WORK WITH LOCAL MEDIA IN SUPPORTING A NATION-WIDE INITIATIVE IN PROMOTING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY. "FOR YEARS, DURING THE MONTH OF MAY WE HAVE JOINED LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN PROCLAIMING MAY 'MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS' MONTH. HOWEVER, WE JUST FELT LIKE WE NEEDED TO TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER," SAID DIE. THE MSF GRANT WILL ALLOW THIS GROUP TO SPONSOR A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN, ATTEND SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION ON MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS, REPORTED THE EXAMINER NEWSPAPER. "MY FRIENDS' DEATHS HAVE MADE ME

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INTENT ON GETTING VEHICULAR DRIVERS TO BE MORE ATTENTIVE WHERE MOTORCYCLES ARE CONCERNED," SAID DIE. "TO PUT THE CELL PHONE DOWN, TO PUT THE MAKEUP DOWN, TO NOT FINISH THE LAST PIECE OF SWEET ROLL AND COFFEE AND TO PUT BOTH HANDS ON THE STEERING WHEEL AND YOUR MIND ON DRIVING." THE PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN'S MESSAGE IS TWO-FOLD: IT ADVOCATES RESPONSIBLE MOTORCYCLE RIDING AND REMINDS VEHICLE DRIVERS "TO LOOK OUT FOR MOTORCYCLISTS," SAID ROBIN TROY OF NEIL-TROY ADVERTISING. THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH BEGINS JUNE 16 AND RUNS THROUGH THE END OF THE SUMMER, INCLUDES OUTDOOR BILLBOARDS AND TELEVISION SPOTS.

MOTORCYCLE GROUPS THREATEN LEGAL ACTION OVER N.Y. ROADBLOCKS THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS (NCOM) ANNOUNCED THAT ITS NEW YORK ATTORNEY HAS SENT A LETTER OF INTENT TO FILE A CLASS-ACTION LAWSUIT AGAINST NEW YORK STATE POLICE AND THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN RESPONSE TO A SERIES OF DISCRIMINATORY ROADBLOCKS TARGETING MOTORCYCLES EN ROUTE TO MOTORCYCLE-RELATED EVENTS. AFTER A ROADBLOCK WAS ESTABLISHED ON NEW YORK'S I-84 IN OCTOBER 2007, WHICH SINGLED OUT MOTORCYCLISTS ON THEIR WAY TO A MARCUS DAIRY CYCLE SUNDAY IN NEARBY DANBURY, CONN., MOTORCYCLISTS' RIGHTS ADVOCATES LEARNED THAT FEDERAL GRANT MONEY WAS TO BE USED TO FUND POLICE OVERTIME TO CONDUCT THESE SO-CALLED "SAFETY CHECKS" AT MOTORCYCLE EVENTS STATEWIDE. DESPITE TALKS BETWEEN DMV AND REPRESENTATIVES OF NCOM, THE AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST ASSOCIATION, ABATE OF NEW YORK AND OTHER MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS DURING THE WINTER, ROADBLOCKS WERE ALSO SET UP ON I-88 AND THE NYS THRUWAY TARGETING MOTORCYCLISTS TRAVELING TO THE AMERICAN MOTORCYCLE JAMBOREE, OR AM-JAM, A 24-YEAR OLD EVENT HELD AT THE COBLESKILL FAIRGROUNDS, AND AGAIN ON I-87 STOPPING RIDERS TRAVELING TO AMERICADE IN LAKE GEORGE, AMERICA'S LARGEST TOURING MOTORCYCLE RALLY. ACCORDING TO ROBERT "PROSPECTOR" BOELLMER, THE NEW ENGLAND AND NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVE OF NCOM, AID TO INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS (A.I.M.) ATTORNEY MITCHELL PRONER OF NEW YORK, NY HAS GIVEN NOTICE TO THE NY STATE POLICE AND DMV THAT A CLASS ACTION SUIT WILL BE FILED IN PROTEST OF THE ROAD CHECKS BEING CONDUCTED ON STATE HIGHWAYS DURING EVENTS THAT DRAW THOUSANDS OF MOTORCYCLISTS. WARREN COUNTY TOURISM DIRECTOR KATE JOHNSON SAID AMERICADE'S 2007 ECONOMIC IMPACT IN THE REGION WAS ESTIMATED TO HAVE BEEN \$46 MILLION. "THE RALLY BROUGHT ABOUT 50,000 MOTORCYCLISTS TO THE AREA LAST YEAR," SHE TOLD THE NEWSPAPER, ADDING THAT ATTENDANCE WAS DOWN THIS YEAR. BOELLMER TOLD THE DAILY GAZETTE THAT THE STOPS CONSTITUTE HARASSMENT OF CYCLISTS AND HIS GROUP WILL FIGHT THEM IN COURT TO HALT THE DISCRIMINATORY ROADBLOCKS. HE SAID THE NATIONAL COALITION REPRESENTS MORE THAN A THOUSAND MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. "ABATE OF NEW YORK, INC. EXPRESSES ITS OPPOSITION TO NEW YORK STATE'S BURGEONING TACTIC OF CONDUCTING HIGHWAY ROADBLOCKS WHICH DIVERT ONLY MOTORCYCLISTS FROM THE STATE'S ROADWAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING 'SAFETY CHECKS', AND HEREBY EXPRESSES ITS SUPPORT OF A CLASS-ACTION INITIATIVE BY THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLIST AGAINST THE NYS POLICE AND THE NYS DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES," SAID TIMOTHY D. WERDER, STATE

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PRESIDENT OF ABATE OF NEW YORK IN AN OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY HIS ORGANIZATION. WITH THE SUPPORT OF ABATE OF NEW YORK, THE AMA AND VARIOUS OTHER BIKER RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, NCOM OFFICIALS PLAN TO PURSUE LEGAL ACTIONS AGAINST STATE AGENCIES INVOLVED IN WHAT THEY CONSIDER UNCONSTITUTIONAL INFRINGEMENTS.

LOUD PIPES SAVE (OFFICERS') LIVES OVER IN OAKLAND THEY LIKE IT LOUD - SO LOUD THAT ALL 45 OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLES HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED WITH SHINY NEW TAILPIPES, AT A COST OF \$500 APIECE, TO REV UP THEIR ROAR. IT SEEMS THE COPS JUST DIDN'T FEEL SAFE ON TONED-DOWN BIKES. "THERE'S AN OLD MOTORCYCLE ADAGE THAT YOU ARE HEARD BEFORE YOU ARE SEEN," DEPUTY CHIEF DAVE KOZICKI TOLD THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, EXPLAINING THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION TO TOSS THE BIKES' MUTED FACTORY-ISSUED MUFFLERS IN FAVOR OF THE MORE HIGH-VOLUME PIPES. OAKLAND'S COPS HAD A LONG TRADITION OF RIDING THEIR HARLEY-DAVIDSONS WITH THE MODIFIED, LOUDER TAIL PIPES, EARNING THEM THE NICKNAME "ROLLING THUNDER." BUT AFTER AN OFFICER COMPLAINED ABOUT A LOSS OF HEARING AND OTHERS AROUND TOWN QUESTIONED WHETHER THE POLICE FORCE WAS VIOLATING THE VERY NOISE STANDARDS IT WAS SUPPOSED TO ENFORCE, THE DEPARTMENT BRASS ORDERED A SWITCH TO THE QUIETER STOCK MUFFLERS. ACCORDING TO KOZICKI, THE DECIBEL DROP SPARKED A CHORUS OF COMPLAINTS FROM OTHER OFFICERS, WHO SAID THEY FELT LESS SAFE. KOZICKI CITED AN ACCIDENT THREE MONTHS AGO IN WHICH AN OAKLAND OFFICER RIDING A TONED-DOWN CYCLE WAS STRUCK BY A MOTORIST WHO SAID HE HADN'T HEARD THE OFFICER APPROACHING. SO LAST YEAR THE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHED A \$1,200 STUDY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY'S RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION TO DETERMINE WHETHER A) THE LOUDER MOTORCYCLES CONTRIBUTED TO OFFICERS' SAFETY, B) WERE DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR HEARING, AND C) COMPLIED WITH NOISE STANDARDS. KOZICKI ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WHATEVER SAFETY-RELATED FINDINGS THE STUDY PRODUCED WERE LARGELY ANECDOTAL. STILL, AFTER EVERYTHING WAS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, THE DEPARTMENT CONCLUDED "IT WAS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE OFFICERS TO PUT MORE-AUDIBLE PIPES BACK ON," KOZICKI SAID.

WEIRD NEWS: WEE, WEE, WEE, ALL THE WAY TO COURT DID YOU KNOW THAT TACOMA, WASHINGTON HAS A LAW THAT COULD BAN HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLES? ACCORDING TO THE NEWS TRIBUNE, AN INTERESTING COURT CASE HAS DEVELOPED INVOLVING THE OWNER OF A HOG, CITY PROSECUTORS ARE ARGUING THAT THE OWNER IS VIOLATING A LAW BANNING HOGS IN THE CITY LIMIT. TAKING HIS CASE TO SUPERIOR COURT, IT APPEARS THAT HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLES COULD BE BANNED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS. WHILE THIS COURT CASE IS REALLY ABOUT THE DEFINITION OF A "HOG" THE DEFINITION IN THE BOOK CITY PROSECUTORS ARE USING DEFINE A HOG AS: BLACK'S VETERINARY DICTIONARY, WHICH DEFINES A HOG AS A "MALE PIG AFTER BEING CASTRATED." COLLINS ESSENTIAL ENGLISH DICTIONARY'S FIRST DEFINITION OF HOG IS A "CASTRATED MALE PIG." ENCARTA DEFINES HOG AS "A FULL-GROWN DOMESTIC PIG, ESPECIALLY A CASTRATED MALE PIG." BUT WWW.DICTIONARY.COM DEFINES HOG AS SLANG "A LARGE, HEAVY MOTORCYCLE." LUCKILY THE COURT CASE IS REALLY ABOUT ANIMALS AND THE DEFENSE LAWYER WAS JUST USING THE HOG

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DEFINITION OF A MOTORCYCLE AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THE CITY WAS USING THE WRONG TERMINOLOGY. BUT IT DOES GO TO SHOW THAT THE WRONG INTERPRETATION OF AN OLD LAW ON THE BOOKS COULD REALLY IMPACT MOTORCYCLES OWNERS, AT LEAST IN TACOMA. HOPEFULLY THEY GET THE LAW STRAIGHTENED OUT AND DECIDE ON WHAT REALLY IS A HOG AND WHAT AIN'T, SO BIKERS CAN RIDE INTO TOWN WITHOUT "BREAKING" TACOMA'S ANTI-HOG LAWS.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "I AM WELL AWARE OF THE TOIL AND BLOOD AND TREASURE THAT IT WILL COST TO MAINTAIN THIS DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, AND SUPPORT AND DEFEND THESE STATES. YET THROUGH ALL THE GLOOM I CAN SEE THE RAYS OF RAVISHING LIGHT AND GLORY. I CAN SEE THAT THE END IS WORTH ALL THE MEANS, AND THAT POSTERITY WILL TRIUMPH IN THAT DAY'S TRANSACTION." JOHN ADAMS (1735-1826), PATRIOT AND 2ND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, IN A LETTER TO HIS WIFE ABIGAIL ON JULY 3, 1776

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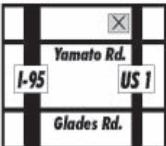
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