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President's Message

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

WHAT PRICE COMPLACENCY? I HAVE OFTEN WONDERED IF AND WHEN AMERICANS WOULD FINALLY WAKE FROM THEIR INDUCED COMA LONG ENOUGH TO REALIZE WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR COUNTRY. WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO BRING AMERICANS TO THEIR SENSES AND RESPOND TO THE CALL TO TAKE BACK OUR COUNTRY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE? BEING A REALIST WITH AN OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK I HAVE TO SAY, I THINK WE MAY HAVE CROSSED THE THRESHOLD INTO THE PREDICTED COMPLACENCY PHASE THAT HAS BEEN THE DOOM OF SOME OF THE GREATEST EMPIRES IN HISTORY. I JUST CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELING THAT WE ARE SO FAR OUT ON A LIMB AS A NATION THAT IT WONT TAKE MUCH TO HAVE THAT LIMB SNAP AND SEND THIS COUNTRY INTO THE RANKS OF A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY.

YEAH, I KNOW, WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH ABATE'S ROLL IN FIGHTING FOR OUR RIGHTS AS MOTORCYCLISTS. IT HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH US AS MOTORCYCLISTS. COMPLACENCY IS THE KISS OF DEATH, IT ALLOWS THOSE WHO ARE IN A POSITION OF AUTHORITY TO DO THEIR WILL AND GET AWAY WITH IT AT YOUR EXPENSE, THAT MEANS WE ARE OUR OWN WORST ENEMY WHEN WE ALLOW PEOPLE TO MAKE DECISIONS FOR US. I SEE A GENERATION THAT WILL BE OUR FUTURE THAT HAVE GROWN UP WITH THIS COMPLACENCY, UNABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS AND BECAUSE THEY MAKE NO DECISIONS THEY CAN'T HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT HAPPENS TO THE REST OF US. OUR FREEDOM IS BEING CHIPPED AWAY PIECE BY PIECE AND BECAUSE OF A GENERATION THAT HAS LOST IT'S IDENTITY, AND IT'S WILL TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. WE AS ABATE MEMBERS MUST BE WILLING TO TAKE A STAND TO PROTECT OUR RIGHTS AND THEIRS, WITH THEM OR WITHOUT THEM.

WHAT'S MOST DISTURBING IS THEY ARE THE MAJORITY TODAY, THOSE OF US THAT HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR A WHILE HAVE SEEN WHAT COMPLACENCY HAS DONE TO OTHER NATIONS WHO HAVE GIVEN IN OR GIVEN UP TRYING AND IT'S HAPPENING RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW. YOU READ ABOUT IT AND HEAR ABOUT IT EVERY DAY.

HAVE YOU EVER ASKED YOUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE WHERE THEY STAND ON THE ISSUES THAT CONCERN YOU? YOUR PAYING THEM FOR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO ASK AND THEY OWE YOU AN EXPLANATION AND AN HONEST ANSWER. WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU DIDN'T LIKE THE ANSWER? WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT OR TO FIND OUT IF THERE WERE OTHERS OUT THERE THAT SHARE YOUR OPINION? WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO TAKE A STAND WITH THEM? ISN'T THAT WHY YOU JOINED ABATE? THOSE OF US THAT DID KNOW WE CANNOT BE COMPLACENT, WE CANNOT STAND BY AND WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO FIGHT OUR BATTLES FOR US WE MUST STAND VIGILANT AND BE PREPARED TO STAND UP FOR OUR RIGHTS AND FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL MOTORCYCLISTS. WE MAY BE ONE OF THE ONLY REASONS WE'RE NOT RIDING BRIGHTLY PAINTED MOTORCYCLES, DRESSED LIKE CIRCUS CLOWNS.

President's Message - Cont'd

TO BE ONE OF THE COMPLACENT IS TO BE WILLING TO SURRENDER AND GIVE UP YOUR RIGHTS TO THOSE WHO WANT TO CONTROL YOUR LIFE AND DECIDE WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU WITHOUT REGARD. I PERSONALLY CHOOSE FREEDOM AND WILL STAND SIDE BY SIDE WITH THOSE LIKE MINDED PEOPLE I PROUDLY CALL MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS. ABATE IS FOR ALL MOTORCYCLISTS, GET ON BOARD AND GET INVOLVED, IT'S YOUR RIGHT AND YOUR CHOICE.

"IT'S BETTER TO DIE STANDING UPRIGHT THAN TO LIVE ON YOUR KNEES"

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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"

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 VIEABLE 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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 Steve "Lum" Sizemore

**NOVEMBER**

Steve Pentek
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 Colin Sutherland

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 Richard "Road Kill Rick" Minton
 David "Santa Dave" Marchewka
 Michael "Mikey Rags" Ragoni

Misty "Frogz" Burgess
 Ronald "Dutch" Siliakus
 Maureen Shelhamer

DECEMBER

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

Raul "Curda" Garcia
 Greg "Foto" Hanna
 Ray "Rayray" Fairall
 Debbie "Blonde" Fairall
 Jon "Blind Bat" Cook
 Chauncey "Surfrat" Wallace
 Ellyn "Jewels" Feldman

Windy "Cuzzie" Hale
 Dana "Country" Roberts
 Doug Ellman
 Lori Ann "Rocky" Pon
 Betty "Old Wise One" Spellman
 Sandy "Sidecar Sandy" LaRoche

JANUARY

Jeff "Big Jeff" Foss
 John "Cat" Catalano
 Lance E. Bradford
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 Mei Tseng

Richard Baumann
 Raymond "Bwana" Mikkelsen, Jr.
 Bruce Eldredge
 Robbie "Spanky" Caston
 Alex Cisneros
 Chuck Argentine

John "Focus" Marshall
 Tommie "Dancer" Mickel
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 Gregg Pomeroy
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Vice President's Message

DEAR FELLOW ABATE MEMBERS,

LET ME START THIS MONTHS MESSAGE WITH THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED LAST MONTHS BIKER APPRECIATION PARTY LAST MONTH AT THE SPORTS CORNER IN DELRAY. THE PARTY'S WE'VE BEEN HOSTING ARE A GREAT WAY TO HELP BRING NEEDED FUNDS AND HELP GET THE WORD OUT. SO FAR WE'VE HOSTED THESE PARTY'S AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. I'M SUGGESTING THAT WE HOST THESE PARTY'S AT THE SAME LOCATION AT THE SAME TIME OF MONTH EVERY MONTH. THIS WILL ALLOW US TO ESTABLISH A REGULAR EVENT THAT WILL HOPEFULLY GET A FOLLOWING STARTED THAT WILL GROW EACH MONTH.

SPEAKING OF PARTY'S, OUR BIG EVENT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. THE FOURTH ANNUAL FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY! THIS YEARS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT HOME RUN SPORTS IN LAKE WORTH. JUST LIKE LAST YEAR, OUR EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE DECEMBER 13TH AFTER BILL'S BIKE MEMORIAL TOY RUN. IT'S GOING TO BE IMPORTANT THAT WE HAND OUT FLYERS AND PUT OUT THE WORD. THAT THERE'S SOMEPLACE THEY NEED TO BE AFTER THE TOY RUN TO HELP MAINTAIN THEIR RIGHTS AS BIKERS. THIS EVENT TAKES A LOT OF WORK SO VOLUNTEERS ARE GOING TO BE NEEDED TO HELP OUT.

THE LAST THING I WANTED TO BRING UP WERE THE MONTHLY CHAPTER RIDES THAT ROCKER AND MYSELF ARE TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER. IT SEEMS THAT WITH THE EXTREMELY HECTIC EVENT SCHEDULE THAT HAPPENS DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER. WITH ALL THE TOY RUNS. PARTIES, AND THE HOLIDAYS THEMSELVES. IT SEEMS THAT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO START SCHEDULING THEM UNTIL JANUARY, WHEN THINGS SETTLE DOWN A LITTLE.

I'D LIKE TO WISH A HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL THE PALM BEACH COUNTY BIKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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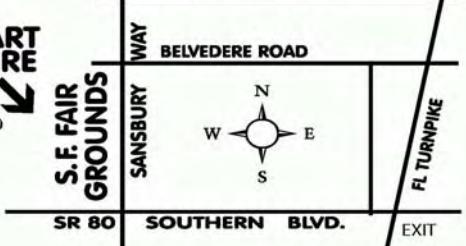


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2009

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1 Alternative M/C Annual Harley Anniversary Party	2	3 Iron Eagle Bike Nite - Abate Membership Table COME SAY HI!	4 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB	5 Firewater Bike Night	6	7
8 USMV MC Annual	9	10 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	11 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB	12 Firewater Bike Night	13	14
15 Wings of Gold - PB -Party	16	17 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	18 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB	19 Firewater Bike Night	20	21 ABATE-PBC MEETING 11:30 BACK TO NORMAL DAY AND TIME
22 CMA Memorial event - Dynasty Cycle	23	24 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	25 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB	26 	27	28 BIKER APPRECIATION TURN 3
29	30					

December

2009

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	2 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB	3 Firewater Bike Night	4	5
6 TOYS IN THE SUN RUN - FT. LDLE	7	8 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	9 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB	10 Firewater Bike Night	11	12 ABATE STATE MEETING - BLACK CREEK
13 BILL'S TOY RUN PALM BEACH ABATE - EVENT	14	15 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	16 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB	17 Firewater Bike Night	18	19 ABATE-PBC MEETING 11:30 4 th Annual Toy Run - Bikers of Palm Beach
20	21	22 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	23 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB	24 Firewater Bike Night	25 	26
27	28	29	30 Island Jack's - Bike Night-WPB	31 Firewater Bike Night		

FAMOUS QUOTES

I DIDN'T ATTEND THE FUNERAL, BUT I SENT A NICE LETTER SAYING I APPROVED OF IT. - MARK TWAIN

"TO BE IN A BOAT IS LIKE TO BE IN A PRISON WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF DROWNING" - GROUCHO MARX (1890-1977) US ACTOR AND WRITER

I'VE HAD A PERFECTLY WONDERFUL EVENING BUT THIS WASN'T IT. - GROUCHO MARX

HALF THE LIES THEY TELL ABOUT ME AREN'T TRUE. - YOGI BERRA

"IF YOU'RE PLAYING A POKER GAME AND YOU LOOK AROUND THE TABLE AND YOU CAN'T TELL WHO THE SUCKER IS, IT'S YOU" - PAUL NEWMAN, AMERICAN ACTOR (1925-2008)

"THERE ARE WORSE CRIMES THAN BURNING BOOKS. ONE OF THEM IS NOT READING THEM." - RAY BRADBURY (1920), US WRITER. (AUGUST 22, 1920, RAY BRADBURY WAS BORN)

"THERE ARE ADVANTAGES TO BEING A STAR THOUGH - YOU CAN ALWAYS GET A TABLE IN A FULL RESTAURANT." - INGRID BERGMAN (1915-1982) SWEDISH ACTRESS (AUGUST 29TH 1915, INGRID BERGMAN WAS BORN AND AUGUST 29TH 1982 DIED)

"ALCOHOL MAY BE MAN'S WORST ENEMY, BUT THE BIBLE SAYS LOVE YOUR ENEMY;.. - FRANK SINATRA (1915-1988), AMERICAN SINGER AND ACTOR (SEPTEMBER 5TH 1846, JACK DANIEL, FOUNDER OF JACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY DISTILLERY, WAS BORN)

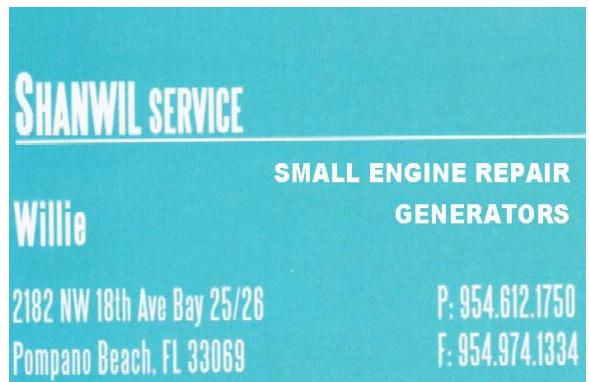
"AWARDS BECOME CORRODED, FRIENDS GATHER NO DUST." - JESSE OWENS (1913-1980), AMERICAN ATHLETE

"GOD MADE MEN, BUT SAMUEL COLT MADE THEM EQUAL" - ADVERTISING SLOGAN FOR COLT MANUFACTURING (1-10-1862, SAMUEL COLT DIES)

"WHY DON'T THEY MAKE THE WHOLE PLANE OUT OF THAT BLACK BOX STUFF?" - STEPHEN WRIGHT (1955), AMERICAN ACTOR AND WRITER CENTURY (SEPTEMBER 20, 1904, WILBUR AND ORVILLE WRIGHT FLEW MORE THAN ONEKILOMETER WITH "FLYER II" IN DAYTON, OHIO)

"A MAN MAY DIE, NATIONS MAY RISE AND FALL, BUT AN IDEA LIVES ON" - JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY (1917 - 1963), 35TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (NOVEMBER 8, 1960, KENNEDY DEFEATED NIXON IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS)

"IF WE WAIT FOR IT TO COME FROM OTHERS, WE FEEL RESENTFUL WHEN IT DOESN'T" - SPENCER BONAVENTURE TRACY (APRIL 5, 1900 - 1967), US ACTOR.





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THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE

When I first learned that motorcycle helmets were fighting against the helmet law, I couldn't for the life of me figure out why any sane person would not want to wear one. In finding the answer to that question, my views on motorcycle safety would be drastically changed.

The motorcycle helmet is a safety device. It protects your head in an accident. Like many of the general public that was what I knew about helmets. I then learned a lot more.

I learned that until recently motorcycle helmets had a tag sewn in them stating that they were a viable safety device in a slipping and sliding accident as long as the accident didn't exceed 13 mph.

I learned that motorcycles are tested by dropping them from a height that equates to 13 mph and if they don't break on impact, they pass.

I also learned that in independent testing that a melamine salad bowl fared better than most helmets.

I learned that the helmet has its' own injury related to it. It's called helmet-fulcrum syndrome. Think shaken-baby syndrome as well as brain stem injuries when the neck is overextended due to the helmet.

I learned that helmets obstructed vision as well as hearing.

I learned that excessive heat to the head causes fatigue faster.

I learned that exhaust fumes and UV light degrades the plastic that helmets are made from.

I learned that helmets need to be properly fitted and replaced about every 6 months.

I learned that most motorcycle deaths are not due to head injuries.

I learned that in an accident a car has a size advantage over the motorcycle, but the motorcycle can stop faster

and has more maneuverability.

I learned that accident prevention is the best safety device.

By learning all of this, I then had the answer to why the motorcyclists were fighting to have a choice as to when they wear their helmets. When driving downtown at slow speeds the helmet as a safety device makes sense. When driving on the interstate where speeds are much higher, using your vision and hearing are a much better choice.

Motorcyclists who choose not to wear a helmet do not have a death wish, they have just weighed the pros and cons and have chosen what they feel is best for them.

by PATTI NASRAHALLA,

State Treasurer

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SIDE BAR SHORT CLIP...



This is from our State Sgt-At-Arms "Mudder" Rudoi ~

**WHY I CHOOSE TO RIDE
WITH NO HELMET.**
WELL THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS!

1) Helmets give one a false sense of security. You believe that if you are involved in an accident the helmet will somehow protect you from harm. Without it I feel that I am much more aware of my surrounding and therefore better able to respond to potential problems.

2) We as adults would have the right to make choices on what we wear when riding our motorcycles. I wear Boots that tie to support my feet and Long jeans while some choose to wear sneakers and even sandals. I wear a denim vest while others choose to wear T-shirts. Is the rider who wears a helmet, shorts, T-shirt, and sandals safer than me in an accident? I don't know but it should be our right as adults to choose.

3) HEAT! The summers in Florida get hot and are getting hotter. When you stop your bike your brain starts to cook. I have yet to find a helmet that keeps your head cool. I cannot find a helmet that is designed or guaranteed to protect your head in a collision greater than 15 miles an hour. These are just a few of my reasons for riding without a helmet most of the time. I do, on occasion wear one in a heavy rain or on a very cold day.

That's freedom of choice!

THE DEEPEST HUMAN NEED

MOST PEOPLE LOOK FORWARD TO VETERAN'S DAY AS A DAY OFF AND FAIL TO REFLECT UPON IT'S TRUE PURPOSE, TO APPRECIATE THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AND ARE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY. REFLECTING BACK ON MY OWN YEARS OF SERVICE, I REMEMBER THREE VERY SPECIFIC WAYS PEOPLE SHOWED THEIR APPRECIATION TO ME THAT LEFT LASTING IMPRESSIONS.

1. IN 1991 I WAS ATTACHED TO THE USS SARATOGA, A CARRIER PARTICIPATING IN DESERT STORM. ONE OF MY WATCH DUTIES WAS TO MONITOR ALL ARRIVING AIRCRAFT; ONE, A C-2 AIRCRAFT WAS USED TO DELIVER PERSONNEL, SUPPLIES AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, MAIL FROM THE STATES. MAIL WAS CALLED "PONY" (A REFERENCE TO THE DAYS OF THE "PONY EXPRESS") AND I WOULD ALWAYS ASK THE PILOT HOW MUCH "PONY" HE WAS CARRYING. THIS WAS A VERY IMPORTANT PIECE OF INFORMATION TO THE CREW OF 5,000 WHO WAITED ANXIOUSLY FOR A LETTER FROM HOME AND THE WORD THAT "2,000 POUNDS OF PONY" HAD ARRIVED WOULD SPREAD LIKE WILD-FIRE THROUGHOUT THE SHIP. THE MAIL FOR THE OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT CAME THROUGH MY OFFICE AND MY YEOMAN WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DISTRIBUTING IT TO THE VARIOUS DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES. THE SAILORS WOULD LINE UP AT MAIL-CALL AND RESPOND EXCITEDLY WHEN THEIR NAME WAS CALLED. MANY OF THEM WERE DISAPPOINTED WHEN THERE WAS NO MAIL FOR THEM. THAT PROMPTED ME TO WRITE A "LETTER TO THE EDITOR" OF A COUPLE DOZEN MAJOR NEWSPAPERS AND ASK THEIR READERS TO WRITE A LETTER OR SEND A "CARE PACKAGE" ADDRESSED TO "ANY SAILOR USS SARATOGA". WELL THE RESPONSE WAS OVERWHELMING AND SOON WE HAD ENOUGH MAIL SO NO ONE WAS LEFT OUT OF MAIL-CALL. WHEN YOU'VE BEEN AT SEA FOR 8 MONTHS, WORKING 7 DAYS A WEEK, 18+ HOURS A DAY, THERE'S SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL ABOUT GETTING A LETTER AND HEARING HOW MUCH THE FOLKS BACK HOME APPRECIATE YOU.
2. AFTER DESERT STORM, WE RETURNED HOME TO A HERO'S WELCOME, 10,000 PEOPLE LINING THE DOCKS AND STREETS OF MAYPORT, FLORIDA. MY FAMILY WAS WAITING FOR ME ON THE PIER AS THE SPEAKERS PLAYED THE "God Bless the USA" AND OTHER PATRIOTIC SONGS. DRIVING HOME THROUGH THE STREETS LINED WITH BANNERS AND CHEERING STRANGERS I LOST CONTROL AND WEPT. I WISH EVERY RETURNING SERVICE MEMBER COULD HAVE SUCH A PUBLIC SHOW OF SUPPORT UPON THEIR RETURN. IF YOU EVER GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND A PUBLIC SHOW OF APPRECIATION TO OUR VETS, ESPECIALLY AS THEY RETURN FROM THEIR TOUR OF DUTY, DO IT.
3. THIS LAST ONE ONLY HAPPENED TO ME ONCE IN MY CAREER, BUT IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE EVENTS OF MY LIFE. I WAS ON A COMMERCIAL FLIGHT INTO SAN ANTONIO TEXAS AND WAS IN MY UNIFORM. AS I WALKED THROUGH THE AIRPORT AN ELDERLY MAN APPROACHED ME, REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND SHOOK MINE SAYING, "I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. THANK YOU." WE TALKED A BIT

AND IT TURNED OUT HE WAS A WORLD WAR II VET. WE SAT AND SWAPPED A FEW WAR STORIES THEN PARTED. AS I WALKED AWAY, I REALIZED THAT NOBODY HAD EVER DONE THAT BEFORE TO ME; A TOTAL STRANGER WALKING UP, SHAKING MY HAND AND SAYING THANK YOU. IT MOVED ME SO MUCH THAT 20 YEARS LATER, I STILL GO OUT OF MY WAY TO SHAKE THE HANDS OF MEN OR WOMEN IN UNIFORM. YOU MAY NOT THINK IT MEANS MUCH, BUT TO THOSE WHO SERVE, IT MEANS THE WORLD.

WILLIAM JAMES ONCE WROTE "THE DEEPEST HUMAN NEED IS THE NEED TO BE APPRECIATED." THIS VETERAN'S DAY TAKE THE TIME TO WRITE A LETTER TO A SAILOR, SEND A CARE PACKAGE TO A SOLDIER, ATTEND A VETERAN'S DAY RALLY OR JUST SHAKE A VET'S HAND AND SAY A SINCERE "THANK YOU". IT WILL MAKE THEIR DAY....AND YOURS TOO!

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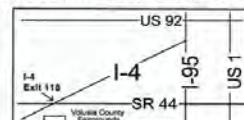
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TO: PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERS
DATE: NOVEMBER 2009

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AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THAT CAME OUT TO THE BIKER APPRECIATION PARTY AT SPORTS CORNER, BUT I THINK "BIG BAD FRED" HAD THE BEST TIME OF ALL, I AM STILL WONDERING HOW HE GOT ALL THOSE DOOR PRIZES HOME!

HOW MUCH DOES ABATE MEAN TO YOU! Do YOU COME TO A MEETING IN A CAR IN INCLEMENT WEATHER OR ONLY ON A BIKE IF THE SUN IS SHINING - ALTHOUGH WE FIGHT FOR OUR RIGHTS AS BIKERS, WE REALLY FIGHT FOR ALL MOTORISTS RIGHTS, LIKE OUR STIFFER PENALTIES LAW THAT WILL NOT ONLY MAKE US BIKERS SAFER, BUT ALSO PROTECT YOU WHEN YOU ARE IN YOUR CAR, OR HOW ABOUT THAT CELL PHONE LAW, THAT TOO PROTECTS ALL MOTORISTS. SO MAKE SURE YOU ATTEND YOUR MONTHLY ABATE MEETING RAIN OR SHINE, CAR OR BIKE TO STAY INFORMED OF NEW LEGISLATION. LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD. REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR CHAPTER AS MEMBERS, WE CANNOT EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS, IDEAS, ETC TO THE STATE IF YOUR VOICE IS NOT HEARD.

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NCOM NEWS BYTES

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NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS (NCOM)
(ABBREVIATED VERSION)WORLDWIDE MOTORCYCLE SALES PROJECTED TO RISE GLOBAL
DEMAND FOR MOTORCYCLES, INCLUDING ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND MOPEDS,

IS FORECAST TO INCREASE 7.6% PER YEAR OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, REACHING 114 MILLION UNITS BY 2013. "THIS GROWTH IS BEING FUELED BY RISING STANDARDS OF LIVING IN DEVELOPING PARTS OF THE WORLD, MAKING MOTORCYCLES A MORE AFFORDABLE ALTERNATIVE TO WALKING, BICYCLING OR USING MASS TRANSIT," STATES A RECENT STUDY OF THE WORLDWIDE MOTORCYCLE MARKET. SALES VALUE WILL EXPAND AT A SLOWER PACE, CLIMBING 7.2 PERCENT ANNUALLY TO \$66.6 BILLION IN 2013, BECAUSE OF AN EXPECTED DECLINE IN SALES-WEIGHTED PRICES DUE TO FAST MARKET GROWTH IN LOW PRICED ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES AND SMALLER INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE (ICE) MOTORCYCLES. THESE AND OTHER TRENDS, INCLUDING MARKET SHARE AND PRODUCT SEGMENTATION, ARE PRESENTED IN "World Motorcycles", AN INDUSTRY ANALYSIS RELEASED SEPTEMBER 23RD BY THE FREEDOMIA GROUP, INC., A CLEVELAND-BASED INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS RESEARCH FIRM. THE STUDY FORECASTS THAT ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES, WHICH ARE EXTREMELY POPULAR IN CHINA BUT ACCOUNT FOR A MINIMAL SHARE OF DEMAND IN MOST OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, WILL REGISTER THE STRONGEST MARKET ADVANCES. SALES OF BATTERY-POWERED BICYCLES, SCOOTERS AND OTHER TWO-WHEELERS WILL BE DRIVEN BY THEIR GENERALLY LOWER PURCHASE PRICES, LOW COST OF OPERATION AND LACK OF HARMFUL EMISSIONS. HOWEVER, ICE MOTORCYCLES WILL CONTINUE TO ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN 95% OF ALL DEMAND OUTSIDE OF CHINA IN 2013. RESEARCHERS PREDICT THAT THE STRONGEST RISE IN SALES WILL BE REGISTERED IN THE AFRICA/MIDEAST REGION DUE TO SEVERAL FACTORS, INCLUDING THE FASTEST POPULATION GROWTH OF ANY REGION, THE LOWEST MEDIAN AGE AND THE LOWEST (BUT CLIMBING) PER CAPITA GDP. POPULATION INCREASES AND HIGHER STANDARDS OF LIVING WILL ALSO HELP STIMULATE DEMAND IN THE ASIA/PACIFIC REGION, WHICH WILL POST THE SECOND STRONGEST GAINS, FOLLOWED BY EASTERN EUROPE (RISING FROM A VERY SMALL CURRENT MARKET BASE) AND LATIN AMERICA. CHINA ALONE WILL ACCOUNT FOR 55% OF ALL ADDITIONAL SALES THROUGH 2013, SPURRED BY VERY STRONG ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE DEMAND AND SOLIDIFYING ITS POSITION AS THE BIGGEST NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE MARKET. GROWTH IS ALSO EXPECTED TO BE HEALTHY IN INDONESIA AND LOWER-VOLUME MARKETS LIKE NIGERIA, THE PHILIPPINES AND VIETNAM.

SCALED BACK MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT STUDY UNDERWAY & UNDER FIRE The first major study of motorcycle crashes in nearly 30 years is underway in Los Angeles, as researchers attempt to pinpoint why resultant fatalities have soared over the last decade. The last in-depth investigation of motorcycle crashes in the U.S. -- the Hurt Study -- was released in 1981. Efforts to update that information have been stymied by funding issues, reports the Los Angeles Times, and the study will be a scaled-down version of what was originally planned, and some motorcycle groups are criticizing the effort including a leading industry-backed safety group that says the sample size will be too small to properly resolve the questions. The National Transportation Safety Board originally recommended that the study include a sample size of 900 to 1,200 crashes. But researchers at Oklahoma State University, tapped to conduct the new study, said use of such a large sample would cost \$10 million to \$12 million, far exceeding the federal government's \$4.2-million estimate. The motorcycle crash causation study is currently

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MOVING FORWARD WITH A SAMPLE SIZE OF 300 CRASHES. THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION, A NONPROFIT GROUP FUNDED BY MAJOR MANUFACTURERS, HAD OFFERED \$2.8 MILLION IN 2007 FOR A STUDY IF IT INCLUDED A SAMPLE SIZE OF 900 CRASHES, BUT THE GROUP REFUSED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABBREVIATED STUDY BECAUSE INDUSTRY AND SAFETY EXPERTS BELIEVE IT "WILL NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE SAMPLING TO ACHIEVE APPROPRIATE STATISTICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND MAY NOT PROVIDE NEW INSIGHTS," THE ORGANIZATION SAID IN A STATEMENT. "THIS LIMITED STUDY WILL LIKELY LEND ONLY A MINIMAL DEGREE OF VALIDATION TO THE MAJOR, ALREADY KNOWN CONTRIBUTING MOTORCYCLE CRASH FACTORS." THERE ARE ABOUT 100,000 MOTORCYCLE CRASHES IN THE U.S. EACH YEAR, 5,290 OF WHICH RESULTED IN DEATH IN 2008. ACCORDING TO THE MSF, MAJOR CRASH FACTORS INCLUDE RIDER ERROR, SUCH AS OVERBRAKING AND RUNNING WIDE IN A CURVE; AND ALCOHOL INVOLVEMENT.

"SMART AGING" STUDY INVESTIGATES BRAIN STIMULATION WHILE RIDING YAMAHA MOTOR HAS ANNOUNCED A SECOND ROUND OF JOINT RESEARCH INTO "Smart Aging" WITH TOHOKU UNIVERSITY IN JAPAN ON THE SUBJECT OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MOTORCYCLE RIDING AND BRAIN STIMULATION. THE FOCUS OF THIS RESEARCH WILL BE THE MEASUREMENT AND ANALYSIS OF THE CAUSE AND EFFECT RELATIONSHIP INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION OF VARIOUS TYPES OF VEHICLES AND BRAIN STIMULATION AND MEASURING THE CHANGES IN SUCH STIMULATION OVER TIME BY MEANS OF DATA GATHERED FROM A LONG-TERM MASS SURVEY IN THE MARKET. THE FINDINGS OF THE FIRST RESEARCH PROJECT IN 2008 INCLUDED: WHEN RIDING A MOTORCYCLE, THE BRAIN OF THE RIDER IS STIMULATED; DIFFERENCES IN BRAIN USE AND LEVEL OF BRAIN STIMULATION CAN BE OBSERVED IN MOTORCYCLISTS WHO RIDE REGULARLY AND IN MOTORCYCLISTS WHO HAVE NOT RIDDEN FOR EXTENDED PERIODS; INCORPORATING MOTORCYCLE RIDING INTO DAILY LIFE IMPROVES VARIOUS COGNITIVE FUNCTIONS AND HAS POSITIVE EFFECTS ON MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH SUCH AS STRESS REDUCTION. THE SECOND RESEARCH PROJECT HAS NOW BEGUN AND YAMAHA WILL PROVIDE MOTORCYCLES FOR THE STUDY, MAKE ITS TEST COURSES AVAILABLE FOR SUBJECT TESTING, AND SOLICIT TEST PARTICIPANTS AND STAFF. TESTING WILL CONTINUE THROUGH DECEMBER, AND YAMAHA HOPES THE RESULTS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE VITALIZATION OF THE MOTORCYCLE MARKET.

MEN AT HIGHER RISK OF HEARING LOSS From MOTORCYCLES TO LAWNMOWERS, LIFE IS FULL OF NOISE, BUT NEW RESEARCH SHOWS THAT IT PRESENTS A BIGGER DANGER FOR SOME PEOPLE THAN OTHERS. A STUDY OF MORE THAN 5,000 PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES AGED 20 TO 69 FOUND THAT MALES WERE THREE TIMES AS LIKELY TO HAVE NOISE-RELATED HEARING LOSS AS WOMEN. THE RESEARCH WAS RECENTLY PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY -- HEAD AND NECK SURGERY IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. OCCUPATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL NOISE EXPOSURE, AS WELL AS SERVICE IN THE ARMED FORCES, ARE LIKELY EXPLANATIONS FOR WHY MEN ARE AT GREATER RISK, SAID DR. HAMID DJALILIAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE, MEDICAL CENTER, WHO COLLABORATED ON THE RESEARCH. WHILE THE STUDY DID NOT FOCUS ON SPECIFIC ROOT CAUSES, ANECDOTALLY DJALILIAN SEES PATIENTS WHOSE HEARING PROBLEMS MOST LIKELY STEM FROM MUSIC AT CONCERTS OR NIGHT CLUBS, OR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES WITH "POWERED INSTRUMENTATION" SUCH AS CHAIN SAWS AND MOTORCYCLES. SOUND TRAVELS IN THE EAR AS VIBRATIONS OF AIR MOLECULES, AND HEARING LOSS CAN RESULT FROM BOTH DURATION AND LOUDNESS. ACTIVITIES SUCH AS HUNTING AND MOTORCYCLE-RIDING, WHICH MEN TYPICALLY DO MORE THAN WOMEN, CREATE HIGH LEVELS OF NOISE THAT MAY IMPAIR HEARING. SOME OF THE HEARING DAMAGE IS TEMPORARY, BUT A SMALL PORTION IS PERMANENT, AND THESE PERMANENT LOSSES ACCUMULATE OVER TIME BECAUSE HAIR CELLS IN THE INNER EAR MAY NOT GROW BACK AFTER BEING DAMAGED OR DESTROYED. NOISE-INDUCED HEARING LOSS IS THE NUMBER ONE PREVENTABLE KIND OF HEARING LOSS, EXPERTS SAY, AND IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT LOSING YOUR HEARING WHILE DOING A NOISY ACTIVITY, WEAR EARPLUGS.

AUSTRALIAN BIKERS VICTORIOUS IN COURT Two MEMBERS OF THE FINKS MC WHO HAD BEEN BANNED FROM MEETING OTHER BIKERS UNDER STRICT ANTI-ASSOCIATION LAWS PASSED IN SOUTH

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AUSTRALIA DESIGNED TO DISBAND OUTLAWED "BIKIE GANGS" BY RESTRICTING THEIR MOVEMENTS, APPEALED THEIR CASE TO THE SUPREME COURT WHICH HAS RULED THE ORDERS WERE INVALID. SIMILAR ANTI-BIKIE LEGISLATION IS PENDING IN QUEENSLAND AND NEW SOUTH WALES, BUT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED MOTORCYCLE COUNCIL, A BIKER LOBBY GROUP FORMED IN RESPONSE TO THE LAWS, SAYS THE HIGH COURT'S RULING SHOULD COME AS A WARNING TO THE GOVERNMENT THAT SUCH LAWS ARE "ILLEGAL AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL". A UMC SPOKESMAN SAID THE DECISION WAS A VICTORY FOR MEMBERS OF CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS EVERYWHERE. "THE LAWS GIVE POLICE UNFETTERED POWER TO USE SECRET, FALSE AND ILLEGALLY OBTAINED EVIDENCE AGAINST INDIVIDUALS, TAKE AWAY THE RIGHT TO AN OPEN AND FAIR TRIAL, AND REVERSE THE TIME-HONORED PRESUMPTION OF INNOCENCE," SAID FERRET. "THEY TRAMPLE LONG-STANDING LEGAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS OF ALL CITIZENS, AND THEY HAVE NO PLACE IN A DEMOCRATIC AND CIVILIZED SOCIETY."

AIM ATTORNEY RALPH VINJE KILLED IN RIGHT-OF-WAY VIOLATION AID TO INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS IS SADDENED TO REPORT THAT NORTH DAKOTA A.I.M. ATTORNEY RALPH VINJE, 67, OF BISMARCK, N.D. HAS DIED FROM INJURIES SUFFERED IN AN ACCIDENT WHILE ON HIS WAY TO WORK. ACCORDING TO POLICE REPORTS, VINJE WAS NORTHBOUND AND WAS STRUCK AT AN INTERSECTION BY AN EASTBOUND CAR WHOSE DRIVER FAILED TO OBEY A YIELD SIGN. VINJE WAS A WELL-KNOWN ATTORNEY IN THE AREA, HANDLING CRIMINAL DEFENSE AND CIVIL CASES. HE WAS A LONGTIME AID TO INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS ATTORNEY WHO SERVED AS LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS OF NORTH DAKOTA AND PROVIDED LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO MOTORCYCLISTS IN ACCIDENT CASES AND OTHER LITIGATION PROCEEDINGS. HE REPRESENTED ABATE OF NORTH DAKOTA IN A BATTLE OVER A NOISE ORDINANCE IN BISMARCK THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS. OVER THE YEARS, VINJE FOUGHT TO STOP A LAW THAT LOWERED THE LEGAL DRIVING LIMIT FOR ALCOHOL FROM .10 BAC TO .08, AND ALSO TRIED TO PROVE SOBRIETY CHECKPOINTS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. IN COURT, VINJE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS MILD MANNER AND CALM DEMEANOR, WHILE OUTSIDE OF THE COURTROOM HE ENJOYED THE OUTDOORS AS AN AVID HUNTER, FISHERMAN, TRAVELER AND MOTORCYCLIST WHO RODE HIS MOTORCYCLE EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AS LONG AS THE WEATHER WAS GOOD WITH THE FREEDOM RIDERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB. HE ALSO WAS PART OWNER OF THE BROKEN OAR BAR IN MANDAN AND WAS A VIETNAM VETERAN WHO EARNED A BRONZE STAR FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, TIFFANY JOHNSON, TOLD THE NEWSPAPER THAT "HE WAS A REBEL SPIRIT" WHO HAD HELPED SCORES OF PEOPLE WITH BATTLES THAT NEEDED FIGHTING.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "A NATION OF SHEEP WILL BEGET A GOVERNMENT OF WOLVES." EDWARD R. MURROW (1908-1965) U.S. BROADCAST JOURNALIST

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