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SATURDAY

September 13th



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IN MEMORY OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS LOST

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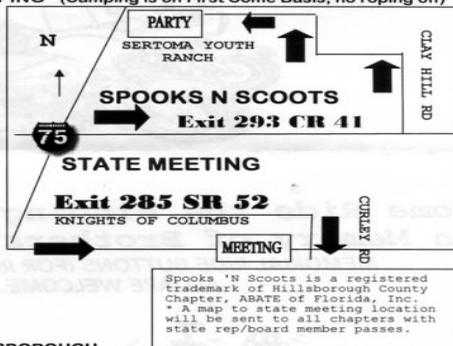
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President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

THE NEXT THREE MONTHS ARE GOING TO BE A VERY BUSY TIME FOR THE CHAPTER. OUR SECOND ANNUAL EVENT IS FAST APPROACHING. THE DATE AS WE ALL KNOW IS DECEMBER 7TH, A DAY WHEN AMERICANS HONOR THOSE WHO WERE IN PEARL HARBOR ON THAT SUNDAY WHEN IMPERIAL JAPAN ATTACKED AMERICA AND DRUG THIS COUNTRY INTO THE SECOND WORLD WAR. WE HAVE CHOSEN A THEME FOR THIS EVENT TO HONOR THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES THERE AND THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED THIS COUNTRY AND THEIR SELFLESS SACRIFICES TO DEFEND AMERICA AND TO COME TO THE AIDE OF OTHER NATIONS WHO'S FREEDOMS HAVE BEEN THREATENED EVER SINCE. THE NAME FOR THE EVENT IS " THE FREEDOM ISN'T FREE RALLY" .

AS ALWAYS, THERE IS MUCH TO BE DONE AND A SHORT TIME TO DO IT, I AM ASKING FOR YOU TO COME TOGETHER WITH THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE THEIR COMMITMENT IN HELPING TO ORGANIZE AND PARTICIPATE IN RUNNING OF THIS EVENT TO MAKE IT EVEN MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN THE LAST. WE WILL BE HOLDING A PLANNING MEETING SEPTEMBER 10TH AT LADY DI'S AT 7:30 PM. THERE WILL BE MEMO'S SENT VIA EMAIL WITH DIRECTIONS AN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS WELL ON THE CHAPTER "HOT LINE". FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVEN'T USED THE HOT LINE IT WAS MADE OPERATIONAL IN ORDER TO KEEP MEMBERS WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS OR AN EMAIL ADDRESS INFORMED AS TO WEEKLY CHAPTER EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS. THE NUMBER IS **561-733-5187**. THE HOT LINE IS AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE, WE WELCOME ALL MOTORCYCLIST TO CHECK IT OUT AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON ABATE OR WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN ONE OF OUR RIDES YOU CAN CALL A BOARD MEMBER, OUR NUMBERS ARE ON THE INSIDE OF THE COVER PAGE.

TO BRING EVERYONE UP TO DATE ON SOME RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ABATE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE SOUTH FLORIDA CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS AS MEMBERS AT LARGE. THIS HONOR WAS GIVEN TO US AT THE LAST S.FL.CO.C. MEETING. IT IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD FOR ABATE IN THAT, WE NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THE CONCERNS OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP AND INFORM THEM AS TO HOW THEY CAN ASSIST US IN HAVING THEIR VOICE HEARD IN REGARD TO LOCAL AND STATE ISSUES THAT AFFECT US ALL AS MOTORCYCLISTS. WE HAVE ALWAYS ATTENDED THEIR MEETINGS AND HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO UPDATE THEM ON LEGISLATIVE ISSUES BUT I THINK WITH US NOW BECOMING MEMBERS WE HAVE A MUCH BETTER CHANCE OF GAINING THEIR SUPPORT THROUGH INTERACTION AND POSSIBLY BRING NEW MEMBERS INTO OUR CHAPTER AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THEIR ORGANIZATIONS. S.FL.C.O.C. SUPPORT PATCHES ARE AVAILABLE WITH A \$10 DONATION TO S.FL.C.O.C. YOU CAN PLACE YOUR ORDER AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING.

IN SPEAKING WITH SOME OF OUR MEMBERS THERE HAS BEEN AN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN GATHERING FOR A CHAPTER RIDE, JUST GETTING TOGETHER A RIDING SOMEWHERE JUST FOR

President's Message - Cont'd

THE FUN OF IT. I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE SOMETHING WE COULD DO AFTER THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING. ONE DESTINATION I THOUGHT OF STANDS OUT IN MY MIND AND I THINK ANYONE WHO HAS EVER BEEN TO THIS LOCATION WOULD AGREE ROLAND & MARTINS RESORT WOULD BE A GREAT TIME FOR EVERYONE. IT'S LOCATED ON THE SW SHORE OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE IN CLEWISTON, ABOUT 65 MILES FROM RIVIERA BEACH. THEY HAVE GREAT FOOD VERY REASONABLY PRICED, A HUGE TIKI BAR AREA WITH PLENTY OF SEATING AND A LARGE PARKING AREA. WITH ALL THE EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS WE ATTEND THIS WOULD BE A GREAT WAY OF BRINGING US ALL A LITTLE CLOSER TOGETHER AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THIS CHAPTER. I HOPE TO YOU WILL PLAN TO MAKE THIS RIDE, IT'S LONG OVER DUE AND I'M SURE YOU WILL ENJOY SHARING A LITTLE FRIENDSHIP AND BROTHERHOOD FOR THE DAY.

FOR THOSE THAT WEREN'T AT THE LAST MEETING WE REPORTED THE ABATE OF FLORIDA AGENDA FOR THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION. I WAS VERY GLAD TO HEAR THAT THE THREE KEY ISSUES BEING PURSUED ARE EXACTLY THOSE THAT I HAD PROPOSED WE TAKE ON AS A CHAPTER FOR THE NEXT YEAR. "STIFFER PENALTIES" FOR RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATORS (ROWV) AND RED LIGHT RUNNERS THAT CAUSE INJURY AND DEATH, A BAN ON THE USE OF CELL PHONES WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE OF ANY KIND AND THE REINSTITUTION OF DRIVERS EDUCATION CLASSES AND COURSES IN THE FLORIDA SCHOOL SYSTEM AS WELL AS ADULT DRIVER EDUCATION COURSES.

IN MY OPINION THESE ARE ALL RELATED, IRRESPONSIBLE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, INATTENTIONAL BLINDNESS, DISTRACTIONS AND ALLOWING UNQUALIFIED DRIVERS TO TEACH OTHERS TO DRIVE. THIS LEGISLATION NEEDS TO BROUGHT UP AGAIN AND AGAIN UNTIL OUR LEGISLATORS GRASP THE MAGNITUDE OF THE HAZARDS THEY HAVE CREATED. WE CAN NOT ALLOW "I DIDN'T SEE HIM" TO BECOME A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY. THE PRE OCCUPATION OF A DRIVER WITH BLABBING ON A CELL PHONE OR WORSE TEXT MESSAGING SHOULD CARRY THE SAME PENALTY AS DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED. STUDIES HAVE PROVEN THAT DRIVING WHILE TALKING ON A CELL PHONE AND EVEN WITH "HANDS FREE" THE INTOXICATED DRIVER FARED BETTER THAN THE DISTRACTED CELL PHONE USER. I'M SURE MOST KIDS GET THEIR PRIMARY DRIVER TRAINING FROM THEIR PARENTS, WHOM I'M SURE THEY HAD SEEN TALKING ON A CELL PHONE A TIME OR TWO. SO THE PARENT BASICALLY SETS A BAD EXAMPLE AND THEN REPRIMANDS THEM FOR DOING THE SAME THING. WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO DO THAT? I LEARNED IT FROM WATCHING YOU MOM AND DAD, I LEARNED IT FROM WATCHING YOU.... THAT'S BEFORE MOVING ON TO PEER PRESSURE. WHERE THEIR FRIENDS INTRODUCE THEM TO THE COMPETITION, THE RULES ARE SIMPLE, WHENEVER SOMEONE DOES SOMETHING STUPID YOU DO THE SAME THING AND THEN TRY TO "ONE UP 'EM". WITHOUT FORMAL DRIVERS EDUCATION THIS METHOD OF LEARNING TO DRIVE WILL EVENTUALLY DEGENERATE TO A DEMOLITION DERBY WITH THE REST OF US AS UNWILLING PARTICIPANTS.

THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS NEEDS TO BEGIN IN THE PRE TEEN YEARS. KIDS ARE RIDING MOTORIZED TWO AND THREE WHEELED VEHICLES BEFORE MIDDLE SCHOOL AGE, WITH LITTLE OR NO INSTRUCTION OTHER THAN LEARNING HOW TO START THEM AND TWIST THE THROTTLE

President's Message - Cont'd

AND HOPEFULLY HOW TO STOP. THEY ARE VIRTUALLY UNREGULATED AND MADE AVAILABLE AT RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE COST. OF COURSE, PARENTS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR CHILD'S SAFETY AND REQUIRE THEM TO WEAR A HELMET. PROBABLY THE MOST PRACTICAL USE OF THE HELMET, GIVEN MOST HELMETS ARE RATED SAFE UP TO 18 MPH. BUT THE SAFE OPERATION OF THE VEHICLE IS WHERE REAL PROBLEM BEGINS. WHAT DO THESE KIDS SEE? THEIR OLDER BROTHERS AND SISTERS RIDING SPORT BIKES. WHAT DO SPORT BIKE RIDERS DO? STUNTS! HIGH-SPEED WHEELIES, SIDESADDLE RIDING, MOUNTING AND DISMOUNTING, (WHILE THE BIKE IS MOVING) BURNOUTS AND A VERITY OF OTHER MINDLESS ACTIONS THAT APPEAR TO BE SOOO COOL. ALMOST INVARIABLY, WHENEVER I RIDE PAST YOUNG KIDS THE FIRST THING I HEAR IS "DO A WHEELIE"! THESE KIDS NEED TO BE TAUGHT TO RESPECT THE BIKE OR TRIKE THEY ARE RIDING AND THAT IT IS NOT A TOY. I BELIEVE GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK BACKWARDS IN ORDER TO STOP THE FLOW OF UNEDUCATED, UNSKILLED RIDERS BEFORE THEY GRADUATE TO THE LARGER DISPLACEMENT HIGH SPEED SPORT BIKES THAT ARE CLAIMING THE LIVES OF THEIR OLDER CONTEMPORARIES.

WITH THE PRICE OF GAS BEING WHAT THEY ARE IT IS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR OPTIONS, AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION. TRANSITIONING FROM THEIR FOUR WHEELED CAGES TO TWO AND THREE WHEELED VEHICLES HENCE, THEIR INTRODUCTION TO SCOOTERS THAT REQUIRE NO DRIVER'S LICENSE OR TAG. THE PEOPLE MAKING THIS TRANSITION ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A SAFETY COURSE. JUST HOP ON AND RIDE. THIS WILL SURELY COME BACK ON US AS MOTORCYCLISTS. AS SURE AS WE LIVE AND BREATHE THE STATISTICS FOR INJURY AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH WILL BE RELATED TO THE ALREADY INACCURATE AND DISTORTED PERCENTAGES REPORTED BY THE NSF, NTSB AND OTHERS WILL INCLUDE THESE VEHICLES AS WELL. THE PROBLEM IT PRESENTS IS, THE MORE WE TRY TO DISTANCE OURSELVES FROM THESE SCOOTERS AND OVERSIZED SCOOTERS, THE CLOSER WE GET TO HAVING OUR BIKES RECLASSIFIED AS MOTOR VEHICLES. MOTORCYCLES, STILL MAINTAIN THE "RECREATIONAL VEHICLE" STATUS AND WE REALLY NEED TO KEEP OUR DISTANCE FROM BEING RECLASSIFIED.

IN A LETTER TO SENATOR ATWATER I AM ASKING FOR HIS ASSISTANCE IN HELPING TO RESURRECT THE "STIFFER PENALTIES" LEGISLATION. CONSIDERING DOC HAD IT ATTACHED TO THREE SEPARATE TRANSPORTATION BILLS AND ALL THREE WERE REMOVED BEFORE THE BILLS PASSED. I FEEL IT WAS AN IRRESPONSIBLE AND SENSELESS ACT OF RETALIATION AND TOO SERIOUS A PROBLEM TO LET DIE BEFORE TRYING TO BRING IT BEFORE THE MANY NEW REPRESENTATIVES AT THE CAPITOL AFTER THE ELECTIONS.

I URGE EVERYONE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE INCUMBENT REPRESENTATIVES AND ESPECIALLY THE NEWLY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WHILE THE ADRENALIN IS STILL PUMPING. WRITING LETTERS, SENDING EMAILS AND MAKING CALLS IS WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO GET THEIR ATTENTION BEFORE THEY GET INVOLVED WITH OTHER ISSUES THAT ONLY DISTRACT THEM. BE SURE TO MENTION YOUR VOTING DISTRICT, ANY AFFILIATIONS YOU MAY HAVE WITHIN YOUR DISTRICT. IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO MAKE A NEW FRIEND.

President's Message - Cont'd

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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

WE SUPPORT MOTORCYCLIST'S RIGHTS, SAFETY AND AWARENESS OF ALL MOTORCYCLISTS AND WELCOME THE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB OR RIDING ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS ALL INDEPENDENTS, REGARDLESS OF WHAT KIND OF MOTORCYCLE YOU RIDE.

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.

WE ARE CURRENTLY PREPARING FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS. OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA INCLUDES "STIFFER PENALTIES" FOR RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATORS (ROWV), STILL THE NUMBER 1 KILLER OF MOTORCYCLISTS. A BAN ON CELL PHONE USE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE OF ANY KIND AND MANDATORY DRIVERS EDUCATION COURSES AND CLASSES IN THE FLORIDA SCHOOL SYSTEM. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE OUR VOICE HEARD AS MOTORCYCLISTS.

"FREEDOM OF CHOICE, FREEDOM OF THE ROAD"

THERE ARE OVER 7,800 MEMBERS OF ABATE IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA WITH OVER 35 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 MOTORCYCLISTS', PALM BEACH COUNTY CHAPTER CAN BECOME A VIABLE AND INFLUENTIAL VOICE IN RAISING MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS, SAFETY AND AWARENESS. THE CHAPTER BORDERS WILL BE PRIMARILY NORTHERN BROWARD COUNTY AND ALL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AT OUR LAST CHAPTER MEETING, STRONGBOW STRESSED ADHERENCE TO THE "CAUSE" AS MEMBERS OF ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. AND ADDED AN EVEN MORE STRINGENT ADHERENCE TO THAT DIRECTION IN STATING THAT ABATE IS NOT A SOCIAL CLUB. I TOTALLY AGREE WITH THE MISSION AND CAUSE OF ABATE! BUT, I DON'T FEEL IT IS JUST THAT SIMPLE. IN FACT, I'VE RECENTLY SPOKEN SEVERAL ACTIVE MEMBERS WHO ADVISED ME THAT THEY WERE EXTREMELY UPSET BECAUSE OF THIS VERY CLOSE-MINDED ATTITUDE AND ONE EVEN MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE RENEWING HIS MEMBERSHIP BECAUSE OF IT. SO AS A RESPONSIBLE LEADER, THERE COMES A POINT WHERE WE HAVE TO SAY "ENOUGH-IS-ENOUGH" AND JUMP IN HEAD FIRST!

WHEN YOU DEAL WITH VERY COMPLEX AND COMPLICATED ISSUES THAT HAVE A MONUMENTAL EFFECT ON A PERSON'S FREEDOM YOU CAN'T JUST DEAL WITH THE ISSUES, YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE PEOPLE ALSO! ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO COMMUNICATE YOUR VIEWS IS THROUGH CONVERSATION IN A SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT. I AM AN ABATE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS INSTRUCTOR. I HAVE BEEN A TEACHER AS WELL AS A DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AT A FLORIDA TRADE ACADEMY. I CAN TELL YOU WITH A REASONABLE CERTAINTY THAT WE CAN GET THE MESSAGE OF OUR CAUSE THROUGH TO PEOPLE BETTER IN A SOCIAL CONVERSATION WITH THEM, RATHER THAN TALKING AT THEM. TO PROVE MY POINT EVEN FURTHER, JUST TAKE A MOMENT AND TRY TO REMEMBER WHAT STUCK MORE IN YOUR MIND WAY, WAY, WAY BACK WHEN YOU WERE IN SCHOOL; WHAT WAS SAID IN CLASS OR WHAT YOU WERE DISCUSSING AT LUNCH? YOU HAD TO STUDY CLASS LESSONS TO REMEMBER THEM, DIDN'T YOU? WHEN YOU TALK NOTHING BUT ISSUES YOU BEGIN TO LOSE A PERSON'S ATTENTION, EVEN IF IT IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ISSUE TO THEM.

IF YOU READ MY LAST VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE YOU MIGHT REMEMBER I HAD WRITTEN IT AFTER HAVING A VERY BAD DAY. AS I SIT HERE AT THE COMPUTER WRITING THIS ARTICLE REFLECTING ON THE DAY I HAD TODAY, I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT TODAY WAS THE OPPOSITE END OF THE SPECTRUM FROM THAT DAY. I HAD A TRULY TERRIFIC DAY RIDING WITH LADY DI, FRENCHIE, LIL-RAY AND HIS WIFE SARAH! WE MET IN LANTANA, RODE UP TO THE WINGS OF GOLD MC'S PORT ST. LUCIE CHAPTER'S ANNUAL. WE HAD A GREAT TIME SOCIALIZING WITH A LOT OF DIFFERENT MC MEMBERS AND INDEPENDENTS. OUR CONVERSATIONS RANGED FROM TOTALLY SOCIAL BS'ING TO LOCAL AND EVEN NATIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES. SO WHAT I'M SAYING IS, ALTHOUGH WE ARE TRULY NOT A "SOCIAL CLUB" OR ANY OTHER CLUB FOR THAT MATTER, SOCIALIZING IS STILL AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR ASSOCIATION. IT IS A TOOL TO GET OUR MESSAGE TO MORE PEOPLE.

IT WAS SAID AT OUR LAST MEETING THAT WE WERE ONLY INTERESTED IN MEMBERS THAT ARE DEDICATED TO OUR CAUSE AND NOT RIDERS WHO MERELY WANTED PEOPLE TO RIDE WITH. I AM TELLING YOU RIGHT HERE AND NOW THAT I WELCOME ANY AND ALL PEOPLE FOR ANY AND ALL REASONS TO JOIN OUR CHAPTER! I'LL TELL YOU A QUICK STORY AND THEN EXPLAIN THAT.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -CONT'D

MOST OF YOU KNOW THAT MY WIFE KATHY AND I HAD A BAR AND GRILLE IN BOCA. A BIKER AND HIS WIFE STARTED COMING IN FOR OUR BIKE NIGHT, BANDS AND FOOD. THEY WERE NEW TO THE AREA AND LOOKING FOR SOME GOOD PEOPLE TO RIDE WITH, SO I SUGGESTED THEY COME WITH ME TO ONE OF OUR CHAPTER MEETINGS TO MEET OUR MEMBERS AND HEAR A BIT OF WHAT WE ARE ABOUT. WELL IT MAY HAVE STARTED OUT AS A WAY TO SOCIALIZE WITH SOME GREAT PEOPLE BUT NOW THIS COUPLE ARE TWO OF OUR MOST ACTIVE MEMBERS, IN FACT HE WORKED TRAFFIC AT OUR LAST EVENT AND WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE FIFTEEN MINUTE BREAK, STAYED AT HIS POST FOR THE WHOLE EVENT! WHO I AM TALKING ABOUT IS LIL-RAY, OUR ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS AND HIS WIFE SARAH. THESE ARE TWO GREAT PEOPLE WHO WERE INITIALLY JUST LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO RIDE WITH AND PERSONALLY I'LL TAKE BROTHERS AND SISTERS LIKE THEM EACH AND EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK!

WHAT WE DO BY OPENING OUR DOOR TO EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR INITIAL INTERESTS, IS GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM ON VARIED LEVELS. ONCE A MEMBER JOINS THE VERY FIRST OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE TO GET THEM INVOLVED IS THROUGH OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER. THEN WE HAVE CHAPTER MEETINGS, RIDES, WEEKLY E-MAIL, WEB SITE ACCESS AND YES—DARE I SAY IT—SOCIAL GATHERINGS. WE ARE NOT ALL CONVINCED ACTIVISTS FROM THE MOMENT WE SIGN OUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. ALL OUR MEMBERS ARE NOT DEDICATED POLITICAL ACTIVISTS AND IN MY VIEW THEY DON'T NEED TO BE. HOWEVER, I DO BELIEVE IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS LEADERS TO SHARE INFORMATION REGARDING OUR RIGHTS AND SAFETY ISSUES WITH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS ANYONE ELSE WHO WILL LISTEN. THE THING IS YOU HAVE TO GET THEIR EAR FIRST!

IF YOU'LL TAKE A STEP BACK AND REALLY TRY TO CAPTURE THE OUTLOOK ON WORLD POLITICS YOU'LL PROBABLY AGREE WITH ME THAT MOST OF OUR PROBLEMS THROUGHOUT HISTORY WERE CAUSED BY EXTREMISTS AND NOT REALISTS. I BELIEVE THAT WHEN YOU ARE DEALING WITH SUCH IMPORTANT ISSUES, SUCH AS PERSONS' RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, YOU HAVE TO RESPECT THE FACT THAT THERE MUST BE A BALANCE TO ACHIEVE WHAT IS BEST FOR ALL. TO ACHIEVE THAT BALANCE WE HAVE TO BE WILLING TO LISTEN AS WELL AS DEMANDING TO BE HEARD. ONLY THEN, WHEN WE HAVE AMASSED A VOICE OF LIKE-MINDED, REASONABLE AND COMMITTED MEMBERS WILL OUR CAUSE BE TRULY HEARD WITH AN EMPOWERING STRENGTH THAT MUST BE DEALT WITH.

MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WE ALL HAVE LIVES THAT GO IN SO MANY DIRECTIONS AND I AM BETTING THAT AT SOME POINT WE HAVE ALL SHARED THE CONFUSION OF NOT KNOWING WHICH WAY TO TURN. TURNING AWAY FROM ANY ONE FOR ANY REASON JUST DOES ONE THING, IT CLOSES THEIR EARS TO YOU! WE CAN NOT AFFORD TO DO THAT. SO FOR MY VIEW, I WELCOME ALL TO OUR ASSOCIATION FOR WHATEVER REASON, BUT I WILL THEN CAUTION YOU, ONCE YOU ARE HERE AND I HAVE YOUR EAR, I WILL DO MY BEST TO INVOLVE YOU IN RESPONSIBLY SUPPORTING YOUR RIGHTS AND I'M PRETTY DAMN GOOD AT IT. THEN, WHILE IN

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -CONT'D

THE PROCESS OF DOING THAT AS WE INCH FORWARD, SOMETHING WONDERFUL HAPPENS... WE ALL WIN!

I AM DEDICATED TO THE "CAUSE" OF ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. I WILL LISTEN TO YOU AT WHATEVER LEVEL IS NECESSARY TO INSURE THAT I REPRESENT YOUR THOUGHTS AS WELL AS MINE. BUT ONLY TOGETHER, CAN WE ENSURE THE FUTURE AS FREE MEN AND WOMEN.

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

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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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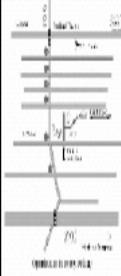
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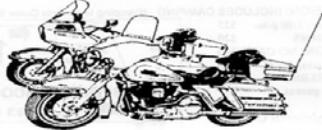
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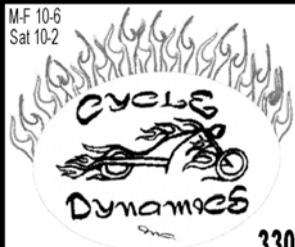


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LEGISLATIVE REPORT SLOW MOTION

I HEARD A NEW ISSUE AT TURBOZ JUPITER LANES BIKE NIGHT THIS PAST WEEK. IT HAS BEEN A STATE LAW FOR SOME TIME THAT VERTICAL LICENSE PLATES ARE ILLEGAL. THE STORY GOING AROUND IS THE FINE FOR FIRST OFFENSE IS \$1000, AND SECOND \$3000 AND YEAR LOSS OF LICENSE. I CONTACTED OUR ABATE STATE LEGISLATIVE REP AND HE SEND ME THIS – “FIRST - THE HORIZONTAL LICENSE PLATE LAW HAS BEEN ADDED TO FS-316.2085 AND IS # 3 ON THE LIST. IT ALSO STATES (# 7) THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS “A NONCRIMINAL TRAFFIC INFRACTION, PUNISHABLE AS A MOVING VIOLATION AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 318”. UNDER 318 - I FOUND THE SECTION THAT REFERS TO

THE \$1000 FINE AND THE ESCALATION - BUT IT SPECIFICALLY REFERS TO VIOLATIONS OF 316.1926 - NOT THE HORIZONTAL TAG SECTION WHICH AGAIN IS 316.2085. READING 318 IS LIKE DOING YOUR TAXES WITH THE LONG FORM... I’VE CALLED A FRIEND AT THE LOCAL SHERIFF’S OFFICE TO SEE WHAT THEY HAVE FOR FINES ON THIS. HERE IS THE ANSWER FROM THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE... A NONCRIMINAL TRAFFIC INFRACTION, PUNISHABLE AS A MOVING VIOLATION AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 318 CARRIES A \$125.50 FINE AND 3 POINTS ON YOUR DRIVER’S LICENSE. THERE IS NO ESCALATION OF FINES FOR REPEATING...” SO THE WORD GOING AROUND WAS PROBABLY CONFUSED TOO, BUT IT DOES SEEM TO BE MAKING RIDERS AND BUILDERS BECOME MORE AWARE OF WHAT WE ARE FACING,

THE NEW MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT/DEATHS REPORTS ARE OUT AND YOU MAY HAVE READ THEM IF YOU SUBSCRIBE TO THE STATE LEGISLATIVE PAGE. THEY SAY BIKE DEATHS ROSE BY 6%. AS DOC REPORTED AT AUGUST STATE MEETING THIS PROBABLY IN REALITY A DROP OF 5% DUE TO THEIR 15% RANGE OF ERROR. SO OF COURSE THAT BRINGS BACK MARY PETERS AND THE HELMET ISSUE AGAIN AS SEEN IN LINKS TO TWO “NEWS” ARTICLES. I PLAN ON PUTTING ALL THESE LINKS ON OUR LEGISLATIVE PAGE.

REMEMBER IT IS THE CAUSE OF OUR RIGHTS THAT ABATE STANDS MORE. IN THIS TIME OF MANY ELECTIONS WE NEED TO GET OUT AND VOTE SO OUR VOICE IS HEARD. LEARN ABOUT THE CANDIDATES AND TRY TO MEET THEM. BE POLITE AND COURTEOUS, THEY DON’T EXPECT THAT OF US. HOPEFULLY SOON WE WILL GET THE SCOPE OF WHO IS FOR OR AGAINST US FROM OUR LOBBYIST.

AND FINALLY TWO THINGS OF IMPORTANCE I JUST HAD TO REPEAT VERBATIM FROM STATE:

I’VE DISCOVERED THAT MANY VOTERS ARE UNAWARE OF A LAW PASSED IN 1998 THAT MAY EFFECT THEIR PARTICIPATION IN VOTING. I’D LIKE TO CLARIFY THIS LAW AND ASK YOU TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON.

THIS INFORMATION WAS COPIED DIRECTLY FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS WEBSITE QUOTE: (PAY ATTENTION TO THE ITALIC/RED SECTION)

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ELECTION. VOTERS WITHOUT PARTY AFFILIATION ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR PARTY CANDIDATES IN A PRIMARY ELECTION. **HOWEVER, A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ADOPTED IN 1998 STATES THAT IF ALL CANDIDATES FOR AN OFFICE HAVE THE SAME PARTY AFFILIATION AND THE WINNER WILL HAVE NO OPPOSITION IN THE GENERAL ELECTION, ALL QUALIFIED VOTERS, REGARDLESS OF PARTY AFFILIATION, MAY VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THAT OFFICE.** PARTY CHANGES MUST BE MADE BY THE END OF THE 29TH DAY BEFORE THE PRIMARY ELECTION. IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE POLITICAL PARTY FOR WHICH THE PRIMARY ELECTION IS BEING HELD, YOU MAY VOTE FOR NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES AND ISSUES. . . . THIS TEN YEAR OLD LAW (THAT MANY ARE NOT AWARE OF) ALLOWS ALL REGISTERED VOTERS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR PARTY AFFILIATION, TO VOTE - PROVIDED THAT ALL CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR A POSITION ARE OF THE SAME PARTY AFFILIATION AND WILL HAVE NO OPPOSITION IN THE FINAL ELECTION.

MIKE "RADAR" PRICE STATE LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

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- STIFFER PENALTIES FOR AT-FAULT INJURY OR DEATH OF A MOTORCYCLIST.
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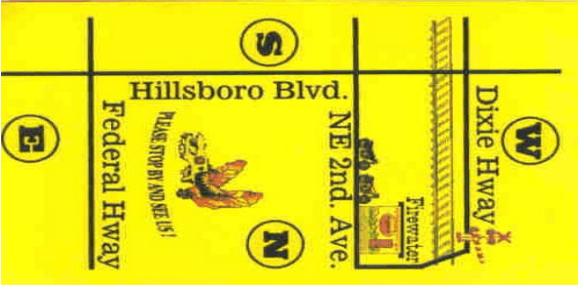


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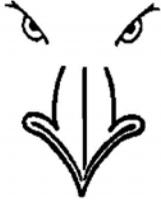
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OOPS! FROM THE OLYMPICS.

SO FAR HERE ARE THE TOP NINE COMMENTS MADE BY NBC SPORTS COMMENTATORS DURING THE OLYMPICS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO TAKE BACK:

1. WEIGHT-LIFTING COMMENTATOR: 'THIS IS GREGORIEVA FROM BULGARIA . I SAW HER SNATCH THIS MORNING DURING HER WARM UP AND IT WAS AMAZING.'
2. DRESSAGE COMMENTATOR: 'THIS IS REALLY A LOVELY HORSE AND I SPEAK FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE SINCE I ONCE MOUNTED HER MOTHER.'
3. PAUL HAMM, GYMNAST: 'I OWE A LOT TO MY PARENTS, ESPECIALLY MY MOTHER AND FATHER.'
4. BOXING ANALYST: 'SURE THERE HAVE BEEN INJURIES, AND EVEN SOME DEATHS IN BOXING, BUT NONE OF THEM REALLY THAT SERIOUS.'
5. SOFTBALL ANNOUNCER: 'IF HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF, I SHOULD THINK WE CAN EXPECT THE SAME THING AGAIN.'
6. BASKETBALL ANALYST: 'HE DRIBBLES A LOT AND THE OPPOSITION DOESN'T LIKE IT. IN FACT YOU CAN SEE IT ALL OVER THEIR FACES.'
7. AT THE ROWING MEDAL CEREMONY: 'AH, ISN'T THAT NICE, THE WIFE OF THE IOC PRESIDENT IS HUGGING THE COX OF THE BRITISH CREW.'
8. SOCCER COMMENTATOR: 'JULIAN DICKS IS EVERYWHERE. IT'S LIKE THEY'VE GOT ELEVEN DICKS ON THE FIELD.'
9. TENNIS COMMENTATOR: 'ONE OF THE REASONS ANDY IS PLAYING SO WELL IS THAT, BEFORE THE FINAL ROUND, HIS WIFE TAKES OUT HIS BALLS AND KISSES THEM... OH MY GOD, WHAT HAVE I JUST SAID?'

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NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS (NCOM)

GAS PRICES FUEL RECORD SCOOTER SALES Rising fuel prices and recession fears have spurred nationwide interest in motorcycles and scooters, and a new survey indicates more

people are considering two-wheelers due to soaring prices at the pump. Powersports Business reported in July that first half scooter sales increased by 65 percent, validating a consumer trend towards more fuel efficient transportation. Other sources published similar reports such as The New York Times¹, June 6, 2008 article "As Gas Prices Soar, Scooters Grow in Popularity"; and The Wall Street Journal, May 21, 2008 article, "Fuel Efficient Scooter Use Takes Off." In an August 1, 2008 article in Powersports Business, Yamaha Motor Co. reported that its U.S. retail motorcycle new unit sales grew 12.4 percent compared to a year ago. With most motorcycles averaging from 40 to 60 miles per gallon and many scooters averaging up to 100 or more miles per gallon, a lot of people are now interested in acquiring these vehicles for cost-conscious commuting. A recent Powersports Business article released the results of a survey conducted by Consumer Reports National Research Center indicating that more than one-quarter of U.S. consumers are considering purchasing a motorcycle or scooter. Eighteen percent are thinking of buying a motorcycle while 14 percent are contemplating buying a scooter. "The era of smaller, more fuel efficient vehicles is upon us," commented Anthony Havens, CEO of Sparta Financial and Management Services for the Powersports industry. "Until recently, motorcycles and scooters were considered the choice of enthusiasts, or people who were just interested in fun and recreation. But, with gas prices dramatically rising, a growing number of consumers are buying motorcycles and scooters for extremely practical reasons." "In 1998, there were about 15,000 scooter sales, which represented about 5 percent of all licensable motorcycle sales," said Mike Mount, a spokesman for the Motorcycle Industry Council. "In 2007, there were about 131,000 sales, which represents 15 percent of licensable sales. It might be easy to think scooters and mopeds are only popular among teenage boys itching to get their first taste of the open road, but sales figures indicate that both scooters and mopeds are increasingly being purchased by a maturing demographic. In 1990, the median age for scooter owners was 26, according to a survey conducted by the MIC, but by 2003 the median age jumped to 46.

AMERICANS DRIVING LESS American driving has reached its eighth month of steady decline, a trend officials say signals an urgent need for new forms of highway financing to supplement the gas tax. New data released by the U.S. Department of Transportation show that, since last November, Americans have driven 53.2 billion miles less than they did over the same period a year earlier -- topping the 1970s' total decline of 49.3 billion miles. Americans drove 4.7 percent less, or 12.2 billion miles fewer, in June 2008 than June 2007, based on vehicle-miles-traveled

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DATA COLLECTED BY THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA). THE DECLINE IS MOST EVIDENT IN RURAL TRAVEL, WHICH HAS FALLEN BY 4 PERCENT -- COMPARED TO THE 1.2 PERCENT DECLINE IN URBAN MILES TRAVELED -- SINCE THE TREND BEGAN LAST NOVEMBER. AS AMERICANS DRIVE FEWER MILES, LESS REVENUE IS GENERATED FOR THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND FROM GASOLINE AND DIESEL SALES -- 18.4 CENTS PER GALLON AND 24.4 CENTS PER GALLON, RESPECTIVELY. DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2008, MOTORISTS CONSUMED NEARLY 400 MILLION FEWER GALLONS OF GASOLINE, OR ABOUT 1.3 PERCENT LESS THAN DURING THE SAME PERIOD IN 2007, AND 7 PERCENT LESS -- OR 318 MILLION GALLONS -- OF DIESEL. "WE CAN'T AFFORD TO CONTINUE PINNING OUR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK'S FUTURE TO THE GAS TAX," SAID U.S. TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY MARY E. PETERS. "ADVANCES IN HIGHER FUEL-EFFICIENCY VEHICLES AND ALTERNATIVE FUELS ARE MAKING THE GAS TAX AN EVEN LESS SUSTAINABLE SUPPORT FOR FUNDING ROADS, BRIDGES AND TRANSIT SYSTEMS." IN CALIFORNIA, A PAY-AS-YOU-GO TAX SURCHARGE MEASURE HAS ALREADY CLEARED ITS FIRST LEGISLATIVE HURDLE.

U.S. TRAFFIC DEATHS DROP TO LOWEST LEVEL IN A DECADE TRAFFIC DEATHS IN THE UNITED STATES DECLINED LAST YEAR, REACHING THE LOWEST LEVEL SINCE 1994, REPORTED THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION. SOME 41,059 PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN HIGHWAY CRASHES, DOWN BY MORE THAN 1,600 FROM 2006. IT WAS THE FEWEST HIGHWAY DEATHS IN A YEAR SINCE 1994, WHEN 40,716 PEOPLE WERE KILLED. THE FATALITY RATE OF 1.37 DEATHS FOR EVERY 100 MILLION MILES TRAVELED IN 2007 WAS THE LOWEST ON RECORD, NHTSA SAID IN ITS REPORT. MOTORCYCLE DEATHS INCREASED FOR THE 10TH STRAIGHT YEAR. THERE WERE 5,154 MOTORCYCLE DEATHS LAST YEAR, COMPARED WITH 4,837 IN 2006. THE INCREASED DEATHS HAVE COME WHILE THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTORCYCLES HAS SURPASSED 6 MILLION, COMPARED WITH 3.8 MILLION IN 1998, AND VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED HAVE RISEN. TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS SAID THEY PLAN TO TARGET MOTORCYCLISTS IN A \$13 MILLION ANTI-DRUNKEN-DRIVING ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN RUNNING DURING THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO HAS DISCUSSED NEW SAFETY AND TRAINING STANDARDS FOR NOVICE RIDERS, INCREASED TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CURBING COUNTERFEIT SAFETY-LABELING OF HELMETS.

INCREASING FATALITIES MAKE MOTORCYCLES A TARGET AS MORE PEOPLE TURN TO TWO-WHEEL TRANSPORTATION, TRIPLING THE NUMBER OF NEW MOTORCYCLES HITTING THE ROAD OVER THE PAST DECADE, THE CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES HAS MADE MOTORCYCLISTS A TARGET FOR STIFFER REGULATIONS, STRICTER SAFETY STANDARDS AND SELECT ENFORCEMENT. STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS FEAR THE PROBLEM COULD GROW AS HIGHER GAS PRICES PUSH MORE FIRST-TIME RIDERS TOWARD MOTORCYCLING WITHOUT PROPER TRAINING AND LICENSING. "WITH GAS PRICES ON THE INCREASE, MORE PEOPLE ARE RIDING MOTORCYCLES TO WORK," SAID SOUTH CAROLINA TROOPER LANCE CPL. BOB BERES. "THEY'RE NOT JUST USING THEM FOR LEISURE." MOST MOTORCYCLISTS WHO DIED DURING A RECENT 18-MONTH PERIOD STUDIED BY THE S.C. HIGHWAY PATROL EITHER HAD A BEGINNER'S LICENSE OR NO LICENSE AT ALL, AND TROOPERS WORRY THAT INEXPERIENCE COULD PUT NEWER RIDERS AT GREATER RISK. OF THE 99 FATAL MOTORCYCLE CRASHES THEY INVESTIGATED FROM JULY 2006 TO DECEMBER 2007, 36 RIDERS HAD BEGINNER'S LICENSES -- THE SAME NUMBER AS THOSE WITH A REGULAR LICENSE. TWENTY-FIVE HAD NO LICENSE AND TWO HAD EXPIRED LICENSES.

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MOTORCYCLE RIDERS WERE AT FAULT IN ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS OF THE FATAL CRASHES. THE MAJOR CAUSES WERE SPEEDING, FAILING TO YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY AND DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE. THE S.C. HIGHWAY PATROL WAS AWARDED A \$75,000 GRANT TO CREATE A RIDE SMART SAFETY CAMPAIGN AIMED AT MOTORCYCLISTS, PARTICULARLY BEGINNING RIDERS. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES NATIONWIDE ARE STEPPING UP EFFORTS TO CURB RISING FATALITIES BY TARGETING MOTORCYCLES. AS PART OF A STATE FUNDED SAVING LIVES PROGRAM, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL CONDUCTED A SWEEP OF THE 605 FREEWAY LOOKING FOR MOTORCYCLISTS NOT OBEYING TRAFFIC LAWS, HIGH HANDLEBARS AND IMPROPER HELMETS, AND WILL BE KEEPING A CLOSER EYE ON CYCLISTS IN HIGHLY CONCENTRATED AREAS THROUGH THE SUMMER. THEY TICKETED 62 MOTORCYCLISTS, 21 OF WHICH DIDN'T HAVE A MOTORCYCLE LICENSE. OFFICERS IMPOUNDED THE 21 BIKES. IN OHIO, THE OHIO HIGHWAY PATROL WILL REPORTEDLY BE TARGETING MOTORCYCLE RUNS AND STOPPING RIDERS TO CHECK FOR SOBRIETY, MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENTS AND LOUD PIPES. THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS (NCOM) HAS RECENTLY TAKEN THE NEW YORK STATE POLICE AND NYS DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO TASK FOR SETTING UP DISCRIMINATORY "SAFETY CHECK" ROADBLOCKS FOR MOTORCYCLISTS EN ROUTE TO LARGE RALLIES, THREATENING A CLASS-ACTION LAWSUIT THROUGH AID TO INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS (AIM), BUT MEANWHILE OTHER STATES ARE TAKING SIMILAR TARGETED ACTIONS TOWARD MOTORCYCLE RIDERS UNDER THE PRETENSE OF SAFETY CONCERNS.

UTAH ENACTS TIERED LICENSING FOR MOTORCYCLISTS EFFECTIVE JULY 8, 2008, UTAH WILL BEGIN USING A TIERED LICENSING SYSTEM FOR MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENTS. - IF A RIDER TESTS ON A 90CC OR LESS MOTORCYCLE OR SCOOTER THEY WILL BE RESTRICTED TO 90CC OR LESS. - IF A RIDER TESTS ON A 249CC OR LESS MOTORCYCLE OR SCOOTER THEY WILL BE RESTRICTED TO 249CC OR LESS. - IF A RIDER TESTS ON A 649CC OR LESS MOTORCYCLE OR SCOOTER THEY WILL BE RESTRICTED TO 649CC OR LESS. - IF A RIDER TESTS ON A MOTORCYCLE OR SCOOTER LARGER THAN 650CC THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO RIDE ANY MOTORCYCLE OR SCOOTER. IF A RIDER TAKES A MOTORCYCLE SAFETY CLASS ON A 250CC, SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION WILL WAIVE THE RIDING PART OF THE LICENSE TEST FOR AN UP TO 649CC ENDORSEMENT. TO GET AN ENDORSEMENT FOR MOTORCYCLES ABOVE 649CC RIDERS MUST USE A LARGER MOTORCYCLE IN THE SAFETY CLASS. TO USE YOUR OWN BIKE IN A CLASS YOU MUST HAVE A PERMIT, REGISTRATION, AND INSURANCE. IF A RIDER CURRENTLY RIDES A MOTORCYCLE OVER 649CC THEY MAY OBTAIN A SKILL TEST WAIVER BY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING A LICENSE WAIVER EXPERIENCED RIDER COURSE (ERC), A 5 HOUR COURSE THAT COSTS \$85.

OKLAHOMA MAY OUTLAW GANGS STATE REP. PAUL WESSELHOFT (R-OKLAHOMA CITY) TOLD THE TULSA WORLD NEWSPAPER THAT HE WANTS TO OUTLAW GANGS BY PASSING A LAW TO ENABLE GANG MEMBERS TO BE CHARGED WITH A MISDEMEANOR, EVEN THOUGH HE ADMITS THAT SUCH A LAW MIGHT NOT PASS CONSTITUTIONAL MUSTER. TIM HOCK, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE OKLAHOMA GANG INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION, SAID HE STRONGLY ENDORSES WESSELHOFT'S EFFORTS, AND THAT ALLOWING GANG MEMBERS TO BE CHARGED WITH A MISDEMEANOR WOULD GIVE OFFICERS THE MEANS TO INTERROGATE THEM ABOUT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY. TULSA POLICE CHIEF RON PALMER SAID, "THERE ARE VARIOUS TYPES OF GANGS -- OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANGS, WHITE SUPREMACY GROUPS, ASIAN, HISPANIC AND AFRICAN AMERICAN GANGS." THEY CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY GANG NAMES, TATTOOS AND, IN SOME CASES, THE COLOR OF CLOTHES THEY WEAR, HE SAID.

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BUT ANDREW SPIROPOULOS, A LAW PROFESSOR AT OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY, SAID LAWMAKERS "HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN THEY LEGISLATE GANG MEMBERSHIP AS ILLEGAL, BECAUSE UNDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT, A PERSON CANNOT BE PROSECUTED BECAUSE THEY ARE A MEMBER OF A GROUP." HE SAID A PERSON CAN BE PROSECUTED ONLY FOR CONDUCT. "GENERALLY, WHAT STATES AND CITIES HAVE DONE IS THAT THEY USUALLY ATTACK SOME ACTIVITY IN ADDITION TO BEING A GANG MEMBER," HE SAID. "THIS IS VERY DISTURBING NEWS," RELAYED TIGER MIKE REVERE, STATE COORDINATOR OF ABATE OF OKLAHOMA AND MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS (NCOM) BOARD OF DIRECTORS, "WE'LL HAVE TO KEEP A VERY CLOSE EYE ON THIS ONE IN OKLAHOMA, AS THIS TYPE OF LEGISLATION PASSED IN OTHER STATES, AS IN CALIFORNIA AND OHIO, HAS BEEN USED TO DIRECTLY DISCRIMINATE AGAINST AND HARASS MOTORCYCLE CLUBS, AND NOT JUST 1%ERS."

BAR OWNER ACCUSES POLICE OF DISCRIMINATING AGAINST HER PATRONS A GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN BAR OWNER SAYS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS DISCRIMINATING AGAINST HER BECAUSE OF HER CLIENTELE. KIM VANDENBUSCH SAYS 75 PERCENT OF THE REGULARS AT KIMMERS BAR & GRILL ARE MEMBERS OF A MOTORCYCLE CLUB. LAST WEEK THE CITY GRANTED THE OWNER A LIQUOR LICENSE WITH A UNIQUE STIPULATION. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ASKED HER TO HANG A SIGN IN THE BAR THAT SAYS "NO CLUB COLORS," REFERRING TO THE BACK PATCHES WORN BY MOTORCYCLE CLUB MEMBERS. "I WAS VERY MUCH UNDER DURESS ON SIGNING THAT BECAUSE THEY SAID IF I DIDN'T SIGN IT I WOULDN'T GET MY LICENSE," VANDENBUSCH TOLD WBAY-TV, ADDING THAT IT'S UNFAIR BECAUSE THE BAR HAS A GOOD TRACK RECORD WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. "I FELT IT WAS VERY WRONG. I FELT IT WAS DISCRIMINATING. IT SHOULD BE UP TO THE OWNER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT TO DECIDE WHAT CLIENTELE THEY WANT." BUT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS EVERY RIGHT TO DO THIS. LAST YEAR THE CITY PASSED AN ORDINANCE THAT SAYS EVERY ESTABLISHMENT WANTING A LIQUOR LICENSE MUST FIRST HAVE ITS BUSINESS PLAN APPROVED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. POLICE CAPTAIN BILL GALVIN SAID, "THERE CAN BE FIGHTS, SHOOTINGS, DRUG DEALING, DRUG USAGE, THINGS LIKE THAT OCCURRING AT PLACES WHERE THESE GANG MEMBERS HANG OUT." GALVIN SAYS PUTTING UP A SIMPLE SIGN WILL ELIMINATE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS, BUT VANDENBUSCH HASN'T PUT ONE UP YET. INSTEAD, SHE'S APPEALING TO THE PROTECTION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "I THINK LEGISLATIVE ASSAULTS ON MOTORCYCLISTS ARE TOTALLY EMOTIONAL, DISPROPORTIONATE AND TOTALLY UNFAIR... THEY ARE INSTIGATED AND IMPLEMENTED BY PEOPLE WHO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT MOTORCYCLING, BUT HAVE A PREJUDICE. IT'S EASY TO CURB THE FREEDOMS OF OTHERS WHEN YOU SEE NO IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON YOUR OWN." MALCOLM FORBES (1919-1990), PUBLISHER & AVID MOTORCYCLIST

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