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MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

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**NEXT CHAPTER
MEETING**

11:30AM

SATURDAY

May 16th



**LET THOSE
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ABATE of Florida, Inc 
Lake County Chapter *Is hosting the June State Meeting*

June 12, 13, 14, 2009 ** Lake County FL

State Board Meeting June 13th, Saturday ** starts at 12 noon
Delegates Meeting at 2:00

LOCATION: University of FL Extension Office ** AG Center *(map available at hotel)*
1951 Woodlea Road, Tavares, FL 32778



State Meeting for June 2009. Lodging facilities in Clermont/Groveland near the S bound entrance of the FL Turnpike off of Hwy 27, meeting in Tavares at the University of FL's Extension Office. Be sure to pick up info for other activities planned for the weekend at the front desk when you check in.

Hotel: \$49.99 plus tax. Days Inn 20390 N US Hwy 27, Clermont 34715 --- **352-429-0483**
40 rooms are blocked -reservations must be in by June 5th for this rate, mention ABATE
Check in is 3 pm. Located 1/2 mile south of FL Turnpike on US 27, Clermont.

Camping: 352-429-2116 Bee's RV Resort 20260 N US Hwy 27, 1/4 mile from hotel. Tent & RV camping. Friday Fish Fry, all you can eat.

**Brothers Cycle- Minneola 352-394-2911
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Bike repair shops.

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MEETINGS ARE:

11:30 am THIRD SATURDAY EVERY MONTH



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P.O. Box 971073

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President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

THIS IS THE LATEST ON THE LEGISLATION I MENTIONED IN LAST MONTHS PRESIDENTS MESSAGE.

HB 1161 / SB 968 "TRAFFIC OFFENSES" OR "STIFFER PENALTIES" - THIS BILL HAS PASSED ALL IT'S COMMITTEE'S AND IS READY TO BE HEARD ON THE HOUSE FLOOR. THE SENATE VERSION IS ON THE FAST TRACK TO THE SENATE FLOOR, BUT NOT THERE YET.

HB 1479 / SB 1100 "DEPT. OF HIGHWAY SAFETY & MOTOR VEHICLES" - THIS BILL HAS AN AMENDMENT ADDED THAT WILL TAKE AWAY THE NON-VERTICAL TAG LAW. THE NEW WORDING WILL BE THAT "MOTORCYCLE AND MOPED TAGS MUST BE PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE VEHICLE AND NOT BE ADJUSTED OR CAPABLE OF BEING FLIPPED UP NO DEVICE FOR OR METHOD OF CONCEALING OR OBSCURING THE LEGIBILITY OF THE LICENSE TAG OF A MOTORCYCLE SHALL BE INSTALLED OR USED." IF THIS PASSES AND GET SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR, IT WILL ELIMINATE THE FINE FOR THE VERTICAL TAGS STARTING AS SOON AS IT BECOME LAW. THE SENATE VERSION PASSED 39-0 AND IS NOW WAITING ON THE HOUSE. THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEMS IN THIS BILL BECOMING LAW.

HB 1043 / SB 2282 "FIRST RESPONDERS" - PROHIBITS COUNTY'S AND MUNICIPALITIES FROM IMPOSING FEES OR SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT FOR COST OF CERTAIN FIRST RESPONDER SERVICES EXCEPT FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE CLEAN-UP. BOTH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE BILLS ARE OUT OF COMMITTEE'S AND WILL BE HEARD ON THE FLOOR BARRING SOME LAST MINUTE PROBLEM.

WE ARE MOST DEFINITELY MAKING GIANT STEPS FORWARD IN SEEING THESE BILLS MOVE THROUGH COMMITTEES AND AS MENTIONED, HB 1161 AND IT COMPANION BILL SB 968 MOVING INTO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THESE BILLS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE THE HONORABLE LARRY CRETUL A LIFE MEMBER OF ABATE IT APPEARS DOC'S PERSEVERANCE HAS PAID OFF AGAIN. I'M CONFIDANT THE VERTICAL TAG ISSUE WILL BE SETTLED AS WELL. I THINK IT'S SOMETHING WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF ESPECIALLY THOSE OF YOU WHO TOOK THE TIME TO CONTACT THEIR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES AND ASK FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

I CAN'T EMPHASIZE ENOUGH HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO ESTABLISH A LINE OF COMMUNICATION WITH THESE PEOPLE ON THE LOCAL LEVEL. SOMETHING ELSE THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW, WHEN CONTACTING STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS YOU MAY BE REACHING THEIR AIDES. THESE PEOPLE HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE PERSON YOU WISH TO CONTACT. IN MORE CASES THAN NOT, THE WAY YOU COMMUNICATE WITH THEM WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHETHER YOUR MESSAGE GETS THROUGH OR NOT. BE RESPECTFUL AND POLITE. IF IT'S AN ISSUE THAT HAS YOU ANGRY DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON THE AIDES. THESE PEOPLE HAVE A HUGE JOB TO DO AND IF YOU ARE TACTFUL AND TO THE POINT CHANCES ARE, THE WAY YOU COMMUNICATE WITH THEM WILL BE THE WAY IT WILL BE COMMUNICATED AND POSSIBLY STATED AS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN IT IS DISCUSSED.

A LESSON TO BE LEARNED FROM A GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT WERE ONE TIME MEMBERS OF ABATE THAT THOUGHT THEY HAD A BETTER IDEA OF HOW TO GET THINGS DONE WAS EXEMPLIFIED WHEN THE CELL PHONE BILL WAS IN COMMITTEE. THEY SHOWED UP WHILE THE ISSUE WAS JUST ABOUT TO BE

President's Message - Cont'd

PASSED MAKING RIDICULOUS ACCUSATIONS ABOUT PEOPLE BEING PAID OFF AND MONEY GOING INTO POCKETS TO HOLD BACK THE PASSAGE WITHOUT HAVING A CLUE AS TO WHAT WAS ABOUT TO HAPPEN. THEY CONTINUED THEIR RANTS AND USED UP PRECIOUS TIME WHEN IT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN SETTLED LONG BEFORE THE DEADLINE AND ALMOST KILLED THE BILL RIGHT THEN. FORTUNATELY DOC WAS ABLE TO GET IT HEARD AGAIN AND SURE ENOUGH THEY SHOWED UP AGAIN. NEEDLESS TO SAY IT PROBABLY WONT BE HEARD AGAIN UNTIL THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE SESSION, IF IT IS HEARD AT ALL.

IF YOU DON'T ALREADY KNOW IT, THE WHEELS OF PROGRESS TURN SLOWLY AND METHODICALLY ESPECIALLY WITH GOVERNMENT THERE ARE CHANNELS PROCEDURES THAT NEED TO BE FOLLOWED. SIX YEARS AGO I BROUGHT THE CELL PHONE ISSUE TO THE TABLE AT AN ABATE STATE MEETING. I RECEIVED A NOD AND A WINK THAT IT WAS SOMETHING WE NEEDED TO ADDRESS, BUT THE CHANCE OF ACTUALLY GETTING LEGISLATION TO BAN THE USE OF CELL PHONES WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE OF ANY KIND WOULD BE NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE. TWO YEARS AGO IT BECAME PART OF ABATE OF FLORIDA'S AGENDA. WE ALMOST GOT IT THIS YEAR. IT WAS LEFT ON THE TABLE BECAUSE A GROUP OF PEOPLE DECIDED TO DISRUPT THE PROCESS BY INSULTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STIFLING THE EFFORTS OF OUR LOBBYIST, JUST HOURS BEFORE IT COULD HAVE BEEN SIGNED.

DOC'S EXPERIENCE AND SAVVY GOT THAT LEGISLATION BACK IN FRONT OF THE RIGHT PEOPLE AND HIS EFFORTS WERE AGAIN IMPEDED BECAUSE SOMEONE THOUGHT THEY HAD A BETTER IDEA AND STEPPED IN. NOW THEY'LL PUT THE BLAME ON HIM FOR FAILING TO DO HIS JOB. BEING IMPATIENT AND MAKING ACCUSATIONS BEFORE YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WILL DO NOTHING BUT GIVE THEM A REASON TO TABLE AN ISSUE OR WORSE THROW IT INTO THE ABYSS OF DEAD LEGISLATION.

THE SAME IS TRUE IN ANY SITUATION WHERE PEOPLE ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR POSITION AND DOING THEIR JOB RESPONSIBLY. NO ONE CAN EXPLAIN WHAT IT TAKES TO DO A JOB UNTIL IT BECOMES *THEIR* JOB AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. THE EXPERIENCE OF HAVING THAT RESPONSIBILITY IS WHAT YOU LEARN FROM. YOU CAN'T TEACH EXPERIENCE, IT COMES FROM BEING INVOLVED AND LEARNING FROM SOMEONE WHO HAS THAT EXPERIENCE. FOR THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND THERE'S NO EXPLANATION NECESSARY, FOR THOSE WHO DON'T THERE'S NONE POSSIBLE.

THE MOST COMMON REASON FOR WHY THINGS GO WRONG IS BECAUSE A PERSON IS PUT INTO A SITUATION OR A POSITION THEY ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO HANDLE. FOR EXAMPLE, YOU HAVE A PERSON THAT IS THE BEST GUIDANCE COUNSELOR IN THE HISTORY OF A SCHOOL. THEY ARE ADMIRERD AND ACCLAIMED FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND EVERYONE SEES THIS PERSON AS THE MOST QUALIFIED PERSON TO BE PROMOTED TO TAKE OVER AS PRINCIPAL. OVER TIME THINGS BEGIN TO CHANGE, THINGS START GOING DOWN HILL AND BEFORE LONG THE PERSON THAT WAS CONSIDERED TO BE THE BEST QUALIFIED PERSON FOR PRINCIPAL FINDS THAT HE IS MISERABLE, HE IS BEING BLAMED FOR THE DECLINE IN THE STANDARDS AND LOSS OF MORAL AND BEGINS TO REALIZE THAT HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT POSITION ENTAILED. ONE DAY HE RECEIVES NOTICE THAT HE IS BEING ASKED TO RESIGN OR BE FIRED. THE SCHOOL LOSES THE BEST GUIDANCE COUNSELOR THEY EVER HAD AND POSSIBLY REPLACED THE BEST PRINCIPAL THEY EVER HAD. BUT THE DAMAGE IS DONE IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME FOR IT TO BE REPAIRED, IF EVER. ONE THING FOR SURE, IT'LL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN.

PEOPLE WILL ALWAYS CRITICIZE SOMEONE FOR NOT GETTING A JOB DONE BUT UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH WHAT IT TAKES TO *GET* THE JOB DONE, THEY WILL NEVER UNDERSTAND THAT

President's Message - Cont'd

ANYTHING WORTH WHILE DOING MUST HAVE A PLAN OF ACTION AND STEPS NEED TO BE TAKEN ONE AT A TIME.

I PERSONALLY HAVE SET ATTAINABLE GOALS TO FURTHER THE PROGRESS OF ABATE PALM BEACH BY WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHAPTER THAT HAVE SHOWN THEY ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO HELP FORMULATE A PLAN AND EXECUTE A PLAN OF ACTION. TAKING ON THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ORGANIZING COMMITTEES TO WORK WITH ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND THE VARIOUS TRUSTEE POSITIONS, GIVING ALL INTERESTED CHAPTER MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FIRST HAND WHAT IT TAKES TO HOLD POSITIONS WORKING FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER.

SOME OF THOSE GOALS INCLUDE, CONTINUING TO SUPPORT EFFORTS BY ABATE AND OTHER MRO'S BY PUSHING FOR "STIFFER PENALTIES" FOR RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATORS, TO INCLUDE MONETARY COMPENSATION TO INJURED RIDERS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR LOST WAGES AND MEDICAL COSTS, AND IN THE EVENT OF DEATH, MONETARY COMPENSATION TO THEIR FAMILIES FOR LOST WAGES AND MEDICAL COSTS AND FUNERAL COSTS. MANDATORY INCARCERATION, MONETARY COMPENSATION TO THE FAMILY OVER A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME FOR THEIR LOSS OF WAGES. I WILL CONTINUE WORKING TO GAIN THE SUPPORT IN THIS EFFORT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO RIDE IN SERVICE OR AS INDIVIDUALS OFF DUTY AND AS MEMBERS OF VARIOUS RIDING ORGANIZATIONS.

CONTINUING TO FIGHT FOR MANDATORY DRIVERS EDUCATION CLASSES IN THE FLORIDA SCHOOL SYSTEM. IT WAS TABLED BECAUSE OF LACK OF STATE FUNDING. I HAD ASKED THAT OUR LOBBYIST LOOK INTO FINDING OUT HOW MUCH MONEY IS ACTUALLY BEING ALLOCATED TO EDUCATION FROM THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS GENERATED BY THE FLORIDA LOTTERY AS IT WAS ADVERTISED AT IT'S INCEPTION. WE PAY SCHOOL TAXES AND WITH BILLIONS BEING GENERATED BY THE LOTTERY WHY ARE SCHOOLS BEING CLOSED AND BUDGETS BEING CUT. THIS PROGRAM WAS CLOSED ORIGINALLY BECAUSE FUNDS WERE BEING DIVERTED ELSEWHERE. I BELIEVE IT'S TOO IMPORTANT TO IGNORE.

ESTABLISHING ABATE SPONSORED RIDER TRAINING COURSES WITH QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS, CERTIFIED TO CONDUCT COURSES HELPING RIDERS GET THEIR ENDORSEMENTS AT AN AFFORDABLE COST. WITH 37 CHAPTERS FLORIDA IT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY SET A PRECEDENT FOR RIDER SAFETY AND AN EXAMPLE TO THOSE CHARGING HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS BY PRIVATELY OWNED ENTERPRISES.

PROMOTING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS THROUGH RADIO AND TELEVISION PUBLIC ADDRESS MESSAGES SPONSORED BY ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. PROMOTING SAFETY AND AWARENESS THROUGH BILLBOARDS ON THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE, BUS AND BUS STOP SIGNAGE IN URBAN AREAS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY.

WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN ESTABLISHING A LINE OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE SPORT BIKE RIDERS AND WE HAVE AN EVEN BETTER OPPORTUNITY NOW THAN EVER BEFORE WITH THE HELP OF ABATE OF FLORIDA WORKING WITH THE SPORT BIKE RIDER ASSOCIATIONS AND IN ACQUIRING PRINTED SAFETY INFORMATION AS WELL AS FREE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS THAT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED WITH APPLICATIONS FOR OUR CHAPTER. I BELIEVE WE NEED TO CONTINUE WORKING TOWARDS STRENGTHENING RELATIONS. IT'S POSSIBLE THAT RECENT LEGISLATION PASSED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TARGETING SPORT BIKE RIDERS COULD HAVE A SILVER LINING, IT MIGHT GET THEM TO UNDERSTAND WHAT BELONGING TO ABATE CAN DO FOR THEM.

President's Message - Cont'd

IN CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE OF OUR 3RD ANNUAL EVENT COMING UP JUNE 27TH BEING HELD AT TIKI TAVERN FORMERLY NAT'S DEN IN BOYNTON BEACH FROM 5:00 PM 'TIL? SEE OUR FLIER IN THIS EDITION.

ABATE CHAPTER MEMBERS WE NEED YOUR HELP IN PLANNING AND COORDINATING THE EVENT, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO WORK TOGETHER WITH YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND MAKE THIS THE BEST EVENT OF THE YEAR.

GOD BLESS.

RIDE FREE, RIDE SAFE

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CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, motorcycles are increasingly used as a regular means of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an energy-efficient vehicle that reduces fuel consumption, traffic and parking congestion; and

WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an important form of transportation for commuting, touring and recreation; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of safety, it is necessary to develop appropriate driving habits to handle these vehicles on Florida roadways; and

WHEREAS, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month raises public awareness of proper safety procedures for sharing the road with motorcyclists;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2009 as *Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 13th day of April, in the year two thousand nine.



Charlie Crist
Governor



**MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS & SAFETY
DEDICATED TO
"FREEDOM OF CHOICE, FREEDOM OF THE ROAD"**

YOU MAY KNOW US AS THE MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATION THAT GOT THE HELMET LAW REPEALED IN FLORIDA OR FROM OUR MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS AND SAFETY RALLY'S THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. ABATE OF FLORIDA IS NOT A CLUB, WE ARE A MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS & SAFETY ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROMOTING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY WHILE REMAINING EVER VIGILANT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES CONCERNING MOTORCYCLISTS' NATIONWIDE.

THERE ARE NO MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

BECAUSE WE ARE NOT A CLUB THERE ARE NO MANDATORY RIDES OR MEETINGS TO ATTEND. WE DO NOT REQUIRE OUR MEMBERS TO WEAR OUR PATCH. IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF A MOTORCYCLE CLUB OR ANY OTHER MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION WE WELCOME YOUR SUPPORT AS A MEMBER.

YOUR COLORS OR PATCH ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN OUR HOUSE

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

WITH OUT A DOUBT THE MOST NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT ABATE OF FLORIDA IS RECOGNIZED FOR IS THE ABILITY WE HAVE IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO MAKE THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT WE WILL WEAR A HELMET WHEN WE RIDE. ALWAYS REMEMBER THOUGH, ABATE IS NOT AGAINST THE USE OF HELMETS BUT WE STAND FAST IN THE BELIEF THAT THE DECISION IS OURS TO MAKE. SOMETHING WE SHOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER IS THAT VICTORIES, THOUGH SWEET FOR THE MOMENT, ARE RARELY PERMANENT OR THE END OF THE BATTLE. WE ARE FIGHTING HARD NOW IN FLORIDA TO HAVE LEGISLATION PASSED TO CREATE A SAFER RIDING ENVIRONMENT BY BACKING NEW LAWS THAT WOULD GENERATE ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR MOTORISTS WHO INJURE A RIDER WHEN VIOLATING HIS RIGHT-OF-WAY, A BAN OF THE USE OF CELL PHONES WHEN OPERATING A VEHICLE AND WE ARE BACKING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PREVENT FIRST RESPONDERS FROM CHARGING ADDITIONAL FEES FOR SERVICES ALREADY INCLUDED IN OUR TAXES. THE PROBABILITY IS THAT NOT ALL OF THIS PROPOSED LEGISLATION WILL GET THROUGH BUT FOR THE SAKE OF THIS "CONVERSATION" LET'S ASSUME THAT THEY ALL DO AND WE ACCOMPLISH ALL THAT WE ARE SEEKING. WHAT DO WE DO THEN? GET ON OUR SCOOTERS—WITH OR WITHOUT WEARING A HELMET—AND GO FOR A RIDE WHILE WE FORGET ABOUT TALLAHASSEE? I THINK NOT!

IN MY OPINION THE BAD NEWS IS; WE WILL NEVER WIN THE WAR! THAT IS OF COURSE IF YOU DEFINE WINNING AS THE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF AN ENEMY OR RENDERING A FOE INCAPABLE OF OPPOSING YOU. I BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL NEVER STOP COMING AT US WITH THEIR BIASED BELIEF THAT THEY KNOW BETTER THAN WE DO WHAT IS THE BEST FOR US. BECAUSE WE CHOOSE TO LIVE OUR LIVES ON TWO WHEELS OUTSIDE THE CAGES WHERE THEY THRIVE BY RIDING WITHIN THE "PROTECTION" OF TONS OF METAL (OR PLASTIC, FIBERGLASS OR COMPOUNDS), AND BECAUSE THERE ARE MORE OF THEM THAN US, THEY BELIEVE THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO DICTATE WHAT THEY CHOOSE TO CALL RIGHT AND PROPER TO US. HOW FAR DO YOU THINK THEY WOULD GET ATTEMPTING TO MANDATE THAT ANYONE WHO EITHER OPERATES OR IS A PASSENGER IN A CAGE SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO WEAR PROTECTIVE HEAD GEAR? WHEN YOU FINISH LAUGHING TRY TO REMEMBER BACK AT HOW LONG IT TOOK TO MANDATE SEATBELT USE, NOT THAT I AGREE WITH THAT BUT THAT'S A SUBJECT FOR ANOTHER DAY.

WE DO HAVE SOME PRETTY POWERFUL WEAPONS ON OUR SIDE THOUGH. WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT AND POWERFUL WEAPON WE HAVE IS YOU! WHEN YOU CHOSE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ABATE OF FLORIDA YOU BECAME PART OF A FORMIDABLE ORGANIZATION THAT IS DEDICATED TO YOUR RIGHTS AND SAFETY, MAKING YOU YOUR OWN VERY BEST FRIEND. NOW WHAT GOOD FRIENDS SHOULD AND TEND TO DO FOR EACH OTHER IS TO BAND TOGETHER IN SUPPORT FOR WHAT BENEFITS THEIR COMMON BEST. WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT ON THE PATH TO ACCOMPLISHING THAT IS COMMUNICATION. A SHARED RESPECT IN EACH INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT TO BE HEARD AND THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE CAN ONLY SURVIVE BY

Vice President's Message

RECOGNIZING THE WORTH EACH PERSON HAS TO OUR CAUSE IS PARAMOUNT. THE POWER OF A SINGLE VOICE IS AMPLIFIED WHEN BANDED WITH PARTNERS HAILING A PARALLEL STANDARD.

THE WEBSITE FOR ABATE OF FLORIDA, [HTTP://WWW.ABATEFLORIDA.COM/](http://www.abateflorida.com/), HAS A LINK TO THE LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION PAGE. ON THAT PAGE THERE IS A WEALTH OF INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT ABATE OF FLORIDA IS ADDRESSING IN TALLAHASSEE. FROM THAT PAGE THERE IS A LINK LABELED *COMMUNICATION GUIDE*. HERE YOU CAN FIND INFORMATION REGARDING METHODS OF CONTACTING YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL AS SUGGESTED TEXT AND IDEAS ASSISTING YOU IN UNDERSTANDING YOUR INDIVIDUAL IMPORTANCE TO THE CAUSE OF ABATE, A LOGICAL PROGRESSION OF PRIORITIZING WHO YOU CONTACT, COMMUNICATION TIPS AND EVEN SUGGESTED TEXT. THE WHOLE SITE SHOWS THE COMMITMENTS ABATE OF FLORIDA HAS IN ASSISTING US IN SAFEGUARDING OUR RIGHTS. BUT STILL, IT ALL STARTS WITH YOU AND WILL NOT SUCCEED WITHOUT YOU.

SAMUEL ADAMS ONCE SAID, "...IT DOES NOT REQUIRE A MAJORITY TO PREVAIL, BUT RATHER AN IRATE, TIRELESS MINORITY KEEN TO SET BRUSH FIRES IN PEOPLE'S MINDS..." OUR LEADERS NEED TO HEAR FROM US, WE OWE IT TO OURSELVES AS WELL AS TO THEM. FOR IF WE REMAIN SILENT WE FORFEIT THE LEGITIMACY TO OUR CLAIM OF DEMANDING REPRESENTATION BECAUSE WITHOUT OUR VOICES BESIDE OUR LEADERS WE ARE NOTHING LESS THAN THE MINDLESS SHEEP FOLLOWING THE SHEPHERD WHILE HIS DOGS BITES AT OUR HEELS. NOT I MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

I CHOOSE TO BE HEARD. I CHOOSE TO STAND BESIDE TRUE BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO DEMAND EQUALITY, RESPECT AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS ON SAFE ROADS. I CHOOSE TO VOICE MY OPINIONS OVER THE CALLOUS DISREGARD FOR THE LAWS OF OUR STATE AND THE RESPECT RIGHTEOUSLY DUE OUR MEMBERS BUT ON MANY INSTANCES DENIED THEM. I CHOOSE TO STAND WITH A DEDICATED TEAM OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS NOMINATED TO LEAD OUR CHAPTER WITH THE RESPECT FOR THE DIRECTION OUR MEMBERS CHOOSE. MOST OF ALL, IF ELECTED TO DIRECT OUR CHAPTER I WILL ALWAYS CHOOSE TO RESPECT OUR MEMBERS AND THE IMPORTANCE THAT YOUR VOICE MUST BE HEARD.

JUST REMEMBER... ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO BE HEARD IS SHOW UP!
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO HAVE WHAT YOU SAY 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
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2009 CALENDAR

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SFPC
SOUTH FLORIDA PRESIDENTS COUNCIL
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CALENDAR EVENTS

ANNUAL CLUB EVENTS ARE
LISTED IN BOLD ITALICS WITH*

Call (954) 430-9697 or (954) 578-2900
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MAY

- *3 - *Southern MC Annual*
- 16 - Wings of Gold MC Pt. St. Lucie Party
- 17 - USMVMC West Palm Party
- 24 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Party
- *31 - *Soldiers for Jesus MC West Palm Beach Annual*

JUNE

- *7 - *AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual*
- *13 - *New Attitudes MC Annual - CANCELLED!* ←
- *14 - *Wings of Gold MC West Palm Annual*
- 21 - Peterson's North Store Fathers Day Event
- 21 - Alternative Epilipsy Run & Party
- 27 - Palm Beach ABATE Annual Event
- *28 - *Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual*

JULY

- 5 - USMVMC South Broward Party
- 12 - States MC Lake Worth Party
- 18 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off & Party
- 19 - AOA MC West Palm Party
- *26 - *Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud. Annual*

AUGUST

- 3-9 69th Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 14, 15, 16, - 14th International South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 16 - AOA MC 42nd Anniversary Party
- *23 - *Wings of Gold MC Port Saint Lucie Annual*
- 30 - US Military Vets MC Pompano Party

SEPTEMBER

- 12 - Outcast MC Party
- 13 - States Pompano MC 16th Key West Tuneup Party
- 18-20 - Phil Peterson's 37th Annual Key West Poker Run
- 27 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & Party

OCTOBER

- *4 - *Mystic Seven MC Annual*
- 11 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
- 15-18 - Daytona Biketoberfest
- 25 - SE ABATE 29th Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally
- 31 - Wheels of Man MC 36th Annual Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

- *1 - *Alternative Ft. Laud. MC Annual*
- *8 - *USMVMC National 22nd Annual*
- 14 - Soldiers for Jesus MC West Palm Beach Party
- 15 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach Party
- 22 - CMA Memorial Event
- 29 - Keltics MC Miami Party
- 29 - Heaven Cycles 32nd Anniversary Party

DECEMBER

- *6 - *22nd Annual SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run*
- 12 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami
- 13 - ABATE West Palm Beach Party
- 19 - SFLCOC Christmas Dinner Party
- 20 - Calvery Chapel 10th Annual Christmas Service

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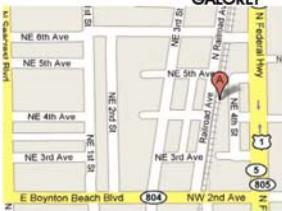
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SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2009

TIME	ROOM A	ROOM B	ROOM C
8:00 - 9:00	Treasury	Treasury	Secretary/Insurance
9:00 - 10:00	Treasury	Delegates	Membership
10:00 - 11:00	Treasury	Sgt-At-Arms	Newsletter
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	Safety	Legislative	PR/Communications
2:00 - 3:00	Safety	Legislative	PR/Web

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009
9am - 12 Noon Presidents/Vice Presidents Meeting

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A VERY SELF-IMPORTANT COLLEGE FRESHMAN ATTENDING A RECENT FOOTBALL GAME TOOK IT UPON HIMSELF TO EXPLAIN TO A SENIOR CITIZEN SITTING NEXT TO HIM WHY IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE OLDER GENERATION TO UNDERSTAND HIS GENERATION.

'YOU GREW UP IN A DIFFERENT WORLD, ACTUALLY AN ALMOST PRIMITIVE ONE,' THE STUDENT SAID, LOUD ENOUGH FOR MANY OF THOSE NEARBY TO HEAR. 'THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF TODAY ARE MUCH MORE ADVANCED THAN PEOPLE YOUR AGE. WE GREW UP WITH TELEVISION, JET PLANES, SPACE TRAVEL, MAN WALKING ON THE MOON AND THE INTERNET.

WE HAVE CELL PHONES, NUCLEAR ENERGY, ELECTRIC AND HYDROGEN CARS, COMPUTERS, AUTOMATED MANUFACTURING, AMAZING TECHNOLOGIES, ...AND,' PAUSING TO TAKE ANOTHER DRINK OF BEER.

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John Prince Park - Lake Worth, Fla - Noon - 6 PM

Saturday June 13, 2009



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Coffee, Donuts Get Maps, Tickets Here
Kickstands up 10 AM last out -11 AM



- * TC Harley Davidson US #1
- * VFW Post 10132 by tracks A1A
- * Horsefeather's US #1 Hobe Sound
- * Hobie's Bridge Rd. Hobe Sound
- * John Prince Park - 12 to 4 PM
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- * American Legion 268 Riviera Beach FL
- * Ralph's Stand UP Bar Center St. Jupiter
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- * Iron Eagle Military Tr. S. of Forrest Hill
- * John Prince Park - Use Congress Entrance



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May 2009</h1>					1	2
3 Southern MC Annual	4	5 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	6 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB - Tiki Tavern - Bike Night	7 Firewater Bike Night Papa Bear's Den -Bike Night	8	9
10 	11	12 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	13 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB - Tiki Tavern - Bike Night	14 Firewater Bike Night Papa Bear's Den -Bike Night	15	16 
17 USMV MC - Party Rock-N-Roll (Greenacres) 360 Biker Fuondation	18	19 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	20 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB - Tiki Tavern - Bike Night	21 Firewater Bike Night Papa Bear's Den -Bike Night	22	23
24 S.E. Abate - Party	25 	26 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	27 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB - Tiki Tavern - Bike Night	28 Firewater Bike Night Papa Bear's Den -Bike Night	29	30 TOYOTA BIKE FEST
31 Soldiers for Jesus - Annual TOYOTA BIKE FEST						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2009</h1>						
	1	2 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	3 Island Jack's - Bike Night- WPB - Tiki Tavern - Bike Night	4 Firewater Bike Night Papa Bear's Den -Bike Night	5	6
7	8	9 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	10 Island Jack's - Bike Night- WPB - Tiki Tavern - Bike Night	11 Firewater Bike Night Papa Bear's Den -Bike Night	12	13 LEATHERNECKS USMC POKER RUN
14 WINGS OF GOLD - PB ANNUAL	15	16 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	17 Island Jack's - Bike Night- WPB - Tiki Tavern - Bike Night	18 Firewater Bike Night Papa Bear's Den -Bike Night	19	20 ABATE-PBC MEETING 11:30 
21 	22	23 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	24 Island Jack's - Bike Night- WPB - Tiki Tavern - Bike Night	25 Firewater Bike Night Papa Bear's Den -Bike Night	26	27 ABATE PALM BEACH EVENT TIKI TAVERN
28	29	30 Iron Eagle Bike Nite				

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May Legislative/Delegate Report

BY: SLOW MOTION

THIS IS THE LATEST REPORT FROM THE CAPITOL.

SB 986/HB 1161-SB986 DIED IN COMMITTEE. THIS WAS OUR STIFFER PENALTIES BILLS. AFTER THE FIASCO IN THE SENATE HEARINGS THEY DECIDED NOT TO PURSUE THIS BILL.

SB 1100 HAS PASSED AND IS GOING TO THE GOVERNOR IT HAS THE LANGUAGE THAT REMOVES THE HORIZONTAL BIKE TAG

HB 582 HAS PASSED AND IS ON THE WAY TO THE GOVERNOR AND IT HAS THE LANGUAGE IN IT THAT SAYS A TAG DOESN'T NEED TO READ LEFT TO RIGHT CLEARING THE WAY FOR VERTICAL TAGS

SB 2282 HAS PASSED AND IS ON THE WAY TO THE GOVERNOR. THIS IS THE FIRST RESPONDER BILL WE SUPPORTED AND WE HAVE RECEIVED THANKS FROM THE FIRM WHO SPONSORED IT.

THIS MORNING AT * AM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BUDGET COMMITTEE DECIDED TO GO ALONG WITH THE SENATE PROPOSAL OF GIVING ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. \$500,000 IN OUR NAME TO PROMOTE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY STARTING JULY 1, 2009 UNTIL JUNE 30, 2010. CONGRATULATIONS TO ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. YOU HAVE DONE IT AGAIN. THAT MAKES 1.5 MILLION IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS. WE JUST NEED THE GOVERNOR NOT TO VETO THIS MONEY.

Doc

***** SO WE DIDN'T GET EVERYTHING THAT WE WANTED BUT WE DID VERY GOOD. THANKS TO DOC WE DID GET THE \$500,000 FOR OUR SAFETY PROGRAMS. WE HAVE A LOT TO BE PROUD OF AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT. I WILL BE SHARING MORE ABOUT THAT IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.**

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STATE LEGISLATIVE TRUSTEE,
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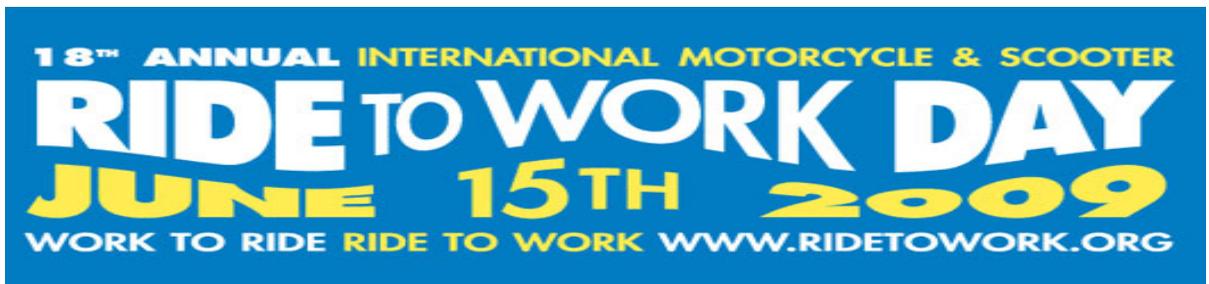
I HANDED OUT MY FULL 2 PAGE NOTES FROM THE STATE MEETING TO SAVE TIME. IT IS POSTED BELOW FOR YOUR VIEWING. I DID EDIT THIS FOR NEWSLETTER TO INCLUDE THE BREAKING NEWS ABOVE. MY ORIGINAL VERSION IS ON OUR CHAPTER LEGISLATIVE PAGE.

THE HIGH POINTS FROM THE STATE ARE: DAYTONA BIKEWEEK CAMPGROUND WENT WELL. SOME DAMAGE TO TRAILER SO NEED ROOFING DONATIONS. NEXT YEAR COULD USE MORE VOLUNTEERS AND HELP IN BREAK DOWN AS MOST ARE EXHAUSTED BY THEM. THE BIKE RAFFLE TICKET SALES WERE DOWN AND THAT IS A MAJOR FUND RAISER FOR STATE. IT WAS DISCUSSED WHETHER TO PAY THE TAXES AND ALL NEXT YEAR. DELEGATES AGREED WE SHOULD AND WILL NEED TO MAKE MORE EFFORT TO SELL TICKETS. SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT EACH ABATE MEMBER PLEDGES TO BUY AT LEAST ONE TICKET. TICKETS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY JUNE STATE MEETING SO OUR EVENT WOULD BE A GOOD KICK OFF FOR OUR SALES. THIS YEAR'S WINNER WAS AN ABATE MEMBER WHO HAD TO SELL HIS BIKE TO SUPPORT HIS FAMILY SO GOOD KARMA THERE.

ONE THING WAS MENTIONED THAT THE SUPREME COURT RULED THAT A PARENT CAN NOT SIGN FOR A CHILD'S RIGHTS MEANING CHILDREN CAN NO LONGER RIDE ON MOTORCYCLES. THIS REFERS TO AS A PASSENGER OR OFF ROAD IN EVENTS AS MOTOCROSS. THIS IS SOMETHING TO LOOK MORE INTO.

THE TWO ABATE BYLAWS ON INCREASED LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE AND BUSINESS SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP FAILED TO PASS. THE STATE WANTS OUR INPUT ON WAYS TO MAKE MONEY AND ON WAYS TO SPEND THE SAFETY FUNDS FROM THE GOVERNMENT. LET ME KNOW SO I CAN GET THEM IN. ALSO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MAY 8-9 2010 (MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND) FOR NCOM NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ORLANDO FLORIDA HOSTED BY ABATE OF FLORIDA. WE SHOULD PLAN ON BEING THERE. JUNE STATE MEETING IS IN LAKE COUNTY AND ROOMS ARE ONLY \$49 AT CLERMONT DAYS INN ON 27. SEE FLYER IN EVENTS WEB PAGE.

THIS YEAR'S HOUSE AND SENATE SESSIONS WILL BE ENDING SOON. I HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTACT ALL OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES AFTER THEY COME HOME TO GET BETTER INTERACTION WITH THEM FOR NEXT YEAR. AS A CHAPTER WE HAVE A LARGE GROUP TO WORK WITH TO PREPARE TO LISTEN TO US FOR FUTURE ISSUES.



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A FEW REMINDERS....

OUR NEXT STATE MEETING IS JUNE 12-14 IN TAVARES, AT UNIVERSITY OF FLA. CONTACT STRONGBOW OR KATHY OLSEY IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. SEE BOARD MEMBERS PAGE FOR CONTACT INFORMATION.

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FOR THOSE THAT MISSED THE LAST MEETING, CHECK OUT THE NOMINATIONS PAGE, SEE WHO IS INTERESTED IN HOLDING A POSITION FOR THE COMING YEAR. PLEASE MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR (**JUNE 20TH**) TO COME AND VOTE AND DECIDE WHO **YOU** WANT TO LEAD **YOUR** CHAPTER IN THE COMING YEAR. FROM NOW UNTIL THE ELECTIONS, THE NOMINEES WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. IF YOU MISSED THE MEETING, AND WANT TO STEP UP FOR A POSITION, NO WORRIES, NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL THE CLOSE OF OUR **MAY 16TH** MEETING.

A FEW REMINDERS ABOUT VOTING, YOUR MEMBERSHIP MUST BE CURRENT AND YOU MUST BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER AS OF MAY 31TH WITH ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC, STATE OFFICE IN ORDER TO VOTE.

OUR NEWEST LIFE MEMBER IS FRED "BIG BAD FRED" JOSEPH. HE ALSO IS AN ADVERTISER IN OUR NEWSLETTER, CHECK OUT HIS AD, **ULTIMATE FABRICATION**.



I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE SUE AND BRENT OF **TURN 3**, ALSO AN ADVERTISER AND MEMBERS OF OUR CHAPTER. **TURN 3** RECENTLY CELEBRATED ITS **9TH** ANNIVERSARY. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR YOUR SUPPORT TO OUR CHAPTER.

SOME SPECIAL THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE NEEDED FOR A COUPLE OF OUR MEMBERS, SEE SPECIAL PAGE AND PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS. ABATE OF PALM BEACH WISHES THEM A SPEEDY RECOVERY.

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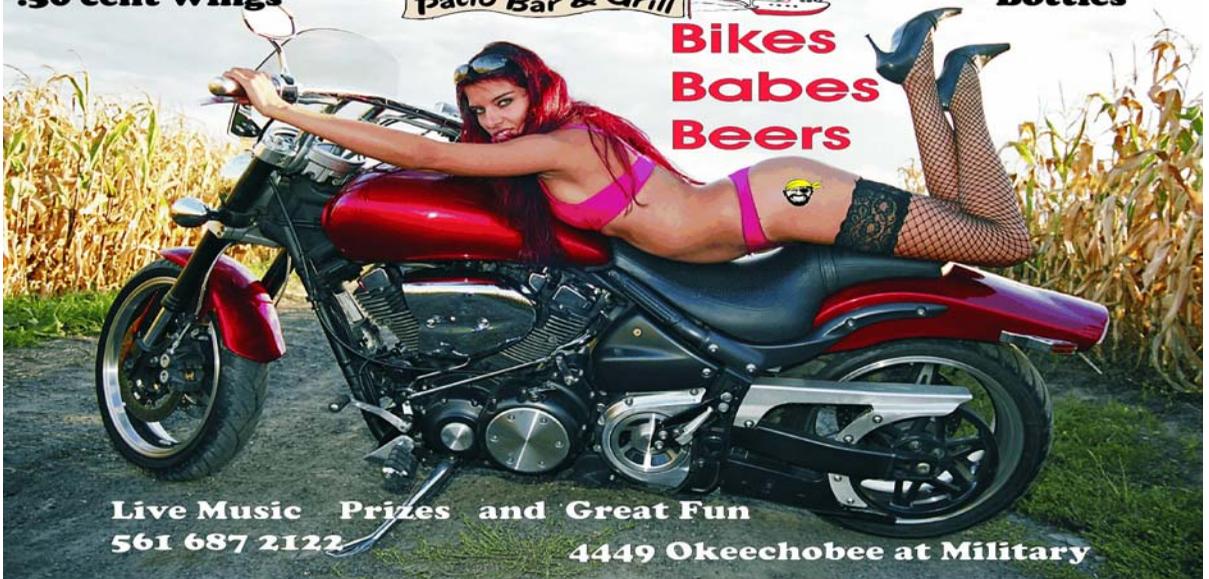
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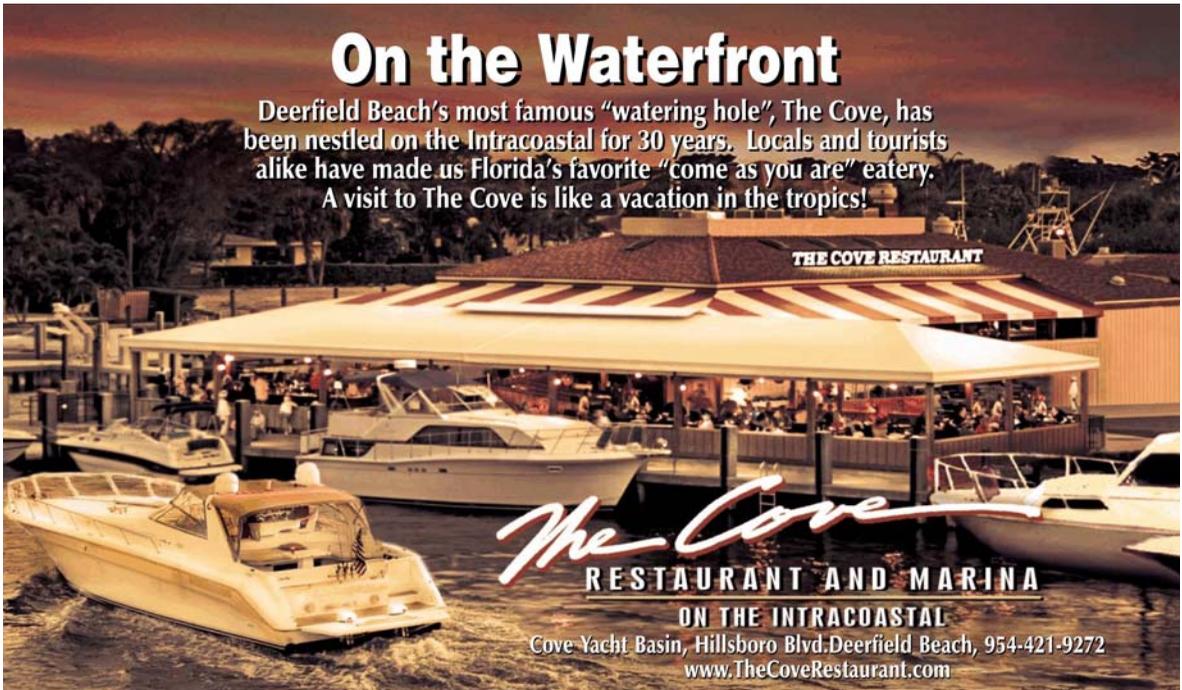
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ABBREVIATED VERSION

NEW MOTORCYCLE AND SCOOTER SALES SET RECORDS DESPITE THE ECONOMY, U.S. SALES OF NEW MOTORCYCLES IN 2008 STILL TOPPED THE ONE-MILLION MARK, AND DID SO FOR THE SIXTH STRAIGHT YEAR. THAT BEATS THE LONGEST RUN OF MILLION-PLUS SALES EVER RECORDED BY THE MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL, DURING THE FIVE YEARS FROM 1970 TO 1974. ALSO, SCOOTER SALES LAST YEAR REACHED THEIR HIGHEST ANNUAL LEVEL EVER.

THE MIC'S PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE FOR ALL MOTORCYCLES AND SCOOTERS SOLD NATIONWIDE IN 2008 IS 1,087,000, DOWN JUST 3.3 PERCENT COMPARED TO 2007. THE MIC IS CURRENTLY ESTIMATING 2008 SCOOTER SALES AT 222,000, A NEW RECORD. BACK IN 1992, TOTAL MOTORCYCLE AND SCOOTER SALES COMBINED WERE JUST 278,000.

"ALL IN ALL, OUR INDUSTRY HAS NOT DECLINED AS PRECIPITOUSLY AS MANY OTHERS," SAID MIC PRESIDENT TIM BUCHE. "MANY AMERICANS CERTAINLY WANT MOTORCYCLES, BOTH FOR RECREATION AND TRANSPORTATION. WHEN THEY AREN'T BUYING NOW, IT'S DOWN TO PERSONAL ECONOMICS, NOT DESIRE."

WHILE TOTAL SALES HAVE DECLINED SLIGHTLY DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, THEY ARE FOLLOWING IN THE TRACKS OF SOME VERY BIG YEARS. THERE WERE 1,124,000 NEW BIKES SOLD IN 2007. IN 2006, THAT NUMBER WAS 1,190,000, THE BIGGEST YEAR FOR MOTORCYCLE SALES IN MORE THAN THREE DECADES. THE RECORD FOR MOST NEW BIKES SOLD IN A YEAR IS 1.5 MILLION, BACK IN 1973.

CONGRESS CONSIDERS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY MONTH A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE HAS PASSED A BILL ENCOURAGING ALL ROAD USERS TO BE MORE AWARE OF MOTORCYCLISTS AND THEIR SAFETY, AND ENCOURAGES MOTORCYCLISTS TO TAKE RIDER TRAINING AND PRACTICE SAFE RIDING SKILLS. HOUSE RESOLUTION 269, A BILL ENTITLED "SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF A MOTORCYCLE SAFETY MONTH", RECEIVED UNANIMOUS APPROVAL FROM MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

THE RESOLUTION IS CO-SPONSORED BY REP. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS (D-AZ), AN AVID RIDER WHO IS CO-CHAIR OF THE CONGRESSIONAL MOTORCYCLE SAFETY CAUCUS, AND CAUCUS CO-CHAIR REP. MICHAEL BURGESS M.D. (R-TX).

THE MEASURE NOW GOES TO THE HOUSE FLOOR FOR A FULL VOTE.

CALIFORNIA SMOG CHECK BILL PASSES COMMITTEE MOST MOTORCYCLES WOULD HAVE TO PASS THE SAME SMOG INSPECTIONS AS CARS AND TRUCKS UNDER LEGISLATION APPROVED BY A CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE. SB 435, INTRODUCED BY SENATOR FRAN PAVLEY, PASSED THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ON APRIL 14 AND HAS BEEN REFERRED NEXT TO THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

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THE MEASURE SEEKS TO INCLUDE MOTORCYCLES IN THE STATE'S SMOG CHECK PROGRAM BEGINNING IN 2012 AND WOULD COVER ABOUT 72% OF ALL MOTORCYCLES IN THE STATE -- YEAR 2000 AND NEWER MODELS WITH LARGE, CLASS-THREE ENGINES.

NO STATE CURRENTLY REQUIRES MOTORCYCLES TO UNDERGO REGULAR EMISSIONS TESTING, SINCE MOTORCYCLISTS IN ARIZONA AND KENTUCKY SUCCESSFULLY LOBBIED TO END SUCH TEST PROCEDURES.

MILITARY REQUESTS MANDATORY TRAINING FOR CIVILIANS COMBAT INJURY OR DEATH ARE ALWAYS POSSIBILITIES IN A WAR, BUT LAST YEAR MORE U.S. MARINES WERE KILLED HERE AT HOME WHILE OFF-DUTY RIDING MOTORCYCLES THAN FROM ENEMY FIRE IN IRAQ, PROMPTING ALL MILITARY BRANCHES TO REQUIRE COMPLETION OF RIDER TRAINING COURSES AND MANDATORY PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT ON AND OFF BASE.

NOW, IN A MOVE ENCOURAGED BY MILITARY LEADERS AT DIFFERENT ARMED FORCES BASES, A BILL IS MAKING ITS WAY THROUGH THE NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE THAT WOULD EXTEND THE MANDATORY TRAINING REQUIREMENT TO CIVILIANS, MAKING IT TOUGHER AND MORE EXPENSIVE TO GET A MOTORCYCLE LICENSE.

THE LEGISLATION, SENATE BILL 64, PASSED THE STATE SENATE ON MARCH 11. IT WOULD TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 2010 AND REQUIRE WOULD-BE MOTORCYCLISTS TO PASS A SAFETY CLASS BEFORE THEY CAN GET A MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT ON THEIR LICENSES. THE BILL, WHICH IS CURRENTLY PENDING IN THE STATE HOUSE, WOULD ALSO PREVENT RIDERS FROM TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE "PERPETUAL" LEARNERS PERMIT BY MAKING IT VALID FOR JUST 6 MONTHS WITH A RIDER HAVING ONE YEAR TO GET A FULL MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT OR QUIT RIDING.

IT'S ESTIMATED THERE ARE 48,000 MOTORCYCLE RIDERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, MANY OF THEM CHOOSING SPORT BIKES WHICH ARE DESIGNED FOR SPEED. NATIONWIDE, THE MILITARY LOST 41 PEOPLE TO MOTORCYCLE CRASHES IN FISCAL 2001. THAT TRIPLED TO 124 IN 2008.

WASHINGTON STATE BIKERS PROTEST WSP SURVEILLANCE A MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS GROUP IS DEMANDING ANSWERS FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL. DURING AN ANNUAL RALLY AT THE CAPITOL THIS YEAR IN OLYMPIA, A STATE TROOPER WAS SEEN ON VIDEO AS HE RECORDED THE LICENSE PLATES OF THOSE VISITING THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS. THE SERGEANT WAS SEEN WANDERING THROUGH THE PARKING LOT AND USING A VOICE RECORDER TO TAKE DOWN THE LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS FROM MOTORCYCLES AS THEIR OWNERS WERE INSIDE THE STATEHOUSE ADVOCATING FOR ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THEM.

AID TO INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS (A.I.M.) ATTORNEY MARTIN D. FOX, A SEATTLE LAWYER REPRESENTING SEVERAL LOCAL MOTORCYCLE GROUPS, IS SPEARHEADING AN INQUIRY INTO THE INCIDENT AND WROTE AN ANGRY LETTER TO GOVERNOR CHRIS GREGOIRE PROTESTING THE WSP'S JANUARY 22ND SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITY, NOTING; "I MAY BE OLD SCHOOL, BUT I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT THE CAPITOL WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SANCTUARY FOR FREE SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY, AND NOT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CLANDESTINE INTELLIGENCE GATHERING ON CITIZENS TRYING TO BE INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS."

FOX, AN ATTORNEY FOR ABATE OF WASHINGTON AND LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE WASHINGTON CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS, DISTRIBUTED HIS LETTER TO NUMEROUS WASHINGTON MEDIA OUTLETS,

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ALONG WITH A DVD WITH IMAGES OF A TROOPER "CRAWLING AROUND THE BUSHES OF THE CAPITOL TO RECORD LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS OF MOTORCYCLES INTO HIS TAPE MACHINE," THE LETTER READS.

"MY CONCERN IS ANYONE GOING TO THE LEGISLATURE TO HAVE THEIR VIEWS HEARD ARE BEING PUT ON A LIST AND IT'S NOT WHAT WE DO IN AMERICA," SAID FOX.

ABATE AND THE COC ARE AWAITING A WRITTEN REPLY. "THEY WANT TO KNOW WHY IT WAS BEING DONE AND WHERE THIS INFORMATION WAS GOING," SAID FOX.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENTS BAN BIKIE "GANGS" TWO OF AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MOTORCYCLE "GANGS" COULD SOON BE BANNED AND THEIR MEMBERS ARRESTED FOR ASSOCIATING WITH ONE ANOTHER UNDER NEW ANTI-BIKIE LAWS PASSED IN RESPONSE TO ESCALATING VIOLENCE BETWEEN RIVAL CLUBS.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT HAS DRAWN UP EMERGENCY LEGISLATION THAT IT CLAIMS WILL DISMANTLE THE BIKER GANGS AND BRING THE VIOLENCE TO AN END. UNDER THE PROPOSALS, THE POLICE WOULD BE ABLE TO APPLY TO THE COURTS TO HAVE A MOTORCYCLE GROUP DECLARED A "CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION" AND OUTLAWED ON THE BASIS OF INTELLIGENCE ABOUT ITS ALLEGED ACTIVITIES.

"THE NEW LEGISLATION WAS ABOUT DECLARING A PARTICULAR ORGANIZATION A CRIMINAL GROUP, AND I WOULD SAY THAT THIS IS A PATH THAT WE WILL NOW BE ABLE TO GO DOWN," NSW ASSISTANT POLICE COMMISSIONER CATHERINE BURN TOLD REPORTERS.

THE REBELS AND THE COMANCHERO, CLUBS THAT WERE INVOLVED IN A WIDELY REPORTED FATAL BRAWL AT SYDNEY AIRPORT, ARE LIKELY TO BE THE FIRST GANGS SO PROSCRIBED. POLICE COULD THEN ARREST ANY MEMBER WEARING GANG COLORS OR ASSOCIATING WITH OTHER KNOWN GANG MEMBERS.

IN THE MEANTIME, GANG LEGISLATION ENACTED IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA LAST JUNE TO DISMANTLE THE CLUBS HAS HAD THE REVERSE EFFECT - SERVING TO UNITE RIVAL CLUBS. GYPSY JOKERS, HELLS ANGELS, REBELS, FINKS AND DESCENDENTS BIKE CLUB MEMBERS HAVE, FOR THE FIRST TIME, JOINED TOGETHER IN PROTEST AGAINST THE SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME CONTROL ACT, DESCRIBED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS BEING THE TOUGHEST ANTI-GANG LAW OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD.

THE ALLIANCE, KNOWN AS THE FREE AUSTRALIA PARTY, IS ONLY A FEW APPLICATION PROCESS STEPS AWAY FROM FORMING A LEGITIMATE POLITICAL PARTY. THE PARTY'S LEADER, PAUL KUHN - A COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION OF SA AND A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE - SAID THE GROUP WAS FORMED BECAUSE OF DEEP CONCERN ANYONE ASSOCIATED WITH A MEMBER OF A CLUB WOULD BE FOUND GUILTY UNDER THE LAW. "THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW CONTROLLING AND DICTATING RELATIONSHIPS," HE SAID.

WEIRD NEWS: MUSICAL HELMETS A EUROPEAN RECYCLE PROGRAM COULD TURN MUSIC AND MOVIE DISKS INTO MOTORCYCLE HELMETS. A RECYCLING PLAN PROPOSED BY THE SWISS SUPERMARKET CHAIN MIGROS AIMS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF OLD CDs AND DVDs LANDING IN THE REGULAR TRASH BY COLLECTING AND USING THEM FOR AN UNRELATED END PRODUCT.

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THE RECYCLING PROGRAM AIMS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF OLD CDs AND DVDs DESTINED FOR THE DUMPSTER. COLLECTION POINTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ACROSS SWITZERLAND, AND THEY PLAN TO SHRED THE DISKS, USING THE RESULTING GRANULAR REMAINS TO MAKE NEW PRODUCTS SUCH AS MOTORCYCLE HELMETS.

ACCORDING TO A STORE SPOKESPERSON, THE DISCS CONTAIN THE VALUABLE PETROLEUM PRODUCT POLYCARBONATE, AND FAR TOO MANY OF THEM END UP IN THE NORMAL TRASH. IF THE PROGRAM IS SUCCESSFUL, AN OLD MADONNA CD OR BRAD PITT MOVIE COULD BE MADE INTO HEAD GEAR.

MILLION MILE MAN CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVE ZIEN, FORMER WISCONSIN STATE SENATOR AND LONGTIME CHAMPION OF BIKERS' RIGHTS, FOR HIS UNPRECEDENTED RIDE INTO HISTORY ON APRIL 4 AS THE ODOMETER ON HIS 1991 FXRT HARLEY-DAVIDSON TURNED 00000 FOR THE TENTH TIME! ZIEN BECAME THE FIRST PERSON TO RIDE THE SAME HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE 1 MILLION MILES, WHICH MAY BE THE MOST MILEAGE ON ANY MOTORCYCLE EVER!

THE FEAT EARNED HIM A WORLD RECORD FROM THE IRON BUTT ASSOCIATION, THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT OVERSEES AND GOVERNS SAFE, LONG-DISTANCE MOTORCYCLE RIDING CHALLENGES, WHICH WAS PRESENT AT HAL'S HARLEY-DAVIDSON IN NEW BERLIN, WI TO WITNESS THE ACHIEVEMENT.

DURING HIS TIME IN THE SADDLE, ZIEN HAS COLLECTED NUMEROUS RIDING RECORDS, INCLUDING LOGGING 1,616 MILES IN 24 HOURS AND RIDING 3,032 MILES IN 48 HOURS, AND THROUGH 48 STATES IN EIGHT DAYS. HE ALSO HAS GONE THROUGH THREE ENGINES, A COUPLE OF TRANSMISSIONS AND TOO MANY TIRES TO COUNT.

THE HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTOR CO. RECOGNIZED DAVE'S ACCOMPLISHMENT BY PRESENTING HIM WITH A 2009 FLHXR IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS MILLION MILE BIKE, WHICH IS REPORTEDLY HEADED TO THE STURGIS MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM & HALL OF FAME. THE LONG-SERVING LEGISLATOR IS ALREADY INDUCTED INTO THE MOTORCYCLE HALL OF FAME FOR NOT ONLY HIS RIDING ACHIEVEMENTS BUT FOR HIS MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS ADVOCACY DURING HIS 18-YEAR TENURE IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

DURING HIS YEARS AS A LAWMAKER, ZIEN WAS KNOWN FOR BECOMING THE STATE'S FIRST MOTORCYCLE-RIDING LEGISLATOR. BIKERS' RIGHTS GOT ZIEN INVOLVED IN POLITICS, AS HE FOUNDED THE WISCONSIN BETTER BIKERS ASSOCIATION AFTER RETURNING FROM VIETNAM AND HELPED REPEAL THE STATE'S MANDATORY HELMET LAW. HE HAS ALSO SERVED FOR MANY YEARS ON THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE FOR THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS (NCOM-LTF), AND HAS LOBBIED AGAINST ADULT HELMET LAWS IN NUMEROUS STATES AND ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

IN ADDITION TO HIS STAUNCH SUPPORT OF BIKERS' RIGHTS ISSUES, AS A MARINE COMBAT VETERAN HE DEDICATED MUCH OF HIS PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVOCATING FOR VETERAN'S AFFAIRS.

AT LAST REPORT, DAVE WAS RELUCTANT TO LEAVE HIS TRUSTY STEAD BEHIND, BUT AS THE FIRST DIGITS ROLL ACROSS HIS NEW ODOMETER, A JOURNEY OF A MILLION MILES BEGINS ANEW.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "GOVERNMENT CAN DO SOMETHING FOR THE PEOPLE ONLY IN PROPORTION AS IT CAN DO SOMETHING TO THE PEOPLE." THOMAS JEFFERSON (1743-1826), DRAFTED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, 3RD US PRESIDENT

AND THAT'S ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS!



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GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

TO PRINT A NEWSLETTER TO KEEP ALL BIKERS INFORMED WITH REGARD TO LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS AND EVENTS AROUND THE STATE AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

TO BECOME A POWERFUL AND VIABLE POLITICAL FORCE IN LEGISLATIVE MATTERS CONCERNING ALL MOTORCYCLISTS RIGHTS.

TO PROVIDE A LOBBYIST TO REPRESENT ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. ON THE STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL.

TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION AND MOTIVATE MEMBERS TO WRITE THEIR LEGISLATORS.

TO PROMOTE SAFE RIDING HABITS WITHOUT INFRINGING ON INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS.

TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS.