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President's Message

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

I WANT TO THANK ALL THAT WERE PRESENT AT OUR LAST CHAPTER MEETING. IT WAS GOOD TO SEE SO MANY OF OUR MOST ACTIVE MEMBERS AND IT WAS INDEED GOOD TO SEE SOME NEW FACES AS WELL. I HAD HEARD FROM SEVERAL MEMBERS THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE BEST MEETINGS WE HAVE HAD IN MONTHS AND I AGREE, IT WAS GREAT TO HEAR THE VOICE OF OUR CHAPTER UNITED. I ALSO SAW THE CHAPTER COMING TOGETHER AT A TIME WHEN WE NEEDED TO RAISE MONEY TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS, MY THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO ALL OF YOU WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE NEWSLETTER FUND AND BOUGHT 50/50 TICKETS. LAST MONTHS WINNER LYNN WAS GRACIOUS ENOUGH TO DONATE HER WINNINGS BACK TO THE CHAPTER. IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU THAT STOPPED BY ISLAND JACKS FOR THE BIKER APPRECIATION NIGHT PARTY AND IN SUPPORT OF OUR CHAPTER. IT WAS REALLY A GREAT EXPERIENCE, THE STAFF AT ISLAND JACK'S WERE OUTSTANDING, THEY REALLY MADE IT ALL HAPPEN. MY THANKS AND GRATITUDE GO OUT TO ELENA FOR ALLOWING US TO HOLD THE PARTY THERE AND FOR HER SUPPORT AND ISLAND JACK'S FOR ADVERTISING WITH US. SHE LATER TOLD ME THE STAFF HAD A BALL AND WANT US TO COME BACK EVERY MONTH. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE ARTMANN BAND FOR ROCKIN' THE HOUSE AND DONATING THEIR TIPS BACK TO THE CHAPTER. THEY DID AN EXCELLENT JOB AND GOT RAVE REVIEWS FROM THE CROWD. THANKS TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS THAT WERE THERE TO REPRESENT OUR CHAPTER AND FOR HELPING OUT, SPECIAL THANKS TO CB, NIGHTHAWK, RIO, SLO MOTION, BLONDIE, JUDY, TALULAH, MYSTI AND POLEMAN FOR HELPING TO MAKE THIS A GREAT TIME.

I SAW SOMETHING IN THE FLOW OF INTERACTION THAT NIGHT, I SAW PEOPLE ENJOYING GREAT MUSIC, GREAT FOOD AND JUST BEING IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE SAME TIME. IT WAS FANTASTIC TO SEE SUCH A DIVERSE GROUP OF PEOPLE ENJOYING CONVERSATIONS WITH EACH OTHER, WITH ONE ANOTHER, US AND THEM, ALL OF US, COMMUNICATING AND SHARING A GOOD TIME AND ME THINKS, WHAT A CONCEPT THIS COULD CATCH ON ! THINK OF THE POSSIBILITIES. I BELIEVE THIS IS THE KIND OF INTERACTION WE NEED, IT'S ONE WAY TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE OUTSIDE THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY. THAT'S WHY THE BIKER APPRECIATION PARTIES ARE IMPORTANT, NOT ONLY DOES IT HELP THE CHAPTER RAISE A FEW BUCKS BUT IT OPENS UP A DIFFERENT PROSPECTIVE TO THE PATRONS OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS. THEY GET TO SEE US IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT WHEN THEY ACTUALLY GET A CHANCE TO TALK WITH US AND REALIZE WE'RE NOT THE KNUCKLE DRAGGING, LEATHER CLAD, BAD ASSES LOOKING FOR TROUBLE WE ARE OFTEN PERCEIVED TO BE.

WE HAVE BEGUN DISCUSSION ON CHANGES THAT CAN HELP COORDINATE OUR SAFETY PROGRAM WITH THE PALM BEACH SAFETY COUNCIL. I ATTENDED A MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING P.B.S.O.,

President's Message - Cont'd

F.H.P. AND F.D.O.T. I WAS KIND OF SURPRISED BY THE REACTION FROM EVERYONE WHEN I SPOKE TO THEM ABOUT OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND MENTIONED THAT FLORIDA WAS THE ONLY STATE I KNEW OF THAT DIDN'T HAVE A MANDATORY DRIVERS EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. THEY COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY, SO I INFORMED THEM THAT THE EXPLANATION I WAS GIVEN WAS BECAUSE OF MISMANAGED FUNDS AND CORRUPTION WITHIN THE SYSTEM. I HAVE A HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING MYSELF BUT ISN'T THE FLORIDA LOTTERY SUPPOSED TO ALLOCATE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO EDUCATION? THE MOST RECENT FIGURES I WAS ABLE TO FIND IS THAT THE FLORIDA LOTTERY GENERATES SOMETHING LIKE 18 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. WHY THEN DO WE HAVE BUDGET CUTS FOR EDUCATION, SCHOOLS BEING CLOSED AND TEACHERS OUT OF JOBS?

I ALSO MENTIONED THAT I HAD ASKED FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE P.B.S.O. MOTORMEN LAST YEAR WHEN THE "STIFFER PENALTIES" BILL WAS ON THE TABLE, BUT I WAS TOLD THERE WAS NO INTEREST. THESE ARE GUY'S THAT RIDE OFF DUTY AS WELL AND R.O.W.V. AFFECTS THEM AS MUCH AS ANY MOTORCYCLIST. THEIR REACTION WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING AS WELL, IT WAS AS IF THEY NEVER GAVE IT ANY THOUGHT OR DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS SUCH LEGISLATION BEING PRESENTED.

IT SEEMED THAT THE ONLY THING THAT EVERYONE WAS ACTUALLY IN FAVOR OF WAS THE BAN ON CELL PHONES AND TEXTING WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE OF ANY KIND. I TOLD THEM WHEN I STARTED TRYING TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR THIS BAN FIVE YEARS AGO I WAS TOLD IT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN. WELL, HERE WE ARE GOING AT AGAIN FOR THE SECOND TIME AROUND IN 2010. I REALLY HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME UNDERSTANDING THE OPPOSITION TO THIS, WHEN IT AFFECTS EVERY MOTORIST ON THE ROAD. I EXPLAINED THAT THIS PROBLEM HAS BECOME SO RAMPANT THAT IT HAS ACTUALLY CREATED A MEDICAL CONDITION AND A TERM TO DESCRIBE THE CONDITION AS "INATTENTIONAL BLINDNESS" A TERM THAT IS NOW RECOGNIZED AND ACCEPTED BY THE A.M.A. (AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION) AS A LAPS IN CONCENTRATION THAT CREATES AN IN ABILITY TO SEE MOVING OBJECTS IN THEIR PATH. THERE'S A LOT MORE TO IT THAN THAT BUT THAT PRETTY MUCH SUMS IT UP. AGAIN, I WAS AMAZED THAT THEY NEVER HEARD OF IT.

"IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MONEY", IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IF THIS GROUP WERE REALLY ALL THAT CONCERNED ABOUT RIDER SAFETY THEY WOULD MAKE THE RIDER SAFETY COURSE A LITTLE MORE AFFORDABLE; \$300 IS A BIT PRICEY WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE ECONOMIC TIMES WE'RE EXPERIENCING, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT THE NUMBER OF TWO WHEELED VEHICLES ON THE ROAD HAVE ALMOST DOUBLED. ANOTHER FACT THAT SEEMED TO ASTOUND THE GROUP WAS THAT STATISTICS ON MOTORCYCLE CRASHES AND FATALITIES OFFERED BY THE NSTA WERE INFLATED BY INCLUDING OFF ROAD ACCIDENTS AND THOSE INVOLVING UNLICENSED TWO WHEELED VEHICLES SUCH AS MOTOR SCOOTERS THAT DON'T REQUIRE THE OPERATOR TO HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE OUT ON THE ROADWAYS. THESE STATS ARE USED AS ONE OF THE STRONGEST ARGUMENTS TO SWAY LEGISLATORS PUSHING FOR A NATIONAL MANDATORY HELMET LAW.

President's Message - Cont'd

THEY ALSO HAD NO IDEA THAT EVEN D.O.T. CERTIFIED HELMETS ARE ONLY RATED AS SAFE UP TO 18 M.P.H. AND HAVE TO BE REPLACED AFTER 6 MONTHS OF REGULAR USE BECAUSE THE MATERIALS USED TO MAKE THE HELMET DEGENERATE TO USELESS OVER THAT PERIOD OF TIME. ALSO, YOU WON'T SEE A "SELL BY DATE" ON THE BOX. I WONDER HOW LONG THOSE HELMETS SAT ON THE SHELF OR WERE STORED IN A WAREHOUSE BEFORE THEY WERE SOLD?

ANTI HELMET, WAS THE COUNCIL'S INTERPRETATION OF OUR STANCE ON MANDATORY HELMET LAWS AND THE REASON WE WERE EXCLUDED FROM INTEGRATING OUR PROGRAM WITH THEIRS. MISINTERPRETATIONS, MISCONCEPTIONS, MYTHS AND MISINFORMED, CALL IT WHAT YOU LIKE BUT MY IMPRESSION WAS THEY JUST MISSED THE POINT OF WHAT ABATE IS ABOUT AND WHAT WE DO.

I HOPE TO SEE ANOTHER MEETING LIKE THIS CALLED IN THE NEAR FUTURE OR MAYBE WE CAN GET THEM TO SIT IN ON ONE OF OUR MEETINGS.

RIDE FREE, RIDE SAFE

STRONGBOW

PRESIDENT PALM BEACH ABATE

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REMINDER TEMPORARY CHANGE IN MEETING TIME -
NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 24TH AT 10:00 AM



**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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Denise "Muffin" Pacitti
Ray Edwards
Sara Edwards

Robert "Herc" Meyer
Erik Fowler

OCTOBER

Mike "Surfer" Kenney
J.F. Levi
Jim "Jimbo" Sherrow
Christopher Sharp
Vicky "Spin Girl" Wojnar
Axel "Axman" Wojnar
Suzanne P. Keen
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Juan "Juan Roberto" Iglesias
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Chandler "Scratch" Daniels
Darin "Rocker" Ruddock
Leo "Roadkill" Pedraza
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Steve "Lum" Sizemore

**NOVEMBER**

Carlos "Amigo" Guerra
Steve Pentek
Glenis "Warden" Lessard
Bill Haythorn
Jamey "L.B.W." Valiquette
Richard "Road Kill Rick"

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Colin Sutherland
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Mark Lenson
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Misty "Frogz" Burgess
Edwin "Eddie" Rodriguez
Ronald "Dutch" Siliakus
Michael "Mikey Rags" Ragoni
Maureen Shelhamer

DECEMBER

A. Randy "Sportster" Lewis
George "Bill" Morris
Paul "Rowdy" Dombroski
Frank "Pipes" Cook
Kenneth "Knuckles" Roman
Sue "Uzi" Roman
Ron Taylor
Doug "Taffyman" Taffe

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Ray "Rayray" Fairall
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Vice President's Message

DEAR FELLOW ABATE MEMBERS,

I'D LIKE TO START THIS MONTHS MESSAGE WITH A THANKS TO ALL THAT HELPED OUT WITH ISLAND JACK'S BIKER APPRECIATION PARTY. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED, AND THE ARTMANN BAND. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DIDN'T KNOW, THE ARTMANN BAND DONATED ALL THEIR TIPS FOR THE NIGHT TO ABATE. THAT WAS AN AWESOME GESTURE THAT WE TRULY APPRECIATE. HOPEFULLY NEXT MONTHS PARTY WILL BE EQUALLY OR MORE SUCCESSFUL.

WITH THE CHAPTERS FINANCIAL SITUATION IN IT'S CURRENT STATE THESE PARTIES ARE A HELP BUT MOST CERTAINLY NOT THE SOLUTION. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO MAKE THE MEETING IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THE CHAPTER NEEDS YOUR HELP, WE NEED ADVERTISERS FOR THE NEWSLETTER, NEW MEMBERS AND DONATIONS. SO IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ANY OF THOSE, PLEASE DO. I KNOW THE ECONOMY IS IN THE CRAPPER NOW. EVERYONE HAS LESS MONEY AND THINGS ARE TOUGH. SO IF YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO HELP OUT FINANCIALLY, DONATE SOME OF YOUR TIME! YOUR TIME IS JUST AS VALUABLE AS YOUR CASH. THE CHAPTER CAN ALWAYS USE MORE PEOPLE TO HELP OUT. IT'S ALSO A GREAT WAY TO GET TO KNOW THE OTHER MEMBERS BETTER.

STARTING THIS MONTH WE WILL BE HAVING A CHAPTER RIDE WITH JUST THAT PURPOSE. TO HAVE FUN AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER. THIS MONTHLY RIDE ISN'T TO ANY OTHER GROUPS EVENT.. WE KNOW THEY'RE ARE PLENTY OF YOU THAT GET BORED GOING TO THE SAME OLD THING IN JUST ANOTHER BAR AND PARKING LOT. THAT'S NOT TO SAY WE WON'T BE DOING THOSE RIDES AS WELL! THESE RIDES EVERY MONTH WILL BE LED BY ROCKER THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR MYSELF. SO KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEEKLY UPDATE FOR DETAILS!

DECEMBER WILL BE OUR BIG EVENT AND IT'S QUICKLY APPROACHING. WE WILL BE NEEDING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT AND MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL, AND FUN FOR ALL EVENT. THIS WAS OUR BIGGEST FUND RAISER LAST YEAR, SO THIS IS AN IMPORTANT EVENT!

AS ALWAYS. I'M HERE TO SERVE AS YOUR VP AND AVAILABLE FOR ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE. SO PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT ME.

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OCTOBER

- *4 - *Mystic Seven MC Annual*
- 11 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
- 15-18 - Daytona Biketoberfest
- 18 - Keltics MC Miami Party ← **DATE CHANGE**
- 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
- 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 - Calvery Chapel 10th Annual Christmas Service

SOUTHEAST CHAPTER ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

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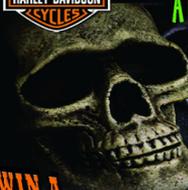
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25 SE ABATE Annual Rights Rally	26	27 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	28 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB	29 Firewater Bike Night	30 Wheels of Man Halloween Party 	31 

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29	30					



October Legislative & Delegate Report

BY: SLOW MOTION

RECENTLY THE COMMUNITY OF PARKLAND, NW BROWARD COUNTY FL, PASSED ITS' WON LAW AGAINST TEXT MESSAGING AND DRIVING. AS A MOTORCYCLIST CONCERNED ABOUT HIGHWAY SAFETY, I APPLAUD THEM. I JUST WISH THEY WOULD HAVE EXTENDED IT TO ALL CELL PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING. SEVERAL STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT USING A CELL PHONE WHILE DRIVING MAKES THE DRIVER MORE DANGEROUS THAT A DRUNK DRIVER, EVEN THE TV SHOW *MYTHBUSTERS* COVERED IT. WE ALL KNOW HOW STRICT AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING POLICY HAS BECOME.

AS THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATE OF THE PALM BEACH CHAPTER OF ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. I KNOW HOW WE HAVE TRIED FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO GET THE STATE TO PASS SUCH LAWS TO MAKE THE HIGHWAYS SAFER FOR ALL USERS, NOT JUST BIKES. PERSONALLY I HAVE SEEN SO MANY DISTRACTED DRIVERS PERFORMING SO BADLY I THOUGHT THEY MUST BE DRUNK ONLY TO SEE THEY ARE ON CELL PHONES. I SAW ONE MOTHER DRIVING HER SUV, ICE CREAM CONE IN ONE HAND AND CELL PHONE IN THE OTHER. WHAT SHE WAS USING TO STEER, HEAVEN KNOWS, AND I WORRY ABOUT THE CHILDREN THAT WERE IN THAT VEHICLE.

WHILE WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON THE STATE LEVEL, I'M BEGINNING TO THINK WE SHOULD RETURN TO GRASS ROOTS ACTIVISM AND ATTEMPT TO GET THESE LAWS PASSED IN MORE COMMUNITIES OR COUNTY LEVEL. THIS WOULD GIVE THEM ANOTHER INCOME RATHER THAN SOME SEASIDE COMMUNITIES USE ILLEGAL LAWS TO EXTORT BIKERS WITH IMPROPER USE OF NOISE LAWS AND MADE UP PIPE LAWS.

THE ABOVE IS MY WORKING DRAFT FOR A LETTER TO ANY LEGISLATIVE BODY. I WOULD INCLUDE TO INTRODUCE ABATE AND ARRANGE A MEETING. TIME IS RUNNING OUT AND THEY WILL BE RETURNING TO THE CAPITAL FOR SESSIONS SOON. FROM STATE "OUR LEGISLATORS WILL BE STARTING THEIR FALL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS SOON, HERE IS THE PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE FOR BOTH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. OCTOBER 5 - 9, 2009 NOVEMBER 2 - 6, 2009 DECEMBER 7 - 11, 2009.

I HAVEN'T GOT MANY ANSWERS BACK YET IN MY ATTEMPTS TO MEET WITH AT LOCAL LEVEL. I'M WORKING ON SEEING WHO WILL BE UP FOR ELECTION SOON. I THOUGHT THEY WERE SOME THIS YEAR, BUT MY INTERNET SEARCH INDICATE 2010 IS THE NEXT ELECTION TIME. IF IT WAS THIS NOVEMBER I AM SURE WE WOULD HAVE BEEN SEEING CAMPAIGNING ALREADY.

IN OUR SEPTEMBER CHAPTER NEWSLETTER, WE LISTED THE CURRENT LIST OF BILLS ON ABATE'S WATCH LIST FOR THE 2010 SESSION AS I RECEIVED. THE LIST IS NOW UP TO 7 BILLS. THIS IS NOW ON OUR WEB SITE UNDER NEW SUBMENU **STATE ABATE NEWS** UNDER **LEGISLATIVE NEWS** PAGE. ADDITIONALLY, I WILL BE POSTING THE EDITIONS OF THE *LEGISLATIVE VOICE* NEWSLETTER.

IN SOME OF THE NEWS FEEDS I RECEIVE, THERE HAVE BEEN STORIES OF SEVERAL STATES CHANGING THE RED LIGHT LAWS TO ALLOW FOR GOING WHEN A BIKE HAS NO EFFECT ON TRIPPING THE TIMING. I HAVE SPOKEN TO A SHERIFF ABOUT THIS AND THE MYTH THAT YOU CAN TREAT AS A STOP SIGN AND GO IF YOU WAIT THOUGH MY LIGHT CYCLES. NEITHER IS ALLOWED IN FLORIDA AT THIS TIME. I WILL BE LOOKING INTO THIS MORE. (SEE PAGE FOR A SUGGESTION FROM ABATE MEMBER "GUS")

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SO, HERE IS MY QUESTION: SHOULDN'T ONE HAVE TO PASS A URINE TEST TO GET A WELFARE CHECK BECAUSE I HAVE TO PASS ONE TO EARN IT FOR THEM?

PLEASE UNDERSTAND, I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH HELPING PEOPLE GET BACK ON THEIR FEET. I DO, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE A PROBLEM WITH HELPING SOMEONE SITTING ON THEIR ASS - DOING DRUGS, WHILE I WORK. . . CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW MUCH MONEY EACH STATE WOULD SAVE IF PEOPLE HAD TO PASS A URINE TEST TO GET A PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CHECK?

I GUESS WE COULD TITLE THAT PROGRAM, 'URINE OR YOU'RE OUT'. PASS THIS ALONG IF YOU AGREE OR SIMPLY DELETE IF YOU DON'T. HOPE YOU ALL WILL PASS IT ALONG, THOUGH. SOMETHING HAS TO CHANGE IN THIS COUNTRY -- AND SOON!!!!!!!

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OCTOBER MEETING: OCTOBER 24TH - 10:00 AM

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MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES PLUMMET IN TEXAS WHILE MOST STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE INCREASES IN MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES IN THE WAKE OF INCREASING MOTORCYCLE USAGE, THE STATE OF TEXAS HAS REPORTED A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN RIDER DEATHS DUE LARGELY TO SAFETY AND AWARENESS PROGRAMS INITIATED BY MOTORCYCLISTS AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. ACCORDING TO TxDOT, FATALITIES DECLINED MORE THAN 23% OVER THE SAME TIME PERIOD FROM 2008, WITH 264 DEATHS REPORTED FROM JANUARY 1 - AUGUST 24, 2009, VERSUS 344 DEATHS THE PREVIOUS YEAR. "I WOULD SAY THIS IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE PUT TOGETHER TO CUT DOWN ON TRAFFIC FATALITIES, ESPECIALLY FOR MOTORCYCLIST," EXPLAINED SPUTNIK, STATE CHAIRMAN OF THE TEXAS MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS ASSOCIATION (TMRA-II) AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE (NCOM-LTF). "SEVERAL OF OUR MEMBERS SIT ON THE BOARD OF THAT NEWLY FORMED INSTITUTE." SPUTNIK GAVE FURTHER CREDIT TO THE MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS PROGRAM PUT TOGETHER BY TxDOT AT RIDERS' INSISTENCE AND ADDED; "WE HAVE VERY HIGH HOPES THAT SB 1967 (A MULTI-FACETED MOTORCYCLE SAFETY BILL ENACTED EARLIER THIS YEAR) AND THE YEAR ROUND AIRING OF PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS, INCREASED PENALTIES FOR NEGLIGENCE AND RIDER TRAINING WILL BRING THAT NUMBER DOWN EVEN FARTHER." TEXAS IS ONE OF THE LARGEST MOTORCYCLING STATES IN THE NATION IN TERMS OF MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATIONS AND YEAR-ROUND RIDING WEATHER, AND LARGELY THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF TMRA-II UNDER SPUTNIK'S LEADERSHIP REPEALED THEIR MANDATORY HELMET LAW IN 1997.

OREGON ENACTS MANDATORY TRAINING FOR NEW MOTORCYCLISTS OREGON HAS BECOME THE THIRD STATE TO PASS A LAW REQUIRING ALL NEW MOTORCYCLISTS REGARDLESS OF AGE TO PASS A RIGOROUS TRAINING COURSE, IN HOPES OF REDUCING ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES. CURRENT LAW REQUIRES SUCH COURSE COMPLETION FOR PROSPECTIVE RIDERS UNDER AGE 21. THE NEW LAW, SENATE BILL 546, PASSED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE THIS YEAR WILL PHASE IN THE REQUIREMENT FOR ALL FIRST-TIME BIKERS OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS. LAWMAKERS ALSO VOTED TO DOUBLE THE FINE FOR RIDERS CAUGHT WITHOUT THE PROPER LICENSE, INCREASING THE PENALTY TO \$720 STARTING IN JANUARY. TEAM OREGON TRAINED ABOUT TEN-THOUSAND RIDERS LAST YEAR, AND THE MAJORITY OF THEM WERE OLDER THAN 21. MORE THAN 4,400 PEOPLE BYPASSED THE CLASS IN FAVOR OF A FREE SKILLS TEST AT THE DMV, BUT SOON ALL FIRST-TIME RIDERS WILL HAVE TO SHELL OUT ABOUT \$150 TO TAKE THE TEAM OREGON COURSE, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BIKEPAC SAYS HE'S BEEN RIDING FOR 35 YEARS AND HE THINKS THE NEW REQUIREMENT WILL SAVE LIVES: "A TRAINED RIDER IS A SAFE RIDER. AND WE'RE TRYING TO CUT DOWN THE DEATHS, ESPECIALLY THE UNNECESSARY DEATHS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE MAKING STUPID MISTAKES BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO." A SIMILAR MANDATORY TRAINING BILL WAS RECENTLY PASSED IN NORTH CAROLINA, BUT WAS AMENDED TO REQUIRE RIDER EDUCATION COURSES ONLY FOR THOSE UNDER 18. SENATE BILL 64, WHICH ALSO LIMITS LEARNERS PERMITS TO 12 MONTHS WITH ONE 6 MONTH RENEWAL, WAS SIGNED INTO LAW AUGUST 26TH BY GOVERNOR MIKE EASLEY AND GOES INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2011.

NOISE LAWS DEFEATED THE MASSACHUSETTS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A PROPOSED NOISE ORDINANCE IN NORTH READING, MA THAT WOULD HAVE REQUIRED AN EPA STAMP ON MOTORCYCLE EXHAUST SYSTEMS AND STRICTER NOISE CONTROLS HAS BEEN DEFEATED. PRIOR TO A RECENT MEETING OF TOWN SELECTMEN, MMA CHAIRMAN DAVE CONDON MET WITH MMA MEMBER BILL MCGARRY, A LOCAL RESIDENT, TO REVIEW THE WARRANT AND THE PERTINENT MASSACHUSETTS LAWS.

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DURING AN EARLIER TOWN MEETING, THE LEGALITY OF THE EPA STAMP REQUIREMENT WAS DISCUSSED IN DETAIL AND ULTIMATELY DROPPED, BUT AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL WAS AMENDED INTO THE WARRANT WHICH WOULD HAVE MADE NOISE LEVELS AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS STRICTER THAN THOSE CURRENTLY IN MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW (MGL). WITH SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FROM MCGARRY, WHO ATTENDED BOTH PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE MMA AND MOTORCYCLISTS ACROSS MASSACHUSETTS, THE SELECTMEN AND NORTH READING CHIEF OF POLICE RECOGNIZED THAT THE TOWN CANNOT IMPOSE LAWS STRICTER THAN THE COMMONWEALTH -- INSTEAD, THE TOWN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ENFORCEMENT OF THE EXISTING MGL COUPLED WITH APPROPRIATE EDUCATION COULD BE A FAR MORE EFFECTIVE TOOL, AND BY VOTE OF THE SELECTMEN THE WARRANT WAS REMOVED FROM THE TOWN AGENDA. MEANWHILE, FOLLOWING MUCH LOBBYING AND TESTIMONY FROM LOCAL BIKERS, A HOTLY DEBATED NOISE ORDINANCE IN PORTLAND, MAINE WAS UNANIMOUSLY REJECTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND SENT BACK TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE FOR MORE WORK. THE PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE ENFORCED THE FEDERAL LAW THAT ALL MOTORCYCLES MADE AFTER DEC. 31, 1982 MUST HAVE MUFFLERS WITH AN EPA LABEL CERTIFYING THE EXHAUST SYSTEM MEETS EPA STANDARDS. A BIKER RIDING A MOTORCYCLE WITHIN CITY LIMITS WITHOUT AN EPA STICKER ON THE MUFFLER WOULD HAVE BEEN FINED \$50. THE ORDINANCE WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN MAINE, AND SUPPORTERS SAID ITS ADOPTION WOULD HAVE MADE IT EASIER TO PASS A SIMILAR STATE LAW. OPPONENTS, INCLUDING THE UNITED BIKERS OF MAINE (UBM), SAID THE MEASURE WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST MOTORCYCLISTS AND COULD COST THE CITY TOURISM DOLLARS BY DISCOURAGING MOTORCYCLISTS FROM VISITING PORTLAND. MOTORCYCLE NOISE CONTINUES TO BE A CONTENTIOUS AND CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE ACROSS THE COUNTRY, WITH PLACES LIKE BOSTON AND NEW YORK CONTEMPLATING STRICTER LAWS.

BILLY LANE SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR FATAL CRASH ON AUGUST 14TH, A FLORIDA JUDGE SENTENCED CELEBRITY BIKE BUILDER BILLY LANE TO SIX YEARS IN PRISON IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEPT. 4, 2006 CRASH THAT KILLED SCOOTER RIDER GERALD MORELOCK. JUDGE ROBERT BURGER ALSO ORDERED LANE'S DRIVERS LICENSE SUSPENDED FOR LIFE AND THAT HE UNDERGO RANDOM DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING UPON HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON. LANE, 39, FACED UP TO NINE YEARS IN PRISON AFTER A JUDGE IN JUNE OK'D A PLEA DEAL IN WHICH PROSECUTORS AGREED TO DROP A CHARGE OF DUI MANSLAUGHTER IN CONNECTION WITH THE LABOR DAY 2006 ACCIDENT. LANE, WHO WAS LED FROM THE COURTROOM IN HANDCUFFS, CHOKED BACK TEARS AS HE TOOK FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RIDER'S DEATH. "I WAS VERY CARELESS. I WAS A LESS-RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN," LANE TOLD THE COURT. "I'M NOT LOOKING FOR PITY ON MYSELF. I DRIVE BY THE SPOT WHERE I KILLED JERRY MORELOCK EVERY DAY. I PRAY TO GOD FOR HIS SOUL AND FOR HIS FAMILY." POLICE SAID LANE'S BLOOD-ALCOHOL LEVEL WAS MORE THAN TWICE THE LEGAL LIMIT WHEN HE CROSSED A DOUBLE-YELLOW LINE TO SPEED AT 68 MPH PAST THREE CARS ON STATE ROAD A1A SOUTH OF MELBOURNE BEACH. HE CRASHED HIS DODGE PICKUP HEAD ON INTO 56-YEAR-OLD MORELOCK'S SMALL YAMAHA MOTORCYCLE.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "BE AS BENEFICENT AS THE SUN OR THE SEA, BUT IF YOUR RIGHTS AS A RATIONAL BEING ARE TRENCHED ON, DIE ON THE FIRST INCH OF YOUR TERRITORY." RALPH WALDO EMERSON (1803-82) AMERICAN POET AND PHILOSOPHER

AND THAT'S ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS!



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