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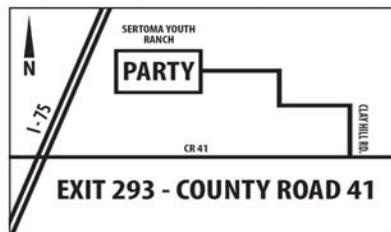
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President's Message

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS I HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY SEVERAL PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN STOPPED FOR LOUD PIPES AND ONE OF THE ONLY CASES I HAVE HEARD OF FOR AN IMPROPERLY MOUNTED LICENSE PLATE. MOST, EMANATING FROM OCEAN RIDGE ON A I A. WHAT I HAVE ALSO SEEN IS THAT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT HAVE DECIDED THAT IT'S NOT WORTH THE EFFORT TO FIGHT THE CITATIONS THEMSELVES BUT TO CALL ON ABATE TO FIGHT FOR THEM. THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME MISCONCEPTION THAT WE ARE THE MOTORCYCLIST'S FREE LEGAL SERVICE AND THAT WE WILL APPEAR AT THE COURTHOUSE AND PLEAD THEIR CASE FOR THEM. IF THEY'RE READY TO FIGHT, WE'RE READY TO STAND WITH THEM AND SEE IT THROUGH. BUT WHEN SOME BODY WALKS INTO THE COURTROOM WITH THE IDEA THAT BECAUSE WE'RE THERE, THEY'RE OFF THE HOOK AND IF THEY LOSE THEY'LL HAVE SOMEONE ELSE TO BLAME, IT DOESN'T TAKE A LOT OF THOUGHT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN AMERICA.

WHEN I HAD SPOKEN WITH SOME OF THESE FOLKS ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED WITH ABATE THERE HAVE BEEN SOME OF THE SAME OLD STORIES BUT RECENTLY I HAVE HEARD THINGS THAT TOTALLY KNOCKED ME OUT. "I DON'T NEED TO GET INVOLVED". WHY? "BECAUSE YOU GUY'S ARE ALREADY DOING THAT". "I BELIEVE IN WHAT ABATE DOES BUT I DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED, YOU GUY'S KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS STUFF THAN I DO".

IN OTHER WORDS JUST DO IT FOR ME. THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT HAVE JOINED ABATE WITH THE, I'LL PAY YOU \$20 A YEAR TO DO IT FOR ME ATTITUDE. COULD IT BE THAT FOR THIS VERY REASON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS MOVING CLOSER TO RE-WRITING THE U.S. CONSTITUTION OR DOING AWAY WITH IT ALL TOGETHER? COULD IT BE THAT THESE PEOPLE THAT WANT EVERYONE TO DO THINGS FOR THEM ARE OPENING THE DOOR FOR THE SAME PEOPLE THAT GOT US IN THIS SITUATION AND ARE THE ONE'S MOST WILLING TO DO EXACTLY THAT.

WHILE IT'S TRUE THAT WE ARE HERE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND OFFER OUR ADVISE AS TO HOW THEY CAN PROCEED IN THEIR QUEST FOR JUSTICE AND YES, WE ATTEND HEARINGS TO MONITOR THE COURT PROCEEDINGS AND LEARN OF THE TACTICS BEING USED AGAINST US, OUR TRUE MISSION REMAINS FIGHTING AGAINST EXISTING UNJUST LEGISLATION WHILE PROPOSING AND LOBBYING FOR NEW LEGISLATION TO PROTECT OUR RIGHTS AS MOTORCYCLISTS TO MAKE THE ROAD A SAFER PLACE FOR ALL MOTORCYCLISTS AND MOTORISTS ALIKE.

OTHER EXAMPLES OF WHY PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH ABATE COMES FROM A GROUP OF MOTORCYCLISTS THAT NEED TO BE INVOLVED BUT CAN'T SEEM TO GRASP THE CONCEPT BEHIND OUR CAUSE AND PURPOSE. THOSE WHO ARE UNWILLING TO COMMUNICATE FACE-TO-FACE AND ONLY VOICE THEIR OPINIONS THROUGH BLOGS. I HAVE READ SOME COMMENTS FROM SPORT BIKE RIDERS IN REGARD TO BEING INVOLVED WITH ABATE SOME OF THEIR COMMENTS WERE AGAIN, AT BEST MISCONCEPTIONS THAT HAVE AND WILL KEEP OUR TWO

President's Message - Cont'd

GROUPS DIVIDED. A MEMBER OF ABATE PA, KEVIN SNYDER, STATE COORDINATOR POSED THE QUESTION TO SPORT BIKE RIDERS FROM SPORT BIKE NETWORK (SBN).

IF SPORT BIKERS HAD A LOBBYING ORGANIZATION OF THEIR OWN THAT WORKED ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS I CAN SEE IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT, BUT TO MY KNOWLEDGE THERE IS NO SUCH ORGANIZATION. PLEASE CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG. IS ABATE AT LEAST BETTER THAN NOTHING?

FOR PAFIZZER (SBN), THE ANSWER IS NO:

“WELL I THINK YOUR WHOLE THING SUMS THAT RIGHT UP. WE DON'T HAVE ONE BECAUSE FOR SOME REASON WE DON'T FEEL THE NEED TO BUNCH TOGETHER AND ROAST HELMETS. BASICALLY YOU FILL A NEED WHEN IT'S NEEDED, AND WE DON'T HAVE ANY SPOTS TO FILL IN THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT. THEREFORE, IT'S NOT NEEDED”.

IN JUST ABOUT EVERY COMMENT FROM THIS FORUM ABATE'S CRITICS HAVE REFERRED TO THE HELMET ISSUE AS THE REASON WHY THEY ARE RESISTANT TO BEING INVOLVED. I'M NOT SURE WHERE THE HELMET ROAST CAME FROM BUT IT WAS MENTIONED IN A COUPLE OTHER COMMENTS.

SLOWGOOSE (SBN), WHILE AGREEING THAT MOTORCYCLISTS NEED A LOBBYING ARM, ALSO RESPONDED NEGATIVELY.

“TO SUM IT UP, I REALLY DON'T FEEL LIKE ABATE DOES ME ANY GOOD. I DON'T FIGHT THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT AN ORGANIZATION THAT SPEAKS FOR ME, ABOUT ME, OR IN ANY WAY, THAT I'M AWARE OF, HAS MADE MY LIFE BETTER AS A MOTORCYCLIST IN ANY WAY. THE AMA IS ENOUGH FOR NOW. I AM GLAD THAT ABATE AND ITS NOTIONS HAVE NO REAL HOLD IN MY PARTICULAR MOTORCYCLE CULTURE”.

THIS IS WHERE WE AS MEMBERS OF ABATE NEED TO BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND THAT IF WE ARE TO OPEN COMMUNICATION WITH THIS SEGMENT OF THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY AND BRING THEM INTO ALLIANCE WITH US, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THEIR OBJECTIONS AND SQUELCH THE MISCONCEPTIONS THEY HAVE REGARDING OUR STANCE ON HELMET LAWS AND OTHER ISSUES TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THAT WE DO IN FACT OFFER THEM REPRESENTATION BUT WE CAN'T DO IT EFFECTIVELY IF WE DON'T HAVE THEIR SUPPORT.

CAN IT HAPPEN? I FIRMLY BELIEVE IT CAN, BUT WE MUST BEGIN TO HAVE OUR MEMBERS THAT RIDE SPORT BIKES MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH THEM. WE NEED TO MAKE A SERIOUS EFFORT TO BE WHERE THEY ARE AND HAVE INTERACTION WITH THEM IN ORDER TO BREAK DOWN THE BARRIERS. I TALKED WITH TWO MEMBERS OF OUR CHAPTER THAT HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW. PERHAPS THERE ARE OTHER MEMBERS OF OUR CHAPTER THAT HAVE FAMILY OR FRIENDS OF FAMILY THAT RIDE SPORT BIKES THAT WOULD BE WILLING TO PASS ALONG THE INFORMATION WE HAVE RELATING TO THEM AND HOW THE THINGS THAT AFFECT THEM AFFECT US AS WELL AND WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

President's Message - Cont'd

WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY WHO FAIL TO SEE OUR WORTH BECAUSE OF THEIR MISUNDERSTANDINGS, MISINTERPRETATIONS AND MISGUIDED INFORMATION FROM MEDIA SOURCES, TO DO ALL WE CAN TO COMMUNICATE WITH THOSE WHO WILL BE THE FUTURE OF MOTORCYCLING AS WE KNOW IT, BE IT FOR SPORT OR AS PART OF THEIR LIFESTYLE. THEY NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT ABATE IS MUCH MORE THAN A LOBBYING PRESENCE AGAINST HELMET LAWS, WE ARE INDEED AN INTRICATE PART OF THE MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS MOVEMENT, RECOGNIZED AND SUPPORTED IN OUR EFFORTS BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE A.M.A, THE M.R.F. WE HAVE THEIR INTERESTS IN MIND BUT WE CAN'T DO IT FOR THEM. THEY NEED TO GET ON BOARD AND HELP TO BRING THEIR CONCERNS TO THE TABLE AND WORK WITH US, NOT AGAINST US.

ABATE IS FOR ALL MOTORCYCLISTS. IF YOU BELIEVE IN PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS, PROMOTING RIDER SAFETY AND AWARENESS, YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT FLORIDA'S ONLY TRUE MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION. OUR DOOR IS OPEN AND YOU'RE INVITED TO STOP BY FOR ONE OF OUR MEETINGS, SEE THE BACK COVER FOR TIME, DATE AND LOCATION. THERE'S NO OBLIGATION TO JOIN AND IT DOESN'T COST YOU A CENT. WE WELCOME ALL MOTORCYCLISTS REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU RIDE. INDEPENDENT, CLUB OR ASSOCIATION MEMBER YOUR PATCH IS ALWAYS WELCOME IN OUR HOUSE, BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND RIDING PARTNERS.

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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"

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Vice President's Message

DEAR FELLOW ABATE MEMBERS,

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM DELAND FOR THE PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS MEETING. I WAS BOTH ENCOURAGED AND INSPIRED BY THE WORDS OF OUR STATE PRESIDENT "DOC" REICHENBACH AND VICE PRESIDENT DOC FISH. WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF ABATE OF FLORIDA. THERE IS A LOT GOING ON AT THE STATE LEVEL TO STRENGTHEN ABATE BY CLARIFYING ISSUES AND PROCEDURES FROM THE TOP TO THE BOTTOM OF THE ORGANIZATION. THIS TO ME WAS VERY WELCOME NEWS.

THE STATE HAS BY-LAWS FOR THE STATE AND CHAPTERS THAT HAVE BEEN IN PLACE FOR MANY YEARS. WELL THE ORGANIZATION HAS GROWN QUITE A BIT SINCE THAT TIME, AND TIMES HAVE CHANGED, LEAVING US WITH AN INADEQUATE SET OF RULES. SO THAT WE MAY STAY UNITED ON WHAT OUR PURPOSE IS, MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS, SAFETY AND AWARENESS, DOC REICHENBACH HAD ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS APPOINTING A BY-LAWS COMMITTEE TO REWRITE THE BYLAWS. TO TWEAK THE EXISTING ONE'S TO CLARIFY THEM AND TO LOOK AT NEW BYLAWS PROPOSED BY THE CHAPTERS TO BE INCLUDED. THESE WILL BE STATE BY-LAWS. THE CHAPTER BY-LAWS WILL BE LAID DOWN AS WELL FOR ALL THE CHAPTERS TO FOLLOW. NO CHAPTER WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN BY-LAWS. THE CHAPTERS ARE BEING ASKED TO SUBMIT BY-LAWS FOR CONSIDERATION. AT THE END OF THE PROCESS WE WILL HAVE A VOTE TO APPROVE THE NEW BY-LAWS. A CHAPTER CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO MAKE IT'S OWN BY-LAWS.

IN MY OPINION THIS IS THE WAY IT SHOULD BE. A CLEAR CHAIN OF COMMAND FROM THE TOP DOWN WITH A CLEAR PURPOSE. YOU CANNOT LET THE TAIL WAG THE DOG! THIS IS NOT TO SAY WE HAVE NO SAY IN THE RUNNING OF OUR OWN CHAPTERS, JUST THAT WE WILL HAVE OUR CHAPTER BY-LAWS SET BY THE STATE. WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO SET OUR OWN "STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES" FOR THE CHAPTER TO HANDLE OTHER DETAILS OF CHAPTERS BUSINESS. THIS WAS GOOD NEWS AS FAR AS I WAS CONCERNED. THIS SHOULD LAY A FEW OF THE ISSUES OUR CHAPTER HAS AT REST. I'M HOPING THAT WE CAN ONCE AGAIN AS A CHAPTER UNITE FOR WHAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE OUR COMMON GOAL. IF ANYONE HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR BY-LAWS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE STATE I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THEY BRING IT UP DURING NEW BUSINESS AT THE NEXT CHAPTER MEETING. IT IS CRUCIAL AT THIS TIME FOR EVERYONE TO PUT ASIDE THEIR DIFFERENCES TO WORK TOGETHER FOR WHAT'S BEST FOR OUR RIGHTS AS MOTORCYCLISTS AND NO OTHER PURPOSES.

THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE I'D LIKE TO ADD. I VALUE EVERY MEMBER OF OUR CHAPTERS OPINION. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT I NECESSARILY AGREE, BUT I AM WILLING TO LISTEN TO WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY. IF I DON'T AGREE WITH YOUR POINT OF VIEW, IT'S NOTHING PERSONAL, SO PLEASE DON'T TAKE IT THAT WAY. EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT TO THEIR OWN OPINION. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND WE ALL NEED TO RECOGNIZE WE ARE A PART OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT NEEDS TO STAY FOCUSED ON

Vice President's Message - Cont'd

OUR JOB, AND THAT'S RIGHT, I'M GOING TO SAY IT AGAIN! MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS, SAFETY AND AWARENESS! DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE HOW MUCH ABATE HAS ACCOMPLISHED OVER ALL THESE YEARS BY THE WORK OF ALL THE MEMBERS WORKING TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL. WE ARE ALL IMPORTANT TO THIS CAUSE, WHEN OUR CAUSE IS CLEAR AND UNITED!

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- 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
- 18 - Keltics MC Miami Party
- 24 - WOTR 10th Anniversary Party at Mickey's
- 25 - SE ABATE 29th Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally
- 31 - Wheels of Man MC 36th Annual Halloween Party

DATE CHANGE

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
- 22 - Heaven Cycles 32nd Anniversary Party

DATE CHANGE

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 - Calvary Chapel 10th Annual Christmas Service

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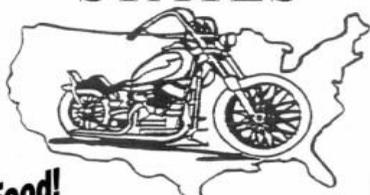




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2	3 Sturgis Bike Week - Begins	4 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	5 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB -	6 Firewater Bike Night	7	8 Sturgis Bike Week
9 Sturgis Bike Week - Ends	10	11 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	12 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB -	13 Firewater Bike Night	14 Tattoo Expo	15 ABATE-PBC MEETING 11:30 Tattoo Expo
16 AOA Anniversary - Dania Tattoo Expo	17	18 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	19 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB -	20 Firewater Bike Night	21	22
23 Wings of Gold MC - Port St. Lucie Annual	24	25 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	26 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB -	27 Firewater Bike Night	28	29
30 US Military Vets MC - Pompano	31					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2009</h1>						
		1 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	2 Island Jack's - Bike Night- WPB	3 Firewater Bike Night	4 Abate State Party - Flashback	5 Abate State Party - Flashback
6 Abate State Party - Flashback	7 	8 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	9 Island Jack's - Bike Night- WPB	10 Firewater Bike Night	11	12 Outcast MC - Party
13 States MC- Pompano - Keys Warm- up	14	15 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	16 Island Jack's - Bike Night- WPB	17 Firewater Bike Night	18 Peterson's Keys Run	19 Peterson's Keys Run
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27 Southern MC Teddy Bear Run	28	29 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	30 Island Jack's - Bike Night- WPB			

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THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION (MRF) RECENTLY NOTIFIED YOU ABOUT THE NEW FEDERAL LAW THAT HANDS OUT VOUCHERS FOR OLDER VEHICLES WHEN PURCHASING NEW VEHICLES. IT STARTED OUT AS "CASH FOR CLUNKERS," AND HAS EVOLVED INTO THE CARS OR CAR ALLOWANCE REBATE SYSTEM. BASICALLY, WHEN YOU TRADE IN AN OLDER CAR OR TRUCK TO PARTICIPATING DEALERSHIPS, YOU CAN GET UP TO \$4500 FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PUT TOWARD A NEW VEHICLE PURCHASE OR LEASE. CURRENTLY THE PROGRAM DOES NOT MAKE ANY ALLOWANCE FOR MOTORCYCLES.

SENATOR BOB CASEY (D-PA) WANTS TO CHANGE THAT. SENATE BILL 1248 WOULD ALLOW FOR THE INCLUSION OF MOTORCYCLES IN THIS PROGRAM. SB1248 WOULD ALLOW UP TO \$2500 FOR A MOTORCYCLE TRADE. UNDER SB1248 YOU COULD TRADE IN A CAR OR A MOTORCYCLE FOR A NEW MOTORCYCLE, OR AN OLDER MOTORCYCLE FOR NEW BIKE OR CAR AT A PARTICIPATING DEALERSHIP.

SENATOR CASEY ISN'T TRYING TO RID THE COUNTRY OF OLDER MOTORCYCLES; HE'S TRYING TO HELP SOME 2600 CONSTITUENTS FROM LOSING THEIR JOBS. IT'S NOT A SECRET THAT THE YORK, PA HARLEY DAVIDSON PLANT HAS FALLEN ON ROUGH TIMES. HARLEY LAID OFF 400 EMPLOYEES IN JANUARY, AND THINGS HAVEN'T GOTTEN BETTER. ACCORDING TO A MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL ARTICLE, A HARLEY DAVIDSON SPOKESPERSON ADMITTED THAT THE IDEA OF MOVING THE YORK PLANT WAS ON THE TABLE, AND MENTIONED AN INTERNAL STUDY BEING DONE TO ASSESS THE VIABILITY OF THE PLANT. ADDITIONAL CONCERNS INCLUDE A MAJOR UNION CONTRACT THAT IS UP IN 2010.

HARLEY HAS TO TAKE CARE OF HARLEY, AND SENATOR CASEY HAS TO TAKE CARE OF HIS CONSTITUENTS, AND THEY BOTH HAPPEN TO BENEFIT FROM THIS LEGISLATION. THE MRF HAS BEEN ASSURED THAT SENATOR CASEY ABSOLUTELY DID NOT INTRODUCE THIS LEGISLATION AT THE REQUEST OF HARLEY DAVIDSON, BUT TO HELP HIS CONSTITUENTS KEEP THEIR JOBS. IF HARLEY SELLS MORE MOTORCYCLES, IT BODES WELL FOR THE CITIZENS OF YORK, PA.

SENATOR CASEY'S BILL WOULD ALLOW MOTORCYCLES INTO THE CARS PROGRAM, BUT MANY OF THE DETAILS ARE VAGUE. FOR INSTANCE, S1248 WOULD ALLOW FOR MOTORCYCLES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE VOUCHER FROM JANUARY 1, 2009 UNTIL 3 YEARS AFTER ENACTMENT. HOWEVER, THE CARS PROGRAM EXPIRES ON NOVEMBER 1, 2009 OR WHEN THE FUNDS RUN OUT, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

CERTAINLY IT'S IMPORTANT TO WATCH FOR ACCELERATED END OF USEFUL LIFE PROGRAMS SUCH AS THESE. TEMPORARY CAN BECOME PERMANENT WITH THE SIMPLE STROKE OF A PEN. THE MRF BELIEVES THAT EVEN THE SUGGESTION OF A PERMANENT PROGRAM WOULD WARRANT AN ALL OUT OPPOSITION. HOWEVER, THE SHORT-TERM NATURE OF THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM SHOULD BE TREATED MORE AS A WARNING SIGN OF WHAT WE NEED TO BE READY TO CONFRONT IN THE FUTURE. WE DO WANT MOTORCYCLES TO RECEIVE THE SAME RESPECT AND TREATMENT AS AUTOMOBILES, BUT NOT AT THE DETRIMENT OF RISKING LOSING CERTAIN COMMUNITIES OR FREEDOMS WITHIN THE WORLD OF MOTORCYCLING.

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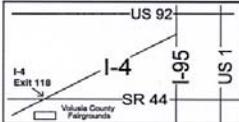
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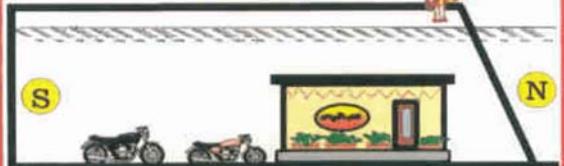
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YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

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OUR SOCIAL SECURITY

FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, A DEMOCRAT, INTRODUCED THE SOCIAL SECURITY (FICA) PROGRAM. HE PROMISED:

- 1.) THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM WOULD BE COMPLETELY VOLUNTARY.
- 2.) THAT THE PARTICIPANTS WOULD ONLY HAVE TO PAY 1% OF THE FIRST \$1,400 OF THEIR ANNUAL INCOMES INTO THE PROGRAM,
- 3.) THAT THE MONEY THE PARTICIPANTS ELECTED TO PUT INTO THE PROGRAM WOULD BE DEDUCTIBLE FROM THEIR INCOME FOR TAX PURPOSES EACH YEAR,
- 4.) THAT THE MONEY THE PARTICIPANTS PUT INTO THE INDEPENDENT 'TRUST FUND' RATHER THAN INTO THE GENERAL OPERATING FUND, AND THEREFORE, WOULD ONLY BE USED TO FUND THE SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREMENT PROGRAM, AND NO OTHER GOVERNMENT PROGRAM, AND,
- 5.) THAT THE ANNUITY PAYMENTS TO THE RETIREES WOULD NEVER BE TAXED AS INCOME.

SINCE MANY OF US HAVE PAID INTO FICA FOR YEARS AND ARE NOW RECEIVING A SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK EVERY MONTH --AND THEN FINDING THAT WE ARE GETTING TAXED ON 85% OF THE MONEY WE PAID TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO 'PUT AWAY', YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

Q : WHICH POLITICAL PARTY TOOK SOCIAL SECURITY FROM THE INDEPENDENT 'TRUST FUND' AND PUT IT IN TO THE GENERAL FUND SO THAT CONGRESS COULD SPEND IT?

A: IT WAS LYNDON JOHNSON AND THE DEMOCRATICALLY- CONTROLLED HOUSE AND SENATE.

Q: WHICH POLITICAL PARTY ELIMINATED THE INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR SOCIAL SECURITY (FICA) WITHHOLDING?

A: THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Q: WHICH POLITICAL PARTY STARTED TAXING SOCIAL SECURITY ANNUITIES?

A: THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, WITH *AL GORE* CASTING THE 'TIE-BREAKING' DECIDING VOTE AS PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, WHILE HE WAS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.

Q: WHICH POLITICAL PARTY DECIDED TO START GIVING ANNUITY PAYMENTS TO IMMIGRANTS? AND MY FAVORITE:

A: THAT'S RIGHT!

JIMMY CARTER AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. IMMIGRANTS MOVED INTO THIS COUNTRY, AND AT AGE 65, THEY BEGAN TO RECEIVE SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS! THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY GAVE THESE PAYMENTS TO THEM EVEN THOUGH THEY NEVER PAID A DIME INTO IT!

THEN, AFTER VIOLATING THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT (FICA), THE DEMOCRATS TURN AROUND AND TELL YOU THAT THE REPUBLICANS WANT TO TAKE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY AWAY!

AND THE WORST PART ABOUT IT IS, UNINFORMED CITIZENS BELIEVE IT!

IF ENOUGH PEOPLE RECEIVE THIS, MAYBE A SEED OF AWARENESS WILL BE PLANTED AND MAYBE CHANGES WILL EVOLVE. MAYBE NOT, SOME DEMOCRATS ARE AWFULLY SURE OF WHAT ISN'T SO.

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To: PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERS
DATE: AUGUST 2009

A FEW REMINDERS....

SPECIAL NOTE: DUE TO PETERSON'S KEYS RUN AND BIKETOBERFEST OUR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER MEETING DATES HAVE CHANGED:

SEPTEMBER MEETING: SEPTEMBER 26TH

OCTOBER MEETING: OCTOBER 24TH

THE LEADERSHIP SEMINARS AND AUGUST STATE MEETING ARE OVER. I HAVE TO SAY, I HAVE BEEN GOING TO THE LEADERSHIP SEMINARS FOR OVER 3 YEARS AND I LEARN SOMETHING NEW EACH TIME I GO. WITH A LITTLE BIT OF JUGGLING AND ROOM HOPPING, I WAS ABLE TO ATTEND EACH OF MY POSITIONS, BUT I HAVE TO SAY I REALLY WANTED TO CONCENTRATE ON THE NEWSLETTER SEMINAR AS IN YEARS PAST I DID NOT GET TO ATTEND THAT SEMINAR FULLY AND I FOUND IT VERY INFORMATIVE. I ALSO GOT A CHANCE TO SIT IN ON THE PRESIDENT'S SEMINAR AS AN OBSERVER AND AS NIGHTHAWK'S ARTICLE STATES, THE BY-LAWS ARE GOING TO BE REVISED BY THE STATE WITH INPUT FROM THE CHAPTERS, A VERY WELCOME CHANGE. EVEN THOUGH ELECTIONS HAVE COME AND GONE, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT A POSITION, NOW IS THE TIME TO START LEARNING. DON'T BE AFRAID TO TEST THE WATERS IN AN AREA YOU MIGHT NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH; THIS IS HOW WE ALL LEARNED FROM THE BEGINNING HOW OUR EXPERIENCE IN OUR PERSONAL LIVES CAN HELP THE CHAPTER.

THE SUMMER HAS BEEN SLOW WITH EVENTS AND OUR EVENT TABLES, BUT PLEASE SEE THE SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE MEETING AND TELL US WHEN YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP OUT SO WHEN WE GET BACK INTO FULL SWING WE WILL BE READY TO GO WITH A POOL OF PEOPLE.

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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 TIMES', 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.

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

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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. 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

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MOTORCYCLISTS (AIM), BUT MEANWHILE OTHER STATES ARE TAKING SIMILAR TARGETED ACTIONS TOWARD MOTORCYCLE RIDERS UNDER THE PRETENSE OF SAFETY CONCERNS. **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

AND THAT'S ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS!



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