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SATURDAY

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Hosted by the Putnam County Chapter



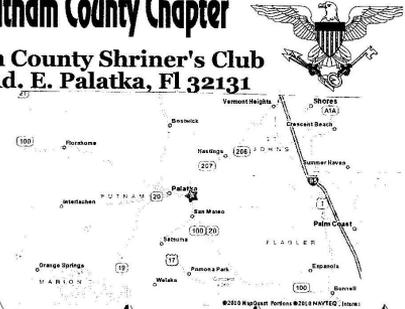
August 14, 2010

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BROTHERS AND SISTERS

WE'RE HALF WAY THROUGH THE HOTTEST SUMMER I CAN REMEMBER IN 30 YEARS. AND, THE WORST OF HEAT AND HUMIDITY IS YET TO COME. I SAW A CAR DEALERSHIP CASH IN ON IT RUNNING AN ADD FOR "HOT DEALS" BY BAKING COOKIES ON A COOKIE SHEET LEFT ON THE DASHBOARD OF ONE OF THEIR USED CARS. I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE THE HUMIDITY AND AIR TEMPERATURE UP IN CENTRAL AND NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA RIGHT NOW. WE WERE IN DELAND LAST MONTH FOR LEADERSHIP SEMINARS AND IT WAS KILLER HOT THEN. I NOTICED THAT DESPITE THE HEAT, HUMIDITY AND BUGS, THERE WERE STILL A LOT OF BIKES OUT ON THE ROAD. THESE FOLKS DO SOME SERIOUS RIDIN' UP THERE. SOME RODE FROM EAST OF PUTNUM COUNTY AND SOME FROM THE GULF COAST FOR THE WEEKEND. THE SEMINARS WERE GREAT, YOU ALWAYS COME AWAY WITH SOMETHING BY ATTENDING THE VARIOUS MEETINGS. I WAS PLEASED AND PROUD TO LEARN THE STATE BOARD ADOPTED SOME OF RIO'S IDEA'S AND METHODS REGARDING TREASURY REPORTING AND CONDUCTING THE SAFETY COURSES. SPEAKING OF WHICH WE ALL, THAT IS THE ELEVEN OF US THAT ATTENDED BECAME CERTIFIED AS SAFETY INSTRUCTORS. WE WERE THE LARGEST GROUP IN ATTENDANCE.

GETTING INVOLVED AND PARTICIPATING IN THE VARIOUS ASPECTS AND FUNCTION OF THE CHAPTER IS THE KEY TO IT'S SUCCESS. WE ALL LEARN SOMETHING WHEN WORKING TOGETHER, NEW IDEAS KEEP THE WHEELS TURNING AND MOVING FORWARD TOWARD OUR GOALS AND THOSE OF ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. THERE



SEEMS TO BE A RENEWED SENSE OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CHAPTERS AND THE STATE BOARD. I BELIEVE THIS YEAR WILL BE A TURNING POINT FOR ABATE IN FLORIDA, THERE SEEMS TO BE A COMMON THREAD BEING WOVEN WITHIN MOST CHAPTERS IN DOING THINGS TOGETHER AND WORKING ON SIMILAR PROGRAMS IN DIFFERENT REGIONS OF THE STATE. I THINK IT'S BECOME CLEAR THAT WHAT WORKS IN ONE AREA DOESN'T NECESSARILY WORK IN OTHERS. WE HAD TWO MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S ATTENDED THE LAST TWO S.F.L.C.O.C. MEETINGS WHICH I BELIEVE SERVED AS AN EYE OPENER AS TO HOW DIFFERENT OUR ENVIRONMENT IS IN COMPARISON TO OTHER AREAS OF THE STATE. ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL. THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO IDEAS AND CHANGES THAT ARE NEEDED BY INDIVIDUAL CHAPTERS IN ORDER TO PROGRESS, TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE ALL CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE OVERALL OPERATION AND SUCCESS OF ABATE'S MISSION.

ONE THING THAT I HAVE NOTICED AND

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – CONT'D

OTHER FOLKS I HAVE TALKED WITH HAVE ALSO MENTIONED IS THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A DECLINE IN PARTICIPATION FOR MANY OF THE EVENTS THAT HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BY THE SOUTH FLORIDA PRESIDENTS COUNCIL AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN PALM BEACH TO A LESSER EXTENT IN BROWARD COUNTY WHERE THERE IS A HIGHER CONCENTRATION AND DIVERSITY OF RIDERS BUT IT STILL EXISTS. I CAN REMEMBER A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN THERE WERE PLACES WHERE ON ANY GIVEN SATURDAY OR SUNDAY THERE WOULD BE LARGE GROUPS OF US THAT WOULD GATHER TO SHARE AN AFTERNOON OF FRIENDSHIP AND BROTHERHOOD. THERE WAS A SENSE OF BELONGING, A FEELING OF SHARING COMMON EXPERIENCES AND GENERALLY BEING A PART OF AN EXTENDED FAMILY BECAUSE WE WAS AND THAT WAS JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT SET US APART FROM THE MASSES. I HOPE WE NEVER LOOSE THAT.

DESPITE OUR COMMONALITIES EACH CLUB, ASSOCIATION OR GROUP OF RIDERS THAT HAVE BONDED UNDER ONE PATCH HAVE VERY DIFFERENT NEEDS AND CONCERNS. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THOSE IDEAS AND CONCERNS ARE EXPRESSED. I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EVERY CLUB AND RIDING ASSOCIATION TO HAVE DELEGATES ATTENDING OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS. IN CASE THERE WAS ANY QUESTION, OUR MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE, WE NEED TO HEAR FROM ALL ASPECTS OF THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO DO WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL MOTORCYCLISTS, IN ORDER TO SERVE THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY IN OUR ROLL PROTECTING AND PRESERVING THE RIGHTS OF ALL MOTORCYCLISTS REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU RIDE OR YOUR PERSONAL AFFILIATION WITH WHATEVER ORGANIZATION YOU HAVE CHOSEN, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

THE DECLINE IN PARTICIPATION ISN'T JUST LIMITED TO ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS THOUGH, THERE SEEMS TO BE AN ALIEN FACTOR LOOMING IN THE BACKGROUND THAT NO ONE I'VE TALKED TO CAN REALLY EXPLAIN OR IDENTIFY. IT'S AS IF SOMETHING STRANGE IS GOING ON WITHIN THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY THAT'S AFFECTING EVERYONE. GRANTED THE WEATHER HAS BEEN A FACTOR WITH HEAT INDEXES OVER 100 DEGREES BUT AT LEAST IT'S BEEN RELATIVELY DRY FOR SUMMER IN SOUTH FLORIDA. IT JUST SEEMS LIKE THERE AREN'T AS MANY PEOPLE, OLE' SALTS OR NEW RIDERS SHOWING UP AT RUNS AND EVENTS. SOMETHING KIND OF EMERGED OVER THE PAST COUPLE YEARS THAT I HEARD IN TALKING WITH PEOPLE IS THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING OF A COUNTY DIVIDE. I'VE NOTICED RIDERS FROM PALM Bch. ARE LESS LIKELY TO RIDE DOWN TO BROWARD THEN THEY USED TO AND FEWER OF RIDERS ARE RIDING UP TO PALM Bch. FROM BROWARD. IT USED TO BE IF THERE WAS AN EVENT OR A PARTY GOING ON IT DIDN'T MATTER WHERE IT WAS YOU'D HAVE A COUPLE HUNDRED PEOPLE SHOW UP.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – CONT'D

MAYBE IT'S JUST A SIGN OF THE TIMES OR MAYBE WE OUGHT TO TRY DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT, MAYBE GETTING BACK TO DOING SOME OF THE THINGS BIKERS USED TO DO, THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS IT JUST KEEPS GETTING HARDER TO FIND SOMEONE WITH SOME PRIVATE LAND TO ACCOMMODATE A WEEKEND OUTING WHERE FOLKS COULD CAMP OR JUST RIDE IN FOR THE DAY, RUN SOME BIKE GAMES, CONTESTS YOU KNOW, KIND OF WEEKEND "RIDE IN". I'M JUST THINKING OUT LOUD I GUESS BUT IT COULD BE FUN.

I HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING AUGUST 21ST AT 11:30 AM OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE V.F.W. Post 4143, 2404 BROADWAY RIVIERA Bch. 561-844-5718.

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REMINDER MEETING DATE CHANGES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2010
OCTOBER 25, 2010

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PLEDGER

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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 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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AUGUST 2010

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Vice President's Message

DEAR FELLOW ABATE MEMBERS,

FOR ALL OF YOU THAT SOMEHOW AREN'T AWARE, WE LOST A MEMBER LAST MONTH. SAILOR (MIKE McDONALD) PASSED AWAY FROM A MASSIVE HEART ATTACK AT AGE 55. HIS DEATH HAPPENED SUDDENLY AND WAS UNEXPECTED. THE UNEXPECTED LOSS OF SOMEONE WHO IS STILL REASONABLY YOUNG IS ALWAYS TRAGIC. I CAN'T SAY I KNEW HIM VERY WELL. I HAD SEEN HIM AT SOME OF THE MEETINGS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS AND HAD A FEW BRIEF CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS POST 268. HIS WIFE OHIO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF OUR CHAPTER. MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO HER.

ON JULY 24TH THERE WAS A MEMORIAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR HIS PASSING. THE TIME WHEN PEOPLE GET THE CHANCE TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS FOR HIM AND HIS SURVIVING LOVED ONES. ON THAT DAY STRONGBOW WAS SCHEDULED FOR SURGERY AND COULD NOT ATTEND. I WAS ASKED BY STRONGBOW TO LEAD THE CHAPTER RIDE TO THIS EVENT. THE WORD WENT OUT THROUGH EMAIL AND THROUGH THE TEXT SYSTEM WE HAVE. WE HAD 9 MEMBERS SHOW UP, NOT INCLUDING OUR ALR MEMBERS. THAT WAS AN EMBARRASSMENT!

OUR CHAPTER HAS OVER 250 MEMBERS AND THAT'S ALL THAT SHOWED! WE SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF OURSELVES AS A CHAPTER. THIS WAS ONE OF OUR OWN! I REALIZE THAT EVERY WEEKEND HERE, THERE ARE EVENTS GOING ON. WE'RE ALWAYS TRYING TO GET PEOPLE TOGETHER TO RIDE TO THESE IN ORDER TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT TO THE GROUPS THAT SUPPORT US. I ALSO REALIZE WE'RE NOT A CLUB. IN SOME CLUBS IT IS MANDATORY TO ATTEND IF YOU LIVE WITHIN 500 MILES! BUT EVEN THOUGH, WE DO SHARE A BROTHERHOOD, OR SO I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE! I HOPE THAT IT'S A LONG TIME BEFORE WE HAVE TO MOURN THE LOSS OF ONE OF OUR OWN. I ALSO HOPE THIS GIVES A LITTLE FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR THE NEXT TIME.

FOR THE FEW THAT DID SHOW, I'D LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU! SOME OF YOU KNEW SAILOR AS WELL AS I DID, SOME MORE. IRREGARDLESS, YOU WERE THE ONES WHO HAD THE DECENCY TO CARE ENOUGH FOR ONE OF OURS. TO ME, ALL THOSE WHO SHOWED AND DIDN'T SHOW, SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THEIR CHARACTER.

OUR PURPOSE AS MEMBERS OF ABATE IS TO PROMOTE BIKER RIGHTS, BIKER SAFETY AND AWARENESS. IT TAKES TIME AND PARTICIPATION TO MAKE THAT WORK. NOT JUST WEARING A PATCH. WE NEED TO BE OUT THERE AND VISIBLE TO THE COMMUNITY. HOW DO YOU THINK WE LOOKED TO THE MC'S AND OTHER MOTORCYCLE GROUPS THAT SHOWED? HOW CAN WE BE TRUSTED TO WATCH OUT FOR THEIR RIGHTS AS BIKERS WHEN WE CAN'T EVEN ATTEND OUR OWN

FALLEN BROTHERS FUNERAL? IF YOU'RE A MEMBER, IT'S TIME TO START STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE.

NIGHTHAWK
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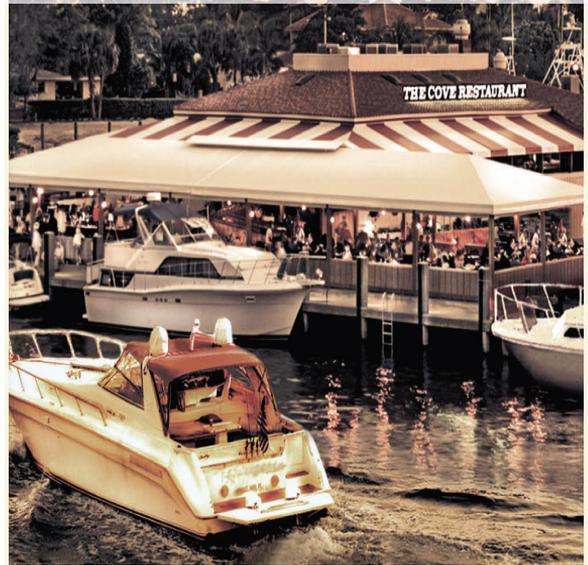
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15 AOA MC 43 rd Anniversary PARTY TATTOO EXPO	16	17	18 Island Jack's- Bike Night WPB	19	20	21 ABATE- PBC MEETING 11:30
22 Wings of Gold MC Port Saint Lucie	23	24	25 Island jack's- bike Night WPB	26	27	28
29 US MIL VETS MC - POMP	30	31				

September

2010

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			1 Island Jack's- Bike Night- WPB	2	3	4
5	6 	7 Iron Eagle Bike Nite	8 Island Jack's Bike Night- WPB	9	10 OUTCAST MC PARTY	11  Patriot Day
12 STATES MC POMPANO KEY WEST TUNEUP	13	14 Homerun Bike Appreciation Party	15 Island Jack's- Bike Night- WPB	16	17	18
PETERSON S KEY WEST POKER RUN						
19	20	21	22 Island Jack's- Bike Night- WPB	23	24	25 ABATE- PBC MEETING 11:30
26 SOUTHERN MC TEDDY BEAR RUN	27	28	29 Island Jack's- Bike Night- WPB	30		



LEGISLATIVE & DELEGATE REPORT

DAN" SLO MOTION" HENDERSON

MY LAST WEEK OFF OF SUMMER BUT NOT SURE IF WAS THE SPECIAL GULF SESSIONS OR WHAT, I COULDN'T FIND ANYONE AT OFFICE. SO I WILL HAVE TO TRY AGAIN LATER. NOW OUR BIGGEST CONCERN IS THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS – PRIMARY ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY AUGUST 24TH. MANY AREAS WILL ALSO HAVE EARLY VOTING AT SELECTED SITES IN THE COMMUNITY SO PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR AREA OFFERS EARLY VOTING. SO WE NEED TO GATHER INFO ON THE CANDIDATES. I'VE FOUND [HTTP://WWW.PALMBEACHPOST.COM/NEWS/ELECTIONS](http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/elections) ANOTHER SITE ABOUT THE CANDIDATES. LET ME KNOW OF ANY INFO YOU HEAR OR GET. THE STATE ABATE HAS BEEN SENDING OUT SOME INTERVIEWS, I WILL BE PUTTING THEM ON OUR WEBSITE. LOOK FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL STORY NOW. WITH ALL THE MUDSLINGING ADS EVEN FOR THE PRIMARY I HOPE THEY GET US SAME OPINION SOON.

FROM "SCRIBE" ABATE STATE LEGISLATIVE REP:

THIS IS FROM THE NEWS SERVICE FLORIDA REGARDING A VERY IMPORTANT RACE ALL OF US AT ABATE ARE WATCHING VERY CLOSELY. "OTHER TOP FUNDRAISERS FOR THE QUARTER INCLUDE FORMER HOUSE MEMBER PERRY McGRUFF, D-GAINESVILLE, WHO HAS RAISED \$127,625 SINCE LAUNCHING HIS SENATE CAMPAIGN IN MAY. McGRUFF IS CHALLENGING INCUMBENT SEN. STEVE OELRICH, R-GAINESVILLE, WHO RAISED ONLY \$8,100 FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD BUT HAS COLLECTED NEARLY \$210,000 SO FAR IN WHAT IS EXPECTED TO BE A HARD-FOUGHT CONTEST FOR A SWING SEAT.

"I'M VERY PROUD OF THE OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY THAT HELPED US REACH THIS GOAL," McGRUFF SAID IN A STATEMENT. "MY CONTRIBUTORS REPRESENT A BROAD CROSS SECTION OF PEOPLE, ALL OF WHOM ARE COMMITTED TO OUR CAMPAIGN AND GETTING FLORIDA BACK ON THE RIGHT TRACK."

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- 9-15 70th Annual Sturgis Bike Week
 13 to 15 - 15th International South Florida Tattoo Expo
 15 - AOA MC 43rd Anniversary Party
 *22 - *Wings of Gold MC Port Saint Lucie Annual*
 29 - US Military Vets MC Pompano Party

SEPTEMBER

- 10 - Outcast MC Party  **Date change**
 12 - States Pompano MC 17th Key West Tuneup Party
 16-19 Phil Peterson's 37th Annual Key West Poker Run
 26 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & Party

OCTOBER

- *3 - *Mystic Seven MC Annual*
 9 - BBRA Art Auction & Comedy Night
 10 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
 14-17 - Daytona Biketoberfest
 17 - Keltics MC Miami party
 23 - USMV MC Homestead benefit party
 24 - SE ABATE 30th Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally
 30 - Wheels of Man MC 37th Annual Halloween Party
 *31 - *Alternative Ft. Laud Annual*

NOVEMBER

- *7 - *USMVMC National 23rd Annual*
 13 - Soldiers for Jesus MC West Palm Beach Party
 14 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach Party
 21 - CMA Memorial Event
 28 - Heaven Cycles 33rd Anniversary Party
 28 - USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

DECEMBER

- *5 - *23rd Annual SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run*
 11 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami
 12 - ABATE West Palm Beach Party
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 18 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
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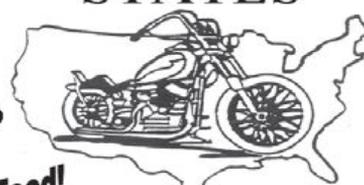
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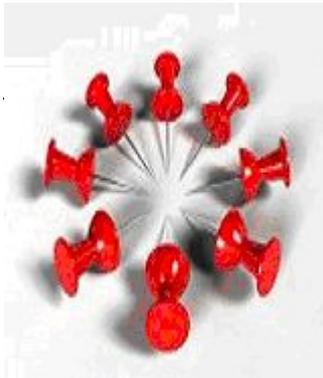
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FROM THE CATCH ALL DESK

To: PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERS

Date: AUGUST 2010

A few reminders....

I MUST APOLOGIZE FOR THE NON-PRODUCTION OF THE NEWSLETTER IN JULY. AS I HAD BEEN MENTIONING, MY PERSONAL JOB WAS CHANGING AND THERE JUST WAS NOT ENOUGH TIME IN A DAY TO DO MYSELF OR TRAIN THE NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR, WHOM AS YOU ARE AWARE IS DAVID PACHECO. HE STILL IS TRAINING AND LEARNING, BUT I THINK HE HAS A GOOD GRASP

ON WHAT IS INVOLVED IN PRODUCING THE NEWSLETTER EACH MONTH. I WILL BE WORKING ALONG WITH HIM AND I AM SURE WE WILL SEE SOME NEW AND CREATIVE THINGS FROM HIM.

I KNOW IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE LATE, BUT I NEED TO SEND OUT A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED WITH THE ADMISSION TABLE, 50/50 SALES ETC. AT OUR EVENT IN JUNE. WE HAD SOME OLD FACES AND NEW FACES, AND IT WAS GREAT TO SEE EVERYONE PITCHING IN WHEREVER A HAND WAS NEEDED. FOR THOSE THAT ATTENDED THE JULY MEETING, YOU KNOW IT WAS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT FOR THE CHAPTER AND ALL RAN VERY SMOOTHLY WITH THE OLD BOARD HELPING THE NEW BOARD.

FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS THAT LOVE TO RIDE AND ARE INTERESTED IN WHAT A STATE MEETING IS ALL ABOUT, THE **OCTOBER SPOOKS-N-SCOOTERS** IS NOT ONE TO MISS. BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I ATTENDED THIS PARTICULAR STATE MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME LAST YEAR AND FOUND IT TO BE AN AMAZING TIME. MAKE YOUR PLANS, ITS OCTOBER 1, 2, AND 3RD, BUT THE STATE MEETING AND THE PARTY ARE ON OCTOBER 2ND, SO TRY TO MAKE IT. I KNOW THERE ARE OTHER EVENTS GOING ON THAT WEEKEND IN OUR AREA, BUT WITH SOME STRATEGIC PLANNING, I KNOW ITS POSSIBLE TO GET TO OUR STATE MEETING AND THE LOCAL EVENT ON SUNDAY.

THE LEADERSHIP MEETINGS HAVE COME AND GONE AND I HAVE TO SAY, AGAIN THEY WERE VERY INFORMATIVE AS USUAL, BUT I THINK THE BEST PART WAS THAT OUR CHAPTER HAD THE MOST ATTENDEES FOR THE SAFETY SEMINAR!!! GO PALM BEACH. THIS REALLY IS GOING TO COME IN HANDY AS NOW WE CAN GET INTO THE COMMUNITY AND PRESENT OUR SAFETY SEMINAR AT SCHOOLS, SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES, ETC, COMMUNITY MEETINGS, SO PLEASE, CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER OR SPEAK UP AT A MEETING IF YOU HAVE A GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO PRESENT THE SEMINAR TOO.




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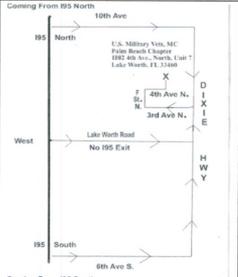
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VOTED #1 BIKER EVENT IN FLORIDA

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RALLY RESCINDS DISCRIMINATORY NO-COLORS POLICY FOLLOWING A "CALL TO ACTION" ISSUED BY THE U.S.

DEFENDERS, A POLITICALLY ACTIVE ARM OF THE CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS, A MAJOR MOTORCYCLE RALLY IN THE RED HILLS OF OKLAHOMA HAS RESCINDED A "NO COLORS" POLICY THAT WOULD HAVE PROHIBITED ENTRY TO ANYONE WEARING A PATCH, INCLUDING HOG, ABATE AND ANY CLUB. THE HAWG LAKES MOTORCYCLE RALLY PUBLISHED A NO COLORS POLICY ON THEIR FLIERS, ADS AND WEBSITE THAT QUICKLY STIRRED AN UPROAR ACROSS THE COUNTRY, DUE LARGELY TO AN E-MAIL "CALL TO ACTION" CONDUCTED BY THE U.S. DEFENDERS AND THE OKLAHOMA CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS. BROOK "XMAN" BULLOCK, STATE SECRETARY OF ABATE OF OKLAHOMA AND OKLAHOMA DEFENDER REP, SENT OUT A NATIONWIDE CALL TO ACTION TO "PLEASE TAKE YOUR MONEY AND SUPPORT TO BIKER FRIENDLY RALLIES AND EVENTS, NOT 2010 HAWG LAKES. PASS THE WORD." ACCORDING TO THE E-MAIL; "2R" (ABATE OF OKLAHOMA STATE COORDINATOR) PERSONALLY TALKED ON THE PHONE WITH HAWG LAKES AND "THE GUY IN CHARGE SAID HE WAS ABSOLUTELY UNWILLING TO CHANGE HIS POLICY. ABATE, HOG, BACA, AND NOT ANY CLUB, NO COLORS OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED." MARK "BUS" BUSKIRK, OKLAHOMA COMMANDER,

NCOM NEWS BYTES

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National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

U.S. DEFENDERS WROTE "HAWG LAKES RALLY ON JULY 29TH WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO WEAR YOUR CLUB COLORS ON THEIR PROPERTY. SO WE THE MOTORCYCLING COMMUNITY NEED TO NOT GO. THEY ARE STOMPING ON OUR RIGHTS OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH." WITHIN DAYS, THE CALL TO ACTION WAS CALLED OFF WHEN TIGER MIKE REVERE, ABATE OF OKLAHOMA LIAISON TO THE OK CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS AND MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REPORTED THAT; "THE HAWG LAKES EVENT HAS RESCINDED ITS NO-COLORS BAN -- SCORE ONE FOR OUR SIDE!!"

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MYRTLE BEACH SUED AGAIN OVER NOISE LAW AS MYRTLE BEACH PREPARES TO ADJUST SOME OF THE 14 ORDINANCES PASSED IN 2008 TO QUELL THE MAY MOTORCYCLE RALLIES, INCLUDING THEIR CITY-WIDE HELMET LAW AND FOUR OTHER ORDINANCES BEING INVALIDATED BY THE STATE'S HIGH COURT, IT FACES YET ANOTHER LEGAL CHALLENGE THAT COULD REQUIRE EVEN MORE CHANGES. SOME

RESIDENTS AND OTHER MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS ARE SUING THE CITY AGAIN, THIS TIME HOPING THE HORRY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT WILL OVERTURN THE CITY'S NOISE ORDINANCE. UNDER THE FINAL VERSION OF THE NOISE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT, WHICH GAINED FINAL APPROVAL IN MARCH 2009, NO VEHICLES EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES CAN BE LOUDER THAN 89 DECIBELS WHEN MEASURED FROM 20 INCHES AWAY FROM THE EXHAUST PIPE, AT A 45-DEGREE ANGLE, WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IDLING. BIKERS ALSO MUST HAVE AN EPA ISSUED STICKER THAT STATE THEIR BIKE MEETS FEDERAL NOISE REDUCTION LAWS ACCORDING TO THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE, BUT NOT SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LAW. ON JUNE 15TH, VIRGINIA-BASED AID TO INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS (A.I.M.) ATTORNEY TOM MCGRATH FILED SUIT IN HORRY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT ON BEHALF OF LOCAL MOTEL OWNER WILLIAM O'DAY, HORRY COUNTY ABATE, AND OTHERS WHO FEEL THE CITY OVERSTEPPED THEIR AUTHORITY IN ENACTING MUFFLER REGULATIONS THAT CONFLICT WITH EXISTING STATE LAW. MCGRATH'S CHALLENGE TO THE CITY'S HELMET ORDINANCE PREVAILED IN THE S.C. SUPREME COURT, WITH ALL FIVE JUSTICES UNANIMOUSLY AGREEING THAT THE

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STATE HAS ALREADY COVERED THE ISSUE OF WHO HAS TO WEAR MOTORCYCLE HELMETS AND THAT THE CITY COULD NOT MAKE ITS OWN RULES BECAUSE THERE MUST BE A UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE. THE NOISE ORDINANCE WASN'T INCLUDED IN THE CASE THE HIGH COURT RECENTLY RULED ON, HE SAID, BECAUSE THE FOCUS WAS ON THE HELMET LAW. "THEY WERE ISSUING TICKETS LEFT AND RIGHT [UNDER THE HELMET LAW]," HE SAID. "NO ONE WE KNOW HAD GOTTEN A TICKET UNDER THE NOISE ORDINANCE. IT'S

STILL SITTING THERE, AND THE CITY HAS BOUGHT DECIBEL METERS, SO WE ASSUME THEY ARE PLANNING TO USE THEM. WE FELT WE SHOULDN'T LET THE ORDINANCE STAY ON THE BOOKS." MCGRATH SAID HE FELT IT BEST TO GIVE THE CIRCUIT COURT THE FIRST CHANCE TO MAKE THE DECISION IN THIS CASE. "LET'S SEE IF THE JUDGE WILL FOLLOW THE SUPREME COURT'S OPINION," HE TOLD THE SUN NEWS. MEANWHILE, THE CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH HAS MAILED OUT REFUNDS TO THOSE WHO PAID FINES WHEN THEY RECEIVED TICKETS FOR NOT WEARING MOTORCYCLE HELMETS. THE CITY REPAID NEARLY \$14,000 IN FINES FOR 141 TICKETS IT ISSUED WHEN THE IMPROPER HELMET LAW WAS IN EFFECT.

MICHIGAN'S REJEUVENATED HELMET LAW REPEAL EFFORTS HB 4747 TO REPEAL THE HELMET LAW WAS PASSED BY THE MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN MARCH, AND NOW AWAITS ACTION IN THE SENATE. EVEN THOUGH SIMILAR LEGISLATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE THE PAST TWO SESSIONS, ONLY TO BE VETOED BY OUTGOING GOVERNOR JENNIFER GRANHOLM (D) BOTH TIMES, TWO OUT OF THE THREE

GUBERNATORIAL CONTENDERS TO REPLACE HER SUPPORT GIVING ADULT MOTORCYCLISTS FREEDOM OF CHOICE. HERB RIALS WHO LOBBIES FOR ABATE OF MICHIGAN CLAIMS TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF EVERY CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR MINUS ONE, HE TOLD FOX NEWS IN DETROIT. ACCORDING TO THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS OF HB 4747, PROPONENTS OF VOIDING THE 40-YEAR OLD HELMET LAW ARGUE IT IS A CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE. "WEARING A HELMET, OR NOT WEARING ONE, THEY SAY, SHOULD BE A MATTER OF PERSONAL CHOICE AND NOT A LEGAL MANDATE." SUPPORTERS OF REPEAL LEGISLATION, WHICH INCLUDES ABATE, THE MICHIGAN CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS AND BOTH DEMOCRATIC GUBERNATORIAL HOPEFULS, ALSO ARGUE THAT REMOVING THE HELMET REQUIREMENT WOULD INCREASE MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC IN MICHIGAN AND THEREBY STIMULATE THE STATE'S SAGGING ECONOMY. "OUR OUTDATED HELMET LAW IS A BARRIER TO MOTORCYCLE TOURISM," ARGUES ABATE'S JIM RHOADES. "MICHIGAN IS THE ONLY GREAT LAKES STATE WITH A MANDATORY HELMET LAW. SURVEYS REPEATEDLY SHOW THAT AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF MOTORCYCLISTS IN NEIGHBORING STATES REFUSE TO VISIT MICHIGAN BECAUSE OF THIS LAW." ACCORDING TO A STUDY DONE BY MICHIGAN CONSULTANTS IN LANSING, MICHIGAN IS LOSING MILLIONS OF TOURISM DOLLARS AND APPROXIMATELY \$1.2 BILLION IN OVERALL ECONOMIC BENEFIT BECAUSE OF THIS LAW. SO IF THE HOUSE AND SENATE VOTE NEXT YEAR TO KILL THE HELMET LAW AS THEY HAVE IN YEARS PAST, THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE THAT A GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE, NOT A VETO, WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE MEASURE.

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION REINFORCES NHTSA LOBBYING BAN IN RESPONSE TO STATEMENTS MADE BY NHTSA ADMINISTRATOR DAVID STRICKLAND THAT THE CORE COMPONENT OF THE FEDERAL AGENCY'S MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PLAN IS TO INCREASE HELMET USE, FIVE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA) TO CONCENTRATE ON MOTORCYCLE CRASH PREVENTION AND RIDER EDUCATION INSTEAD OF LOBBYING STATE LEGISLATORS TO ENACT MANDATORY HELMET LAWS. INTRODUCED ON JULY 1ST BY U.S. REP. JIM SENSENBRENNER (R-WI), H. RES 1498 "SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO RETAIN THE BAN ON THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S ABILITY TO LOBBY STATE LEGISLATURES USING FEDERAL TAX DOLLARS AND URGING NHTSA TO FOCUS ON CRASH PREVENTION AND RIDER EDUCATION". SINCE 1996, NHTSA HAS BEEN PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW FROM TESTIFYING BEFORE STATE LEGISLATURES IN SUPPORT OF HELMET LAWS UNLESS SPECIFICALLY INVITED TO DO SO, AND H. RES 1498 REINFORCES CONGRESSIONAL INTENT.

COULD A HELMET BE BAD FOR A BIKER'S HEALTH? MOST COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD REQUIRE MOTORCYCLISTS TO WEAR A CRASH HELMET FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY, BUT COULD IT ACTUALLY BE HARMING THEIR HEALTH AND AFFECTING THEIR RIDING? THAT IS WHAT ACADEMICS ARE INVESTIGATING IN A NEW RESEARCH PROJECT. A TEAM OF BATH UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS WILL TAKE ON-ROAD MEASUREMENTS TO FIND HOW NOISE IS TRANSMITTED FROM A HELMET AND HOW IT AFFECTS THE RIDERS HEARING AND ABILITY TO CONCENTRATE. DR. MICHAEL CARLEY OF THE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

SAID: "THE NOISE INSIDE THE HELMET AT THE LEGAL SPEED OF 70 MPH IS HIGHER THAN THE LEGAL LIMIT FOR NOISE AT WORK - MORE THAN ENOUGH TO CAUSE SERIOUS HEARING DAMAGE. THE ISSUE ISN'T NOISY ENGINES OR LOUD EXHAUSTS AS YOU MAY THINK. THE NOISE IS SIMPLY FROM THE AIRFLOW OVER THE HELMET. "EAR PLUGS WON'T HELP MUCH EITHER AS THE NOISE IS TRANSFERRED INTO THE INNER EAR FROM THE RIDER'S BONES. THIS HAS BEEN KNOWN FOR 20 YEARS YET LITTLE RESEARCH HAS BEEN DONE ON THE NOISE AND ITS EFFECTS." THE LABORATORY STUDY WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS; THE FIRST WILL EXAMINE HOW NOISE IS TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF THE HELMET INCLUDING THE HEAD. THE SECOND PART WILL DETERMINE IF NOISE REDUCES PERFORMANCE. DR. NIGEL HOLT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY AT BATH SPA UNIVERSITY SAID: "IT IS KNOWN THAT NOISE CAN AFFECT PERCEPTION AND COGNITION BUT, SO FAR, NOBODY HAS TRIED TO EXAMINE HOW NOISE IN MOTORCYCLING AFFECTS THE PERFORMANCE OF RIDERS." RIDING A MOTORCYCLE REQUIRES GREAT ATTENTION AND CONCENTRATION; ANYTHING THAT REDUCES PERFORMANCE MAY LEAD TO MORE ACCIDENTS. DR. HOLT ADDED: "THIS ISN'T ABOUT PUTTING PEOPLE OFF RIDING OR WEARING HELMETS; IT'S ABOUT FINDING WAYS TO REDUCE THIS DAMAGE SO THAT RIDERS CAN HAVE A BETTER RIDING EXPERIENCE. WE HOPE THE RESEARCH WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION WHICH CAN BE USED IN SETTING STANDARDS FOR HELMETS AND TO HELP IMPROVE HELMET AND MOTORCYCLE DESIGN."

DEBT CRISIS IMPACTS GLOBAL MOTORCYCLE SALES YAMAHA MOTOR Co., THE WORLD'S SECOND-LARGEST MOTORCYCLE MAKER, SAID SALES IN NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE MAY FALL TWICE AS MUCH AS FORECAST, AS A SPREADING DEBT CRISIS DAMPENS DEMAND. "FROM MAY, THERE HAS BEEN A SUDDEN IMPACT FROM THE GREEK CRISIS," CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER HIROYUKI YANAGI TOLD THE WASHINGTON POST. COMBINED SALES IN NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE MAY DECLINE AS MUCH AS 20% THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH AN EARLIER ESTIMATE FOR A DROP OF ABOUT 10%, HE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW FROM TOKYO. THE COMPANY LAST YEAR POSTED ITS FIRST LOSS SINCE THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 1984 AS SALES TUMBLED 45% IN NORTH AMERICA AND 25% IN EUROPE, THOUGH SALES IN ASIA EXCLUDING JAPAN MAY EXCEED A 14% GROWTH FORECAST, SO YAMAHA EXPECTS TO BREAK EVEN THIS YEAR SAYS YANAGI. HONDA MOTOR Co., THE WORLD'S LARGEST MOTORCYCLE MAKER, SAID IN AN APRIL PRESENTATION IT EXPECTS ITS TWO-WHEELER SALES IN NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE TO DROP LESS THAN 1% TO 385,000 UNITS IN THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31.

AUSTRALIAN POLICE SEEK TO DISMANTLE OUTLAW CLUBS AS POLICE IN NEW SOUTH WALES MOVE TO HAVE THE SUPREME COURT DECLARE THE HELLS ANGELS MC A "CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION" AND SUBJECT TO NEW LAWS THAT WOULD DISMANTLE THE CLUB AND DISALLOW MEMBERS FROM EVER ASSOCIATING WITH ONE ANOTHER, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED MOTORCYCLE COUNCIL MET IN SYDNEY RECENTLY TO DISCUSS THEIR RESPONSE AND WARN OTHERS THAT THE SAME STATE LAW COULD BE USED AGAINST OTHER CLUBS AND GROUPS IN SOCIETY. AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED IN EARLY JULY THAT THE

"HELLS ANGELS MC IN NSW" WOULD BE THE FIRST TARGET OF THE CRIMES (CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS CONTROL) ACT 2009, PASSED BY STATE PARLIAMENT IN APRIL LAST YEAR, WHICH ALLOWS THE COURT TO DECLARE CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONTROL MEMBERS UNDER ORDERS DETERMINED BY THE COURT. THE UMC, COMPRISED OF 17 MOTORCYCLE CLUBS -- FROM RIVAL "BIKIE GANGS" TO RELIGIOUS AND FAMILY CLUBS -- IS RAISING FUNDS IN ANTICIPATION OF A LEGAL CHALLENGE TO THE BAN. MARK "FERRET" MARONEY, UMC CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MC, SAID; "THESE LAWS ARE UNJUST, THEY'RE UNNECESSARY AND THEY GO AGAINST THE RULE OF LAW...WHERE PEOPLE ARE BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY THE CLOTHES THEY WEAR AND THEIR LIFESTYLE." SIMILAR LEGISLATION IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA HAS BEEN RULED ILLEGAL, BUT IS SUBJECT TO A HIGH COURT APPEAL.

MACHO MUNICIPALITIES THINK YOU'RE A MANLY MAN? MAYBE...BUT DO YOU LIVE IN THE MANLIEST CITY? FROM THE RESEARCH EXPERTS BEHIND THE POPULAR "BEST PLACES TO LIVE" STUDIES, THE COMBOS "AMERICA'S MANLIEST CITIES" STUDY RANKS 50 MAJOR METROPOLITAN AREAS, USING MANLY CRITERIA LIKE THE NUMBER OF HOME IMPROVEMENT STORES, STEAK HOUSES, PICKUP TRUCKS AND MOTORCYCLES PER CAPITA. CHARLOTTE TOOK THE TOP SPOT THIS YEAR, BEATING OUT NASHVILLE AS LAST YEAR'S WINNER. PORTLAND, OREGON RANKED LAST IN THIS YEAR'S STUDY.

AMERICA'S MANLIEST CITIES: 1. CHARLOTTE, NC; 2. COLUMBUS, OH; 3. KANSAS CITY, MO; 4. NASHVILLE, TN; 5. BALTIMORE, MD; 6. MILWAUKEE, WI; 7. CHICAGO, IL; 8. INDIANAPOLIS, IN; 9. WASHINGTON, D.C.; 10. PHILADELPHIA, PA. QUOTABLE QUOTE: "THE WORLD IS A DANGEROUS PLACE, NOT BECAUSE OF THOSE WHO DO EVIL, BUT BECAUSE OF THOSE WHO LOOK ON AND DO NOTHING." ALBERT EINSTEIN (1879-1955) SCIENTIST, HUMANIST

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August 21, 2010
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- 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.