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**NEXT CHAPTER**

**MEETING**

**11:30 AM**

**SATURDAY**

**SEPTEMBER**

**25<sup>TH</sup>**



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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CHAPTER  
IN MEMORY OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS LOST  
30TH ANNUAL

# SPOOKS 'N SCOOTS®

AND STATE MEETING\* Oct. 2 2:00 pm  
**OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010**

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\*MEETING-KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL- 11549 CURLEY RD, SAN ANTONIO, FL 33578

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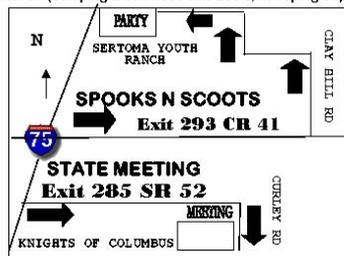
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## BROTHERS AND SISTERS

NOW THAT THE PRIMARY ELECTIONS ARE OVER I BELIEVE WE WILL BEGIN TO SEE A RESHAPING IN THE STATE GOVERNMENTS STANCE ON WHERE WE ARE HEADING AS A NATION. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY WHO'S WITH US AND WHO'S AGAINST US AT THIS POINT BECAUSE OF THE MUD SLINGIN', BACK BITEIN', FINGER POINTIN', NAME CALLIN' AND ACCUSATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN SWIRLING LIKE DUST DEVILS FOR THAT PAST FEW MONTHS. DAMN, I THOUGHT THE "REAL HOUSEWIVES OF N.J." WAS BAD. AFTER WHAT WE JUST WITNESSED DURING THE CAMPAIGN FOR STATE SEATS AND THE THINGS THAT THESE CANDIDATES SAID ABOUT EACH OTHER, NONE OF THEM SHOULD HAVE BEEN ELECTED THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN BARRED FROM EVER SERVING IN PUBLIC OFFICE AGAIN. BUT, HEY WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT YOU CAN'T SWING A DEAD CAT WITHOUT HITTING A POLITICIAN WITH A FEW SKELETONS IN THEIR CLOSET. THE SAD THING IS WE'VE BECOME SO ACCUSTOM TO THIS CRAP WE CAN ONLY HOPE BY PICKING ONE OF THE LESSER OF TWO EVILS IT WONT MEAN THEY HAVEN'T BEEN CAUGHT YET OR JUST HAVEN'T BEEN IN IT LONG ENOUGH TO GET DIRTY.

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME VERY INTERESTING THINGS HAPPENING IN AMERICA, THE CALL TO "TAKE BACK AMERICA" IS RESONATING LOUDER EVERY DAY. THE PEOPLE ARE SLOWLY AWAKENING FROM THEIR COMPLACENT COMAS TO HEAR AND SEE WHAT THIS TRANSFORMATION OF AMERICA REALLY MEANS AND THE CHANGE THAT WAS PROMISED WASN'T EXACTLY WHAT IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE WHEN IT WAS PRESENTED BACK IN 2008. NOW WE'RE SEEING THOSE WHO HAVE HEARD THE CALL LOOKING TO THE PERSON STANDING NEXT TO THEM AND REALIZING WE MUST



STAND TOGETHER AS ONE. ONE PEOPLE, ONE NATION UNDER ONE GOD WITH ONE CONSTITUTION UNDER ONE FLAG, "INDIVISIBLE WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL".

INDIVISIBLE, THAT'S A POWERFUL WORD, ITS VERY DEFINITION REFLECTS SUCH STRENGTH THAT IT SHOULD BE ENOUGH OF A DETERRENT TO THOSE WHO WISH TO SERVE IN ANY OFFICE, TO THINK TWICE BEFORE THEY TRY TO IMPOSE CHANGES ON THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA WITHOUT REGARD FOR WHAT THE PEOPLE WILL ACCEPT AS A CHANGE FOR THE GOOD OF ALL AND WHAT'S GOOD FOR AMERICA. WE, AS AMERICANS NEED TO REMEMBER "UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL". RECOGNIZE THE TRUTH AND BELIEVE IN IT, THESE WORDS ARE TRUTH, THERE IS ONLY THE TRUTH THAT WE CAN BELIEVE IN. WHEN YOU BELIEVE IN WHAT IS RIGHT AND TRUE "WE THE PEOPLE, THE CITIZENS OF AMERICA WILL BE UNITED BY THE TRUTH.

AS MEMBERS OF A GRASSROOTS, POLITICALLY MOTIVATED ORGANIZATION, FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS AND THE GOOD OF ALL WITHIN THE REALM OF OUR RESPECTIVE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITIES, WE NEED TO SET AN EXAMPLE. AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT PEOPLE UNITED BY A CAUSE AND A COMMON GOAL CAN ACCOMPLISH WHEN WE COME TOGETHER WITH A PURPOSE. I REALIZE THAT BECAUSE WE ARE AN

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – CONT'D

INCREDIBLY DIVERSE ORGANIZATION WITH MEMBERS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, IT MAY SEEM UNLIKELY IF NOT DOWN RIGHT IMPOSSIBLE THAT WE EVER GET TOGETHER ON ANYTHING. WELL, WE ARE AMERICANS AND WE'LL PROBABLY NEVER GET TOGETHER 100% ON ANYTHING BUT WE GET THINGS DONE. IT'S BEEN SAID, "AMERICANS ALWAYS DO THE RIGHT THING, AFTER THEY'VE TRIED EVERYTHING ELSE". SURPRISINGLY ENOUGH, WE *DO* GET THINGS DONE.

AT THE N.C.O.M. CONVENTION IN MAY, I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING WITH "SEVEN" PRO RAZORZ EDGE RIDERZ FROM THE PHILADELPHIA, SOUTH JERSEY AREA AND SHARON "LADY NINJA" CANCEL FROM "FULL TILT MOTOR SPORTS" IN LAFAYETTE, GA. AFTER THEIR PRESENTATIONS WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE A SIT DOWN AND REALLY SPEAK FACE TO FACE IN REGARD TO TRYING TO WORKING TOGETHER IN OUR RESPECTIVE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA'S. AS IT TURNED OUT, THEY SAID THEY WERE HAVING THE SAME PROBLEMS IN THEIR EFFORT TO BRING YOUNGER RIDERS, REGARDLESS OF WHAT TYPE OF MOTORCYCLE THEY RIDE, TOGETHER WITH THOSE OF US WHO HAVE MADE IT THIS FAR RIDING MOTORCYCLES, CONSIDERING MOST HAVE BEEN RIDING TWENTY PLUS YEARS MAYBE THEY COULD LEARN SOMETHING. BUT AT LEAST THEY ARE BEGINNING TO ORGANIZE; THEY'RE GETTING TIRED OF BURYING THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS BECAUSE OF SENSELESS, IRRATIONAL AND IRRESPONSIBLE ACTIONS.

WORKING TOGETHER, COMING TOGETHER TO EDUCATE EACH OTHER, SHARING INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCES, LEARNING HOW WE CAN STAND ON COMMON GROUND I.E. MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS, SAFETY AND AWARENESS. IT'LL BE UP TO US AS TO HOW THEY ARE RECEIVED, IT'S VERY POSSIBLE THAT IF WE CAN ESTABLISH A SOLID FOUNDATION AND PUT ALL THE NEGATIVES BEHIND US ON BOTH SIDES THIS COULD BE EXACTLY WHERE WE NEED TO BE WHEN IT COME TO SUPPORTERS ON OUR AGENDAS. I DID RECEIVE AN INVITATION TO ATTEND A SPORT BIKE RIDERS CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY IN TAMPA, I WELCOME ANYONE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING TO GET WITH ME TO BEGIN I REGRET THE FORMULATING A PRESENTATION TO BE GIVEN AT THE CONVENTION.

MOST PEOPLE REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT WE DO AND IT'S NOT A SUBJECT THAT COMES UP VERY OFTEN IN GENERAL CONVERSATION BUT THERE ARE THINGS THAT DO HAPPEN TO COME UP UNFORTUNATELY, FAR MORE OFTEN WHEN WE HEAR OF BEING STOPPED AND TICKETED WHEN YOU WERE JUST PASSING THROUGH OR HAVE FACED AN UNWARRANTED STOP, THOSE ARE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO INTRODUCE ABATE AND WHAT WE DO. FACT THAT WE'RE USUALLY THE ONES WHO ARE CALLED UPON AFTER A SERIOUS ACCIDENT OR MUCH WORSE A FATALITY TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE, WHEN MAYBE IT WAS SOMETHING THAT COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – CONT'D

OUR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING TIME HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>; I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. I ALSO WANT TO INVITE ANY MEMBERS OF OTHER RIDING ASSOCIATIONS, INDEPENDENTS OR CLUBS INTERESTED IN JUST CATCHING UP ON SOME OF THE THINGS WE ARE WORKING ON THAT WE HOPE WILL BENEFIT US ALL OR AS REPRESENTATIVES TO BRING YOUR ORGANIZATIONS QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS TO THE TABLE. YOU'RE ALWAYS WELCOME IN OUR HOUSE.

GOD BLESS.

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STRONGBOW

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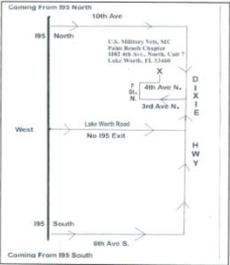
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**YOU MAY KNOW US AS THE MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATION THAT GOT THE HELMET LAW REPEALED IN FLORIDA OR FROM OUR MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS AND SAFETY RALLY'S THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. ABATE OF FLORIDA IS NOT A CLUB, WE ARE A MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS & SAFETY ORGANIZATION DEDICATED 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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**STRONGBOW PRESIDENT - 561-482-4346**

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## Vice President's Message

DEAR FELLOW ABATE MEMBERS,

WELL WITH THE CONTINUED HOT AND RAINY WEATHER LESS OF US ARE RIDING NOW BUT HOPEFULLY THINGS WILL IMPROVE SOON. I'M HOPING TO SEE BETTER RIDING WEATHER SOON! I ALSO HOPE AT THAT TIME TO SEE MORE PEOPLE MAKING AN EFFORT TO ATTEND OUR FUNCTIONS AND HELP SPREAD OUR WORD.

WELL SINCE THIS LITTLE VP'S MESSAGE I GET TO WRITE IS MY OWN PERSONAL SOAP BOX. I'M GOING TO STRAY FROM MY USUAL DIRECTLY MOTORCYCLE RELATED ISSUES. WE ARE A GRASS ROOTS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION AND THIS ISSUE HAS AN EFFECT MANY OF OUR MEMBERS.

LIKE MANY OF YOU I OWN A HOME HERE IN PALM BEACH COUNTY. THIS WEEK I RECEIVED MY PROPERTY TAX NOTICE FROM THE COUNTY. WHAT I SAW HAS ME OUTRAGED!

A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN THE ECONOMY STARTED TO TANK, THE STATE TRIED TO HELP US OUT BY PASSING AN ADDITIONAL \$25,000 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION. AT THAT TIME PALM BEACH COUNTY RAISED OUR TAXES TO COMPENSATE FOR LOST REVENUE CAUSING HOMEOWNERS HERE TO SEE LITTLE IF ANY BENEFIT FROM THE ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

WELL NOW THEY'VE SCREWED US AGAIN! MOST, IF NOT ALL OF US, HAVE SEEN DRASTIC DROPS IN OUR PROPERTY VALUES. THIS YEARS DROP IN PROPERTY VALUE ON MY HOME WAS ABOUT 20%. YOU'D THINK THAT WE WOULD BE HAVING OUR TAXES DROP ACCORDINGLY. NOT SO! INSTEAD THEY'RE GOING UP! THANKS TO OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THEY'VE ONCE AGAIN INCREASED OUR TAXES TO COMPENSATE FOR THE LOST REVENUE.

DURING THESE HARD TIMES WITH UNEMPLOYMENT AT SUCH HIGH LEVELS, AND WHILE MANY OF THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED ARE MAKING LESS MONEY DUE TO JOB CHANGES OR SALARIES THAT AREN'T KEEPING UP WITH INCREASED COSTS OF LIVING, THIS IS A SLAP IN THE FACE. A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE HURTING NOW AND CAN JUST HANG ON. PEOPLE HAVE DRASTICALLY CUT BACK ON THEIR SPENDING ON ANYTHING BUT THE NECESSITIES TO GET THROUGH THESE TOUGH TIMES. THERE ARE EMPTY HOUSES EVERYWHERE AND THAT'S NOT IMPROVING. IT'S PAST TIME THAT THIS COUNTY START BITING THE BULLET AS HARD AS IT'S RESIDENTS. I KNOW THAT THE COUNTY BUDGET IS HURTING TOO, BUT INCREASING OUR TAXES IS NOT THE ANSWER. IT ONLY MAKES THE OVERALL PROBLEM WORSE. SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE TO STOP THIS CONTINUAL SCREWING WE'VE BEEN RECEIVING.

UNTIL NEXT MONTH, RIDE SAFE AND WATCH YOUR ASS!

**NIGHTHAWK - VICE PRESIDENT ABATE PALM BEACH**



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## FROM THE CATCH ALL DESK

**To: PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERS**  
**Date: SEPTEMBER 2010**

A few reminders....

THE NEXT STATE MEETING IS **SPOOKS-N-SCOOTS**, THE FLYER IS ON THE COVER. FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS THAT LOVE TO RIDE AND ARE INTERESTED IN WHAT A STATE MEETING IS ALL ABOUT, THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST STATE MEETINGS AND A LOT OF FUN. THE ACTUAL MEETING IS ON **OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>** SO PLENTY OF TIME TO MAKE THE HEARTLAND RUN ON SUNDAY.

I MUST APOLOGIZE TO ALL NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS – MEMBERSHIP CARDS WILL BE GOING OUT THE WEEK OF SEPT. 13<sup>TH</sup>. FIRST THERE WAS A BACK ORDER ON THE SLEEVES WE USE TO LAMINATE THE CARDS AND THEN I HAD SOME HEALTH ISSUES THAT TOOK ME OUT OF COMMISSION FOR A WHILE, BUT REST ASSURED, YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENT WITH THE STATE AND THERE HAS BEEN NO INTERRUPTION IN YOUR AD&D INSURANCE.

# CHRISTIAN MOTORCYCLIST ASSOCIATION

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AS ALL SHOULD BE AWARE, WE RECENTLY HAD PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND I THINK DAN'S ARTICLE IS VERY COMPREHENSIVE TO THOSE THAT ARE BIKER FRIENDLY CONSTITUENTS AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE GET OUT AND VOTE AND MAKE SURE THE RIGHT PEOPLE GET IN POSITION TO HELP US FURTHER OUR LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS FOR YOUR RIGHTS. THE VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ALSO HAS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, THOUGH HE THOUGHT IT WAS OFF THE BEATEN PATH, I ACTUALLY THINK IT BRINGS TO LIGHT AGAIN HOW IMPORTANT IT IS AS MOTORCYCLISTS TO GET OUT AND VOTE. THIS IS WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT.

I KNOW MANY OF YOU WILL BE GOING TO THE PETERSON'S KEYS RUN, BE SAFE AND WHAT OUT FOR DENGUE FEVER FROM MOSQUITO'S. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME REPORTED CASES IN THE KEYS, AND AS ALWAYS RIDE SAFE.

WE ARE JUST ABOUT AT THE HEIGHT OF HURRICANE SEASON. REMEMBER WE HAVE A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER IN OUR CHAPTER, WILLIE – SHANWIL SERVICES, WHO DOES GENERATOR SERVICE. LOOK UP HIS AD IN THE NEWSLETTER.

# September

## 2010

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			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		

# October

# 2010

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 Heartland Run Sebring	2
3 Mystic Seven M/C Annual Party	4	5 Iron Eagle Bike Night	6 Island Jack's Bike Night- WPB	7	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12 ABATE PBC at Homerun Biker Appreciation Party	13 Island Jack's Bike Night- WPB	14	15-16 BIKETOBERFEST DATONA	
17 DAYTONA	18	19	20 Island Jack's Bike Night- WPB	21	22	23 ABATE- PBC MEETING 11:30
24 SE ABATE Annual Right Rally	25	26	27 Island Jack's Bike Night- WPB	28	29	30 Wheels of Men MC Halloween Party
31 Halloween 						

# 2010 CALENDAR

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## SEPTEMBER

- 10 - Outcast MC Party
- 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~~  **Oct 23 Cancelled**
- 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
- 18 - SFLCOC Christmas Dinner Party
- 18 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
- 19 - Calvery Chapel 11th Annual Christmas Service

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## LEGISLATIVE & DELEGATE REPORT

DAN "SOL MOTION" HENDERSON

THE PRIMARY ELECTIONS ARE OVER AND AS WE LOOK THROUGH THE SMOKE OF BATTLE, IT SEEMS MOTORCYCLISTS HAVE LOST SOME ALLIES. AND IT HAS NOT BEEN EASY TO FIND THE RESULTS! DAVE ARONBERG, ABATE MEMBER AND THE ONE WHO SPONSORED OUR STIFFER PENALTIES BILLS LOST IN HIS BID FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL. BILL MCCOLLUM LOST IN THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR PRIMARY,

HE HAD BEEN A FRIEND. HERE ARE SOME OTHER RESULTS I'VE FOUND. THE SUN-SENTINEL AND MIAMI HERALD HAD GOOD REPORTS. PLEASE HELP WITH ANY NEWS, OPINIONS, OR CORRECTIONS TO HELP ALL BIKERS TO VOTE RIGHT. NOW THAT WE ARE NOW TO LESS CANDIDATES IT IS TIME TO REALLY FIND WHERE THEY STAND TOWARDS OUR ISSUES.

**NOTE THESE ARE MY PERSONAL COMMENTS AND ARE NOT OPINION OF ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC NOR THE PALM BEACH CHAPTER. MY VIEWS MAY CHANGE WITH FURTHER RESEARCH**

GOVERNOR. THIS MAY BE A LOST CAUSE FOR US. DEMOCRAT ALEX SINK WAS GIVEN AN F IN THE NRA FREEDOM RATING. I FEEL RICK SCOTT MAY HAVE LESS OF A CHANCE DUE TO FACT HE HAS NEVER HAD AN ELECTED OFFICE AND I FEAR THE PRIMARY MUD SLINGING CAMPAIGN WILL LEAVE A BAD TASTE FOR VOTERS. I HOPE HE COMES BACK WITH BETTER RATINGS.

ATTORNEY GENERAL THE NEGATIVE CAMPAIGNING AND PAST HISTORY OF DEMOCRAT DAN GELBER OVER OUR FRIEND DAVID ARONBERG MAKES REPUBLICAN PAM BONDI A GOOD CANDIDATE IN MY EYES. NRA GIVES HER AN A FREEDOM RATING.

AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER

PUTNAM, ADAM GOP vs. MADDOX, SCOTT DEM

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

ATWATER, JEFF GOP vs. AUSLEY, LORANNE DEM

U.S. SENATOR FLORIDA. INDEPENDENT CHARLIE CRIST, DEMOCRAT KENDRICK MEEK, AND REPUBLICAN MARCO RUBIO. THE THREE CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN POSITIVE TO OUR ISSUES IN PAST BUT WHICH WILL CONTINUE?

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DISTRICT 16 – INCUMBENT TOM ROONEY GOP vs JIM HORN DEM

DISTRICT 19 – TED DEUTCH DEM vs. JOE BUDD GOP (FORMER GOLDWING OWNER)

DISTRICT 22 – INCUMBENT (D) RON KLEIN WILL AGAIN BE OPPOSED BY (GOP) ALLAN WEST WHO GAVE HIM A CLOSE RUN IN 2008. WEST IS NO STRANGER TO BIKERS AS HE HAS A COLUMN IN *WHEELS ON THE ROAD*.

DISTRICT 23 – INCUMBENT ALCEE HASTINGS DEM VS. BERNARD SANSARICQ GOP

FLORIDA SENATE

DISTRICT 25 – DEM KELLY SKIDMORE MIGHT BE BETTER THAN GOP PRIMARY WINNER LYN BOGDANOFF OVER CARL DOMINO (MORE BIKER FRIENDLY). BOGDANOFF LOST SOME FAVOR WITH HER NON-COMMITMENT TO CELL PHONE BILLS.

DISTRICT 27 - KEVIN RADER WON DEM PRIMARY. THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY WAS SO CLOSE - LIZBETH BENACQUISTO 12,136 TO SHARON MERCHANT 11,244 (REPORTED AS NON-SUPPORTER OF ABATE).

DISTRICT 28 – INCUMBENT JOE NEGRON GOP

DISTRICT 30 - MARIA SACHS DEM APPEARS TO BE ONLY CANDIDATE FOR THIS VACANT POSITION. SHE APPEARS TO BE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF ABATE.

**STATE: FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PALM BEACH COUNTY RACES**

DISTRICT 78 – STEVE M. PERMAN D APPEARS TO BE UNOPPOSED

DISTRICT 81 – INCUMBENT ADAM FETTERMAN (D) IS OPPOSED BY ABATE SUPPORTER GAYLE HARRELL (REP)

DISTRICT 82 – INCUMBENT WILLIAM SNYDER GOP

DISTRICT 83 – PATRICK J. ROONEY JR. WON THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY. DEMOCRAT CANDIDATE IS MARK MARICANO.

DISTRICT 84 – INCUMBENT MACKENSON “MACK” BERNARD (D) VS. ALBERT KEY (GOP)

DISTRICT 85 - INCUMBENT JOSEPH ABRUZZO (D) VS REPUBLICAN PRIMARY WINNER TAMI L DONNALLY

DISTRICT 86 –LORI BERMAN WON THE DEMOCRAT PRIMARY. NO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE?

DISTRICT 87 – BILL HAGER (REP) VS. HAVA HOLZHAUER (D)

DISTRICT 88 – INCUMBENT MARK PAFFORD WON THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY.

DISTRICT 89 – DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY WON BY JEFF CLEMENS OVER PETER BRANDENBURG (HUSBAND OF MARY FORMER REPRESENTATIVE) VS. STEVEN ROSENBLUM GOP

DISTRICT 90 – PRIMARY WINNERS: ALISON RAMPERSAD (GOP) VS. IRVING SLOSBERG (D)

DISTRICT 91 – REPUBLICAN PRIMARY (GEORGE MORAITIS 48%, DAVID MAYMON46 %) WAS SO CLOSE NO WINNER HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED TO OPPOSE DEMOCRAT BARBRA STERN.

DISTRICT 92 – INCUMBENT (D) GWYN CLARKE-REED WON PRIMARY.

JUDGES

FROM PALM BEACH POST [SUSAN SPENCER-WENDEL](#) POSTED:

7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25, 2010

LISA SMALL WON THE FOUR-WAY RACE IN THE PRIMARY OUTRIGHT - A RARITY IN JUDICIAL ELECTIONS - BY CLINCHING THE GROUP 33 JUDICIAL SEAT WITH 55 PERCENT OF THE VOTE ON HER 44TH BIRTHDAY.

"I AM REALLY HUMBLED AND INSPIRED BY THE BELIEF THE CITIZENS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY HAD IN ME," SMALL SAID. "IT INSPIRES ME TO DO MY VERY BEST ON THE COURT."

SMALL, WHO WILL BE SWORN IN AS A CIRCUIT JUDGE ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF 2011,

SAID SHE HAS NO PREFERENCE AS TO WHICH JUDICIAL DIVISION SHE WOULD LIKE TO BE ASSIGNED TO.

AMONG THE DUTIES OF CIRCUIT JUDGES ARE RESOLVING CIVIL LAWSUITS SEEKING MORE THAN \$15,000 AND SERIOUS FELONY CRIMINAL CASES.

THE SECOND JUDICIAL RACE FOR A COUNTY COURT JUDGESHIP, ALSO WITH FOUR CANDIDATES, DID NOT HAVE A DECISIVE CONCLUSION. THE TWO TOP VOTE GETTERS - ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL MARNI BRYSON AND COMMERCIAL LITIGATOR LAURIE STILWELL COHEN - WILL NOW PROCEED TO THE NOV. 2 GENERAL ELECTION. BRYSON AND COHEN ENDED UP NECK-AND-NECK, EACH GARNERING ABOUT ABOUT 30 PERCENT OF THE VOTE.

COUNTY JUDGES HEAR MISDEMEANOR CASES AND CIVIL LAWSUITS UNDER \$15,000.

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## IMPROVING ROADWAY SAFETY FOR MOTORCYCLE RIDERS

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY IS A CONCERN TO ALL ROAD USERS. MOTORCYCLISTS OFTEN ARE FORCED TO USE MORE OF THE TRAVEL LANE OR EVEN SWERVE UNPREDICTABLY IN ORDER TO AVOID HAZARDS, INCREASING THEIR CHANCE OF CRASHING.

A STEP IN DECREASING THE EVER INCREASING MOTORCYCLE CRASH RATES AND RESULTING INJURIES AND FATALITIES IS TO DESIGN, CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN ROADS TO REDUCE HAZARDS AND INCREASE SAFETY FOR THESE VULNERABLE ROAD USERS. BELOW ARE SOME TIPS TO IMPROVE ROADWAY SAFETY FOR MOTORCYCLES.

**ROAD GEOMETRY, SIGNS AND MARKINGS** • DESIGN WITH MOTORCYCLE MANEUVERING IN MIND. CURVES ARE THE LEADING LOCATION FOR MOTORCYCLE CRASHES. HALF OF MOTORCYCLE FATALITIES ARE RELATED TO ROAD CURVES. WHEN POSSIBLE, DESIGN ROADS WITH FEWER CURVES.

- USE ADDITIONAL SIGNS AND MARKINGS. IF OTHER VEHICLES ARE INVOLVED IN THE CRASH, DRIVERS REPORT NOT SEEING THE MOTORCYCLIST IN TIME TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION. THE USE OF SIGNS AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS CAN PROVIDE A CLEARER, MORE CONSISTENT MESSAGE TO WARN MOTORCYCLISTS OF CURVES AND OTHER UNEXPECTED ROAD GEOMETRY.

- CONSIDER INSTALLING MOTORCYCLIST HAZARD WARNING SIGNS. SIGNAGE TARGETED TOWARD MOTORCYCLISTS CAN WARN OF CONDITIONS THAT ARE ESPECIALLY HAZARDOUS FOR RIDERS. EXAMPLES INCLUDE UNEVEN PAVEMENT SURFACES AND RUMBLE STRIPS.

- INSTALL SAFETY EDGES. UNTAPERED VERTICAL SHOULDER DROP-OFFS ARE EVEN MORE DANGEROUS FOR MOTORCYCLES THAN FOR OTHER VEHICLES. ADOPTING A STANDARD CONTRACT SPECIFICATION REQUIRING A 30-35° ANGLE ASPHALT WEDGE ALONG EACH SIDE OF THE ROADWAY IN ALL CONSTRUCTION AND RESURFACING PROJECTS IS A SIMPLE AND COST-EFFECTIVE WAY TO IMPROVE PAVEMENT EDGE SAFETY. FOR MORE ON THE SAFETY EDGE, VISIT [SAFETY.FHWA.DOT.GOV/ROADWAY\\_DEPT/PAVEMENT/SAFEDGE/FHWASAO9023/](http://SAFETY.FHWA.DOT.GOV/ROADWAY_DEPT/PAVEMENT/SAFEDGE/FHWASAO9023/)

**GUARDRAILS AND CABLE BARRIERS** • PLACE GUARDRAIL AND CABLE BARRIERS AS FAR FROM TRAVEL WAY AS PRACTICAL. GUARDRAILS AND CABLE BARRIERS PREVENT VEHICLES FROM CROSSING MEDIANS AND GOING INTO ONCOMING TRAFFIC. HOWEVER, THEY ARE UNSAFE FOR MOTORCYCLES. NEARLY HALF OF ALL MOTORCYCLE GUARDRAIL COLLISIONS RESULT IN FATALITIES.

**VISIBILITY AND SIGHT DISTANCE** • INCREASE SIGHT DISTANCE AND STOPPING SIGHT DISTANCE (SSD), WHENEVER POSSIBLE, TO IMPROVE SAFETY. MOTORCYCLES ARE LESS VISIBLE TO MOST MOTORISTS DUE TO THEIR SIZE. SIGHT DISTANCE IS THE LENGTH OF ROADWAY THAT A DRIVER CAN SEE AHEAD. SSD IS THE MINIMUM SIGHT DISTANCE REQUIRED TO STOP A VEHICLE ON WET PAVEMENT AFTER SEEING AN OBJECT WITHOUT HITTING IT. DISTANCES ARE SET BY AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS (AASHTO ). ENGINEERS USE SSD TO DETERMINE THE MINIMUM LENGTH OF VERTICAL CURVES AND MINIMUM RADII OF HORIZONTAL CURVES. SSD IS MEANT FOR CARS BUT NOT FOR OTHER VEHICLES, INCLUDING MOTORCYCLES.

VISIT [BAYSTATEROADS.EOT.STATE.MA.US/TECHNOTES/35\\_STOPPING\\_SIGHT\\_DISTANCE.PDF](http://BAYSTATEROADS.EOT.STATE.MA.US/TECHNOTES/35_STOPPING_SIGHT_DISTANCE.PDF) FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SSD AS WELL AS REFER TO AASHTO 'S PUBLICATION, A POLICY ON GEOMETRIC

## DESIGN OF HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

- ENSURE VISIBILITY OF SIGNS AND ROADWAY MARKINGS. KEEP IN MIND THAT MANY MOTORCYCLES ONLY HAVE ONE HEAD LAMP FOR ILLUMINATION. APPLY RETROREFLECTIVE MATERIAL TO GUARDRAILS, CABLE BARRIER POSTS AND OTHER POTENTIAL OBSTRUCTIONS TO INCREASE VISIBILITY AT NIGHT.

**SKID-RESISTANT SURFACES** • EXAMINE PAVEMENT FOR SKID RESISTANCE DURING ROAD MAINTENANCE. OLDER PAVEMENTS OFTEN LOSE SKID RESISTANCE QUALITY. GRIND, OVERLAY, OR APPLY A SURFACE TREATMENT TO INCREASE SKID RESISTANCE AND SPECIFY PAVEMENT SURFACES WITH ADEQUATE PAVEMENT FRICTION.

- EXAMINE THE FRICTION CHARACTERISTICS OF ASPHALT SEALANTS, ROADWAY MARKINGS, INTERSECTION MARKINGS, AND METAL ROAD SURFACE APPARATUS. THERMOPLASTICS, ESPECIALLY USED FOR BROAD, HORIZONTAL INTERSECTION LINES, CAN CREATE SLIPPERY SURFACES FOR MOTORCYCLES TRYING TO STOP AT INTERSECTIONS. METAL ROAD SURFACE COMPONENTS—EITHER TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT— OFFER LIMITED TRACTION IN MANY CASES, AND, WHEN WET, ARE DIFFICULT TO SEE.

**WORK ZONES** WORK ZONES ARE ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS FOR MOTORCYCLISTS.

- POST SPECIFIC WARNINGS FOR MOTORCYCLES. PLACE WARNING SIGNS FOR GROOVED PAVEMENT, UNEVEN PAVEMENT SUCH AS FROM MILLING OPERATIONS, BUMPS, POTHOLES, EDGE DROP-OFFS, AND OTHER HAZARDS. EDGE TRAPS PREVENT A MOTORCYCLE'S FRONT WHEEL FROM MOVING SIDE-TO-SIDE. EVEN A SMALL EDGE TRAP MAY RESULT IN A CRASH.
- USE STEEL CONSTRUCTION PLATES OF AN ADEQUATE SIZE AND WITH A SKID RESISTANT SURFACE. PLATES CAN BE SLIPPERY WHEN WET. RECESS PLATES TO AVOID CREATING AN EDGE TRAP.
- USE WEIGHTED WORK ZONE DEVICES TO PREVENT THEM FROM BEING BLOWN INTO THE TRAVEL LANE. MANY SIGNS, CONES, AND BARRELS HAVE A HEAVY RUBBER RING ON THE BOTTOM. USE A SECOND WEIGHTED RING IN DANGEROUS LOCATIONS.
- CHECK WORK ZONES REGULARLY TO ENSURE CORRECT PLACEMENT OF SAFETY DEVICES AND THAT THE ZONE IS FREE OF DEBRIS IN THE TRAVEL WAY.

## AUGUST 2010 FLORIDA T *T2CTT.CE.UFL.EDU* ECHNOLOGY TRANSFER QUARTERLY | 3

**PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE** • REMOVE DEBRIS AND FLUID SPILLS QUICKLY AND THOROUGHLY. TIRES, VEHICLE PARTS, ACCUMULATED VEGETATION, OTHER DEBRIS AND FLUID SPILLS BECOME HAZARDS. SAND ALONG COASTAL ROADS POSES GREATER HAZARDS TO MOTORCYCLES THAN TO LARGER VEHICLES. DEBRIS CAN DEFLECT A MOTORCYCLE'S WHEEL OR HIT THE MOTORCYCLIST. FLUID SPILLS AND LOOSE MATERIALS CAN EASILY CAUSE LOSS OF TRACTION. LOOSE MATERIALS ARE ALSO COMMON WITH CERTAIN TYPES OF TREATMENTS SUCH AS SEAL COATING WHERE LIQUID ASPHALT IS APPLIED OVER PAVEMENT AND GRAVEL IS SPREAD OVER LIQUID ASPHALT.

- REDUCE UNEVEN ROAD SURFACES. PARALLEL PAVING LANE JOINTS, PARALLEL GRIDS ON BRIDGES, STEEL PLATES, MILLED SURFACES AND OTHER UNEVEN ROADWAY SURFACES CAN BE ESPECIALLY

HAZARDOUS FOR MOTORCYCLES.

- MILLING MACHINES PRODUCE A COARSE SURFACE WITH LONGITUDINAL GROOVES. THE COARSE MATERIAL MAY CAUSE A MOTORCYCLE TO LOSE TRACTION. GROOVES CAN CREATE AN EDGE TRAP. EDGE TRAPS OFTEN OCCUR DURING PAVING OPERATIONS. CURRENT HIGHWAY STANDARDS PERMIT PAVEMENT EDGES OF UP TO 1.5 INCHES WITHOUT TAPERING.

- PATCH POTHOLES PROMPTLY. POTHOLES ARE MORE DANGEROUS TO MOTORCYCLES THAN TO LARGER VEHICLES.

- ALWAYS POST WARNING SIGNS AND REPAIR POTHOLES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

INSTALLING AN EFFECTIVE DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND CRACK SEAL CAN HELP PREVENT POTHOLES.

- REQUIRE TIDY CRACK REPAIRS. A MOTORCYCLE'S TRACTION CAN BE SERIOUSLY COMPROMISED BY "TAR SNAKES", EXCESS ASPHALT OR OTHER SEALANTS USED FOR CRACK REPAIR. CRACK SEALING IS AN EFFECTIVE PAVEMENT TREATMENT HOWEVER, IT BECOMES SLICK DURING WARM WEATHER.

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- OBTAIN MOTORCYCLE CRASH DATA. USE CRASH REPORTS TO DECIDE WHICH AREAS NEED IMPROVEMENTS. MAKE A LIST OF IMPROVEMENT NEEDS, PRIORITIZE THE LIST, AND TAKE ACTION.

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**LOUD BIKES LOSE RIGHTS** MUNICIPALITIES FROM COAST TO COAST ARE GIVING MOTORCYCLES THE SILENT TREATMENT, AND RIDERS RIGHTS GROUPS AND INDUSTRY ANALYSTS FEAR THAT A WAVE OF ORDINANCES AIMED AT MUFFLING NOISY BIKES WILL CREATE A CONFUSING PATCHWORK OF LAWS NATIONWIDE AND COULD TURN FRUSTRATED RIDERS AWAY FROM THE \$12 BILLION MOTORCYCLE MARKETPLACE.

LAWS RESTRICTING MOTORCYCLE NOISE HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR YEARS AND COME IN MANY FORMS; SOME ARE AGAINST CERTAIN TYPES OF PRODUCTS SUCH AS A NEW YORK CITY ORDINANCE THAT SUBJECTS RIDERS TO A MINIMUM \$400 TICKET FOR HAVING AN EXHAUST SYSTEM THAT CAN BE HEARD WITHIN 200 FEET, WHILE OTHERS ARE AIMED MORE AT THE INTENT OF THE OPERATOR SUCH AS A LANCASTER, PENN., ORDINANCE THAT MAKES IT ILLEGAL FOR RIDERS TO OVER-REV THEIR ENGINES.

IN DENVER, WHICH PASSED A UNIQUE MUFFLER LAW THREE YEARS AGO THAT REQUIRES EPA LABELING TO BE DISPLAYED ON PIPES TO PREVENT BIKERS FROM INSTALLING LOUDER AFTER-MARKET EXHAUSTS, AID TO INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS (A.I.M.) ATTORNEY WADE ELDRIDGE WAS RECENTLY QUOTED IN A LOCAL CBS-4 STORY INVESTIGATING THE CONTROVERSIAL ATTEMPT TO REDUCE NOISE EMISSIONS.

ELDRIDGE, WHO SPECIALIZES IN REPRESENTING MOTORCYCLE RIDERS IN ACCIDENT AND INSURANCE LAW CASES AND WHO IS A RIDER HIMSELF, WAS QUOTED IN THE JULY 23RD INTERVIEW AS SAYING: "I THINK IT (THE DENVER LOUD NOISE LAW) WAS SOMETHING THE CITY COUNCIL PASSED THAT THEY KNEW WAS UNENFORCEABLE," AND SUGGESTED THAT TO FIGHT BACK "THOSE WHO RECEIVE TICKETS SHOULD DEMAND TRIALS."

THOUGH RARELY ENFORCED SINCE ELDRIDGE WON A KEY CASE AGAINST THE DENVER NOISE ORDINANCE, WITH ONLY 46 TICKETS HANDED OUT TO DATE, POLICE IN GOLDEN CITING STATE LAW HAVE ISSUED 81 NOISE VIOLATIONS IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS. THE CITY IS USING A COLORADO STATE STATUTE, C.R.S. 42-4-225 THAT REQUIRES THAT VEHICLES BE EQUIPPED WITH AN "ADEQUATE" MUFFLER, AND OUTLAWES ANY "EXCESSIVE OR UNUSUAL" NOISE. ACCORDING TO ELDRIDGE, "THE LAW LENDS ITSELF TO ARBITRARY AND DISCRIMINATORY ENFORCEMENT -- THE POLICE CAN

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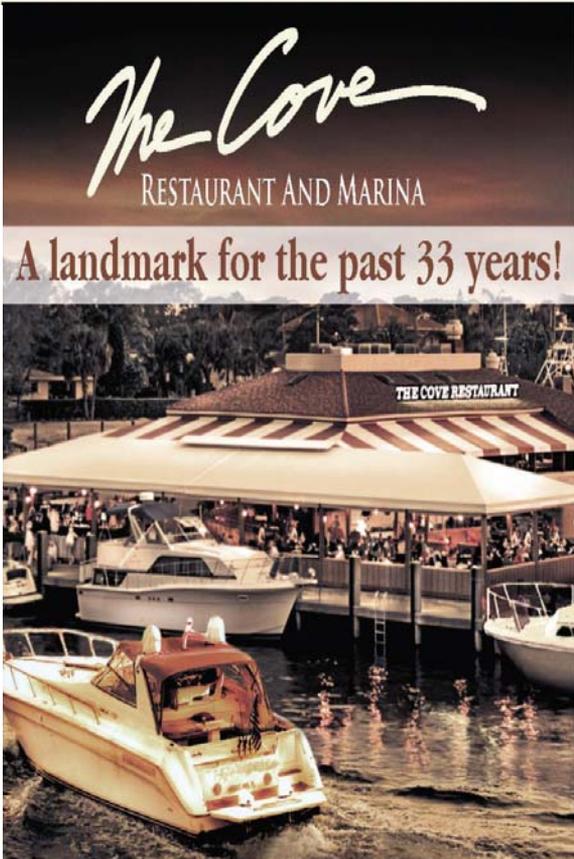
"THE POWERS THAT BE IN THE CITY OF GOLDEN HAVE APPARENTLY MADE A POLITICAL DECISION THAT THEY DON'T WANT US IN THEIR CITY," OBSERVED ELDRIDGE, ADDING THAT; "THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE STOPPING US, AND WRITING THESE TICKETS, UNTIL ENOUGH PEOPLE PLEAD NOT GUILTY AND INSIST ON A TRIAL... WHEN THE COURT IS BACKLOGGED WITH THESE CASES, WE WILL SEE SOME OFFICIAL PRESSURE TO STOP THEM."

IN THE MEANTIME, FURTHER INFORMATION ON FIGHTING SUCH TICKETS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE OF THE COLORADO CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS ([WWW.COLORADO-COC.COM](http://WWW.COLORADO-COC.COM)), OF WHICH ELDRIDGE SERVES AS LEGAL COUNSEL.

**MINNESOTA CLAIMS VICTORY FOR CUSTOM MOTORCYCLE BUILDERS** THE STATE PATROL IN MINNESOTA, LIKE MANY OTHER POLICE AGENCIES, USE LICENSE PLATE SCANNERS IN THEIR PATROL CARS THAT CAN READ UP TO 1,000 PLATES PER MINUTE, BUT THEY ARE UNABLE TO READ THE VERTICAL PLATES ON SOME CUSTOM MOTORCYCLES. "IT DIDN'T TAKE TOO MUCH TO SNEAK A NEW LAW THROUGH AND AFTER THE 2008 SESSION VERTICAL PLATES WERE ILLEGAL," SAID TODD RIBA, ABATE OF MN LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR, "BUT NOT FOR LONG."

ABATE OF MINNESOTA'S LOBBYING TEAM AND STATE COORDINATOR STARTED TO WORK ON THE PROBLEM, AND STATE SENATORS AMY KOCH AND RAY VANDEVEER STEPPED FORWARD TO CARRY THEIR BILL.

THE STATE PATROL DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE UP ITS ABILITY TO READ MOTORCYCLE PLATES, BUT ABATE DIDN'T WANT THE CUSTOM BIKE FOLKS TO LOSE THE RIGHT TO TRICK OUT THEIR RIDES. IT TOOK A LOT OF CREATIVE THINKING TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION, BUT IN THE END THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED. THE BILL PASSED AND THE GOVERNOR SIGNED IT INTO LAW, BECOMING EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1 ST.



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HERE IS HOW IT WORKS: THE DVS WILL OFFER VERTICAL READING LICENSE PLATES. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MOUNT THESE PLATES IN VERTICAL LICENSE PLATE BRACKETS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT'S SCANNERS WILL STILL BE ABLE TO READ THEM. THE PLATES CAN BE ORDERED JUST LIKE VANITY PLATES AND RIDERS WILL HAVE TO PAY AN EXTRA FEE, BUT THESE NEW VERTICAL READING PLATES SHOULD KEEP YOU OUT OF TROUBLE AND IF YOU SELL THE BIKE YOU CAN KEEP THE PLATE FOR YOUR NEXT CUSTOM RIDE.

**HABITUAL OFFENDER HELD WITHOUT BAIL IN CYCLIST'S DEATH** A WESTERLY, RHODE ISLAND WOMAN HAS BEEN ORDERED HELD WITHOUT BAIL ON CHARGES THAT SHE STRUCK AND KILLED A MOTORCYCLIST WITH HER CAR. LAURA REALE, 27, DID NOT ENTER A PLEA AT A JULY 22ND ARRAIGNMENT IN WASHINGTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT ON AN INDICTMENT OF DRIVING TO ENDANGER, DEATH RESULTING.

ACCORDING TO AN NBC 10 NEWS REPORT, A JUDGE ORDERED HER HELD WITHOUT BAIL AFTER A PROSECUTOR SAID REALE HAD BEEN HIDING MARIJUANA USE BY SUBMITTING ANOTHER PERSON'S URINE SAMPLES. SHE WILL BE HELD UNTIL HER LAWYER CAN FIND HER A DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM.

REALE IS ACCUSED OF RUNNING A RED LIGHT IN WESTERLY ON MAY 16 AND CRASHING INTO A MOTORCYCLE DRIVEN BY 27-YEAR-OLD COLIN B. FOOTE. REALE HAS A HISTORY OF VIOLATIONS, WITH 27 MOVING-VEHICLE VIOLATIONS ON RECORD.

FOOTE'S DEATH LED TO A NEW STATE LAW AIMED AT PREVENTING HABITUAL TRAFFIC OFFENDERS FROM DRIVING.

**KEYSTONE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY CAMPAIGN** THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS ANNOUNCED A FREE ONLINE PROGRAM CELEBRATING THE FREEDOM OF MOTORCYCLING CALLED THE "LIVE FREE RIDE ALIVE" PROGRAM. "THE CAMPAIGN REMINDS RIDERS TO TAKE IT EASY OUT THERE AND ACCEPT PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS," SAID A PENNDOT SPOKESPERSON. "IT ADDRESSES ISSUES OF DRINKING AND RIDING, SPEEDING, AND BEING PROPERLY TRAINED AND LICENSED TO OPERATE A MOTORCYCLE."

PENNSYLVANIA RIDERS CAN ENHANCE THEIR OPERATING SKILLS AND SAFETY AWARENESS BY TAKING FREE TRAINING OFFERED THROUGH PENNSYLVANIA'S MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM. THE LIVE COURSES ARE FREE TO PENNSYLVANIA RESIDENTS AND ARE HELD FROM MARCH THROUGH OCTOBER AT APPROXIMATELY 70 SITES ACROSS THE STATE. MOTORCYCLE PERMIT HOLDERS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL BE ISSUED A MOTORCYCLE LICENSE.

**NEW JERSEY LAWMAKERS INTRODUCE FEDERAL GANG LEGISLATION** ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECENTLY CIRCULATED BY ABATE OF THE GARDEN STATE, NEW JERSEY CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ARE PUSHING NEW FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO DETER GANG ACTIVITY.

IN EARLY AUGUST, U.S. SEN. ROBERT MENENDEZ (D-N.J.) INTRODUCED ONE BILL IN THE U.S. SENATE WHILE REP. FRANK PALLONE (D-6TH DIST.) INTRODUCED A VERSION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE LEGISLATION CLAIMS TO ADDRESS "CRIMINAL STREET GANG PROBLEMS" FROM SEVERAL ANGLES.

IT WOULD FUND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PROGRAMS FOR AT-RISK YOUTH, INCLUDING \$5.5 BILLION IN GRANTS FOR STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS. MENENDEZ AND PALLONE ALSO WANT \$3.5 BILLION IN GRANTS OVER FIVE YEARS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO FIGHT GANGS.

THE LEGISLATION WOULD ALSO CREATE OR INCREASE FEDERAL PENALTIES FOR GANG ACTIVITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, ENGAGING IN A "PATTERN OF CRIMINAL GANG ACTIVITY" - MEANING COMMITTING TWO OR MORE CRIMES RELATED TO GANG MEMBERSHIP - COULD SEND SOMEONE TO PRISON FOR UP TO 30 YEARS.

#### **AGING ROAD WARRIORS AT HIGHER RISK**

CONTINUING TO RIDE A MOTORCYCLE MAY KEEP SOME SENIOR CITIZENS YOUNG AT HEART, BUT AS THE RIDING POPULATION GROWS OLDER THEY ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE INJURED OR DIE AS A RESULT OF A MISHAP WHEN COMPARED TO THEIR YOUNGER COUNTERPARTS DUE TO FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH AGING.

RESEARCHERS AT ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTRE IN NEW YORK RELEASED FINDINGS EARLIER THIS SPRING INDICATING THAT HALF OF ALL MOTORCYCLISTS NEEDING EMERGENCY TREATMENT IN 2005 WERE OVER 40, DOUBLE THE NUMBER IN 1993, AND ACCIDENTS INVOLVING RIDERS IN THAT AGE GROUP WERE TWICE AS LIKELY TO BE FATAL AS THOSE INVOLVING YOUNGER BIKERS.

OF ALL INJURED RIDERS INCLUDED IN THE STUDY, THOSE AGED 50 TO 59 WERE THE FASTEST-GROWING GROUP, WHILE THOSE BETWEEN 20 AND 29 WERE THE MOST RAPIDLY DECLINING GROUP.

AGE-RELATED CHANGES, SUCH AS DECREASES IN BONE STRENGTH AND BRAIN SIZE, MAY MAKE OLDER RIDERS MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO INJURY. OTHER FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH AGING, SUCH AS IMPAIRED VISION, DELAYED REACTION TIME, AND

ALTERED BALANCE CONTRIBUTE TO MOTORCYCLE CRASHES IN THIS POPULATION.

IN THE STUDY, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE AMERICAN SURGEON, RESEARCHERS USING THE NATIONAL TRAUMA DATABANK REVIEWED THE RECORDS OF 61,689 MOTORCYCLISTS AGED 17 TO 89 YEARS INVOLVED IN A MOTORCYCLE CRASH BETWEEN 1996 AND 2005.

THE AVERAGE AGE OF MOTORCYCLISTS INVOLVED IN CRASHES STEADILY INCREASED OVER THE STUDY PERIOD, WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH PUBLISHED STATISTICS FROM THE MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL WHICH REPORT THAT THE AVERAGE AGE OF MOTORCYCLE OWNERSHIP ROSE FROM 33 YEARS IN 1998 TO 40 YEARS IN 2003.

**WEIRD NEWS: PYRAMID POWER USED TO STOP TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS** SINCE THE DAYS OF ANCIENT EGYPT, PYRAMIDS HAVE BEEN CREDITED WITH SUPERNATURAL OR PARANORMAL PROPERTIES, AND NOW THEIR PUTATIVE POWERS ARE BEING HARNESSSED BY INDIAN POLICE TO REDUCE ROAD ACCIDENTS.

AFTER MEETING WITH AN EXPERT IN VASTU, AN ANCIENT HINDU SYSTEM OF CONSTRUCTION SIMILAR TO CHINESE FENG SHUI, TRAFFIC OFFICERS IN NAGPUR ARE STRATEGICALLY INSTALLING SMALL PYRAMIDS AT ACCIDENT-PRONE SITES IN THE CITY IN HOPES THEIR CLAIMED POSITIVE ENERGY CAN STOP DEADLY CRASHES.

VASTU EXPERT SUSHIL FATEHPURIA, WHO OFFERED HIS SERVICES FREE OF CHARGE, SAID THAT EACH 30 CENTIMETRE TALL PYRAMID WILL HAVE A COPPER BOTTOM AND FIVE SMALLER PYRAMIDS INSIDE. "I THINK THE ACCIDENTS ARE CAUSED BY NEGATIVE ENERGIES. SO WE NEED TO MINIMIZE OR CONVERT THE NEGATIVE ENERGY INTO POSITIVE ONES," HE SAID. "I WILL ENERGIZE THE PYRAMIDS. I WILL TRANSFER MY POSITIVE THOUGHTS INTO THE PYRAMIDS."

A COMBINATION OF AN INCREASE IN DRIVERS, MANY OF THEM UNTRAINED, POOR ROAD PLANNING AND LAX LAW ENFORCEMENT HAVE MADE INDIA'S ROADS THE MOST DANGEROUS IN THE WORLD, WITH MORE THAN 114,000 FATALITIES EACH YEAR. GOOD LUCK!

**EDUCATION CYCLES** THE UNITED STATES HAS DONATED 115 MOTORCYCLES WORTH \$524,398 TO AN AFRICAN EDUCATIONAL CENTER THAT COORDINATES TUTORS IN THE UGANDA CITIES OF LANGO, ACHOLI AND TESO.

THE MOTORCYCLES WERE HANDED OVER BY THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO UGANDA TEAM LEADER, ELISE AYERS, AT ASURET CORE PRIMARY TEACHERS COLLEGE IN SOROTI IN MAY. AYERS SAID THE MOTORCYCLES WOULD ENABLE THE TUTORS MAKE A MINIMUM OF THREE VISITS TO EACH SCHOOL IN A TERM TO MENTOR AND PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT TO TEACHERS.

**INDONESIAN CAPITAL LIMITS MOTORCYCLE TRAFFIC** CITY OFFICIALS IN JAKARTA ARE MULLING OVER SCHEMES TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF MOTORCYCLES ALLOWED IN CERTAIN AREAS DURING PEAK HOURS TO HELP UNSNARL THE CITY'S ACUTE TRAFFIC JAMS. THE INDONESIAN MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION ESTIMATES THERE ARE ABOUT 35 MILLION MOTORCYCLES IN USABLE CONDITION IN THE COUNTRY, AND IN THE CAPITAL CITY OF 8.5 MILLION PEOPLE THERE ARE NEARLY ONE MOTORCYCLE FOR EVERY PERSON AND GROWING BY NEARLY A THOUSAND NEW BIKES EVERY DAY.

THIS EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH NUMBER OF MOTORCYCLES HAS EXACERBATED THE CITY'S ALREADY AWFUL TRAFFIC, ESPECIALLY DURING RUSH HOUR, AND PLANS ARE IN PLACE TO BEGIN BANNING BIKES FROM A NUMBER OF MAIN THOROUGHFARES IN THIS MOSTLY MUSLIM NATION AFTER THE HOLY HOLIDAY OF RAMADAN, REQUIRING RIDERS TO CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEYS BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

MOTORCYCLE NUMBERS HAVE BEEN INCREASING FOR SIX YEARS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, DRIVEN BY AFFLUENCE AND AFFORDABLE CREDIT SCHEMES. TODAY, A NEW MOTORCYCLE CAN BE PURCHASED WITH AN INITIAL DOWN PAYMENT OF Rp 500,000 (US\$50).

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:** "NECESSITY IS THE PLEA FOR EVERY ABRIDGMENT OF HUMAN FREEDOM. IT IS THE ARGUMENT OF TYRANTS, THE CREED OF SLAVES."  
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