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President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

WE ARE RAPIDLY APPROACHING OUR THIRD YEAR AS A CHAPTER, IT SEEMS LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY WHEN D MAN AND I WERE IN BROOKSVILLE TO RECEIVE THE HONOR OF BECOMING A RESURRECTED CHAPTER IN PALM BEACH COUNTY. THERE WERE SKEPTICS AMONG OTHER CHAPTERS AND EVEN THE STATE BOARD HAD THEIR DOUBTS, HAVING HAD THREE FAILED ATTEMPTS AT ESTABLISHING A CHAPTER HERE. BUT I MADE IT MY GOAL AND MY COMMITMENT TO BRING A VOICE TO THE PALM BEACH MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY. I REMEMBER SITTING IN ON A MEETING WITH OUR BROTHERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NOW A.L.R. POST 268 AT THE ALAMO IN DELRAY BEACH TO ASK FOR THEIR SUPPORT. THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND GENEROSITY WAS OVERWHELMING AND AN INSPIRATION. OUR FIRST MEETING WAS HELD THERE AND MOST OF OUR FIRST MEMBERS WERE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS. THEIR SUPPORT AND LOYALTY TO OUR CHAPTER IS AN EXAMPLE OF BROTHERHOOD AND DEDICATION TO OUR CAUSE. WE AS ABATE PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERS OWE MUCH OF OUR SUCCESS TO THEM.

WHEN WE HAD OUR FIRST MEETINGS IN DELRAY THEY WERE THERE FOR US AND OFFERED US A HOME BASE, THEY HELD HORSESHOES AND BBQ'S AFTER OUR MEETINGS TO KEEP PEOPLE AROUND AND HELPED TO BRING ATTENTION TO WHAT WE WERE DOING AND BROUGHT MORE MEMBERS IN FROM OTHER LEGION POSTS AS WELL AS INDEPENDENTS THROUGH OUT THE COUNTY. THEY INTRODUCED US TO THE VFW RIDERS POST 4143 WHO HAD OPENED THEIR DOOR TO US A YEAR AGO AND GAVE US OUR CURRENT HOME BASE AND HAVE ALWAYS MADE US FEEL LIKE FAMILY. ALR 268, WERE ALSO THE LARGEST GROUP TO ATTEND OUR 1ST ANNUAL EVENT. THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS NOTHING SHORT OF HUMBLING IN MY OPINION. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCEREST GRATITUDE TO LOOP AND THE CREW OF A.L.R. 268 FOR THEIR SUPPORT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF A.L.R.'S 277, 162 AND 142 FOR BECOMING MEMBERS OF OUR EXTENDED FAMILY AS MEMBERS OF OUR CHAPTER AND FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE TO RIDE WITH US AND REPRESENT ABATE P.B.C. AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THEIR POST. THANK YOU MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

OUR CHAPTER HAS COME A LONG WAY SINCE THEN, WE HAVE GROWN AND PROSPERED THANKS TO THE EFFORTS OF A HANDFUL OF DEDICATED MEMBERS THAT HAD MADE THEIR COMMITMENT AND STUCK TO IT FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. I THINK WE HAVE A GREAT BOARD IN PLACE AND I AM VERY CONFIDENT IN EVERYONE AND THEIR ABILITY TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES AND TO TAKE OUR CHAPTER TO THE NEXT LEVEL. BUT, IT'S NOT JUST THE BOARD THAT HAS TAKEN US TO THIS JUNCTURE THERE ARE SEVERAL PEOPLE THAT HAVE DONE SO MUCH TO GIVE US A PRESENCE AT EVENTS AND BIKE NIGHTS MANNING OUR BOOTH, PASSING OUT FLIERS, PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS, SAFETY AND LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION AND WORKING WITHIN THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY GAIN SUPPORT FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AS ADVERTISERS AND DROP OFF POINTS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER. THERE ARE ALSO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN THERE FOR THE CHAPTER TO PICK UP AND DISTRIBUTE OUR NEWSLETTERS AS WELL AS HANDLING THE MONTHLY MAIL OUTS. I SALUTE EACH

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AND EVERY ONE OF YOU THAT HAVE STEPPED UP AND PERFORMED THOSE TASKS VOLUNTARILY AND HAVE DONE YOUR PART ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY.

PALM BEACH IS ONE OF THE LARGEST COUNTIES IN THE STATE AND HAS THE POTENTIAL TO SWING A BIG STICK IN THE LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION WE HAVE IN TALLAHASSEE. THIS IS WHAT MOTIVATED ME TO RE-OPEN A CHAPTER HERE. I REALIZED THE NEED FOR MOTORCYCLISTS TO BE REPRESENTED IN THE VAST EXPANSE OF PALM BEACH COUNTY. THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN AS A MEMBER OF THIS CHAPTER. I AM ASKING ALL OF YOU THAT ARE NOT REGISTERED VOTERS TO SIGN UP IN YOUR DISTRICT AND THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE REGISTERED TO PROVIDE THE NAMES AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR YOUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES. THIS ACTION WILL PROVE TO BE INVALUABLE WHEN THE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS OPEN IN SEPTEMBER.

THERE NEEDS TO BE A CONCENTRATED EFFORT PLACED ON GAINING THE SUPPORT OF LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES ON THREE KEY ISSUES. THE FIRST AND PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IS THE "STIFFER PENALTIES" BILL. THIS SUFFERED A KILLING BLOW LAST SESSION DUE TO A LETTER THREATENING THE LIFE OF REPRESENTATIVE CARLOS CANTERA AUTHOR OF HB 137, NOT BY A MOTORCYCLIST BUT A MEMBER OF A CAR CLUB WHO GOES BY THE NAME OF "BULL FROG" IN BROWARD COUNTY. RESURRECTING THIS BILL MAY PROVE TO BE OUR GREATEST CHALLENGE BUT IT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND IT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN A VERY SHORT TIME FRAME. (ROWV) RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATIONS ARE INCREASING AND AN ALREADY BAD SITUATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY GET PROGRESSIVELY WORSE.

DRIVER EDUCATION IN FLORIDA SCHOOL SYSTEMS MUST BE REINSTITATED AS A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT. THE PROGRAM HAD BEEN SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF CORRUPTION WITHIN THE SYSTEM ITSELF. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO ALLOW OUR YOUTH CONTINUE TO GET BEHIND THE WHEEL WITHOUT PROPER INSTRUCTION AND EDUCATION. THE FAILURES OF OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN MY OPINION, WAS AN EXPERIMENT GONE TERRIBLY WRONG. PASSING STUDENTS ON TO THE NEXT GRADE WITHOUT THEM SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE ASSIGNMENTS OF THE PREVIOUS GRADE IS JUST ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING IT'S OK TO BE IRRESPONSIBLE AND UNACCOUNTABLE. ON THE ROADWAYS THOSE TWO THINGS ALONE SPELL DISASTER. COMBINE THAT WITH THE DISTRACTIONS OF CELL PHONE USE AND TEXT MESSAGING WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE OF ANY KIND AND WE HAVE ALLOWED DEADLY PHENOMENA TO OCCUR CALLED "INATTENTIONAL BLINDNESS", WHICH NOW BEGINS TO DEVELOP IN THE PRE TEEN YEARS.

THE USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER COMMUNICATION DEVICES WHILE DRIVING, WHICH WE ALL KNOW HAS REACHED EPIDEMIC PROPORTION. WE'VE ALL BEEN AFFECTED BY IT IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER AND YET IT HAS BECOME SO COMMON PLACE AND ACCEPTED THAT OUR LEGISLATORS HAVE ALL BUT BLOWN IT OFF AS SOMETHING WE'LL JUST HAVE TO ADAPT TO. OTHER STATES ALREADY HAVE LAWS IN PLACE AND ACTUALLY ENFORCE TO RESTRICT USE OF THESE DEVICES. WHY HAVEN'T WE, AS FLORIDA RESIDENTS DEMANDED SIMILAR LEGISLATION IN A STATE ALREADY FAMOUS FOR SOME OF THE MOST DANGEROUS DRIVERS IN THE COUNTRY. OUR EFFORTS IN TALLAHASSEE WERE MET WITH AN ATTEMPT TO APPEASE PROPONENTS OF THE BILL BY CONSIDERING RESTRICTING THE USE TO "HANDS FREE" DEVICES ONLY. THAT IS NOT THE SOLUTION, IT DOES LITTLE IF ANYTHING TO ELIMINATE THE DANGER THIS PHENOMENA CREATES. WE WILL NEED TO CONTINUE TO

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SUPPORT OUR LOBBYIST BY COMMUNICATING WITH OUR LEGISLATORS. THEY NEED TO KNOW THAT DOC IS OUR VOICE, HE IS THERE TO REPRESENT US AS MEMBERS OF ABATE OF FLORIDA AND AS MEMBERS OF THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY. WE CAN'T EXPECT HIM TO GO IT ALONE WE NEED TO PROVIDE THE BACK UP.

I SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER TAKING TIME TO WRITE LETTERS, MAKE PHONE CALLS AND OR SEND EMAILS TO THESE REPRESENTATIVES THIS MONTH. NOT JUST TO THOSE WHO SUPPORT US BUT THOSE WHO HAVE COME OUT IN OPPOSITION, THEY ARE THE ONE'S WE NEED TO REACH. REMEMBER ONE VOICE CAN REPRESENT A THOUSAND OTHER VOICES IF THEY CONTINUE TO SEND THE SAME MESSAGE. YOUR VOICE NEEDS TO BE HEARD.

IN CLOSING I HOPE TO SEE MORE OF OUR MEMBERS OUT RIDING TOGETHER TO THE MANY EVENTS AND GATHERINGS. I'M SURE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN GIVING UP THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS MANNING OUR BOOTH WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE HAVING YOU STOP BY TO LEND A HAND OR JUST STOP BY TO SAY HELLO AND THANKS FOR ALL THEY DO FOR OUR CHAPTER.

SEE YOU ALL AT OUR NEXT MEETING.

RIDE FREE, RIDE SAFE

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**MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS & SAFETY
DEDICATED TO
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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 HAD MY VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ALMOST COMPLETE. I HAD PLANNED ON POLISHING IT UP A BIT AND SENDING IT. BUT, AFTER WHERE I HAVE JUST BEEN AND WHAT I HAVE JUST SEEN I JUST CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO DO IT, SO I'VE TRASHED EVERYTHING I HAD WRITTEN AND AM STARTING AGAIN.

THIS ONE IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE A BIT MORE DIFFICULT FOR ME TO WRITE BECAUSE I AM REALLY IN A PRETTY BAD MOOD AND THOSE OF YOU THAT KNOW ME WELL REALIZE THAT IS A PRETTY RARE CIRCUMSTANCE. ALSO, ABATE OF FLORIDA GUIDELINES FOR ARTICLES PREVENT ME FROM USING ANY KIND OF PROFANITY. SO LIKE I SAID, THIS IS DEFINITELY GOING TO BE A CHALLENGE.

I WAS ACTUALLY FEELING PRETTY GOOD THIS MORNING AND WAS REALLY ENJOYING THE RIDE UP STATE ROAD 7 TO THE VETERANS CEMETERY IN LANTANA. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY--NOT RAINING FOR A CHANGE--I WAS GOING TO PAY MY FINAL RESPECTS TO MARGATE POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL MCQUADE. HE WAS KILLED LAST FRIDAY MORNING ON COCONUT CREEK PARKWAY IN COCONUT CREEK WHILE OFF DUTY AND RIDING HIS PERSONAL MOTORCYCLE. REPORTS ARE THAT AN SUV OPERATED BY LOIZE AUGUSME TURNED LEFT ACROSS HIS RIGHT-OF-WAY AND HIS MOTORCYCLE COLLIDED WITH THE SUV. HE DIED AT THE SCENE. AS USUAL, "POLICE ARE STILL INVESTIGATING THE CRASH", BUT I AM HOPING THAT BECAUSE IT WAS A BROTHER OFFICER THEY'RE LOOKING AT IT REAL HARD.

BEFORE TODAY, ANYONE THAT READ THE SUN-SENTINEL ARTICLE COULD HAVE KNOWN ALMOST AS MUCH AS I KNEW ABOUT THE FORMER US MARINE AND MARGATE POLICE OFFICER. NOW AS YOU KEEP ON READING I'LL TRY TO SHARE SOME EXPERIENCES AND INSIGHTS I HAVE THAT HELPED ME GET TO KNOW HIM BETTER.

FIRST I NEED TO TAKE YOU BACK EXACTLY 24 HOURS BEFORE OFFICER MCQUADE WAS KILLED. AS MOST OF YOU KNOW I AM AN ABATE OF FLORIDA **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS PROGRAM (MSAP)** INSTRUCTOR. LAST THURSDAY FROM 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM I WAS LECTURING TO THE DRIVERS EDUCATION CLASS OF COCONUT CREEK HIGH SCHOOL, THIS SCHOOL IS LOCATED JUST A SHORT DISTANCE FROM WHERE 24 HOURS LATER, LOIZE AUGUSME WOULD KILL POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL MCQUADE. LATE MORNING WAS RIGHT AROUND WHEN THE FIRST CLASS OF DRIVERS EDUCATION STUDENTS WOULD HAVE BEEN WATCHING OUR ABATE MSAP DVD AND LEARNING THE DANGERS OF CARELESSLY TURNING LEFT ACROSS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF A MOTORCYCLE. WHEN INSTRUCTING THAT PART OF THE MSAP CLASS I HAD ALWAYS TAKEN SPECIAL CARE IN EXPLAINING THE HAZARDS OF FAILING TO YIELD TO ONCOMING MOTORCYCLES BUT IN THE FOUR CLASSES SINCE THAT FATEFUL MORNING FOR OFFICER MCQUADE I STOP THE DVD TO RELATE HIS STORY TO THE CLASS IN THE HOPE THAT HIS DEATH MIGHT SAVE SOMEONE FROM THE SAME FATE. ALSO, I SHARE MY HOPES WITH THE CLASS THAT NONE OF THEM WILL EVER HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE ANGUISH, FEARS, PAIN AND SELF QUESTIONING THAT I TRULY HOPE LOIZE AUGUSME IS EXPERIENCING.

BACK TO TODAY. I GOT THERE FIFTEEN OR TWENTY MINUTES BEFORE THE MOTORCADE ESCORTED BY A WEALTH OF MOTOR POLICE OFFICERS ENTERED THE CEMETERY FOLLOWED BY A HUNDRED OR

Vice President's Message - Cont'd

MORE POLICE CARS FROM DEPARTMENTS ALL OVER THE STATE. THE MARGATE POLICE, US MARINES AND OTHER POLICE HONOR GUARDS WERE WAITING TO LAY OFFICER MCQUADE TO REST WITH THE HONOR HE WAS DUE. HIS AMERICAN FLAG DRAPED COFFIN WAS ESCORTED TO HIS REPOSE BY A US MARINE HONOR GUARD AS A POLICE BAGPIPE PLAYED IN THE BACKGROUND. TAPS AND A SHOTGUN SALUTE WERE OFFERED AS WELL AS FULL MILITARY HONORS. ALL-IN-ALL, A VERY TOUCHING AND BEFITTING CEREMONY BUT AS I LOOKED AROUND, ALL I COULD CONCENTRATE ON WAS THE PAIN. I LOOKED AT HIS WIFE, PARENTS, BROTHER, FRIENDS, BROTHER OFFICERS AND I COULD TELL THAT THE ONLY HONOR THAT THEY REALLY WANTED BUT WOULD NEVER AGAIN FEEL, WAS THE HONOR OF HIS PRESENCE AMONG THEM AGAIN. THEY SPOKE OF HIS WARMTH, LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP. I COULD SEE THE PAIN IN ALL OF THEM. IT BROUGHT BACK MANY MEMORIES AND I AGAIN FELT THE HOLLOWNESS IN MY CHEST AND SICKNESS IN MY STOMACH FROM ATTENDING SO MANY FUNERALS. WHEN IS THIS ALL GOING TO STOP? THE ANSWER IS NEVER! *UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!*

I AM SICK AND TIRED OF GOING TO FUNERALS AND SEEING ALL OF THE PAIN THAT IRRESPONSIBLE MORONS CAUSE TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WITH ABSOLUTELY NOTHING BEING DONE ABOUT IT! I AM FULL COMMITTED TO DO ALL I CAN AS YOUR VICE PRESIDENT TO BRING OUR PALM BEACH BIKER COMMUNITY TOGETHER FOR A SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL FUTURE FOR ALL OF US.

I TRULY BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE IS NOT NECESSARILY AGAINST US BUT MORE THAN THAT MOST PEOPLE ARE IGNORANT OF JUST WHO WE ARE. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT TO SUCCEED IN CHANGING THEIR PERCEPTION OF US WE NEED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM ON A REASONABLE LEVEL THAT WILL INFORM EVERYONE WHO WE ARE AND NOT CONFIRM THEIR STEREOTYPICAL MISPERCEPTION OF BIKERS. I THINK THAT THE BEST PLACE TO START IS IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY.

IN THE PAST, WE AS A CHAPTER HAVE BEEN REMISS IN INVOLVING OURSELVES IN OUR OWN BIKER COMMUNITY. ABATE PALM BEACH CHAPTER IS AS DIVERSE OF A BIKER ORGANIZATION THAT THERE IS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE GROUP, MOTORCYCLE CLUBS. OUR CHAPTER DOES HAVE SCATTERED MC MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE, BUT FEW ARE TRULY INVOLVED WITH US. THIS IS OUR FAULT BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO REACHED OUT TO THEM. WE NEED TO GET THE ENTIRE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY TO UNITE AND STAND TOGETHER TO FIGHT FOR STIFFER PENALTIES TO ANY VEHICLE OPERATOR WHO INJURES A MOTORCYCLIST IN A VIOLATION OF OUR RIGHT-OF-WAY. WE NEED TO GET OUR **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS PROGRAM** IN FRONT OF THE COMMUNITY. WE NEED TO SHOW OUR POLITICIANS AND LAWMAKERS THAT THEY IGNORE AND DISCRIMINATE AGAINST US AT THEIR OWN POLITICAL PERIL. WE DESPERATELY NEED TO ORGANIZE!

PALM BEACH COUNTY HAS THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH OF AN ORGANIZED MOTORCYCLE AND BIKER COMMUNITY THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN SOUTH FLORIDA. MY THOUGHTS ARE WHY NOT START WITH THE MOTORCYCLE CLUBS, SOUTH FLORIDA PRESIDENTS COUNCIL AND SOUTH FLORIDA CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS. THEY HAVE DISPLAYED THE ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS AND COOPERATION THAT HAS DISTINGUISHED THEM ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THEY ALREADY HAVE THE COMMUNICATION NETWORKS ESTABLISHED THAT HAS PROVEN TO BE SUCCESSFUL FOR YEARS.

Vice President's Message - Cont'd

THEN LOOKING IT FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW I HAVE TO ASK MYSELF, WHAT'S IN IT FOR THEM? I HAVE TO HONESTLY ANSWER, FOR RIGHT NOW, NOT VERY MUCH. BUT, THEY DIDN'T GET TO BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS THEY ARE BY NOT HAVING LEADERS WHO ARE NOT INSIGHTFUL ENOUGH TO LOOK INTO THE FUTURE AND SEE WHAT COULD BE. THIS GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY. THE SMALL OPENINGS THAT WE HAVE ARE THE SFLPC CALENDAR EVENTS AND THE MOTORCYCLE CLUBS OPEN-HOUSE NIGHTS. WE NEED TO BE THERE! WE NEED TO RIDE WITH THEM WHEN INVITED. WE NEED TO GET TO KNOW THEM AS MUCH AS MUCH AS THEY NEED TO KNOW US! WHEN THAT HAPPENS WE WILL ALL REAP THE BENEFITS OF A TRUE PALM BEACH COUNTY BIKER COMMUNITY AND A STRONGER IDENTITY IN THE SOUTH FLORIDA BIKER COMMUNITY.

IT HAS BEEN PROVEN TIME-AFTER-TIME THAT THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS. WE NEED TO STAND TOGETHER TO FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM AND OUR BASIC RIGHT FOR OUR SUBCULTURE TO SURVIVE. I PLAN TO ATTEND EVERY SFLPC CALENDAR EVENT AND ALL THE MC OPEN-HOUSES THAT I CAN. FOR THE GOOD OF OUR PALM BEACH COUNTY BIKER COMMUNITY I CALL ON YOU, OUR MEMBERS TO RIDE WITH ME. YOU MIGHT JUST FIND OUT, AS I HAVE, THAT WHILE SECURING A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE, YOU'LL BE HAVING ONE HELL OF A GREAT TIME TOO!

TODAY WE PRAY TO GOD TO ACCEPT THE SOUL OF POLICE OFFICER MICHAEL MCQUADE AND THAT HE BY HIS LOVE FOR US CAN LESSEN THE PAIN OF OUR FALLEN BROTHERS' LOVED ONES.

JUST REMEMBER... ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO BE HEARD IS SHOW UP!
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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 - Calvary Chapel Christmas Service



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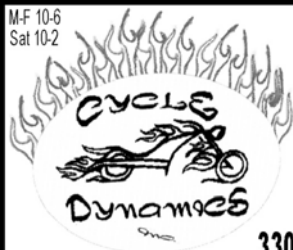


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24 WINGS OF GOLD MC - PORT ST LUCIE Pg 13	25	26 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	27 Island Jack's - Bike Night- Margate & WPB - See Coupon Pg 23	28	29 State's MC - Lake Worth - Open House	30
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A HERO'S WELCOME HOME

TERRY HARDIN (CENTER) AND HER SONS KYLE, 17, AND KEITH, 15, AND DOG DIA (LEFT) POSE AT THEIR HOME IN JUPITER, PRIOR TO HEADING TO PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO GREET ARMY SPC. KEVIN HARDIN, WHO WAS WOUNDED IN IRAQ. ABOUT 250 WERE ON HAND TO WELCOME HIM AT PBIA. "WE'RE LUCKY TO STILL HAVE HIM," SAID KYLE. "THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS."

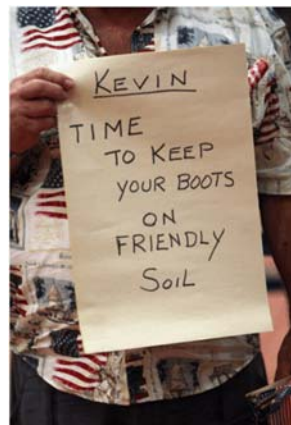


TERRY HARDIN'S SON, 22-YEAR-OLD ARMY SPEC. KEVIN HARDIN, WOULD BE BACK SATURDAY NIGHT - HIS FIRST TIME HOME SINCE A MISSILE BLEW PAST HIM SEPT. 30 AND LODGED HIM AT WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER IN WASHINGTON, WHERE HE STILL IS BEING TREATED 10 MONTHS LATER.

ARMY SPEC. KEVIN HARDIN WAS DRIVING A HUMVEE SEPT. 30 IN SAMARRA, IRAQ, WHEN SOMETHING SIMILAR TO A ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADE - MEANT FOR A TANK - HIT THE HUMVEE INSTEAD, BLASTING THROUGH IT AND PAST HARDIN, SHATTERING THE BONES IN HIS ARMS AND HANDS, LEAVING HIM WITHOUT A THUMB AND FOREFINGER AND WITH SHRAPNEL EMBEDDED IN HIS BRAIN.

TERRY HARDIN CALLED AND E-MAILED SOME PEOPLE, WHO CALLED AND E-MAILED MORE PEOPLE, TAPPING INTO FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS OUTREACH AND THE PATRIOT GUARD, A BIKER GROUP THAT MORE OFTEN ESCORTS HEARSEs, PLUS THE AMERICAN LEGION AND ITS 11TH DISTRICT COMMANDER, DAVID KNAPP, WHO SNAPPED TO ATTENTION AND ZAPPED THE WORD AROUND HIMSELF.

AT 10 P.M. SATURDAY, THE CONCOURSE C ENTRANCE AT PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BRIMMED WITH MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE LINING THE PASSAGEWAYS: CHILDREN, ADULTS, POLITICIANS, NEIGHBORS, THE MECHANIC WHO WORKED ON KEVIN'S ANTIQUE CAR, SOME VETERANS IN PRESSED UNIFORMS AND BIKERS IN BLACK LEATHER. MANY HELD U.S. FLAGS.



A SIGN OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR HARDIN

A HERO'S WELCOME HOME

Army medic Spc. Kevin Hardin returns home



AMONG THE 250 ON HAND AT PBIA TO WELCOME HARDIN HOME WAS THIS CONTINGENT OF MOTORCYCLISTS.

THOSE BIKERS IN BLACK LEATHER WERE THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS OF POSTS 268, 162 AND THE PATRIOT GUARD.

EXCERPTS FROM A STORY IN THE PALM BEACH POST

BY SUSAN SPENCER-WENDEL

PALM BEACH POST STAFF WRITER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 03, 2008

PICTURES BY: BRUCE R. BENNETT THE POST



HARDIN EXITS PBIA WITH FRIEND LILLIAN MAY ON SATURDAY NIGHT.



HARDIN'S MOTHER, TERRY HARDIN, HOLDS A DOG TAG BEARING HER SON'S PHOTO THAT SHE'S BEEN WEARING. "I GOT IT AT FORT HOOD WHEN HE DEPLOYED," SHE SAID. "I WORE IT 24/7 WHILE HE WAS GONE, NO MATTER WHAT."



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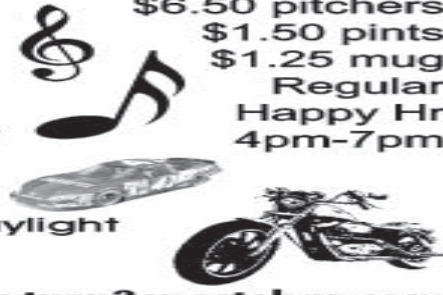
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(FROM ABATE FL LEGISLATIVE SITE- *GETTING STARTED*)

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TO HAVE INSURANCE THAT COVERS YOU WHILE RIDING. THE GOVERNMENT, WHETHER IT IS LOCAL, STATE OR NATIONAL, SHOULD NOT INFRINGE UPON THOSE RIGHTS. YOU SHOULD BE TREATED WITH THE SAME RESPECT THAT IS AFFORDED TO THE NON-RIDING CITIZENS.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE ELSE SAYS. IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO MARK YOUR BALLOT AS YOU SEE FIT. YOU ARE GUARANTEED THE RIGHT TO QUESTION YOUR GOVERNMENT AND TO TAKE ACTION IF DEEMED NECESSARY. IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE YOU ARE GUARANTEED THE RIGHT OF "LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS". DO NOT TAKE THESE RIGHTS LIGHTLY, MANY PEOPLE HAVE DIED TO PROTECT THESE RIGHTS AND IT IS TIME FOR ALL OF US TO STAND UP AND SHOW THEY HAVE NOT DIED IN VAIN. IF YOU NEED CONVINCING GO TO ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY AND SEE THE GRAVES OF OUR FALLEN HEROES, GO TO THE WAR MEMORIALS AND FINALLY STAND IN FRONT OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL BUILDING WHERE ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES MEET AND SWEAR YOU WILL FIGHT TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS AND THE RIGHTS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND NOT LET OUR FALLEN HEROES DOWN BECAUSE THEY GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE. IF WE DON'T PROTECT THESE RIGHTS THEY WILL DISAPPEAR INTO A MIST LOST FOREVER WITH NO FOOTNOTE IN HISTORY!

ELECTIONS AND CANDIDATES

HAVING ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT SUPPORT MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS IN OFFICE IS OUR GOAL. TO DO THIS WE NEED TO SUPPORT THOSE CANDIDATES THAT SUPPORT US. WE WORK TOWARDS CREATING A RAPPORT WITH ALL THE LEGISLATORS AND OFFICIALS. CANDIDATES NEED TO QUALIFY FOR THE ELECTION AND FOLLOW ALL ELECTION LAWS.

CANDIDATES NEED HELP AND SUPPORT ON THE CAMPAIGN. CAMPAIGNING IS EXPENSIVE NOT ONLY IN MONETARY TERMS BUT ALSO TIME. CONTRIBUTE YOUR TIME, WHETHER IS IT PUTTING A SIGN UP IN YOUR YARD OR STANDING ON A STREET CORNER HOLDING ONE. THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO CREATE A RELATIONSHIP WITH A LEGISLATOR THAN HELPING GET HIM ELECTED. TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT LAWS GOVERNING ELECTIONS LINKS ARE AVAILABLE ON ABATE

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SUNPASS' NEW MINI STICKERS WON'T WORK ON MOTORCYCLES

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AUGUST 11, 2008

MANY MOTORCYCLISTS REJOICED WHEN THE \$4.99 SUNPASS MINI WINDSHIELD STICKERS DEBUTED ON JULY 1.

FINALLY, A NO-FUSS ALTERNATIVE TO THE BOX-SHAPED TRANSPONDERS THAT ARE TOUGH TO KEEP FROM FALLING OFF OR BEING STOLEN, NOT TO MENTION IMPOSSIBLE TO SHIELD FROM THE RAIN.

THERE'S JUST ONE PROBLEM: THE STICKER TAGS DON'T WORK ON MOTORCYCLES.

THAT'S WHAT GREGORY PIUS OF WELLINGTON DISCOVERED AFTER HE ALREADY PAID FOR THE TAG, FILLED IT WITH PREPAID TOLLS AND STUCK IT ON THE WINDSCREEN OF HIS BMW MOTORCYCLE.

NOW HE SAYS HE CAN'T REMOVE IT WITHOUT DAMAGING THE SCREEN'S PROTECTIVE COATING.

PIUS, A TECHNOLOGY MANAGER FOR A LOCAL WIRELESS COMPANY WHO LOVES GADGETS, DECIDED TO BUY A TAG BECAUSE THERE'S NO SUITABLE SPOT TO KEEP THE BIGGER TRANSPONDER ON HIS MOTORCYCLE. EVERY TIME HE PASSES THROUGH A TOLL PLAZA, HE HAS TO REACH DOWN TO POP OPEN HIS GLOVE BOX SO THE TRANSPONDER CAN BE DETECTED BY THE SUNPASS SENSORS.

PIUS DID HIS HOMEWORK BEFORE HE MADE THE PURCHASE. HE READ SUNPASS' WEB SITE AND THE PAPERWORK THAT COMES WITH THE TAG.

NOTHING MENTIONED MOTORCYCLE WINDSCREENS WON'T WORK.

TURNPIKE OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGED THE MISTAKE LAST WEEK AND SAID THEY HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO CORRECT IT.

ON THE SUNPASS WEB SITE, IN RED LETTERS UNDER THE LINK FOR THE SUNPASS MINI, IT NOW SAYS THE STICKER TAGS "WILL ONLY OPERATE WHEN AFFIXED TO GLASS WINDSHIELDS. THEY ARE NOT DESIGNED FOR USE ON MOTORCYCLES."

IN ORDER FOR THE STICKER TAGS TO WORK, THEY MUST BE MOUNTED TO A GLASS WINDSHIELD. THE GLASS FUNCTIONS AS AN ANTENNA TO AMPLIFY SIGNALS EXCHANGED BETWEEN AN OVERHEAD DEVICE AND THE TAG SO TOLLS CAN BE DEBITED ELECTRONICALLY.

PACKAGING FOR FUTURE TAGS WILL INCLUDE A DISCLAIMER ABOUT MOTORCYCLES. OFFICIALS ALSO HAVE CONTACTED MOTORCYCLE SHOPS AND RIDERS' CLUBS TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD.

"WE WILL CONTINUE TO SELL WHAT'S ALREADY IN STORES," SAID TURNPIKE SPOKESWOMAN NICOLE KALIL. "WE'RE TELLING MOTORCYCLISTS WHO MAY HAVE PURCHASED A MINI TO GO BACK TO THE STORE WHERE THEY MADE THE PURCHASE FOR A REFUND AND A GET PORTABLE TRANSPONDER. ALL OF OUR RETAILERS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT CUSTOMERS MAY BE RETURNING THE MINIS."

BROWARD, PALM BEACH AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTIES HAVE ABOUT 161,000 LICENSED MOTORCYCLISTS, ACCORDING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES. BETWEEN JULY 1 AND THURSDAY, THE TURNPIKE SOLD 60,476 MINI TAGS.

IN THE MEANTIME, PIUS WANTS THE TURNPIKE TO PAY TO REPLACE HIS WINDSCREEN. HIS DEALERSHIP SAYS IT WILL COST ABOUT \$400.

KALIL SAID SUNPASS CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS ARE TELLING PEOPLE THEY CAN REMOVE THE TAGS WITH GOO GONE, A HOUSEHOLD CLEANER.

BUT PIUS SAID BMW CALLS THAT A BAD IDEA, RECOMMENDING THAT ONLY WATER BE USED TO CLEAN THE WINDSCREEN.

"THERE'S NO WAY I'M GETTING THIS TAG OFF WITHOUT TAKING THE ULTRAVIOLET- AND SCRATCH-RESISTANT COATINGS WITH IT," HE SAID. "I'M GOING TO BE LEFT WITH A SUNPASS-SIZED HOLE ON IT."

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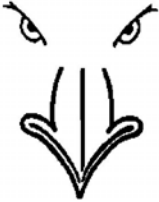
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Saturday Morning Breakfast
9:00 A.M. 'TIL 11:30 A.M.

#1	Two Eggs any style	\$2.50
	Add meat	\$3.50
#2	Corned Beef Hash w/2 eggs	\$4.00
#3	French Toast	\$2.75
#4	Pancakes	\$3.00
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#5	Biscuits &..... small	\$2.50
	Sausage Gravy..... large	\$3.75
#6	Omelet, plain	\$3.00
	w/ham or cheese	\$3.50
	w/ham and cheese	\$4.00
	268 Special	\$4.25
#7	Egg Sandwich, one egg	\$2.00
	one egg w/meat	\$2.50
	two eggs	\$2.25
	two eggs w/meat	\$3.25

All of the above include coffee, toast, or home fries.

SIDE ORDERS

Ham, Bacon or Sausage	\$1.50
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NCOM NEWS BYTES
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NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS (NCOM)
INTEREST IN MOTORCYCLES SOARS WITH FUEL PRICES MOTORCYCLE
AND SCOOTER SALES ACROSS THE NATION ARE BOOMING AS DRIVERS LOOK

FOR WAYS TO TRIM THE COST OF SOARING GAS PRICES, BUT THE RUSH OF INEXPERIENCED RIDERS HITTING THE ROAD HAS HAD DEADLY CONSEQUENCES.

NADA GUIDES, WHICH PUBLISHES A WELL KNOWN BOOK OF USED VEHICLE PRICES, REPORTED THAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE RESEARCHING MOTORCYCLE PURCHASES HAS INCREASED NEARLY 50% OVER LAST YEAR.

SCOOTER SALES JUMPED 24 PERCENT NATIONWIDE IN THE YEAR'S FIRST QUARTER, ACCORDING TO THE MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL. WHILE NEW MOTORCYCLE SALES WERE LAGGING ON THE WHOLE, THOSE WITH SMALLER ENGINES THAT GET BETTER GAS MILEAGE SAW AN UPTURN, ACCORDING TO MIC SPOKESMAN MIKE MOUNT, ADDING THAT USED MOTORCYCLE SALES ALSO ARE CLIMBING.

THE SMALL FUEL-EFFICIENT VEHICLES ARE EASY ON THE MILEAGE AND THE POCKETBOOK, WHICH HAS MADE THEM WILDLY POPULAR WITH GASOLINE PRICES SURPASSING \$4 A GALLON. DEPENDING ON ENGINE SIZE, MOTORCYCLES CAN GET BETWEEN 40 AND 60 MILES PER GALLON OF GAS. SCOOTERS, WHICH TEND TO BE SMALLER AND EASIER TO DRIVE, CAN REACH 100 MILES PER GALLON OR MORE. THAT'S ATTRACTING NEWBIES, DEALERS SAY, WITH MANY NEW BUYERS CITING THE PRICE AT THE PUMP AS THEIR PRIMARY MOTIVATION FOR TURNING TO TWO-WHEEL TRANSPORTATION.

ACCORDING TO A RECENT REPORT BY THE GOVERNORS HIGHWAY SAFETY ASSOCIATION (GHSA), MOTORCYCLE SALES HAVE TRIPLED FROM 1997 TO 2006, FROM 356,000 TO ALMOST 1.1 MILLION, WHILE MOTORCYCLE FATALITIES MORE THAN DOUBLED FROM 2,110 IN 1997 TO 4,810 IN 2006.

LAST YEAR, THE GHSA ASKED STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY AGENCIES TO COMPLETE A SURVEY ON MOTORCYCLE SAFETY ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO CURB THE ANNUAL INCREASE IN MOTORCYCLE CRASHES. THE SURVEYS REVEALED "A PATCHWORK OF HELMET LAWS," WITH ONLY NINE STATES AND PUERTO RICO INDICATING SPECIAL EFFORTS TO HELP LAW ENFORCEMENT IDENTIFY HELMETS THAT DON'T MEET FEDERAL SAFETY STANDARDS. RIDER TRAINING COURSES HAVE BEEN OVERLY STRAINED DUE TO THE INFLUX OF NEW MOTORCYCLISTS AND, AS A RESULT, 29 STATES "INDICATED THEY HAVE CAPACITY PROBLEMS WITH DELAYS RANGING FROM ONE DAY TO 12 WEEKS FOR TRAINING CLASSES. ONLY THREE STATES, FLORIDA, MAINE, AND RHODE ISLAND REQUIRE RIDER EDUCATION FOR ALL RIDERS, REGARDLESS OF AGE," ACCORDING TO THE ASSOCIATION. THE REPORT ALSO SAYS MANY MOTORCYCLISTS DRIVE WITHOUT VALID LICENSES: IN 2006, 25 PERCENT OF OPERATORS IN FATAL MOTORCYCLE CRASHES DID NOT HAVE A VALID MOTORCYCLE LICENSE, COMPARED TO 13 PERCENT OF DRIVERS OF PASSENGER VEHICLES.

GEORGIA TURNS SPEEDERS INTO FUEL PUMPS IT'S A RIDICULOUS CONCEPT, REPORTS THE NATIONAL MOTORISTS ASSOCIATION (NMA), BUT SOMEHOW IT SEEMED INEVITABLE. CHECK OUT THIS STORY FROM USA TODAY: THE SURGING PRICE OF GASOLINE HAS COME TO THIS: A "FUEL SURCHARGE" ON YOUR NEXT SPEEDING TICKET.

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DRIVERS CAUGHT SPEEDING IN THE NORTH ATLANTA SUBURB OF HOLLY SPRINGS SOON WILL HAVE TO PAY AN EXTRA \$12 -- TO COVER \$4-A-GALLON GAS COSTS FOR THE POLICE OFFICERS WHO STOP THEM.

IS YOUR POLICE CRUISER RUNNING LOW ON FUEL? NO PROBLEM, JUST PULL OVER SOMEONE DRIVING HOME FROM WORK, TICKET THEM, AND YOU'LL HAVE A FULL TANK OF GAS IN NO TIME.

NEED TO BALANCE YOUR BUDGET? MAYBE YOU SHOULD LOOK TO PIZZA HUT FOR INSPIRATION: POLICE CHIEF KEN BALL SAYS HE WAS SEEKING WAYS TO MAINTAIN PATROLS DESPITE RECORD HIGH GAS PRICES. "I WAS HEARING THAT DELTA (AIR LINES), PIZZA DELIVERERS, FLORISTS WERE ADDING FUEL CHARGES TO THEIR SERVICES, AND I THOUGHT, WHY NOT POLICE DEPARTMENTS?" HE SAYS.

UNFORTUNATELY IT LOOKS LIKE THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE AN ISOLATED CASE. AS WITH ANY SITUATION WHERE MONEY IS AVAILABLE TO BE TAKEN FROM CITIZENS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS ON THE CASE IMMEDIATELY: BALL SAYS HE'S BEING "INUNDATED" BY CALLS FROM POLICE CHIEFS AND CITY MANAGERS. "I'VE HEARD FROM AT LEAST A DOZEN POLICE CHIEFS AND HALF A DOZEN CITY MANAGERS," HE SAYS OF THEIR MUNICIPALITY'S RECENTLY-PASSED MEASURE. "THEY WANT TO KNOW HOW WE DID IT, AND COULD WE SEND THEM A COPY OF THE ORDINANCE."

MARYLAND RIDERS LIGHT IT UP MOTORCYCLE RIDERS IN MARYLAND HOPE TO GET MORE ATTENTION FROM CAR DRIVERS WITH A NEW STATE LAW THAT ALLOWS THE USE OF SPECIFIED AUXILIARY LIGHTING, WHICH CAN ONLY BE USED AFTER DARK, THUS INCREASING THEIR VISIBILITY TO OTHER ROAD USERS AT NIGHT.

SENATE BILL 713, THE "NIGHT-TIME AWARENESS - AUXILIARY LIGHTING" BILL, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THROUGH THE HOUSE AND SENATE, AND WAS SIGNED INTO LAW APRIL 8TH BY GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY.

THE NEW LAW, WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT JUNE 1ST, ADDRESSES THE USE OF LED LIGHTS THAT ILLUMINATE THE SIDES OF THE MOTORCYCLE, THUS ALLOWING OTHER DRIVERS TO SEE MOTORCYCLISTS FROM THE SIDE AS WELL AS FRONT AND REAR. THE LIGHTS CANNOT BE BLUE OR RED AND CANNOT BLINK, FLASH OR OSCILLATE. THEY CAN ONLY BE DIRECTED TOWARD THE ENGINE AND DRIVE TRAIN AND ARE SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED FROM BEING ON WHEELS.

PAT CORCORAN, SPOKESMAN FOR ABATE OF MARYLAND, SAID "MOST MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS INVOLVING ANOTHER VEHICLE, ARE ALMOST ALWAYS THE FAULT OF THE OTHER VEHICLE, AND USUALLY THE COMMENT OF THE OTHER DRIVER IS, WE JUST DIDN'T SEE HIM."

THE LAW ALSO ALLOWS THE USE OF BLUE-DOT TAIL LIGHTS, WHICH ALSO INCREASES CONSPICUITY IN TRAFFIC.

STATES GREEN-LIGHT NEW RED-LIGHT LAWS FOR MOTORCYCLES MOTORCYCLISTS IN A GROWING NUMBER OF STATES ARE BEING ALLOWED TO GO THROUGH RED LIGHTS WHEN SENSORS AREN'T ABLE TO DETECT THEY ARE THERE.

IN MAY, SOUTH CAROLINA BECAME THE SEVENTH STATE TO GIVE MOTORCYCLISTS LICENSE TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION AFTER STOPPING WHEN THE DEVICE THAT CAUSES THE LIGHT TO CHANGE FROM RED TO GREEN DOESN'T ACTIVATE, ACCORDING TO A RECENT ARTICLE IN USA TODAY.

NORTH CAROLINA PASSED A SIMILAR LAW IN 2007. WISCONSIN (2006), IDAHO (2006) ARKANSAS (2005), TENNESSEE (2003) AND MINNESOTA (2002), ALL HAVE PASSED LAWS THE PAST SIX YEARS, WHILE SIMILAR LEGISLATION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN GEORGIA, MISSOURI AND OKLAHOMA.

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THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN QUESTION ARE CONTROLLED BY DEVICES BURIED UNDER THE ROAD THAT OPERATE SIMILAR TO METAL DETECTORS, ACCORDING TO DOUG HECOX, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION. THEIR SENSITIVITY CAN BE SET TO DETECT MOTORCYCLES, BUT THE PROPER BALANCE IS DIFFICULT TO ADJUST, HE SAID.

CALIFORNIA HAS CHOSEN A TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTION. A LAW ADOPTED LAST YEAR REQUIRES THAT WHEN NEW TRAFFIC-ACTIVATED SIGNALS ARE INSTALLED, THEY BE CAPABLE OF DETECTING MOTORCYCLES AND BICYCLES. "IN TEXAS, WE TOOK A DIFFERENT APPROACH," SAID SPUTNIK, PRESIDENT OF THE TEXAS MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS ASSOCIATION (TMRA-II) AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS' LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE (NCOM-LTF). HE TOLD A GATHERING AT THE RECENT NCOM CONVENTION IN HOUSTON ABOUT A LAW PASSED THERE LAST YEAR: "WHEN A TRAFFIC LIGHT DOESN'T DETECT MOTORCYCLES, THEY HAVE TO FIX THEM SO THEY DO."

EU MOTORCYCLES TO GET ONBOARD WARNING SYSTEMS MOTORCYCLES WILL GET NEW ONBOARD WARNING SYSTEMS TO TELL THE RIDER WHEN HE'S GOING TOO FAST UNDER PROPOSALS UNVEILED RECENTLY AT A MOTORCYCLE SAFETY CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM. THE TECHNOLOGY WILL TELL THE RIDER WHEN HE'S GOING INTO A BEND TOO FAST OR EXCEEDING THE SPEED LIMIT. A "FRONTAL COLLISION WARNING" SYSTEM WILL DETECT WHEN THE BIKE IS TOO CLOSE TO AN OBSTACLE.

ON-ROAD TRIALS OF THE IN-VEHICLE INFORMATION SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY WILL BEGIN BY 2010 UNDER THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S PLANS, WHICH ARE BACKED BY THE FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLISTS ASSOCIATIONS (FEMA).

THE PROJECT, CALLED SAFERIDER, "AIMS TO DEVELOP DEVICES TO IMPROVE THE COMFORT AND SAFETY OF RIDERS THROUGH TECHNOLOGY SUCH AS WARNING DEVICES TO ALERT THE RIDER OF A POTENTIAL CRASH OR PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT BLACK (BLIND) SPOTS OR TRAFFIC DESIGN," ACCORDING TO A FEMA PRESS RELEASE, ADDING THAT "THE DECISION BY FEMA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAFERIDER PROJECT IS BECAUSE WE NEED TO FIND OUT IF TECHNOLOGY CAN ASSIST A RIDER TO MAKE DECISIONS TO AVOID COLLISIONS OR CRASHES. WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE TECHNOLOGY BEING DEVELOPED CAN BENEFIT RIDERS - BUT IF DOESN'T, THEN WE NEED TO BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE OUR POINT OF VIEW CLEAR."

MORE INFORMATION ON THE SAFERIDER PROJECT CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.SAFERIDER-EU.ORG.

WEIRD NEWS: DIRTY DEEDS MORE THAN 600 EMERGENCY WORKERS PARTICIPATED IN A MOCK DISASTER DRILL SIMULATING AN ATTACK ON LONG ISLAND BY A FAKE BIKER GANG DETONATING A "DIRTY BOMB" AT A FEDERAL COURTHOUSE, TESTING THE ABILITIES OF AUTHORITIES TO HANDLE SUCH A RADIOACTIVE ATTACK.

POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS, MEDICAL WORKERS AND OTHER PERSONNEL FROM 60 AGENCIES CONVERGED ON THE FIRE ACADEMY IN YAPHANK, NY, WHICH ALSO INVOLVED 10 AREA HOSPITALS.

THE EXERCISE WAS DUBBED "S.C.R.U.B," OR "SUFFOLK COUNTY RESPONSE TO AN UNKNOWN BOMB," AND THE SCENARIO INVOLVED A LOCAL BIKER GANG CALLED "EL DIABLO," WHICH WOULD ATTACK THE COURTHOUSE WITH A DEADLY DIRTY BOMB AFTER FEDERAL OFFICIALS ARRESTED THEIR LEADERS.

MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE WERE INJURED OR KILLED IN THE FAKE ATTACK, AND THE INJURED HAD TO BE CLEANSED AND DECONTAMINATED BEFORE THEY WERE ACTUALLY SENT TO LOCAL HOSPITALS FOR TREATMENT. POLICE HAD TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE BLAST. OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRACTICED DECONTAMINATION, DETECTING RADIATION EXPOSURE AND COORDINATING RESPONSES WITH MULTIPLE AGENCIES.

AUTHORITIES CALLED IT THE LARGEST EMERGENCY DRILL IN SUFFOLK COUNTY'S HISTORY. IT WAS FUNDED BY THE SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FIRE, RESCUE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES WITH A \$175,000 GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "THESE ARE DAYS WHEN MANY ARE DISCOURAGED. IN THE 93 YEARS OF MY LIFE, DEPRESSIONS HAVE COME AND GONE. PROSPERITY HAS ALWAYS RETURNED AND WILL AGAIN." JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER (1839-1937), AMERICAN INDUSTRIALIST

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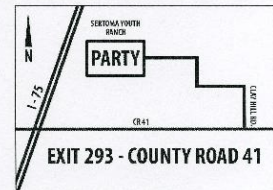
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To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

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To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

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To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.