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11:30AM

SATURDAY

February 21st



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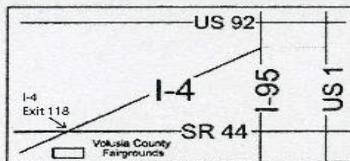
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**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
PALM BEACH CHAPTER**

MEETINGS ARE:

11:30 am THIRD SATURDAY EVERY MONTH



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President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

I SPOKE OF CHALLENGES AND CHANGES IN THE NEW YEAR OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS AND HOW WE WOULD NEED TO ACT IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO SUPPORT AMENDMENTS TO BILLS LIKE HB 137 WHICH HAD BEEN PASSED AND HAD GONE INTO EFFECT 1 OCTOBER 2008 WHEN THE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS CLOSED. I' AM ASKING THAT ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS MAKE AN EFFORT TO CONTACT DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. INFORMATION ON THESE BILLS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE ABATE OF FLORIDA STATE WEBSITE. IF YOU DON'T HAVE INTERNET ACCESS PLEASE CONTACT ME DIRECTLY AND I WILL GET THE INFORMATION TO YOU.

THERE HAVE BEEN A COUPLE OTHER ISSUES RISING FROM THE SMOKE AND MIRRORS TACTIC USED BY STATE LEGISLATORS THAT ARE DIRECTLY GOING TO AFFECT US AS MOTORCYCLISTS. ONE BEING 40A, THE ADDITIONAL \$2.50 CHARGE FOR MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE USED FOR STATE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAMS, THAT ARE TO BE, IF THEY ALREADY HAVEN'T BEEN DIVERTED TO FUND SOMETHING OTHER THAN THEIR INTENDED DESIGNATION. THE FACT THAT WE AS MOTORCYCLISTS ARE THE ONE'S TARGETED TO PAY FOR SOMETHING THAT ALL MOTORISTS NEED STILL BURNS MY BUTT. I FIND IT RATHER PECULIAR THAT ANYTHING TO DO WITH EDUCATION AND SAFETY FUNDS ALWAYS FINDS ITS WAY INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S POCKET. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THAT WAS THE REASON THE STATE DID AWAY WITH MANDATORY DRIVERS EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE FLORIDA SCHOOL SYSTEM. THE MONEY WAS BEING DIVERTED AND NO ONE HAD AN ANSWER AS TO WHERE IT WENT.

NOT TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT, BUT I SAW WHERE THE FLORIDA LOTTERY GENERATES OVER \$10 BILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY FOR EDUCATION. THEN WHY ARE SCHOOLS BEING CLOSED AND CUTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE FLORIDA SCHOOL SYSTEMS AND EDUCATION BUDGET? I'M NOT IMPLYING ANYTHING HERE, BUT DIDN'T CHARLIE CHRIST JUST RETURN FROM A \$450,000 VACATION TO EUROPE? I'M NOT SAYING THE GOV DOESN'T EARN HIS MONEY BUT IF HE'S GOT \$450,000 TO BLOW ON A VACATION WHILE THE REST OF US ARE FACING SOME OF THE MOST DIFFICULT FINANCIAL TIMES SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION, MAYBE WE NEED TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH THE GOV'S REALLY MAKING A YEAR. I DIDN'T THINK THEY MADE THAT KIND OF MONEY HE MUST HAVE GOTTEN ONE HELLOVA CHRISTMAS BONUS. BUT, WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

HERE'S ANOTHER COMFORTING THOUGHT, OBAMA READ IN A NEWSPAPER AN ARTICLE, THAT WALL ST. BANKERS JUST GAVE THEMSELVES \$27,000,000 IN BONUSES AND CALLED IT "IRRESPONSIBLE", CONSIDERING THEY'RE THE ONES THAT PUT US IN THIS SITUATION AND ASKING FOR A \$700 BILLION DOLLAR BAILOUT AND SINKING THE REST OF US INTO THE SOME OF THE HARDEST TIMES SINCE 1929. AH, READ IT IN A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, ARE YOU KIDDING ME? WHERE ARE THOSE, WALL ST. WATCHDOGS AND CONGRESS WHILE THIS IS GOING

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - CONT'D

ON? HE SAID HE WAS "DISTURBED ABOUT IT", NOT A WORD WAS SPOKEN AS TO WHAT WOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT. SUDDENLY, IT OCCURRED TO ME, IF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS GETTING HIS INFORMATION FROM THE MEDIA, GOD HELP US, WE GOT A BIGGER PROBLEM THEN WE THINK WE THOUGHT WE HAD.

THE BAN ON CELL PHONE USE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE. CURRENTLY THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE PROPOSED BILLS AIMED AT ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE. LEGISLATORS CLAIM THEY'RE NOT SURE WHICH ONE THEY SUPPORT. SB 172 A HANDS FREE USE ONLY, SB 112 RESTRICTS USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN A SCHOOL ZONE AND SB 212 CAN BE CONSIDERED AS SOMEWHAT DISCRIMINATORY AIMED AT THE PERSONS IN A CERTAIN AGE GROUP. WITH THESE THREE PROPOSALS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION WE CAN EXPECT TO SEE LITTLE PROGRESS UNTIL AS DOC HAS PROPOSED A SINGLE BILL BE INTRODUCED TO GET THINGS MOVING FORWARD.

I PERSONALLY FAVOR AND WOULD FIGHT TO HAVE LEGISLATION FOR A TOTAL BAN TO KEEP IT SIMPLE AND HAVE PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS LINE UP AND SEE WHO COMES UP WITH A BETTER IDEA ON HOW TO ENFORCE THE LAW. A TOTAL BAN MAKES IT EASY TO IDENTIFY VIOLATORS. IF YOU'RE ON A CELL PHONE YOU'RE BREAKING THE LAW. HANDS FREE, DOES NOTHING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. HOW MANY POLICE OFFICERS CAN BE PULLED OFF REGULAR DUTY TO HANG OUT IN SCHOOL ZONES TWICE A DAY AND WAIT TO CATCH SOMEONE ON A CELL PHONE WHILE SOMEONE ELSE IS DRIVING AROUND IN TRAFFIC CAUSING THE REAL PROBLEM AND SB 212 WILL BECOME COMPLETELY USELESS WHEN CRY'S OF DISCRIMINATION FILL THE COURTS ACROSS THE STATE.

AFTER ALL, IT ISN'T ANY ONE PARTICULAR AGE GROUP THAT CAN BE IDENTIFIED AS THE REAL PROBLEM WHEN THEY PROBABLY LEARNED FROM WATCHING THEIR PARENTS. SOME OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE HAD CELL PHONES SINCE THEY WERE OLD ENOUGH TO LEARN WHICH END TO HOLD TO THEIR EAR. THIS IS A DISTRACTION TO DRIVERS OF ALL AGES, ALTHOUGH IT DOES SEEM TO BE A MORE COMMON PRACTICE AMONG THOSE BETWEEN 16 TO 45 YEARS OF AGE. THE TEXTING CRAZE IS DEFINITELY A PHENOMENON CREATED BY THE YOUNGER GENERATION IN THAT GROUP AND IS PROBABLY EVEN MORE DANGEROUS. THEY ARE ALSO MUCH EASIER TO IDENTIFY, IF SB 212 WERE TO BE CONSIDERED. IF CONFISCATION OF THOSE DEVICES WOULD BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE PENALTY IT SHOULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO A HIGHER CONVICTION RATE FOR VIOLATORS ESPECIALLY IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT.

WE ALL RECOGNIZE THESE AS PROBLEMS AND I WRITE ABOUT THEM IN HOPES THAT IT WILL HELP OTHERS TO FORM THEIR OWN OPINIONS AND USE THEM TO DRAFT LETTERS AN EMAILS TO BE PUT INTO THEIR OWN WORDS AS A WAY OF COMMUNICATION WITH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND OUR LEGISLATORS, BOTH FRIEND AND FOE. AS A WAY OF SHOWING SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION TO THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR OUR CAUSE AND AS A WAY OF GETTING OUR MESSAGE OUT TO THOSE WHO NEED TO SEE IT FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - CONT'D

THIS MUST BE A UNIFIED EFFORT; THIS NEEDS TO BE ONE VOICE. THERE CAN BE NO DIVIDE AMONG US AS MOTORCYCLISTS. IT CALLS FOR ALL SEGMENTS OF THE VERY DIVERSE COMMUNITY WE ARE AS MOTORCYCLISTS TO WORK TOWARD A COMMON GOAL FOR THE GOOD OF ALL. I THINK IT HAS BECOME MORE EVIDENT RECENTLY THAT WE AS MOTORCYCLISTS ARE DRIFTING APART INTO VERY SEGREGATED GROUPS, PROBABLY THE MOST OBVIOUS BEING THE DIVIDE BETWEEN SPORT BIKE RIDERS AND THOSE RIDING THE CRUISERS AND CHOPPERS THAT HAVE BEEN THE ESSENCE AND THE PERSONA PERCEIVED BY NON MOTORCYCLISTS AS BIKERS OF ANOTHER GENERATION. HELL, THAT'S BEEN AN ALL AMERICAN HANGOVER THAT'S LASTED FOR DAMNED NEAR SIXTY-TWO YEARS. MOST OF US STILL RIDING HAVE GROWN UP WITH THAT WHICH HAS SERVED AS A COMMON BOND BETWEEN US.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED, WE HAVE EVOLVED EVEN AMONG OURSELVES AS THE OLE' SALTS WHO WILL PROBABLY RIDE 'TIL THEY ROLL US IN A HEARSE AND EVEN WE HAVE BECOME A BIT MORE SELECTIVE ABOUT WHO WE RIDE WITH. I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY WHEN RIDERS DIDN'T GIVE A WAVE OR A NOD TO A FELLOW RIDER, BUT IT'S HAPPENING. IT OCCURRED TO ME WHEN THE EXPENSIVE CUSTOM CHOPPER CRAZE BEGAN THEN REACHED IT'S PEAK AND SLOWLY BEGAN FADING INTO THE ARCHIVES OF OUR HISTORY LIKE THE LAST OF THE AMERICAN COWBOYS, "EVERYTHING COMES BACK AROUND, MAYBE NOT EXACTLY AS IT WAS, BUT IT COMES BACK AND THEN IT GOES AWAY FOREVER".

I SINCERELY HOPE THAT WE AS MOTORCYCLISTS CAN COME TOGETHER AND I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN COME TOGETHER TO FIND A COMMON GROUND TO WORK AND FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH OUR YOUNGER BROTHERS DURING THIS TIME WHEN GOVERNMENT IS THREATENING TO TAKE MORE OF OUR FREEDOMS AND IMPOSE MORE RESTRICTIONS ON US AS CITIZENS AND FELLOW MOTORCYCLISTS.

"WE MUST HANG TOGETHER OR WE WILL SURELY HANG SEPARATELY" *THOMAS JEFFERSON*

IF YOU RIDE A MOTORCYCLE, IF YOU BELIEVE IN PROTECTING OUR RIGHTS I INVITE YOU TO COME TO OUR MEETINGS, WE WELCOME ALL MOTORCYCLISTS TO JOIN US IN OUR EFFORTS. SEE THE BACK COVER FOR THE TIME AND DATE OF OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

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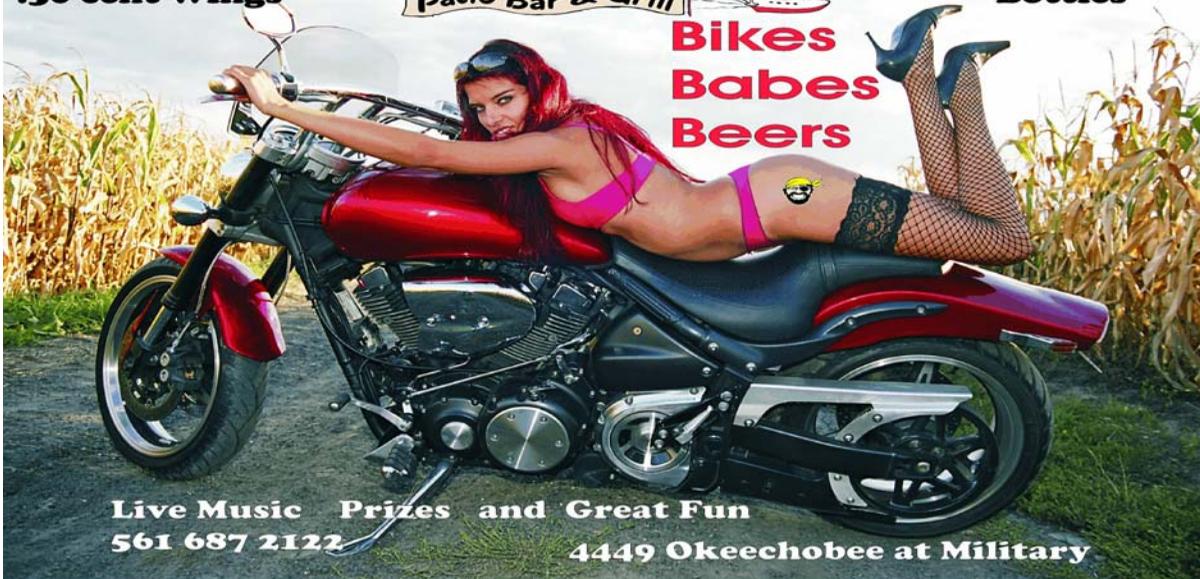
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**MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS & SAFETY
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YOU MAY KNOW US AS THE MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATION THAT GOT THE HELMET LAW REPEALED IN FLORIDA OR FROM OUR MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS AND SAFETY RALLY'S THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. ABATE 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

WE HAD A COUPLE OF TRULY GREAT DISCUSSIONS AT OUR LAST CHAPTER MEETING. ONE OF THE DISCUSSIONS WAS REGARDING OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SHARE A PERCENTAGE OF OUR MEMBERSHIP DUES, ADVERTISING FEES, DONATIONS AND SPECIAL EVENT PROCEEDS WITH ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. DURING THIS DEBATE IT BECAME EVIDENT TO ME THAT SOME OF OUR

MEMBERS EITHER LOST SIGHT OF EVERYTHING THE STATE ORGANIZATION ACTUALLY DOES FOR US OR JUST MAY NOT BE AWARE. ABATE OF FLORIDA DOESN'T JUST FIGHT FOR OUR MEMBERS' RIGHTS WE FIGHT FOR THE RIGHTS OF EVERY SINGLE PERSON WHO THROWS A LEG OVER ANYTHING ON THE ROAD WITH TWO OR THREE WHEELS. **LET ME REVIEW THE MISSION STATEMENT OF ABATE OF FLORIDA AS NOTED ON THEIR WEBSITE:**

WHO WE ARE

WE ARE A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OF MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. WE LOBBY AND EDUCATE THE GOVERNMENT AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO PROMOTE MOTORCYCLING IN A SAFE AND POSITIVE IMAGE. WE ENDEAVOR TO ENLIST THE COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT SHARE A SIMILAR INTEREST IN PRESERVING OUR AMERICAN TRADITION OF FREEDOM. WE PROMOTE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY, TRAINING, & POLITICAL AWARENESS. WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG. WE FUND OUR WORK THROUGH TOY RUNS, POKER RUNS, CAMPOUTS, AND OTHER MOTORCYCLE ACTIVITIES. WE ARE YOUR NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS WHO WORK, PAY TAXES, AND GET INVOLVED WITH OUR COMMUNITY. WE SERVE AND SUPPORT OUR COUNTRY AND BELIEVE IN FREEDOM. WE USE ALL LEGAL MEANS TO PROTECT OUR RIGHTS WITHOUT INFRINGING ON THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS.

OUR GOALS

- TO BECOME A POWERFUL AND VIABLE POLITICAL FORCE IN LEGISLATIVE MATTERS CONCERNING THE MOTORCYCLIST.
- TO PROMOTE THE SAFE RIDING HABITS WITHOUT INFRINGING ON INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS.
- TO MOTIVATE THE BIKERS TO WRITE LETTERS TO THEIR LEGISLATORS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.
- TO FURNISH OUR MEMBERS WITH A NEWSLETTER TO KEEP ALL BIKERS INFORMED IN REGARDS TO UPCOMING LEGISLATION.

ABATE OF FLORIDA EMPLOYS A FULL TIME PAID LOBBYIST TO REPRESENT OUR RIGHTS AND PROMOTE OUR AGENDA TO ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. OUR LOBBYIST IS JAMES "DOC" RICHENBACH II, JUST ASK ANY FLORIDA LEGISLATOR AND THEY'LL KNOW THAT TOO. IN MY OPINION THERE IS NO BETTER OR MORE CAPABLE PERSON OUT THERE FIGHTING FOR MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS.

ABATE OF FLORIDA IS COMMITTED TO MOTORCYCLE SAFETY:

OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. AND IT'S MEMBERS HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT TO THE MOTORCYCLIST OF FLORIDA TO TRY AND HELP MAKE RIDING THE ROADS OF FLORIDA LESS DANGEROUS. FOR MANY

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - CONT'D

YEARS THEY HAVE WORKED TO MAKE AN IMPACT BY INFORMING THE NON-RIDING PUBLIC ABOUT MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS AND SAFE WAYS TO SHARE THE ROAD WITH MOTORCYCLES.

MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE ARE TRAINED TO BECOME INSTRUCTORS IN OUR MSAP PROGRAM. THEY THEN VISIT SCHOOLS, EXPOS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SPREADING MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS.

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. HAS HELD FOUR WORKSHOPS ON MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND HAS A FIFTH PLANNED FOR MAY OF 2008. AT THESE SEMINARS EXPERTS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY SPEAK ON MOTORCYCLE SAFETY. PRESENTATIONS WERE GIVEN ON TWO TRAUMA IST RESPONDER, MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS PROGRAM, BEING PROPERLY INSURED, FROM THE EYES OF THE LAW, AND MUCH MORE.

IN 2006, ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC., IN COOPERATION WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS INCREASED THEIR EFFORTS IN MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS WITH ITEMS SUCH AS BILLBOARDS, PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS, POSTERS, AN ADDITIONAL MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS VIDEO AND VARIOUS OTHER ITEMS.

WE WORK EACH YEAR WITH THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM MAY AS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH.

WITH THE INCREASE OF VEHICLES ON OUR HIGHWAYS, MOTORCYCLE SAFETY HAS BECOME AN EVEN LARGER CONCERN. TOO MANY MOTORCYCLISTS ARE BEING INJURED OR KILLED DUE TO THE NEGLIGENCE OF OTHERS.

NOT ONLY MUST WE EDUCATE THE NON-RIDING PUBLIC, WE MUST EDUCATE THE RIDING PUBLIC ABOUT THE LAWS OF FLORIDA AND OTHER STATES AS WELL AS FEDERAL LAWS SO THEY CAN BE SAFE WHEN THEY RIDE. SAFETY BEGINS THE MOMENT YOU GET ON A MOTORCYCLE OR GET BEHIND THE WHEEL OF ANY FOUR WHEELED MOTOR VEHICLE.

ABATE OF FLORIDA; INC. IS WORKING DILIGENTLY TO GET THE MESSAGE, "WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES".

I COULD TAKE UP THIS WHOLE NEWSLETTER AND STILL NOT COVER EVERYTHING THAT ABATE OF FLORIDA DOES FOR MOTORCYCLISTS. I'D SUGGEST COMING TO A STATE MEETING AND CHECKING OUT THE ABATE OF FLORIDA WEB SITE AT: [HTTP://WWW.ABATEFLORIDA.COM](http://www.abateflorida.com) TO LEARN MORE.

THERE WAS A SONG BACK IN THE 1960'S THAT HAS A VERSE, "FREEDOM ISN'T FREE. YOU HAVE TO PAY A PRICE. YOU HAVE TO SACRIFICE FOR YOUR LIBERTY." THEY ARE STILL EXTREMELY TRUE AND IMPORTANT WORDS IN MY OPINION. ALTHOUGH FREEDOM TRULY ISN'T FREE, IT'S DAMN RIGHT REASONABLE. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR ABATE IS ONLY \$20.00 AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP IS ONLY \$150.00 AND ON TOP OF HAVING A STRONG ORGANIZATION OF LIKE-MINDED BROTHERS AND SISTERS FIGHTING FOR OUR COLLECTIVE RIGHTS, YOU ALSO GET \$4,000 OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH INSURANCE.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - CONT'D

SO AM I UPSET THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO SHARE WITH OUR STATE ORGANIZATION? I ANSWER A RESOUNDING NO! I AM PROUD TO BE A PART OF ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. AND HONORED TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. IN ANY AND ALL WAYS THAT I CAN.

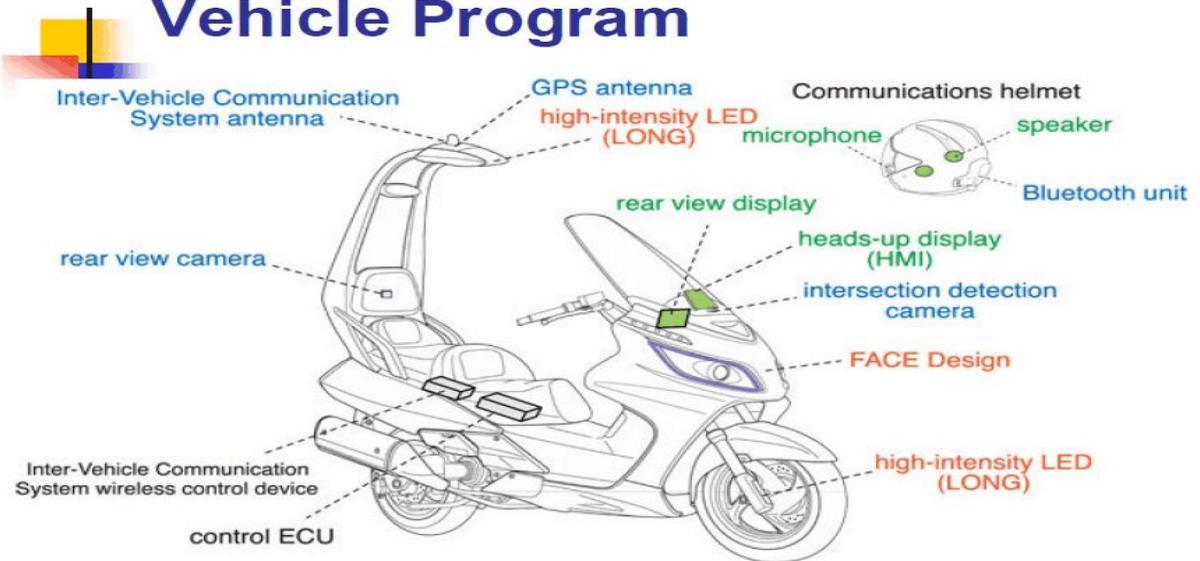
JUST REMEMBER... ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO BE HEARD IS SHOW UP!
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO HAVE WHAT YOU SAY TO COUNT IS VOTE!

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

JOHN "PAPA BEAR" OLSEY

YOUR, VICE PRESIDENT VICEPRESIDENT@ABATEPALMBEACH.COM

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2009 CALENDAR

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CALENDAR EVENTS

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for changes, deletions, additions or inquires

JANUARY

- 4 - States MC 14th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
- *11 - *Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day*
- 18 - SE ABATE Semi-Annual Rights Rally
- *25 - *Der Krieger MC Annual*
- 31 - Alternative Ft. Laud. MC Annual (moved to Nov 1st)

FEBRUARY

- *1 - *Third Tradition Annual*
- 7 - Alternative WPB Party
- *8 - *States MC Lake Worth Annual*
- *15 - *AOA MC Ft. Laud. Valentines Day Annual*
- *21 - *Wheels of Man MC Deerfield 36th Annual*
- 21 & 22 Harley-Davidson of Miami's 55th Anniversary
- 28 - USMVMC Homestead Party

MARCH

- Feb 27-March 8, 68th Annual Daytona Bike Week
- 1 - Aging and Disability Resource Center Party
- 8 - BBRA 2nd Annual Smiles Charity Ride
- *15 - *Keltics MC Annual*
- *22 - *Fiasco Brothers Annual*
- *28 - *Outcast MC Annual*
- *29 - *States MC Pompano Annual*

APRIL

- *5 - *AOA MC West Palm Annual*
- 4 & 5 - Peterson's South Anniversary Weekend
- *12 - *CMA Annual*
- 18 - Mystic Seven MC & Mojo's Birthday Party
- *19 - *Wings of Gold MC Ft. Laud Stars & Stripes Annual*
- 24, 25, 26 - Leesberg Bikefest

STATES M/C LAKE WORTH

10th ANNUAL POKER RUN PARTY

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8TH 2009

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COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- Thursday February 12, 6:00 – 11:00 pm Carnival
- Friday February 13, 6:00 – 11:00 pm Carnival
- 6:00 – 10:00 pm BBRA Motorcycle Show
- 7:00 The Original Rhondels
- 9:00 Legends of Surf Music with Al Jardine, Original Member of The Beach Boys, Dean Torrence, Original Member of Jan and Dean and SURF CITY ALLSTARS- Former touring musicians with The Beach Boys
- Saturday, February 14, 10:00 Bed Race
- 10:05 Parade
- 12:00 – 11:00 pm Carnival
- 12:30 Opening Ceremonies
- National Anthem sung by Michael Davis
- 1:00 Awards
- 1:30 Party Time D.J.'s for the Kids
- 3:30 The God Squad Puppets of New Horizons Church
- 4:00 The World Famous Low Tides
- 5:00 The Other Side
- 6:30 The World Famous Low Tides
- 7:30 Blue Fire featuring Randi Fishenfeld
- 9:00 Fireworks
- 9:30 Blue Fire featuring Randi Fishenfeld

Bike Show Sponsored in part by:

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• Sunday, February 15, 12:00 – 8:00 pm Carnival

- 12:45 Vision Band
- 2:15 The World Famous Low Tides
- 3:00 Vox Blu
- 5:00 The World Famous Low Tides
- 5:45 The Notary
- Wide Henry Street Performer
- Capt Jack Morgan from The Pirates of the Caribbean Impersonator
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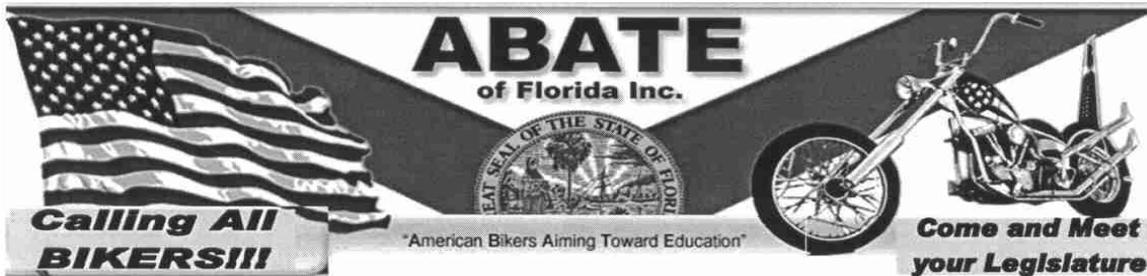
Bikes leave **CLUB HOUSE GRILL** 10 to 11:30 am.
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Last bike in at **CLUB HOUSE GRILL** by 3 pm.
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Vendors Welcome: Contact Kendall





14th ANNUAL FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY

April 10th - April 13th, 2009

State Meeting: Sun. - April 12th at 2:00pm

State Board Meeting: Sun. - April 12th at 12:00pm Noon

in Monticello at the American Legion Hall

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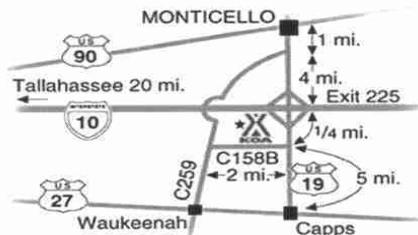
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JANUARY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

BY: SLOW MOTION

SB 137 SEEMS TO BE THE BILL THAT JUST WON'T DIE. WHILE WE DID GET SOME OF THE BITE OUT OF IT, THE SPEED OVERAGE TO ALL VEHICLES AND OTHERS, I COULD LIVE WITH GOING AFTER THOSE IN USE OF EXCESSIVE SPEED OR STUNTS IN TRAFFIC. THE VERTICAL PLATES WAS NOT ONE WE LIKED. I HAD HEARD FROM A STATE LAWYER THEY HAD ISSUES WITH SOME PARTS OF IT TOO. SO IT LOOKS LIKE

THE LAW WILL BE GETTING SOME AMENDMENTS. MOST LIKELY WILL BE THE VERTICAL PLATES AND \$1000 FINE, HOWEVER THERE IS STILL A LAW ON THE BOOKS FOR THAT BUT WITH ONLY A \$50 FINE. OUR LOBBYISTS IS WORKING ON THAT AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A VERTICAL VANITY PLATE. IT SEEMED THE LAW WAS AIMED AT PROBLEMS WITH OFFICER'S ABILITY TO READ THE PLATE. MAYBE THEY SHOULD BE GOING AFTER THE SMOKY COVERINGS I'VE SEEM ON CAR PLATES.

AS WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR CELL BANS, THERE ARE NOW THREE BILLS PROPOSED.

SB 172 - HEATHER'S LAW/CELLULAR TELEPHONE USE. SPONSOR:

WILSON PROHIBITS THE USE OF A CELLULAR TELEPHONE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE EXCEPT WHEN USING A HEADSET OR HANDS-FREE DEVICE. PROVIDES EXEMPTIONS. PROVIDES A PENALTY. PROVIDES FOR ENFORCEMENT ONLY AS A SECONDARY OFFENSE.

SB 112 - CELL PHONE USE/OPERATING VEHICLES IN SCHOOL ZONES. SPONSOR:

BULLARD PROHIBITS THE USE OF A CELLULAR TELEPHONE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE IN A SCHOOL ZONE. PROVIDES AN ENHANCED PENALTY.

SB 212 - ELECTRONIC WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS/DRIVING. SPONSOR:

BAKER PROHIBITS CERTAIN PERSONS FROM USING AN ELECTRONIC WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE. PROVIDES FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES. PROVIDES FOR A POINT ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE DRIVER'S LICENSE.

THREE BILLS WILL HINDER THE PASSING OF ANY. I SUGGEST WE WRITE THESE THREE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR A SINGLE BILL. I'LL BE WRITING UP A LETTER.

AT THE STATE ABATE LEGISLATIVE PAGE I READ ABOUT "SB 40A- CHANGES USE OF FUNDS COLLECTED FROM MOTORCYCLE/MOPED REGISTRATION ORGINALLY DESIGNATED FOR SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM AND PLACES FUNDS IN DHSMV FOR MOTORCYCLE RIDER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS OR OTHER POSSIBLE EXPENSES. 01/14/09 - PASSED HOUSE & SENATE 01/15/09 - BILL FILED WITH THE GOVERNOR FOR SIGNATURE" READING THIS I WOULD HAVE STRONGLY FOUGHT AGAINST IT AS APPEARS TO TAKE MONEY FROM BIKER FEES TO GIVE TO ALL, NOT TO BE USED FOR BIKER ISSUES. PERSONALLY I AM STILL STRONGLY OPPOSED TO FACT THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE SPECIAL TRAINING FOR MOTORCYCLE OPERATION, WHILE THERE IS NONE FOR THE MORE DANGEROUS AUTO DRIVER.

NOW FOR A PERSONAL STORY. I HAD TO GET MY LICENSE AND BIKE REGISTRATION RENEWED (THANK THE DEALERSHIP FOR GOING AHEAD WITH MY 2010 CARE RENEWAL). EVEN THOUGH THEIR LETTER SAID I COULD DO LICENSE ONLINE, ALL I COULD DO WAS MAKE AN APPOINTMENT. SO I TOOK HALF A DAY OFF WORK TO DO WITH A 11:15 APPOINTMENT. EVEN BEING THERE AT 11 O'CLOCK I DIDN'T GET TAKEN CARE OF UNTIL NOON WHILE WALK-INS FINISHED BEFORE ME. WHILE I WAS IN LINE. ONE GUY ASKED THE DESK WHAT HE HAD TO DO TO GET A LICENSE FOR A SCOOTER OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I HAD NOTICED THE WEB SITE STILL SAID THEY GAVE THE TESTS. OF COURSE THE RECEPTIONIST WAS CLUELESS, SO I INFORMED HIM HE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO TAKE THE SAME MOTORCYCLE COURSE. I SUGGESTED HE CONTACT THE SAFETY COUNCIL. THIS WHOLE EXPERIENCE BURNT ME SO I, ALONG WITH OTHERS, GOT FORMS TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE SERVICE. I USED MY TIME OFF TO STOP AT DELRAY TAX COLLECTOR TO REGISTER THE BIKE. FIRST I WAS TAKEN ABACK AS THE CATTLE SHOOTS WERE GONE. NOW YOU GET A CALL SLIP. I WAS LUCKY THAT WAS NO WAITING AND GOT DONE QUICKLY, BUT A LINE HAD FORMED BY THEN. IT WAS GOOD THAT I COULD REGISTER THE BIKE FOR TWO YEARS TO SAVE ME NEXT YEAR. I THINK THE DRIVER LICENCE BUREAU COULD LEARN SOME BETTER SERVICE FROM THEM.



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Q. WHAT IS AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS PAYMENT?

A. IT IS MONEY THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL SEND TO TAXPAYERS.

Q. WHERE WILL THE GOVERNMENT GET THIS MONEY?

A. FROM TAXPAYERS.

Q. SO THE GOVERNMENT IS GIVING ME BACK MY OWN MONEY?

A. ONLY A SMIDGEN.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS PAYMENT?

A. THE PLAN IS THAT YOU WILL USE THE MONEY TO PURCHASE A HIGH-DEFINITION TV SET, THUS STIMULATING THE ECONOMY.

Q. BUT ISN'T THAT STIMULATING THE ECONOMY OF CHINA ?

A. SHUT UP.

BELOW IS SOME HELPFUL ADVICE ON HOW TO BEST HELP THE U.S. ECONOMY BY SPENDING YOUR STIMULUS CHECK WISELY:

IF YOU SPEND THAT MONEY AT WALMART, ALL THE MONEY WILL GO TO CHINA.

IF YOU SPEND IT ON GASOLINE IT WILL GO TO THE ARABS.

IF YOU PURCHASE A COMPUTER IT WILL GO TO INDIA.

IF YOU PURCHASE FRUIT AND VEGETABLES IT WILL GO TO MEXICO, HONDURAS, AND GUATEMALA (UNLESS YOU BUY ORGANIC).

IF YOU BUY A CAR IT WILL GO TO JAPAN.

IF YOU PURCHASE USELESS JUNK IT WILL GO TO TAIWAN.

AND NONE OF IT WILL HELP THE AMERICAN ECONOMY.

WE NEED TO KEEP THAT MONEY HERE IN AMERICA. YOU CAN KEEP THE MONEY IN AMERICA BY SPENDING IT AT YARD SALES, GOING TO THE SUPER BOWL OR A BASEBALL GAME, OR SPEND IT ON BEER AND WINE (DOMESTIC ONLY), FUNERALS, WEDDINGS, OR TATTOOS, SINCE THOSE ARE THE ONLY BUSINESSES STILL IN THE US.

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S MILITARY TRL & FOREST HILL BLVD	195	CRASH DATE: BETWEEN 01/01/2007 AND 01/01/2008 GEOGRAPHIC EXTENT: ENTIRE COUNTY
N MILITARY TRL & OKEECHOBEE BLVD	173	
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S MILITARY TRL & LAKE WORTH RD	127	
GLADES RD & S STATE ROAD 7	121	
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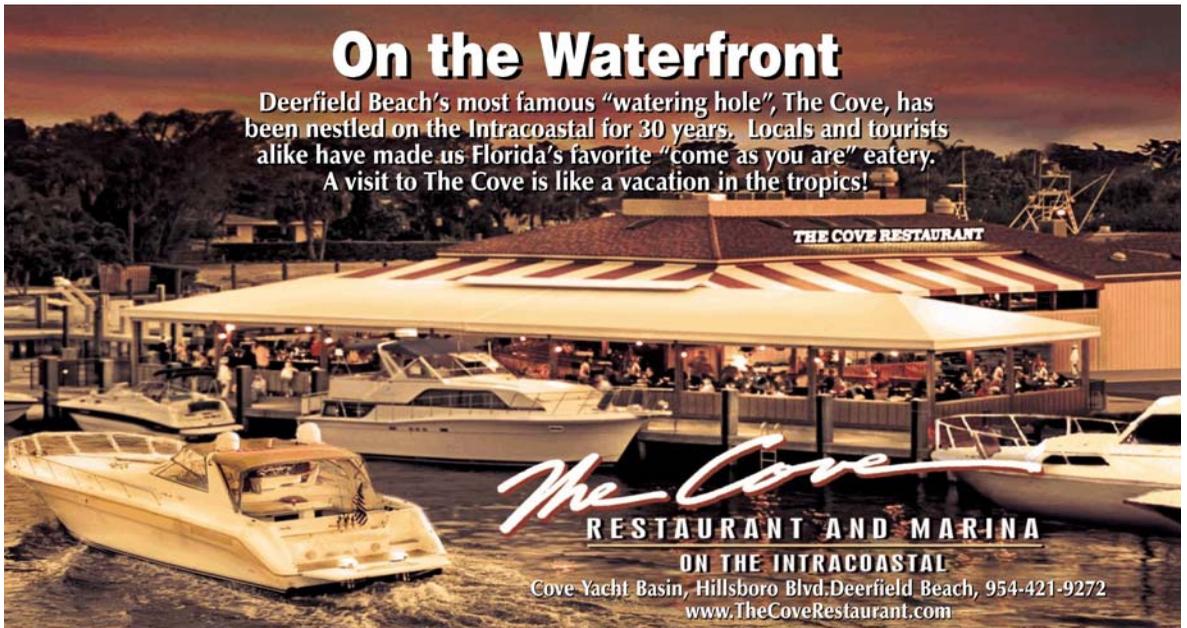
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COUPLE WELCOME SOUND OF THUNDER AT OUTDOOR WEDDING SUNDAY IN JUPITER

JUPITER — FOR MOST BRIDES, THE SOUND OF THUNDER AT THEIR OUTDOOR WEDDING WOULD BE CAUSE FOR ALARM.

FOR SANDY CARTER, THE SOUND OF THUNDER MEANT THINGS WERE TURNING OUT JUST FINE.

CARTER AND ANTHONY RANALLI JR., ALSO KNOWN AS "TROTTER" TO HIS FRIENDS AND FELLOW BIKERS, GATHERED BEACHSIDE AT CARLIN PARK IN JUPITER SUNDAY AFTERNOON FOR A WEDDING, WITH LEATHER THE DRESS OF THE DAY AND BIG HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLES PROVIDING THE BACKGROUND MUSIC.



BRIDE SANDY CARTER IS ESCORTED DOWN THE "AISLE" AT HER WEDDING SUNDAY AT CARLIN PARK IN JUPITER.

RANALLI, A BIKER BY ANYONE'S DESCRIPTION, SAID HE WAS A "LITTLE NERVOUS," AS THE CEREMONY GOT UNDER WAY.

BUT HE SAID HIS "I DO'S" JUST FINE AND THE BRIDE AND GROOM WALKED TO THEIR RECEPTION, ARM IN ARM.

WITH THE WELCOME SOUND OF THUNDER IN THE BACKGROUND

BY GEOFF OLDFATHER (CONTACT)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2009
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BEST MAN DAN CLEMSON, LEFT, STANDS WITH THE GROOM ANTHONY RANALLI JR. AND BRIDE SANDY CARTER AT A BIKER WEDDING SUNDAY IN JUPITER'S CARLIN PARK. JUDGE RICHARD BOLTON PRESIDED OVER THE CEREMONY.

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NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS (NCOM)

NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE CRASH STUDY UNDERWAY

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLISTS WHO CRASH THEIR BIKES MAY PLAY AN

UNINTENTIONAL ROLE IN IMPROVING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY NATIONWIDE, AS THE PILOT PORTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S MUCH-ANTICIPATED MOTORCYCLE CRASH CAUSATION STUDY KICKED OFF AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES IN DECEMBER. DATA WILL BE COMPILED FROM LAPD ACCIDENT REPORTS AND INFORMATION RECORDED BY MECHANICAL SENSORS AND CAMERAS PLACED AT INTERSECTIONS UNTIL AT LEAST 27 ACCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED AND ARE DOCUMENTED -- A MILESTONE THAT WILL LIKELY BE REACHED BY MARCH. ACCORDING TO DOUG HECOX, SPOKESMAN FOR THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ENTITY MANAGING THE PILOT STUDY, THE PILOT IS "PURELY TO TEST THE METHODOLOGY" THAT WILL BE APPLIED TO THE BROADER MOTORCYCLE CRASH CAUSATION STUDY, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO KICK OFF IN ABOUT A YEAR IN A HANDFUL OF DIFFERENT STATES. FINAL RESULTS OF WHICH WON'T BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AT LEAST 2013. MUCH HAS CHANGED SINCE THE LAST SUCH MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT STUDY, THE 1981 HURT REPORT; ABOUT 11 MILLION STREET BIKES HAVE BEEN SOLD IN THE U.S. THE AVERAGE RIDER'S AGE HAS INCREASED FROM 27 TO 41, AND THE OVERALL RIDER POPULATION HAS GROWN TO ROUGHLY 7 MILLION. TRAFFIC MIX, DRIVING/RIDING LAWS, AND MORE POWERFUL MOTORCYCLES ARE SOME OTHER VARIABLES. IN 2005 CONGRESS AUTHORIZED OVER \$2 MILLION TO FUND A NEW MOTORCYCLE CRASH CAUSATION STUDY UNDER A FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION BILL (A.K.A. SAFETEA-LU), WITH THE CAVEAT THAT FEDERAL FUNDS BE MATCHED FROM A NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCE. MUCH OF THE MATCHING FUNDING HAS COME FROM NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATIONS, SOME OF WHICH HAIL THE REPORT AS LONG OVERDUE AND NECESSARY FOR PLANNING SAFETY COUNTERMEASURES, WHILE OTHER GROUPS FEAR YET ANOTHER TYPICALLY LOPSIDED ANTI-MOTORCYCLE GOVERNMENT REPORT.

FEDS DECLINE TO INCREASE TARIFFS ON EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLES

U.S. TRADE OFFICIALS HAVE DECIDED NOT TO INCLUDE MOTORCYCLES ON THEIR LENGTHY LIST OF EUROPEAN PRODUCTS THAT WILL SOON FACE INCREASED TARIFFS IN RETALIATION FOR A EUROPEAN UNION BAN ON IMPORTS OF HORMONE-FED BEEF FROM AMERICA. IN PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE OPPOSING THE POSSIBLE 100% IMPORT DUTIES, MANY MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATIONS, INDUSTRY GROUPS, MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS AND OTHERS POINTED TO THE EXTENSIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES AND JOBS AFFECTED BY SUCH RETALIATORY TARIFFS, AS WELL AS A HARDSHIP FOR MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS. ALSO, MOTORCYCLE USAGE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED FOR FUEL EFFICIENCY AND EASING TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND PARKING. U.S. TRADE

REPRESENTATIVE SUSAN SCHWAB NOTED HER OFFICE RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 600 COMMENTS REGARDING WHICH OF MORE THAN 100 EUROPEAN GOODS SHOULD BE SUBJECTED TO THE TARIFFS. "AN INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE OF TRADE EXPERTS AND ECONOMISTS REVIEWED THE PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PROVIDED RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE USTR WITH RESPECT TO

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MODIFICATIONS THAT WOULD RESULT IN A MORE EFFECTIVE ACTION, WHILE TAKING ACCOUNT OF EFFECTS ON THE U.S. ECONOMY, INCLUDING CONSUMERS," SHE SAID REGARDING THE LIST OF EUROPEAN UNION PRODUCTS SLATED FOR TARIFF INCREASES BEGINNING MARCH 23; BUT THEIR BEEF WITH THE EU WILL NO LONGER THREATEN TO DOUBLE THE PRICE OF IMPORTED EURO MOTORCYCLES AND SCOOTERS.

MYRTLE BEACH SAYS NO TO BIKERS MYRTLE BEACH HAS LAUNCHED A WEBSITE AND PRINTED BROCHURES ADVISING VISITORS THAT FROM THE CITY'S PERSPECTIVE, THE MAY MOTORCYCLE RALLIES ARE OVER. THE WEBSITE BEARS A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JOHN RHODES STATING THAT THE "HARLEY-DAVIDSON DEALERS ASSOCIATION SPRING RALLY AND THE ATLANTIC BEACH MEMORIAL DAY BIKEFEST WILL NOT BE HELD IN MYRTLE BEACH", AND LISTS 15 NEW LAWS THE CITY COUNCIL HAS PASSED TO DISCOURAGE BIKERS FROM COMING TO TOWN. DESIGNED BY THE MYRTLE BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE TOP OF THE SITE PROCLAIMS; "EFFECTIVE 2009, MYRTLE BEACH, SC WILL NO LONGER HOST MOTORCYCLE RALLIES." TO DETER BIKERS, THE CITY IMPLEMENTED STRICTER NOISE AND MUFFLER RULES, WILL BE ENFORCING A MUNICIPAL HELMET LAW, REQUIRE EYE PROTECTION WHILE RIDING AND A VARIETY OF RESTRICTIONS ON VENDORS, PARTIES AND MOTORCYCLE PARKING. THE CITY PASSED A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE TO FUND THE ANTI-RALLY CAMPAIGN. BUT THE MYRTLE BEACH BIKE WEEK WEBSITE COUNTERS THIS, SAYING THAT THE RALLIES HAVE NOT BEEN CANCELLED. THE MYRTLE BEACH HARLEY-DAVIDSON WEBSITE IS STILL ENCOURAGING MOTORCYCLISTS TO COME. IT STATES THAT 90% OF THE EVENTS AND MOST OF THE BUSINESSES THAT CATER TO THE 500,000 BIKERS WHO COME TO THE REGION DURING THREE WEEKS IN MAY ARE IN Horry COUNTY, WHICH HAS NOT ADOPTED ANY NEW ORDINANCES AND WELCOMES RIDERS TO THE 69TH ANNUAL EVENT, SCHEDULED FOR MAY 8TH - 17TH 2009, IF THE RALLY GOES ON.

MAKING NOISE ABOUT NOISE NUMEROUS COMMUNITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE ATTEMPTING TO REGULATE NOISE, AND SPECIFICALLY LOUD MOTORCYCLE EXHAUSTS. ALTHOUGH ENFORCEABILITY IS QUESTIONABLE, GETTYSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA IS PLANNING A CONTROVERSIAL NEW ORDINANCE TO CURTAIL INCESSANT NOISE. TOWN OFFICIALS HAVEN'T FULLY EXPLAINED WHY THE ORDINANCE IS NECESSARY, OTHER THAN TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES HAVE SIMILAR REGULATIONS, BUT THE BOROUGH DOES NOT. "WE OUGHT TO BE REGULATING OUR NOISE POLLUTION," SAID ONE COUNCILMAN. "HOW DO YOU PULL OVER 50 MOTORCYCLES WHEN ONE IS BEING LOUD?" SAID POLICE CHIEF JOE DOUGHERTY. "IT'S VIOLATING SOMEONE'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS." WHEN ASKED IF THE DEPARTMENT OWNS NOISE EQUIPMENT, DOUGHERTY QUIPPED: "I'M SURE WE DO, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT'S AT. IF I LOOKED FOR IT, I COULD FIND IT, BUT WE ONLY HAVE ONE PERSON TRAINED TO USE THE EQUIPMENT." THE ORDINANCE IS CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY, INCLUDING ENFORCEABILITY. MEANWHILE, A BILL RECENTLY INTRODUCED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE WOULD PROHIBIT MOTORCYCLE EXHAUST MODIFICATIONS, REDUCE PERMISSIBLE MOTORCYCLE NOISE LEVELS, INCREASE FINES FOR MOTORCYCLE NOISE VIOLATIONS, AND REQUIRES ALL MOTORCYCLES TO HAVE FUNCTIONING TACHOMETERS. HOUSE BILL 95 AUTHORIZES FINES OF UP TO \$500 FOR OPERATING A MOTORCYCLE THAT HAS AFTERMARKET MUFFLERS INSTALLED, OR DOES NOT HAVE A WORKING TACH. A SIMILAR LAW WAS ENACTED IN DENVER THAT REQUIRES MOTORCYCLE MUFFLERS TO HAVE A FACTORY-ISSUED U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY SOUND-TEST STAMP. BUT SOME

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WHO HAVE PROTESTED THE ORDINANCE SINCE IT TOOK EFFECT IN JULY 2007 HAVE GONE AS FAR AS TO TAKE THE ISSUE TO COURT, ARGUING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS VAGUE AND UNENFORCEABLE. ONE "VICTIM" OF THE ORDINANCE IS JEFFREY LUBBERT, WHO WAS PULLED OVER ON HIS MOTORCYCLE IN AUGUST 2007 WHEN AN OFFICER TESTIFIED THAT HE HEARD EXHAUST PIPES THAT WERE "LOUDER BASED ON MY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE," ACCORDING TO COURT DOCUMENTS. LUBBERT FOUGHT THE CITATION THAT HE WAS ISSUED, MAKING IT THE "TEST CASE" FOR THE ORDINANCE, ACCORDING TO HIS LAWYER, COLORADO AID TO INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS (A.I.M.) ATTORNEY WADE H. ELDRIDGE. FACTORY-ISSUED PIPES COME WITH THE EPA STAMP AND MEET THE 82-DECIBEL STANDARD. BUT AFTERMARKET MUFFLERS MAY NOT COME WITH THE STAMP, WHILE STILL MEETING THE 82-DECIBEL STANDARD, ARGUES ELDRIDGE. IT IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE THE PIPES CERTIFIED AND OFFICERS DO NOT CARRY DECIBEL READERS. "IT'S UNREASONABLE TO STOP SOMEONE AND SAY YOUR PIPES ARE LOUDER THAN NORMAL WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT NORMAL IS," ARGUES ELDRIDGE, WHO SPECIALIZES IN DEFENDING BIKERS. "THAT JUST DOESN'T CUT IT."

GANGING UP ON BIKERS IN AN ONGOING EFFORT TO REDUCE CRIMES COMMITTED BY CRIMINAL STREET GANGS, MANY STATES HAVE PASSED OR ARE CONSIDERING ANTI-GANG LAWS THAT LOOSELY DEFINE "GANGS", VIOLATE CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS AND CAN BE USED TO HARASS AND INTIMIDATE MOTORCYCLE CLUBS AND MAINSTREAM MOTORCYCLE GROUPS. NORTH CAROLINA RECENTLY JOINED WITH CALIFORNIA AND OHIO IN ENACTING TOUGH GANG LEGISLATION THAT ENHANCES PENALTIES BY ADDING YEARS ONTO THE SENTENCES FOR THOSE CONVICTED OF A CRIME WHO ARE MEMBERS OF A GANG. THE N.C. STREET GANG SUPPRESSION ACT IS THE STATE'S FIRST ATTEMPT TO LEGALLY DEFINE A STREET GANG, AND IT MAKES MEMBERSHIP AGAINST THE LAW. THE LAW DEFINES GANGS AS "ANY ONGOING ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, OR GROUP OF THREE OR MORE PERSONS" THAT HAS A PRIMARY ACTIVITY OF COMMITTING FELONY ACTS, HAS MEMBERS INVOLVED IN GANG ACTIVITY AND HAS A COMMON NAME, IDENTIFYING SIGN OR SYMBOL." IT ALSO GIVES LAW ENFORCEMENT AND GOVERNMENT THE AUTHORITY TO SEIZE PROPERTY ASSOCIATED WITH GANG ACTIVITY. LIKewise, THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE HAS ENACTED A SET OF "GANG BILLS" AND SENT SENATE BILL 291 TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK ON JANUARY 6TH. BASED UPON A SIMILAR DEFINITION OF A "GANG", THE BILL STATES THAT "IF A PERSON WHO IS AN ASSOCIATE OR A MEMBER OF A GANG COMMITS A FELONY OR ATTEMPTS TO COMMIT A FELONY AND THE PERSON'S ASSOCIATION OR MEMBERSHIP IN THE GANG PROVIDES THE MOTIVE, MEANS, OR OPPORTUNITY TO COMMIT THE FELONY, THE PERSON IS GUILTY OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 20 YEARS." IN UTAH, A NEWSPAPER AD FOR A TOYS FOR TOTS EVENT AND FLYERS DISTRIBUTED BY THE VAGOS MOTORCYCLE CLUB SPURRED ONE GARLAND, UT CITIZEN TO FORM A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND SPEARHEAD A GRASSROOTS EFFORT TO TOUGHEN STATE GANG LAWS, RESULTING IN FIVE BILLS BEING INTRODUCED TO TOUGHEN PUNISHMENT FOR INVOLVEMENT IN GANG ACTIVITY AND TO MAKE ASSOCIATING WITH OR BEING A MEMBER OF A CRIMINAL STREET GANG ILLEGAL IN THE BEEHIVE STATE. THE LATEST IN A SPATE OF GANG LEGISLATION, THE SPONSOR OF THE BILLS ALONG WITH GANG INVESTIGATORS SPENT MONTHS RESEARCHING OTHER STATES' GANG LAWS TO FIND IDEAS THAT MAY BE EFFECTIVE IN UTAH, SUCH AS ANTI-GANG LOITERING LEGISLATION AND DECLARING GANG-FREE ZONES.

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WEIRD NEWS: NIGERIAN RIDERS WEAR FRUIT TO COMPLY WITH NEW HELMET LAW AS MANY AS 98% OF NIGERIA'S MOTORCYCLISTS SHUNNED THE NEW NATIONAL HELMET LAW WHEN IT WENT INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1ST, LEADING TO SCORES OF ARRESTS, NEAR-RIOTS AND SOMETIMES VIOLENT CONFRONTATIONS WITH TRAFFIC POLICE. PROFESSIONAL MOTORCYCLE TAXI DRIVERS CALLED OKADA HAVE NOW RESORTED TO WEARING FRUIT SHELLS, POTS OR PIECES OF RUBBER TIED TO THEIR HEADS WITH STRING TO AVOID ARREST AND IMPOUNDMENT OF THEIR VEHICLES. IN THE STATE CAPITAL OF KADUNA, HUNDREDS OF MOTORCYCLISTS STAGED PROTESTS AGAINST THE CRASH HELMET DIRECTIVE, STORMING MAJOR ROADS CHANTING WAR SONGS AND CAUSING PANIC AND TRAFFIC JAMS. IN LAGOS, AT LEAST 2,500 VIOLATORS OF THE DIRECTIVE HAVE SO FAR BEEN ARRESTED AS THE FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION INTENSIFIED THE ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN FOR BOTH RIDERS AND PASSENGERS. IN OSUN STATE, THE NIGERIAN TRIBUNE REPORTED THAT NO FEWER THAN 73 MOTORCYCLES HAVE BEEN IMPOUNDED BY THE FRSC BECAUSE THEIR OPERATORS FAILED TO ABIDE BY THE USE OF CRASH HELMET. THE REGULATIONS HAVE CAUSED CHAOS AROUND AFRICA'S MOST POPULOUS NATION, WITH MOTORCYCLISTS COMPLAINING HELMETS ARE SCARCE, TOO EXPENSIVE, DIRTY AND SOME PASSENGERS REFUSE TO WEAR THEM FEARING THEY WILL CATCH SKIN DISEASE OR BE PUT UNDER A BLACK MAGIC SPELL.

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