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President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

AT OUR LAST CHAPTER MEETING WE HAD A DISCUSSION IN REGARD TO SUPPORT PATCHES BEING WORN BY OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. I KNOW THIS HAS BECOME AN ISSUE AMONG INDEPENDENTS AND MEMBERS OF OTHER RIDING ORGANIZATIONS AND I BELIEVE IT'S TIME TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON WHERE WE STAND. ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. IS A NOT FOR PROFIT GRASSROOTS MOTORCYCLISTS RIGHTS, SAFETY AND AWARENESS ORGANIZATION OF 37 CHAPTERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF FLORIDA. WE ARE **A BROTHERHOOD AGAINST TOTALITARIAN ENACTMENTS** AND WE ARE **AMERICAN BIKERS AIMING TOWARD EDUCATION**. WE SUPPORT MOTORCYCLIST RIGHTS BY FIGHTING AGAINST UNJUST LAWS THAT ARE CONSTANTLY BEING PROPOSED, TO AMEND CURRENT LAWS THAT RESTRICT OUR RIGHTS AS WELL AS WORK TOWARD GETTING LEGISLATION PASSED TO PROMOTE SAFETY, EDUCATION AND AWARENESS FOR THE WELL BEING OF MOTORCYCLISTS ACROSS THE BOARD. THAT MEANS ALL MOTORCYCLISTS WHETHER YOU ARE AN INDEPENDENT, A CLUB MEMBER OR A MEMBER OF A RIDING ASSOCIATION. THAT'S OUR MISSION AND THAT IS WHAT WE DO. WE STAND FOR FREEDOM OF CHOICE AND FREEDOM OF THE ROAD.

WE SUPPORT ALL MOTORCYCLISTS AND IN ORDER TO DO THAT WE MUST REMAIN OF NEUTRAL STATUS IN THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY AS AN ASSOCIATION. OUR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES A VERY DIVERSE CROSS SECTION OF MOTORCYCLISTS UNLIKE ANY RIDING ORGANIZATION YOU WILL EVER FIND. WE ARE UNIQUE IN OUR ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBERS ENSURING THAT EVERYONE'S VOICE IS HEARD. WE WELCOME INDEPENDENTS MEMBERS OF CLUBS AND OTHER RIDING ASSOCIATIONS TO JOIN US IN SUPPORT OF OUR EFFORTS BECAUSE WE SUPPORT AND RESPECT THEM. WE SUPPORT AND RESPECT THE INDEPENDENT MOTORCYCLIST AND OFFER THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO BELONG TO AN ORGANIZATION WITHOUT MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS. YOUR CONCERNS ARE OUR CONCERNS, THE THINGS THAT AFFECT YOU AFFECT US. WE ARE A BROTHERHOOD OF MOTORCYCLISTS AND SUPPORTERS OF OUR CAUSE.

BECAUSE OF OUR STATUS AND BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN FREEDOM OF CHOICE WE ARE ACCEPTED AND RESPECTED BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE SOUTH FLORIDA CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS AND PROUDLY WEAR THE PATCH AS MEMBERS AT LARGE AND BY THE SOUTH FLORIDA PRESIDENTS COUNCIL. WE WOULD NOT HAVE GAINED THE ACCEPTANCE AND RESPECT OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS IF IT WEREN'T FOR OUR POLICY TO REMAIN NEUTRAL AND NOT SHOW FAVORITISM TOWARDS ANY ONE ORGANIZATION OVER ANOTHER. THAT HAS BEEN APART OF OUR FOUNDATION SINCE ABATE WAS FORMED SOME 30+ YEARS AGO. OUR CHAPTER WILL MAINTAIN THAT SAME STATUS AND HOLD TO THAT POLICY BECAUSE WE ARE MEMBERS OF ABATE. OUR MEMBERS FROM CLUBS AND OTHER RIDING ORGANIZATIONS MAY HAVE BY-LAW'S THAT DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO WEAR OUR PATCH OR ANY OTHER PATCH BUT THEIR OWN AND WE RESPECT THAT AND STILL WELCOME THEIR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION, WE DON'T CONSIDER IT AN INSULT.

President's Message - Cont'd

OUR MISSION STATEMENT IS CLEAR: **YOUR COLORS OR PATCH ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN OUR HOUSE.**

WE ARE ABOUT TO GO THROUGH OUR ANNUAL ELECTION PROCESS WITH THE ELECTIONS BEING HELD JUNE 20TH AT OUR REGULAR MEETING TIME 11:30 AM. AT THE V.F.W. 4143 IN RIVIERA BCH. THIS IS WHERE YOU AS CHAPTER MEMBERS MAKE YOUR CHOICE OF WHO WILL LEAD THE CHAPTER FOR THE NEXT YEAR. ANY ONE THAT HAS BEEN A MEMBER FOR THE PAST YEAR KNOWS THERE IS A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE, THERE ARE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES THAT WERE LEFT ON THE TABLE WHEN SESSIONS CLOSED. WE AS A CHAPTER MUST BE MORE DILIGENT IN OUR EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE NOT LEFT TO DIE. I BELIEVE FROM NOW UNTIL SESSIONS RE-OPEN, TIME CAN BE WELL SPENT IN DOING RESEARCH ON INFORMATION TO BE USED TO PROVE TO LEGISLATORS THAT OUR POSITION ON THE ISSUES SUCH AS THE "STIFFER PENALTIES BILL", THE "CELL PHONE BILL" AND MANDATORY DRIVERS EDUCATION IN THE FLORIDA SCHOOL SYSTEM IS TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY, WE'RE NOT JUST GOING TO FORGET ABOUT THEM AS IT SEEMS THEY HAVE, AT LEAST FOR NOW. WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN HAVING TWO BILLS PASSED, THE TAG BILL AND THE FIRST RESPONDERS BILL, BUT THEY HAVE NOT REACHED THE GOVERNOR'S DESK YET.

THE GOVERNOR HAS HOWEVER SIGNED THE 2009-2010 BILL THAT GIVES ABATE OF FLORIDA THE MONEY TO BE USED FOR SAFETY AWARENESS. WE WILL START RECEIVING THE MONEY IN JULY. I HAVE BEGUN GETTING PRICING TO BE FORWARDED TO THE ABATE SAFETY DIRECTOR FOR BUS AND BUS BENCH ADVERTISING IN URBAN PALM BEACH AND WEST PALM BEACH, I AM HOPING TO FIND LOCATIONS FOR BILLBOARDS ON THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE AS WELL. I ALSO PLAN TO MEET WITH ADMINISTRATORS FROM THE PALM BEACH SAFETY COUNCIL TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE COST OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE MANY OF YOU HAVE SEEN ON LOCAL TV, THIS MAY BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF OUR SAFETY AND AWARENESS PROGRAM AS IT CERTAINLY HAS HAD AN IMPACT ON THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN THE ONE THAT WAS AIRED RECENTLY BY THE P.B.S.C. OUR OWN SAFETY PROGRAM HAS BEEN DORMANT OVER THE PAST YEAR CAUSING OUR STATUS TO FALL TO THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST WITH THE STATE SAFETY TRUSTEE BUT I HAVE EVERY INTENTION OF REACTIVATING IT WITH THE HELP OF A FEW DEDICATED MEMBERS WILLING TO MAKE THEIR COMMITMENT AND SEE IT THROUGH.

I HAVE HEARD THE CALL FOR CHANGE FROM A FEW MEMBERS IN OUR CHAPTER; I BELIEVE CHANGE IS THE NATURAL EVOLUTION OF A PLAN AS IT PROGRESSES. I BELIEVE IF PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER FOR A COMMON GOAL HAVE A GENUINE SENSE OF COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO A PLAN, CHANGE IS INEVITABLE, IT'S A PROGRESSIVE CHANGE. IF IT IS A MATTER OF TRASHING EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED TO TAKE OFF IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT DIRECTION WITHOUT A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THAT CHANGE WILL BRING ABOUT IN THE LONG RUN, IT BECOMES COUNTER PRODUCTIVE AND MORE TIMES THAN NOT IT BRINGS ABOUT IRREVERSIBLE CONSEQUENCES WHICH SPELLS DISASTER. ESPECIALLY IF THE ORIGINAL PLAN IS TRASHED BEFORE IT'S GOALS WERE ACCOMPLISHED. I HAVE NOT HEARD ONE

President's Message - Cont'd

WORD AS TO WHAT KIND OF CHANGE IS BEING PROPOSED, I HAVE NOT HEARD WHAT THE PLANNED CHANGE IS, HAVE YOU?

I AM NOT OPPOSED TO CHANGE, I BELIEVE THERE ARE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS RUNNING FOR POSITIONS IN THIS CHAPTER THAT WILL ALLOW PROGRESSIVE CHANGE, BRING FRESH IDEAS AND OFFER SUGGESTIONS TO ACHIEVE THE LONG TERM GOALS THAT WERE SET WHEN WE STARTED THIS CHAPTER. BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY ACHIEVING THE SHORT TERM GOALS WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AND MOVE FORWARD. WE HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE MOST PROGRESSIVE CHAPTERS IN THE STATE IN A VERY SHORT TIME, LET'S NOT FORGET WE ARE JUST ENTERING OUR FOURTH YEAR AS A CHAPTER IN PALM BEACH, THREE CHAPTERS BEFORE US NEVER MADE IT THAT FAR. IF THE CHANGE FAILS AND THE CHAPTER FAILS, THERE PROBABLY WILL NOT BE ANOTHER CHARTER GIVEN TO PALM BEACH BY ABATE OF FLORIDA, PALM BEACH WILL BE REPRESENTED UNDER THE SOUTHEAST CHARTER. WE HAVE ALWAYS MAINTAINED OUR OWN IDENTITY, UNITED WE HAVE FOLLOWED THE PLAN WE HAD ESTABLISHED SINCE OUR INCEPTION AND HAVE SERVED AS AN EXAMPLE IN OUR PROGRESS.

"CHANGE"

PERSONALLY, I WILL TAKE THE PRIDE I HAVE SEEN IN OUR MEMBERS FOR WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED, I'LL TAKE THE RESPECT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN BECAUSE OF OUR HONOR AND RESOLVE. AND, I'LL TAKE THE TRUST WE HAVE IN EACH OTHER TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS AS A CHAPTER. WITHOUT A PLAN YOU CAN KEEP THE CHANGE.

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

THERE ARE NO MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

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

YOUR COLORS OR PATCH ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN OUR HOUSE

WE SUPPORT MOTORCYCLIST'S RIGHTS, SAFETY AND AWARENESS OF ALL MOTORCYCLISTS AND WELCOME THE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB OR RIDING ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS ALL INDEPENDENTS, REGARDLESS OF WHAT KIND OF MOTORCYCLE YOU RIDE.

WE ARE NOT ANTI-HELMET, WE ARE ANTI-HELMET LAW

ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT ABATE IS THAT WE ARE ANTI-HELMET. NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. WE ARE "ANTI-HELMET LAW" IF YOU CHOSE TO RIDE WITH OR WITHOUT A HELMET IT'S YOUR CHOICE, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER WEARING A HELMET IS RIGHT FOR YOU. ABATE IS AN ORGANIZATION FIGHTING TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

WE ARE CURRENTLY PREPARING FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS. OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA INCLUDES "STIFFER PENALTIES" FOR RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATORS (ROWV), STILL THE NUMBER 1 KILLER OF MOTORCYCLISTS. A BAN ON CELL PHONE USE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE OF ANY KIND AND MANDATORY DRIVERS EDUCATION COURSES AND CLASSES IN THE FLORIDA SCHOOL SYSTEM. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE OUR VOICE HEARD AS MOTORCYCLISTS.

"FREEDOM OF CHOICE, FREEDOM OF THE ROAD"

THERE ARE OVER 7,800 MEMBERS OF ABATE IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA WITH OVER 35 ACTIVE CHAPTERS. WE FEEL PALM BEACH COUNTY HAS HUGE POTENTIAL IN BECOMING ONE OF THE LARGEST CHAPTERS IN THE STATE. WITH ITS LARGE EXPANSE AND THOUSANDS OF MOTORCYCLISTS', PALM BEACH COUNTY CHAPTER CAN BECOME A VIABLE AND INFLUENTIAL VOICE IN RAISING MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS, SAFETY AND AWARENESS. THE CHAPTER BORDERS WILL BE PRIMARILY NORTHERN BROWARD COUNTY AND ALL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY.

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Vice President's Message

THIS PAST MONTH OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS ON TWO WHEELS IN MAINE, A FORERUNNER IN INDIVIDUAL RIGHT TO DECIDE, WON ANOTHER BATTLE AGAINST THE DEGRADATION OF OUR RIGHT TO CHOOSE. AGAIN THE RIGHT TO MAKE OUR OWN DECISION TO WEAR A HELMET WHEN WE RIDE WAS CHALLENGED. THE STATE OF MAINE, A LONG TIME SUPPORTER OF A CITIZENS RIGHT TO CHOOSE WHAT IS BEST FOR THEMSELVES, AGAIN SUPPORTED AN INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT WHEN THEY DEFEATED A BILL TO REPEAL A MAINE RIDER'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE WHETHER OR NOT TO WEAR A HELMET. THE BILL WAS DEFEATED 39 TO 9. THIS JUST SHOWS US HERE IN FLORIDA THAT THE BATTLE TO PRESERVE OUR RIGHTS WILL NEVER BE OVER!

TRULY, WHAT IS THE REASONABLE RIGHT DECISION AND WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE THAT DECISION? IN A MEGA MEDIA STORY WHEN A NOTABLE NFL ATHLETE WAS IN A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT AND HIS DOCTOR WENT PUBLIC WITH HIS OPINION THAT HAD HE BEEN WEARING A HELMET HE PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE SURVIVED HIS OPINION WAS ATTACKED BY A WEALTH OF "NOTABLE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE" SOURCES WHO WOULD NOT HAVE EVEN NOTICED THE OPPOSITE VIEW, SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE DOCTOR WHO WAS THERE AND TREATING THE MAN. THIS AGAIN IS ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO PROTECT US FROM OURSELVES. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT I HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF BIG BROTHER TELLING ME THAT THEY KNOW BETTER THAN I DO WHAT IS BEST FOR ME! THEN AGAIN, I HAVE ALWAYS HAD A PROBLEM WITH ANYONE TELLING ME WHAT I NEED TO DO TO MAKE ME FIT IN WITH THEM. QUITE FRANKLY, I PREFER STANDING ALONG SIDE WITH LIKE MINDED BROTHERS AND SISTERS ASSERTING MY RIGHT TO BE MYSELF.

I DO HOWEVER BELIEVE THAT I, OR ANYONE ELSE, MUST COMPLY WITH LAWS AND STANDARDS THAT ARE SET UP TO MAKE EVERYONE RESPONSIBLE FOR A SAFE AND REASONABLY ORGANIZED SOCIETY. SUCH LAWS THAT WERE WRITTEN TO PROTECT US FROM HARM OR PREVENT US FROM HARMING OTHERS. I BELIEVE IN OUR LAWS THAT ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT TO TAX AND ADJUDICATE US, AFTER PROPER REPRESENTATION, FOR THE RIGHT TO LIVE AND OPERATE WITHIN A SOCIETAL STANDARD THAT CREATES HARMONY FOR ALL. WE HAVE STANDARDS AND LAWS TO PROTECT OUR ORGANIZED SOCIETY THAT ONCE PASSED BY THE STATED MAJORITY OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES MUST BE OBEYED FOR THE GOOD OF ALL UNTIL CHALLENGED AND PROVEN WRONG BY THAT SAME MAJORITY. WE MUST LIVE BY A STANDARD THAT BENEFITS ALL OVER WHAT IS OF GREATER BENEFIT TO ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL.

TIME AND TIME AGAIN I HAVE CHOSEN TO HOLD MYSELF TO A STANDARD ABOVE WHAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE TO ACHIEVE WHAT I MEASURE AS THE BEST CHOICE. THOUGH NOT THE EASIEST PATH, IT IS USUALLY THE PREFERABLE DESTINATION. WHAT I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH BY THAT IS AN EXAMPLE TO THOSE SURROUNDING ME TO FOLLOWING THAT PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND NOT LAWLESSNESS WHICH WILL ALLOW US THE RESPECT TO ASSERT THE RIGHTS WE DESERVE. A LEADER CANNOT DO THIS FROM THE OUTSIDE THE LAW. AS LEADERS WE MUST

Vice President's Message - Cont'd

LIVE WITHIN THE RESPECT OF THE SOCIETAL STANDARDS SET TO GOVERN OR NOT ONLY WILL OUR VOICES BE MUTED AGAINST INJUSTICES, THE VOICES OF WHO WE REPRESENT WILL NOT BE HEARD AND THAT IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

THIS PAST SUNDAY I VOLUNTEERED TO ASSIST OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE SOUTHEAST CHAPTER OF ABATE, FOR WHICH I HAVE MEMBERSHIP SINCE 1998, BY PREPARING THE FOOD AND COOKING FOR THEIR EVENT. I MENTION THIS BECAUSE I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO WORK ALL DAY SUNDAY WITH A FANTASTIC AND DEDICATED STAFF OF VOLUNTEERS THAT ASSISTED ME IN SERVING CLOSE TO 600 MEALS. ONE OF THESE FINE YOUNG BROTHERS WAS NEW TO ABATE BUT EPITOMIZED WHAT I BELIEVE IS OUR FUTURE. HIS NAME IS RICK. HE'S A FORMER US MARINE, LIKE I SAID A NEW ABATE MEMBER AND HE WEARS BOTH PATCHES PROUDLY ON HIS BACK. TO SAY HE WORKED HIS "BUTT" OFF AND MADE MY DAY A WHOLE LOT BETTER WOULD BE A GROSS UNDERSTATEMENT. I TOLD JIMMY LES (SE PRESIDENT) AND JIMBO (SE VP) THAT HAD HE NOT LIVED SO FAR SOUTH I'D DO ALL I COULD TO STEAL HIM FOR OUR CHAPTER BECAUSE A VALUABLE ATTITUDE LIKE HIS AND HIS YOUTH IS WHAT THE FOUNDATION OF ABATE OF FLORIDA DESPERATELY NEEDS. NEEDLESS TO SAY THEY BOTH HAD "COLORFUL" REBUTTALS TO MY RECRUITMENT ATTEMPTS BUT NOW UNDERSTOOD WHAT THEY HAD IN THIS YOUNG MAN. NOT TO SAY THAT WE IN PALM BEACH DO NOT HAVE AN EXCEPTIONAL MEMBERSHIP, I WAS JUST APPRECIATING A YOUNG MAN WHO I HOPE WILL EXCEL IN OUR SISTER CHAPTER.

WE HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING AND ELECTION COMING UP THIS MONTH. YOU, THE MEMBERSHIP, ON JUNE 20TH WILL DETERMINE THE DIRECTION OUR CHAPTER. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW A LOT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO LIGHT OVER THE PAST YEAR AND YOU ALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO SHOW UP AND VOTE TO DETERMINE OUR FUTURE. I AM RUNNING FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF OUR CHAPTER. I STAND FOR A PROUD AND TRUSTWORTHY COMMITMENT FOR A PROGRESSIVE FUTURE. I HUMBLY AND RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR BACKING FOR A PROGRESSIVE FUTURE. FOR OVER THREE YEARS I HAVE ENJOYED ADDRESSING OUR CONCERNS HERE IN OUR NEWSLETTER AS YOUR VICE PRESIDENT. NEXT MONTH, BY YOUR CHOICE, MY OPINIONS AND VIEWS WILL BE CONTINUED AS YOUR PRESIDENT OR FROM WITHIN THE FLOOR OF DEDICATED MEMBERS. THE CHOICE IS YOURS. PLEASE SHOW UP TO MAKE IT. JUNE 20TH SATURDAY, 11:30 AM. FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR CHAPTER.

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

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

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- *13 - *New Attitudes MC Annual* **IT'S BACK ON!**
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- 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




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 Saturday, July 25, 2009

 and

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SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2009

TIME	ROOM A	ROOM B	ROOM C
8:00 - 9:00	Treasury	Products	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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DAN HENDERSON, WEBMASTER, STATE DELEGATE AND LEGISLATIVE REP.

THESE ARE THE OBSERVATIONS AND OPINIONS OF ONE MEMBER, A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, WHO HAS PERSONAL EXPERIENCES WITH THE FACTS. PLEASE READ COMPLETELY WITH AN OPEN MIND.

I AGREE IT IS TIME FOR CHANGE, BUT NOT IN THE WAY SOME IMAGE. THE CHANGE THAT IS NEEDED IS IN MANY WAYS. WE MUST REMEMBER WE ARE A BROTHERHOOD. MEMBERS NEED TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED WITH THE GOALS OF ABATE OF FLORIDA AND OUR CHAPTER. WE NEED MEMBERS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT THE BOARD DOES. WHEN I JOINED, THE APPLICATION ASKED HOW I COULD HELP, I WROTE MY WEB EXPERIENCE. I HAVE REWORKED AND UPDATED OUR SITE. I LEARNED MY OTHER POSITIONS BY ATTENDING STATE MEETINGS, SEEING HOW THE STATE OPERATES. WHEN WE NEEDED AN ALTERNATE DELEGATE, I FILLED IN. I TOOK OVER LEGISLATIVE WHEN NO ONE ELSE WOULD SINCE I FELT DOING THE LEGISLATIVE PART OF THE SITE WOULD WORK. AT STATE MEETINGS I TALKED WITH OTHERS IN SIMILAR CHAPTER POSITIONS. I FEEL WE HAVE A LOT TO DO LEGISLATIVELY, AND THAT REQUIRES THE HELP OF THE MEMBERSHIP. THESE ACTIONS REALLY DO NOT REQUIRE A LOT OF TIME BUT HELPING IS THE BEST WAY TO LEARN POSITIONS. IT WAS PUT TO THE BOARD TO ATTEMPT TO HAVE TRUSTEES BECOME MORE CHAIRPERSONS OF GROUPS, THUS GETTING MORE MEMBERS INVOLVED, MORE DONE AND PREPARING FUTURE OFFICERS. I'VE SEEN TOO MANY WALK AWAY FROM HELPING.

WE HAVE MUCH TO DO FOR LEGISLATIVE. I HAVE LEARNED FROM OTHER CHAPTERS AND AM READY TO IMPLEMENT PLANS FOR BETTER COMMUNICATIONS WITH OUR REPRESENTATIVES – WHETHER REELECTED OR NOT, WITH MEMBERS HELP OR NOT. I'M HAPPY SOME NEW MEMBERS HAVE OFFERED TO HELP.

ONE DISAPPOINTMENT HAS BEEN OUR SAFETY PROGRAM. WE NEED MORE SAFETY INSTRUCTORS, DIFFICULT BECAUSE THEY NEED TO BE AVAILABLE DAYTIME FOR SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS. I MADE CONTACT WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT HEAD OF DRIVER EDUCATION LAST DECEMBER. WE NEED TO GET INTO THAT, ALONG WITH THE SAFETY COUNCIL AND OTHER GROUPS. WE WERE PLACED ON THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST FOR SUPPLIES BY ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. SINCE NO PRESENTATIONS WERE DONE IN THE PAST YEAR.

YES, IT IS TIME FOR CHANGE, CHANGE IN OUR MEMBERS FOREMOST. I REALIZE IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR MEMBERS TO GIVE THE TIME THEY WISH, THAT IS WHY MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS ARE IMPORTANT. WHILE I WAS WORKING OUR TABLE AT THE 360 BIKERS EVENT, I HAD MANY GREAT CONVERSIONS. SMART PEOPLE CONCERNED ABOUT ISSUES LIKE OURS. I MET SOME WHO CAME FROM OTHER STATES, EVEN OTHER STATE ABATE GROUPS. THESE ARE THE INDEPENDENTS WE SHOULD BE GETTING TO JOIN. CLUB MEMBERS ARE GREAT BUT HAVE THEIR GROUPS ALSO TO COMMIT TO, SO I UNDERSTAND THEIR TIME MAY BE LIMITED. WE HAVE ROOM FOR ALL MOTORCYCLISTS. SO STATES OUR MISSION STATEMENT AND WE BENEFIT FROM ALL TYPES BEING INVOLVED.

THERE WERE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS IN THE "CAMPAIGNING" I THINK NEED TO BE CLARIFIED. ONE WAS IMPLICATION OF "NON-DISCLOSURE" OF FINANCES. OUR TREASURER HAS ALWAYS BEEN OPEN TO SHOW ANY MEMBER THE RECORDS, SHE DOES BRING THE STATE TREASURER'S REPORT TO MEETINGS IF ANY MEMBER WANTS TO SEE. ANOTHER COMMENT WAS MADE ABOUT THE WE WHO TOOK ACTION AGAINST THE BOARD. I DID NOT SPEAK UP AT THAT TIME AS I AM ALSO FED UP WITH THE BICKERING AND HAVE ATTEMPTED TO SOLVE THE ISSUES. AS A BOARD MEMBER I MUST MAKE IT CLEAR WHO THAT WE WAS NOT. I DID NOT HAVE ANY PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CHARGES, AND THINK OTHERS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN IN THE FULL UNDERSTANDING. BUT THAT IS NOT MY PLACE TO SPEAK FOR OTHERS, JUST MYSELF

I DO KNOW THAT I WILL BASE MY VOTE ON THE RECORD, THE COMMITMENT, AND WORK OF THE CANDIDATES AND I HOPE YOU WILL TOO. AND I HOPE ALL WILL UNITE AND WORK FOR THE GOALS OF OUR CHAPTER AND ABATE OF FLORIDA.



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Saturday June 13, 2009



\$10.00 first hand -
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Kickstands up 10 AM last out -11 AM



- * TC Harley Davidson US #1
- * VFW Post 10132 by tracks A1A
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- * Hobie's Bridge Rd. Hobe Sound
- * John Prince Park - 12 to 4 PM
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- * VFW 2007 Clare Ave. W.P.B.
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- * John Prince Park - Use Congress Entrance



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May Legislative/Delegate Report

BY: SLOW MOTION

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 1079 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. THIS BILL REMOVES THE WORD "HORIZONTAL" FROM THE WORDING. IT NOW STATES THAT THE TAGS MUST BE PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE VEHICLE AND NOT BE ABLE TO BE FLIPPED UP. NO MENTION OF CREATING A "SPECIAL" VERTICAL READING TAG.

SO BASICALLY IT GOES BACK TO HOW IT WAS BEFORE **HB 137** WHEN YOU COULD LEGALLY HAVE A VERTICAL TAG. JUST MAKE SURE IT IS PERMANENTLY MOUNTED AND NOT ABLE TO BE MOVED. THIS IS A GREAT VICTORY, IT SHOWS HOW QUICKLY WE CAN MOBILIZE YOURSELF TO MAKE CHANGES. *(THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION AS HB582 WAS REPORTED AS THIS BILL. HB582, HB 1479 AND HB7033 WERE VERY SIMILAR BILLS THAT FAILED – SLO MOTION)*

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.

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.*

THIS JUST IN FROM DARRIN

PROSECUTION STILL POSSIBLE FOR VIOLATORS OF THE CPSIA!

WRITE YOUR STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TODAY!

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THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION (CPSC) HAS VOTED TO STAY ENFORCEMENT OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2008 (CPSIA) THAT CURRENTLY BANS THE SALE OF YOUTH-MODEL MOTORCYCLES AND ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATVs). THE STAY, WHICH EXTENDS THROUGH MAY 1, 2011, FOLLOWS A UNANIMOUS VOTE BY ACTING CHAIRMAN NANCY NORD AND COMMISSIONER THOMAS MOORE.

WHILE THE AMA APPLAUDS THE COMMISSIONERS' VOTE TO STAY ENFORCEMENT, IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL WILL ALSO DECLINE TO ENFORCE THE CPSIA. BECAUSE THE LAW IS STILL IN PLACE, THE SALE OF YOUTH-MODEL MOTORCYCLES AND ATVs IS STILL TECHNICALLY ILLEGAL.

IN ACTING CHAIRMAN NORD'S TESTIMONY AT A HEARING TO A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS ON MAY 14, THE ACTING CHAIRMAN STATED, "I WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO SECTION 218 OF THE CPSIA THAT GIVES STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL THE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE CERTAIN FEDERAL PRODUCT SAFETY LAWS, INCLUDING THOSE REGARDING THE LIMITS ON LEAD AND PHTHALATES. THIS STATE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE CPSC'S STATUTES COMPROMISES THE ABILITY OF OUR AGENCY'S OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE TO ENGAGE IN REASONABLE ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CPSC IS POWERLESS TO REQUIRE STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL TO JOIN IN THE AGENCY'S STAY OF ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN TESTING AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS."

IN OTHER WORDS, EVEN THOUGH A STAY MEANS THAT DEALERS WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO FINES OR PENALTIES IMPOSED BY THE CPSC, STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO PROSECUTE VIOLATORS IF THEY CHOSE TO DO SO.

MOTORCYCLISTS AND ATV RIDERS NEED TO LET THEIR STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL KNOW THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE LAW, AND THAT WE WANT THEIR OFFICE TO WORK WITH THE CPSC AND TO FOLLOW THEIR LEAD IN STAYING ENFORCEMENT OF THE LEAD CONTENT LIMITS OF THE CPSIA.

ADDITIONALLY, THE AMA CONTINUES TO ADVOCATE FOR A PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE FIX TO REMOVE YOUTH-MODEL MOTORCYCLES AND ATVs FROM THE CPSIA. FOR MORE WAYS YOU CAN HELP TO EXCLUDE YOUTH-MODEL MOTORCYCLES AND ATVs FROM THE CPSIA OR FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUE, GOT TO

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ABATE AT TURBO BIKE
NIGHT

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 NEW ATTITUDES MC ANNUAL
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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<h1>July 2009</h1>						
			1 Island Jack's - Bike Night- WPB - Tiki Tavern - Bike Night	2 Firewater Bike Night Papa Bear's Den -Bike Night	3	4 
5 USMV MC PARTY	6	7 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	8 Island Jack's - Bike Night- WPB - Tiki Tavern - Bike Night	9 Firewater Bike Night Papa Bear's Den -Bike Night	10	11
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26 BLACK PISTON ANNUAL ABATE LEADERSHIP MEETINGS - DELAND	27	28 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	29 Island Jack's - Bike Night- WPB - Tiki Tavern - Bike Night	30 Firewater Bike Night Papa Bear's Den -Bike Night	31	



FROM THE CATCH ALL DESK

To: PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERS
 DATE: APRIL 2009

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.

NOTICE - AS MENTIONED IN GOOD TO THE ORDER IN OUR LAST MEETING, I MENTIONED I WOULD CLARIFY THE ISSUE OF NOMINEES NEEDING TO BE PRESENT AT THE FINAL MEETING WHEN NOMINATIONS CLOSE AND I DID IN FACT MAKE AN ERROR. AS SUCH, ALL THOSE THAT WERE NOT PRESENT FOR THAT MEETING AND HAD PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED THEIR NOMINATED POSITIONS ARE INDEED ELIGIBLE AND REFLECT AS SUCH ON THE NOMINATIONS PAGE. NOW COME OUT AND **VOTE - JUNE 20TH, 11:30 AM FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUR CHAPTER.** DON'T ASSUME YOUR VOTE IS NOT NECESSARY, EVERY VOTE COUNTS, LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO ADAM LAMBERT ON AMERICAN IDOL AND SUSAN BOYLE ON BRITIAN'S GOT TALENT. PEOPLE DIDNT VOTE FOR THEIR FAVORITE BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT IT WASN'T NECESSARY. COME OUT AND VOTE FOR WHO YOU WANT TO LEAD THE CHAPTER IN THE COMING YEAR.

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

WE HAVE A NEW ADVERTISER THIS MONTH. I AM SURE MANY OF YOU HAVE SEEN HIM AROUND AT EVENTS: **AXMAN PICTURES**, STOP BY HIS TABLE, SEE IF HE HAS A PIC OF YOU!

ABATE PALM BEACH CHAPTER WAS VERY BUSY THIS MONTH OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COMMUNITY, CHECK OUT THE SPECIAL PICTURES PAGE AND SEE WHERE WE WERE. THANKS TO ALL THAT SHOWED UP TO HELP AT THE TABLES, YOUR TIME WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.



ALSO, PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MEMORIAL DAY AND OUR VETERANS.

SOME SPECIAL THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR A COUPLE OF OUR MEMBERS: DAVE "SANTA DAVE" MARCHEWKA, RICHARD "POPS" CASTON, AND DIANE "DIXIE" WALKER. PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS. ABATE OF PALM BEACH WISHES THEM A SPEEDY RECOVERY.

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MEMORIAL DAY

LET US HOPE AND PRAY THAT AMERICANS REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY AND DO NOT JUST SEE IT AS A DAY OFF TO HAVE A PARTY, GO TO THE BEACH OR CATCH THE LATEST SALE. LET US TAKE TIME ON THIS DAY EACH YEAR TO REMEMBER THOSE THAT HAVE SERVED AND SACRIFICED TO GIVE US THE FREEDOMS WE HAVE TODAY.

REMEMBRANCE



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SALUTING**

EVERY PATCH TELLS A STORY - SLOW MOTION

THE VEST WITH ITS PATCHES AND PINS ARE AN ICON OF BIKER LIFE. WHEN WE PUT IT ON, WE WILL BE (PRE)JUDGED BY WHAT IT HAS. IF YOU WEAR A BIKE T-SHIRT, EVEN AN ABATE ONE, IT DOES NOT HAVE THE IMPACT AS THE VEST DOES TO CITIZENS. I'M SURE THAT MANY OF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED THE LOOKS WHEN YOU WEAR YOUR VEST TO NON BIKE EVENTS. WHAT ARE THEY THINKING OF YOU? I GET MANY INTERNET POSTS ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE MAY BE THINKING. I HAVE TWO STORIES THAT HAPPENED AFTER OUR MAY MEETING. HALF PINT AND I ATTENDED THE SAFE HARBOR DOG WASH IN JUPITER. HARLEY OF PALM BEACH SPONSORED A BIKE SHOW AND HAD A BOOTH. AS DID SOUTHERN BIKE NIGHT WITH JIM AND DENE DOING DOG WASHES, (PHOTOS ON BIKERONLINEGUIDE.COM). THERE WERE SOME BIKES IN THE PARKING LOT BUT WE WERE THE ONLY VESTS IN SIGHT. HALF PINT NOTICED WE WERE GETTING THOSE LOOKS BUT SOME WERE FROM FELLOW BIKERS "OUT OF UNIFORM" WHO SPOKE TO US. PREVIOUS TO THAT EVENT, I GOT A CALL FROM TAMMY "DUMA". SHE HASN'T BEEN AROUND FOR PERSONAL AND HEALTH REASONS INCLUDING HER BROTHER WHO IS NOW IN HOSPICE. SHE ASKED IF I COULD STOP TO VISIT SINCE I KNOW HIM FROM MY WORK WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD. WHILE ON OUR WAY IN AN ELDERLY WOMAN, HUNCHED AND ALL, WAS COMING OUT. I EXPECTED HER REACTION WOULD BE ONE OF FEAR BUT AS SHE PASSED BY SHE SAID "NICE VESTS". WHILE I WAS TAKEN ABACK, FLORIE WAS QUICK WITH A "THANK YOU." MAYBE BOB DYLAN WAS RIGHT "THE TIMES THEY ARE ACHANGING" OR IT IS JUST A WOMAN WEARING A VEST IS NOT THREATENING. OR IT MAY BE HER PERSONALITY THAT PEOPLE ARE OPEN TO.

NOW MANY CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS HAVE STRICT RULES FOR THE LAYOUT OF THEIR VESTS. THE BIG BIKE RIDERS ASSOCIATION USED TO HAVE SOME ON THEIR SITE, BUT I HAVEN'T RE-FOUND IT NOR ANY OTHER "RULES". SOME LOOSE ONES HEARD ARE THE AMERICAN FLAG PATCH SHOULD BE WORN OVER THE HEART WITH NOTHING ABOVE IT. BIKE BLESSINGS CROSSES ARE USUALLY ACCEPTED THERE. I HEARD THE FLAG PATCH WITH THE GOLD BORDERS SHOULD BE WORN BY VETS. BUT NONE OF THESE ARE HARD RULES - BIKERS BEING FREE SPIRITS USUALLY DO WHAT THEY WANT ANYWAY. THE COMMON BOND IS THAT THE PATCHES ARE PERSONAL. THIS IS WHERE I SHOULD DO A ROD STEWART IMPERSONATION "EVERY PATCH TELLS A STORY". COUNTLESS TIMES I HAVE BIKERS AND NON-BIKERS READING MY PATCHES AND I'LL ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THEM. WHILE I DO HAVE THREE VESTS, THE NEWEST ONE I USUALLY WEAR, I HAVE KEPT IN A POSITIVE LIGHT SINCE IT DOES HAVE TWO ABATE CHAPTER AND STATE PATCHES. ABATE, BESIDES SAFETY AND LEGAL, STATES TO PROMOTE A POSITIVE BIKER IMAGE. THAT IS WHY I'VE KEEP THAT VEST RATED GP. IN FACT I HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING TAKING OFF MY NOTHIN' FANCY PATCH TO REMOVE THE DRINKING ASPECT.

NOW ABOUT SUPPORT PATCHES, THE CHAPTER PASSED A RECOMMENDATION FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS NOT TO WEAR INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT PATCHES. AS WE TRAVEL, WE MIGHT BE IN DIFFERENT "TERRITORIES" AND WHAT YOU WEAR MAY PUT YOU IN PERIL. NOW I BELIEVE ANYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO WHAT YOU WANT. HALF PINT WEARS HER SUPPORT PATCH FOR A VERY GOOD REASON AND I'M SURE SHE WILL TELL YOU THE STORY. WHAT YOU WEAR SHOULD HAVE A GOOD REASON AND CONSIDERATION OF HOW IT MAKES YOU LOOK IN OTHER EYES. CITIZENS MAY NOT KNOW A LOT ABOUT THE BIKER LIFESTYLE. I DOUBT MANY KNOW WHAT ABATE, SFPC OR SFLCOC IS, BUT DUE TO THE MEDIA, OTHER CLUBS THEY HAVE HEARD OF, WHETHER TRUE OR NOT. THE BIKER IMAGE HAS NOT OFTEN BEEN A POSITIVE ONE BUT AGAIN EDUCATION IS THE SOLUTION. THAT IS PART OF OUR ABATE MISSION.



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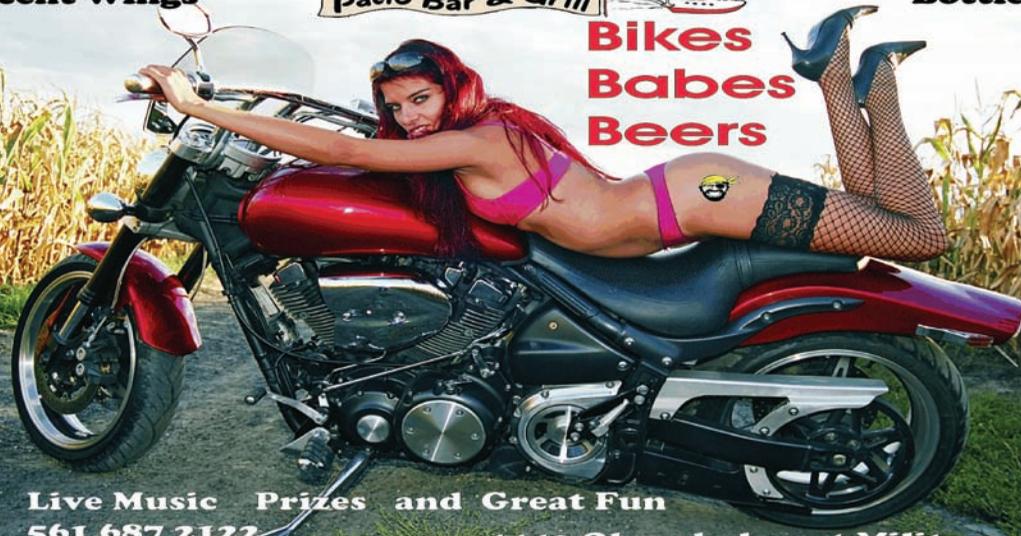
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MISSOURI HELMET LAW EXEMPTION GOES TO GOVERNOR THE MISSOURI LEGISLATURE HAS PASSED A BILL MODIFYING MISSOURI'S MANDATORY HELMET LAW TO EXEMPTS PERSONS 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER FROM WEARING PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR EXCEPT WHEN OPERATING OR RIDING MOTORCYCLES OR MOTORTRICYCLES UPON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS.

OVER THE PAST TWENTY YEARS PROPOSALS TO REPEAL THE MANDATORY HELMET LAW HAVE BEEN CONTROVERSIAL, BUT THIS YEAR'S MEASURE TO SIMPLY MODIFY THE LAW RECEIVED LITTLE DEBATE IN EITHER CHAMBER. THE HOUSE GAVE THE BILL FINAL APPROVAL WEDNESDAY, APR 29 ON A VOTE OF 93-65. THE BILL EASILY PASSED THE SENATE EARLIER, WITH A 23-6 VOTE.

THE MEASURE NOW GOES TO GOVERNOR JAY NIXON FOR HIS FINAL SIGNATURE OR VETO. THE HELMET PROVISION WAS AMENDED ONTO SCS/SB 202, AN ACT THAT PROVIDES THAT OPERATING A MOTORCYCLE, IN AND OF ITSELF, SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED EVIDENCE OF COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE IN ACCIDENT CLAIMS. THE ACT ALSO PROVIDES THAT WHEN INVESTIGATING AN ACCIDENT OR SETTLING AN AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY CLAIM, NO INSURER, AGENT, PRODUCER, OR CLAIMS ADJUSTER OF AN INSURER SHALL ASSIGN A PERCENTAGE OF FAULT TO A PARTY BASED UPON THE SOLE FACT THAT THE PARTY WAS OPERATING A MOTORCYCLE IN AN OTHERWISE LEGAL MANNER. THE EFFECTIVE DATE WOULD BE AUGUST 28, 2009, AND THE HELMET PROVISION WOULD EXPIRE IN FIVE YEARS UNDER A SUNSET CLAUSE.

STEVE CARROLL OF HANNIBAL, MO, A SPOKESMAN FOR FORR-MO (FREEDOM OF THE ROAD RIDERS OF MISSOURI) SAID PASSAGE OF THE BILL IS THE RESULT OF A GROWING MOVEMENT. "IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING -- IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS -- AND I THINK IT'S LONG OVERDUE," HE SAID.

SENATOR LUANN RIDGEWAY, R-SMITHVILLE, WHO SPONSORED THE BILL IN THE SENATE, SAID THE HELMET LAW WAS TANTAMOUNT TO A "NANNY STATE MAKING SAFETY CHOICES FOR OTHER PEOPLE." POINTING TO OTHER INJURY-PRONE ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS SKIING, HORSEBACK RIDING AND EVEN RIDING IN A CAR, SHE ASKED WHY THE STATE DOESN'T REQUIRE HELMETS FOR THOSE. "WHERE DO WE DRAW THE LINE IN TERMS OF A CARETAKER STATE?" SHE SAID.

HOUSE SPONSOR REP. GARY DUSENBERG, R-BLUE SPRINGS, ALSO SAID IT WAS A FREEDOM ISSUE. THE PEOPLE THE BILL AFFECTS CAN "GO OFF TO WAR AND CARRY GUNS UNDER THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY," SAID DUSENBERG, A FORMER HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER.

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IN 1999, THEN-GOV. MEL CARNAHAN VETOED A SIMILAR BILL. GOVERNOR NIXON HAS REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE BILL, BUT IF SIGNED INTO LAW MISSOURI WOULD JOIN 30 OTHER STATES THAT ALLOW MOST ADULT RIDERS TO CHOOSE REGARDING HELMET USE. ONLY TWO OF THE EIGHT STATES SURROUNDING MISSOURI MANDATE HELMET USE AT ALL TIMES. NEITHER IOWA NOR ILLINOIS HAS A HELMET LAW.

HOUSE APPROVES HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTIONS FOR MOTORCYCLISTS THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTED 422 TO 3 ON MARCH 31ST TO PASS HR 1253, THE "HEALTH INSURANCE RESTRICTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS ACT OF 2009"; BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR INJURIES INCURRED WHILE PARTICIPATING IN LEGAL RECREATIONAL AND TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS MOTORCYCLING, RIDING ATVs, SNOWMOBILING AND HORSEBACK RIDING.

WHILE THE LANGUAGE FALLS SHORT OF CLOSING THE LOOPHOLE THAT ALLOWS INSURANCE COMPANIES TO DENY BENEFITS TO MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT VICTIMS, IT DOES PREVENT THEM FROM CONCEALING SUCH COVERAGE EXCLUSIONS BY REQUIRING THEM TO BE "EXPLICIT AND CLEAR" IN FULLY DISCLOSING BENEFIT LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS "IN A FORM THAT IS EASILY UNDERSTANDABLE" TO THE ENROLLEE IN ADVANCE OF THE POINT OF SALE.

THE BILL NOW GOES TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS, AND CONCERNED RIDERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THEIR U.S. SENATORS IN SUPPORT OF THE LEGISLATION.

CPSC STAYS BAN ON SALE OF YOUTH MOTORCYCLES & ATVs IN DENYING A PETITION FROM THE MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY TO OVERTURN A BAN AGAINST THE SALE OF YOUTH-MODEL MOTORCYCLES AND ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATVs) DUE TO THE LEAD CONTENT OF SOME COMPONENTS SUCH AS BRAKE PARTS AND BATTERY TERMINALS, THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION (CPSC) VOTED ON APRIL 17, 2009 TO KEEP THE BAN IN PLACE BUT GRANTED A TWO-YEAR STAY OF ENFORCEMENT TO ALLOW THE CONTINUED SALE OF THESE VEHICLES WHILE INDUSTRY ATTEMPTS TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW FEDERAL LEAD-CONTENT RULES.

CONGRESS ENACTED THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2008 TO PROTECT CHILDREN UNDER 12 FROM THE LEAD CONTENT OF TOYS AND OTHER PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR THE YOUTH MARKET BUT, INTENDED OR NOT, THE BAN HAS CRIPPLED A HUGE SEGMENT OF THE MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY, COSTING AN ESTIMATED \$1 BILLION A YEAR AS MORE THAN 13,000 DEALERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WERE STUCK HOLDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN INVENTORY.

THE TWO-MEMBER CPSC BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY, CITING SAFETY CONCERNS AS THE REASON FOR ISSUING THE STAY; "A BIGGER SAFETY CONCERN THAN LEAD EXPOSURE IS THAT THE ELIMINATION OF YOUTH ATV SALES WILL LIKELY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ADULT ATVs

PURCHASED TO BE USED BY YOUNGER CHILDREN, THEREFORE INCREASING RISK OF INJURY AND DEATH."

THE STAY EXTENDS THROUGH MAY 1, 2011, AT WHICH TIME THE PRODUCTS MUST BE BROUGHT INTO COMPLIANCE OR THE INDUSTRY CAN DEMONSTRATE TO THE CPSC WHY IT IS TECHNOLOGICALLY INFEASIBLE TO COMPLY.

IN THE MEANTIME, LEGISLATION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS (H.R. 1587) BY REPRESENTATIVE DENNY REHBERG (R-MT) TO EXEMPT YOUTH-SIZED MOTORCYCLES AND ATVs FROM THE CPSIA. HELP END THE YOUTH BIKE BAN PERMANENTLY BY CALLING YOUR MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TODAY AND ASK THEIR SUPPORT FOR H.R. 1587.

NEW MOTORCYCLE SALES DECLINE IN Q1 DESPITE SIX STRAIGHT YEARS OF NEW MOTORCYCLE SALES ECLIPSING THE 1 MILLION MARK, THE SAGGING ECONOMY HAS IMPACTED U.S. SALES IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2009 RESULTING IN A 30.5% DECLINE COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

ACCORDING TO THE MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL (MIC), WHICH COMPILED THE RESULTS BASED ON SALES FIGURES FROM 12 OF THE LEADING BRANDS, THE BEST PERFORMING TYPE OF MOTORCYCLES WERE AFFORDABLE, FUEL-EFFICIENT DUAL-PURPOSE MODELS WHICH ONLY DROPPED BY 24%. THE OFF-HIGHWAY MARKET WAS HARDEST HIT, FALLING BY 39.7% DUE IN PART TO THE NEW FEDERAL LEAD-CONTENT LAW THAT BANNED THE SALE OF YOUTH MODELS.

SCOOTERS WERE MORE POPULAR THAN EVER LAST YEAR, SETTING A RECORD OF 222,000 SOLD IN 2008, BUT THOSE TOO ARE DOWN 36.7% FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 2009. THE ON-HIGHWAY MARKET DECLINED BY 27.3%.

"THERE ARE STILL MANY CUSTOMERS WANTING NEW MOTORCYCLES, BOTH VETERAN RIDERS AND THOSE WANTING TO JOIN IN THE FUN AND GAIN THE BENEFITS," SAID MIC PRESIDENT TIM BUCHE. "BUT, IN REACTION TO THE ECONOMY, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME PRODUCTION CUTS. AND THE LEAD BAN TURNED MANY PARENTS AWAY FROM BUYING NEW DIRT BIKES FOR THEIR KIDS. THERE'S A NEED FOR WHOLESALE FINANCING TO HELP KEEP DEALERSHIPS SUPPLIED WITH INVENTORY, AND A NEED FOR CONSUMER CREDIT TO LOOSEN UP SO THAT DEALERSHIPS CAN GET THOSE NEW BIKES OUT ON THE ROADS AND ON THE TRAILS. IT'S VERY HARD TO GET RETAIL FINANCING NOW, EVEN IF YOU HAVE GOOD CREDIT."

THE EARLY YEAR SALES DECLINE FOLLOWS A RELATIVELY FLAT YEAR FOR MOTORCYCLES, WITH SALES ESTIMATES FOR ALL MOTORCYCLES AND SCOOTERS SOLD NATIONWIDE IN 2008 AT 1,087,000 UNITS, DOWN JUST 3.3% FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. SALES STILL TOPPED THE ONE-MILLION MARK, AND DID SO FOR THE SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, BEATING THE LONGEST RUN OF MILLION-PLUS SALES EVER RECORDED BY THE MIC, DURING THE FIVE YEARS FROM 1970 TO 1974.

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WEIRD NEWS: MAN FAKES KIDNAPPING TO FIND STOLEN MOTORCYCLE AFTER HOURS OF SEARCHING FOR A TODDLER WHOSE FATHER CLAIMED HE WAS ATTACKED BY MOTORCYCLE THIEVES WHO ABDUCTED THE CHILD, POLICE ARRESTED THE FLORIDA MAN FOR FABRICATING THE KIDNAPPING TO GET POLICE TO LAUNCH AN INTENSIVE SEARCH FOR HIS STOLEN MOTORCYCLE.

ACCORDING TO THE GAINESVILLE SUN NEWSPAPER, ALACHUA COUNTY DEPUTIES TOOK THE 37-YEAR OLD MAN AWAY IN HANDCUFFS FOR FILING A FALSE REPORT AFTER HIS STORY UNRAVELED DURING THE MANHUNT AND POLICE LEARNED THAT THE 1-YEAR OLD WAS SAFE WITH HIS MOTHER.

OFFICERS BELIEVE THE MAN WAS THE VICTIM OF THIEVES WHO POSED AS INTERESTED BUYERS AND THEN TOOK HIS GOLD-AND-BLACK YAMAHA, SO HE TOLD HIS WIFE TO TAKE THEIR SON OUT OF DAY CARE AND HE THEN CALLED POLICE TO REPORT THAT THE CHILD HAD BEEN TAKEN.

"HIS THINKING WAS IF THEY THOUGHT MY CHILD WAS MISSING, THERE WOULD BE A MORE INTENSIVE SEARCH THAN FOR THE MOTORCYCLE," A SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPOKESMAN TOLD THE PAPER. THE BIKE AND THE THIEVES ARE STILL AT LARGE.

MANDATORY REFLECTIVE VESTS URGED FOR FILIPINO BIKERS THE METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MMDA) IS PROPOSING MANDATORY TRAINING AND THE WEARING OF REFLECTOR VESTS FOR MOTORCYCLE RIDERS IN AN EFFORT TO CURB RISING DEATHS AND INJURIES.

ACCORDING TO MMDA CHAIRMAN BAYANI FERNANDO THERE IS A NEED TO "ENHANCE THE SKILLS" OF MOTORCYCLE DRIVERS NATIONWIDE, AND FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT ADOPT THE PRACTICE IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA WHERE MOTORCYCLE DRIVERS ARE MANDATED TO USE REFLECTORIZED VESTS TO ALLOW FOR GREATER VISIBILITY DURING NIGHTTIME AND ELIMINATE ROAD MISHAPS.

THERE ARE NOW AN ESTIMATED 2.5 MILLION REGISTERED MOTORCYCLES IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND MOTORCYCLE SALES HAVE BEEN GROWING AT AN UNPRECEDENTED RATE, DRIVEN BY HIGH FUEL COSTS AND EASY-ON-THE-POCKET INSTALLMENT PLANS. SOME 671,588 NEW MOTORCYCLES WERE REGISTERED IN 2008, COMPARED WITH ONLY 46,183 NEW CARS.

NCOM CONVENTION LIGHTS UP RENO THE BRIGHT LIGHTS OF THE "BIGGEST LITTLE CITY IN THE WORLD" SHINED OFF THE BRIGHT CHROME AND POLISH OF HUNDREDS OF SHINY MOTORCYCLES PARKED ALONG THE ENTRANCEWAY TO JOHN ASCUAGA'S NUGGET CASINO AND RESORT, AS NEAR-RECORD CROWDS OF CONCERNED BIKERS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY CAME TOGETHER IN UNITY AND COOPERATION FOR THE 24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS CONVENTION, HELD IN RENO, NV MAY 7-10, 2009.

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THE NCOM CONVENTION, WHICH WAS HOSTED BY THE NORTHERN NEVADA CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS, PRESENTED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MOTORCYCLISTS OF EVERY BACKGROUND TO FIND COMMON GROUND AND FOCUS ON ISSUES OF CONCERN TO ALL MOTORCYCLISTS. RIDERS LEARN, TEACH AND SHARE WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND COORDINATE WITH LIKEMINDED INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS TO FORGE RELATIONSHIPS AND FOSTER COMMUNICATIONS.

NEARLY 1,400 MOTORCYCLISTS ATTENDED THE CONVENTION, AND CONVENTIONEERS REPRESENTED ALMOST ALL MAJOR PATCH HOLDING MOTORCYCLE CLUBS, AS WELL AS A WIDE ARRAY OF MOTORCYCLING-ORIENTED ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS, INCLUDING A MAJORITY OF STATE MOTORCYCLISTS RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

THE NCOM CONVENTION FEATURED EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS COVERING SUCH DIVERSE TOPICS AS BIKER RIGHTS AND CIVIL LIBERTIES POST-9/11 AND THE FEDERAL TRADEMARK SEIZURE THREAT WHERE ALL CLUB INSIGNIA ARE PUT AT RISK, COMBATING ANTI-BIKER DISCRIMINATION, CHRISTIAN UNITY, WOMEN IN MOTORCYCLING, AND A HOST OF OTHER LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL, AND LIFESTYLE ISSUES. NCOM ALSO BROKE SPECIAL GROUND THIS YEAR WITH THE FIRST PRESENTATION OF A SEMINAR ENTITLED, "THE WORLD OF SPORT BIKES", WHICH FOCUSED ON ISSUES AND CONCERNS SPECIFIC TO THE SPORT BIKE COMMUNITY.

THE WORLDWIDE CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS MEETING ON FRIDAY WAS PACKED WITH OVER 900 CLUB MEMBERS EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY AND A RENEWED COMMITMENT TO WORK TOGETHER AND DEFEND RIDING FREEDOM.

THE CONVENTION WAS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF LONGTIME PARTICIPANTS IN THE FIGHT FOR MOTORCYCLING LIBERTY WHO HAVE PASSED FROM OUR RANKS IN THE PAST YEAR; AIM ATTORNEY JOE "BIG GUY" EGGLESTON, BOB ILLINGWORTH, AND ROBERT "GRUB" CHAFE.

THE SATURDAY NIGHT EVENTS WERE FESTIVE, FEATURING THE SILVER SPOKE AWARDS BANQUET WHERE RECOGNITION WAS GIVEN TO NOTABLES IN VARIOUS FIELDS WHO HAVE HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON MOTORCYCLING. THE ENTERTAINMENT AWARD WAS GIVEN TO TV AND MOVIE ACTOR ROBERT PATRICK OF "THE UNIT" AND "TERMINATOR" FAME, WHO NOT ONLY IS AN AVID RIDER AND ABATE OF CALIFORNIA MEMBER, BUT ALSO IS A CHAPTER PRESIDENT IN THE BOOZEFIGHTERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB. STEVE JOHANN OF HOG RADIO RECEIVED THE MEDIA AWARD. RECEIVING THE SILVER SPOKE AWARD FOR GOVERNMENT WAS NEVADA ASSEMBLYMAN DON GUSTAVSON, A TIRELESS DEFENDER OF FREEDOM OF CHOICE. THE COMMERCE AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO CLAY RIDLEY, FOUNDER OF THE RIDLEY MOTORCYCLE COMPANY. FLORIDA AID TO INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS (AIM) ATTORNEY JERRY THEOPHILOPOULOS WAS PRESENTED THE SILVER SPOKE FOR LEGAL, WHILE SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS WERE BESTOWED UPON A.I.M. CHIEF OF STAFF CHARLES "ROACH" HOFFMAN AND ABATE OF WYOMING'S "MILEAGE" MIKE HARRISON.

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ROUNDING OUT THE EVENING'S RECOGNITIONS, THE RON ROLOFF LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WAS GIVEN TO PEPPER MASSEY, FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NCOM AND PAST DIRECTOR OF THE STURGIS MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM/HALL OF FAME AND STURGIS RALLY.

ATTENDEES CAME AWAY FROM THIS YEAR'S NCOM CONVENTION WITH A GREAT DEAL OF ENTHUSIASM AND MOTIVATION TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT FOR MOTORCYCLING FREEDOM IN BACK HOME IN THEIR OWN RESPECTIVE LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL, AND SOCIAL ARENAS.

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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.