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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU THAT TURNED OUT FOR THE BENEFIT RIDE FOR SGT. ADAM ROSENTHAL'S FAMILY, I BELIEVE THERE ABOUT 130 + PLUS BIKES ON THE RUN WHICH VERY MUCH IMPRESSED THE OTHER FOLKS THAT TURNED OUT WHEN EVERYONE LEFT THE PARKING GARAGE. IT ALWAYS AMAZES ME TO HEAR PEOPLE CHEERING, APPLAUDING TAKING VIDEOS AND PHOTOS. THE MEDIA WAS THERE; CHANNEL 12 AND CHANNEL 5 WERE ON THE SCENE, I WONDER IF THERE WAS A REPORT ON THE 5:00 OR 11:00 NEWS. IF ANYONE SAW ANYTHING PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

THE RIDE TOOK A CURIOUS TURN, LITERALLY. UP UNTIL I GOT THERE THE RIDE WAS TO BE 195 SOUTH TO 595, EAST TO THE 17TH ST. CAUSEWAY TO A1A AND BACK TO DELRAY FOR THE BBQ. IT ACTUALLY WOUND UP GOING 195 NORTH TO 80 WEST TO 714 NORTH TO PAHOKEE AND BACK TO THE BBQ. WHICH FROM WHAT EVERYONE TOLD ME TURNED OUT TO BE A GREAT RIDE. I WAS OFF THE RIDE FROM THE GET GO, MY BIKE WAS RUNNING HOT AND I DIDN'T WANT TO CHANCE HAVING THE MOTOR DETONATE WAY UP THERE. IF WE WERE GOING SOUTH I HAD A BETTER CHANCE ON GETTING IT BACK TO THE HOUSE ON A TRAILER IF ANYTHING POPPED.

ZEKE BOUGHT BREAKFAST AND WE HUNG OUT WAITING FOR EVERYONE TO GET BACK. WHILE WE WERE WAITING I WAS TALKING TO THE LADIES AT THE BEER & WINE TENT, THEY ALL WORKED AT BOSTON'S ON THE BEACH AND HAD VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO BE THERE, THEY REALLY DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB. THE BOWMAN FAMILY SERVED UP A GREAT BBQ AND PLENTY OF IT.



THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT, THE K-9 DEMONSTRATION WAS REALLY AMAZING, THE SWAT TEAM DID A REPELLING EXHIBITION FROM THE TOP OF THE FIVE STORY PARKING GARAGE. THAT WAS PRETTY COOL, EVEN THOUGH ONE GUY CONKED HIS HEAD REPELLING INTO AN OPENING IN THE WALL OF THE THIRD LEVEL PARKING. I HOPE HE'S OK.

IT WAS GOOD TO SEE MAYOR McDUFFIE AGAIN, THIS TIME I HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING HIS LOVELY WIFE AND THEIR FIRST GRANDCHILD. HE WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE FOR THE TURN OUT, HE TOLD HIS WIFE HE AND I HAD STRUCK UP A FRIENDSHIP WHEN FORMER MAYOR ELLIS TRIED TO BOOT US OUT OF DELRAY, AND THAT WE (ABATE P.B.C.) WERE THERE IN SUPPORT WHEN HE WAS ELECTED. I INTRODUCED WHISTLER PRESIDENT OF THE PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS AND WHISTLER PRESENTED HIM WITH AN OFFICIAL PATRIOT GUARD CHALLENGE COIN. WHISTLER AND I WARNED WOODIE THAT IF HE FINDS HIMSELF IN THE COMPANY OF PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS AND ONE OF THEM CALLED FOR A CHALLENGE, (A SHOWING OF THE COINS) AND HE DIDN'T HAVE HIS, HE'D BE BUYIN' A ROUND FOR THE LOT OF 'EM.

ALLEN WEST WAS IN BOCA FOR A "TOWN MEETING" AS I UNDERSTAND IT THINGS GOT A LITTLE OUT OF HAND AND A FEW PEOPLE WERE ESCORTED OUT THE DOOR. APPARENTLY, THEY WERE A LITTLE UPSET WITH ALLEN'S COMMITMENT TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE FROM HIS DISTRICT AND FLORIDIANS AS A WHOLE. I SAW SENA-

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— CONT'D

TOR MARCO RUBIO (R FL) ON MEET THE PRESS THIS PAST SUNDAY, EVEN THOUGH HE HAS AFFIRMED THAT HE IS NOT INTERESTED IN RUNNING A VICE PRESIDENT WITH ANYONE AND ONLY WANTS TO DO THE JOB HE WAS ELECTED TO DO, HAVING MET HIM AND HEARD HIS MESSAGE I WOULDN'T COUNT HIM OUT AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. MAYBE HE AND ALLEN NEED TO TALK, THEY BOTH SEEM TO BE OF THE SAME MIND SET WHEN IT COMES TO RESTORING AMERICA, SECURING IT'S BOARDERS AND PROTECTING OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. I FOR ONE AM PROUD TO HAVE THEM AS REPRESENTATIVES.

THE RALLY IN TALLY WAS GREAT, I WOULD GUESS THERE WERE CLOSE TO 1,000 BIKES ON THE RUN AND THE POLICE ESCORT REALLY DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB. THE CAPITOL POLICE WERE WITH US IN THE COURTYARD SECURING THE AREA AND STOOD WITH US DURING THE ENTIRE CEREMONY. IT SEEMED AS THOUGH WE HAD A DIFFERENT RECEPTION THAN IN PAST YEARS. THE PEOPLE WE ENCOUNTERED IN THE CAPITOL WERE VERY HELPFUL AND FRIENDLY, THEY WERE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN TALKING WITH US AND ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ISSUES CONCERNING MOTORCYCLISTS. I BELIEVE THE INFORMATION PACKETS PREPARED BY SLO MOTION WERE VERY WELL DONE AND PROFESSIONAL, ALTHOUGH WE DIDN'T ACTUALLY SPEAK DIRECTLY WITH ALL OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES THEIR AIDES WERE VERY INTERESTED IN LISTENING TO US AND MOST HAD NO IDEA THAT OUR "STIFFER PENALTIES BILL" WAS WRITTEN TO INCLUDE ALL MOTORISTS, BICYCLISTS EVEN PEDESTRIANS. THEY WERE APPALLED WHEN WE TOLD THEM IT



WAS A FINE OF ONLY \$82.00 AND THAT WAS ONLY IF THE PERSON THAT CAUSED THE ACCIDENT WAS EVER PROSECUTED. THE TEXTING WHILE DRIVING ISSUE CAME UP IN DISCUSSIONS IN ALMOST EVERY OFFICE WE VISITED. ALL IN ALL IT WAS A VERY PRODUCTIVE AND PLEASANT EXPERIENCE.

I WAS ASKED TO BRIEF THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM SEVERAL CLUBS AT THE SOUTH FLORIDA CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS MEETING IN APRIL, AFTER I SPOKE TOOL STATES MC CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD STATED THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONFEDERATION SHOULD JOIN ABATE IN SUPPORT OF OUR EFFORTS. UNFORTUNATELY I HAD TO LEAVE BEFORE THE MEETING ENDED BUT I WILL OF COURSE BE AT THE NEXT MEETING AND HOPEFULLY I'LL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AGAIN AND MAYBE SIGN UP SOME NEW MEMBERS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS FROM ALL CLUBS AND RIDING ASSOCIATIONS AT OUR JUNE 25TH EVENT PARTY BEING HELD AT ISLAND JACKS FROM 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

WE WILL BE COLLECTING TOYS TO BE DONATED TO THE WINGS OF GOLD MC ANNUAL BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB TOY RUN. IF YOU WANT TO DONATE A TOY PLEASE MAKE IT A NEW UNWRAPPED TOY AND NOT A STUFFED ANIMAL. JUST STOP BY THE SIGN IN TABLE AND DROP IT IN THE TOY BOX. LOOK FOR OUR FLIERS TO BE DISTRIBUTED SOON.

RIDE FREE, RIDE SAFE



MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS & SAFETY

DEDICATED TO

"FREEDOM OF CHOICE, FREEDOM OF THE ROAD"

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

THERE ARE NO MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

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

YOUR COLORS OR PATCH ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN OUR HOUSE

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

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

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

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

"FREEDOM OF CHOICE, FREEDOM OF THE ROAD"

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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MAY 2011

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 Charles "Renegade" Schroeder
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 Christopher "Craft" Cifelli
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 Joanne "JoJo" White
 Deborah Knelson
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 Raymond "I hear yea" Mamone
 Chrissy Fennell
 Jason "Wrecker 1%" Yamen
 John "Uki" Freibaum



*God Bless
 The United States
 of America.*

JUNE 2011

Chuck "Mailman" Ennis
 Denis "Pepe" Lessard
 Kevin "Goose" Delburn
 Robert "Unkle Bob" Tosetti
 Ken "Deep Sea" Soule
 Bree Ann Boroff
 James "Slim" Pickens
 Geno "Eyeball" DiPol
 Arthur "RP" Brode
 Mark "Duke" Woodard
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 Patrick "Poleman" Moreno
 Bob "Bobcat" Marioni
 Greg Cler
 Sheppy Cler

JULY 2011

Faith Cote
 Mary "Kathy" Morris
 Walter "Greyghost" Wilcox

AUGUST 2011

Barry Duralia
 Robert "RT" Watkins
 Erica "Sunny" Peace
 Mysti Dampier
 Tim "T.A." Ralph

DONT FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON TIME TO AVOID LAPSE IN AD&D INSURANCE. ONE DAY WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE. YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH AS NOTED ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD.

Please be sure to notify us of any change of address to continue receiving your Masterlink



Vice President's Message

WELL IT'S COMING UP FAST! SO YOU BETTER MARK THAT DATE DOWN IN YOUR CALENDAR NOW! AWESOME LIVE MUSIC! ICE COLD BEER! AND GREAT FOOD! IT'S THE ABATE PALM BEACH COUNTY 7TH ANNUAL FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY BEING HELD JUNE 25TH AT ISLAND JACKS.

START TIME IS 5PM. EVERY YEAR WE HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH THIS EVENT RAIN OR SHINE. SO COME ON OUT AND HAVE A GOOD TIME WHILE SUPPORTING A GOOD CAUSE. YOUR RIGHTS AS A BIKER!

THIS IS NOT AN EVENT TO MISS, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE A MEMBER. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT EVENT FOR OUR CHAPTER SO PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND. JUST ATTENDING IS IMPORTANT SO DON'T FEEL OBLIGATED FOR WHAT I'M ASKING FOR NEXT. HELP. WE NEED HELP RUNNING THE EVENT. SO IF YOU CAN OR WANT TO HELP OUT, PLEASE DO. WE NEED PEOPLE FOR SECURITY, THE DOOR, INFO TABLE, 50/50 ETC. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COMMIT YOURSELF TO WORKING THE WHOLE EVENT. EVEN OFFERING 15 MINUTES SO THAT SOMEONE CAN TAKE A BREAK IS A BIG HELP. OUR CHAPTER HAS A LOT OF MEMBERS, YET IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME FEW THAT ALWAYS VOLUNTEER TO HELP. IF THAT'S NOT YOU, HOW ABOUT THAT 15 MINUTES? IT'S APPRECIATED MORE THAN YOU KNOW!

RECENTLY WAS THE STATE RALLY AND RIDE TO THE CAPITOL. ABATE OF FLORIDA MADE A GOOD SHOWING AT THE CAPITOL. I RECEIVED A PHOTO FROM OUR BROTHER WILLIE FROM THE EVENT. SEEING THAT HUGE AMERICAN FLAG BEING HELD BY OUR BROTHERS STRETCHED OUT OVER THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL WAS AN AWESOME SIGHT! FOR THOSE OF US WHO COULDN'T ATTEND WE REALLY MISSED OUT. I'D LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK WILLIE AND STRONGBOW FOR REPRESENTING THE CHAPTER FOR AN IMPORTANT EVENT. UNTIL NEXT MONTH, RIDE SAFE AND WATCH YOUR ASSES OUT THERE!

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- 13th - Fabulous Fleetwoods
- 15 & 27 - Sooner or Later
- 18th - Mighty Quinn
- 20th - Pandia
- 22nd - Rough shot

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MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Florida's climate and scenery make motorcycle riding an attraction in the Sunshine State, and riders consider our roadways to be some of the nation's best for riding; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles are increasingly used as a regular means of transportation; and

WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an energy-efficient vehicle that reduces fuel consumption, traffic and parking congestion; and

WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an important form of transportation for commuting, touring and recreation; and

WHEREAS, as a matter of safety, it is necessary to develop appropriate driving habits to handle these vehicles on Florida roadways; and

WHEREAS, more than a million drivers in Florida have a motorcycle endorsement on their driver license; and

WHEREAS, to prevent injuries and deaths on Florida's roadways, motorcyclists and motorists must be vigilant in their efforts to share the road and ensure the safety of everyone; and

WHEREAS, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month raises public awareness for a lifetime of safe motorcycle riding.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2011 as *Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 31st day of March, in the year two thousand eleven.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".
Governor

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Look for our next Swap Meet in June

2011 Legacy Scholarship Fund Lapel Pins

Help support the children of active duty service members killed after Sept. 11 2001 to ensure that all those who want a post secondary education will be provided one

Join us for our **BBQ** every 2nd **Sunday** at Noon starting in **April**

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13th ANNUAL 

ROCK N' ROLL SUNDAY  

PRESENTED BY THE NAM KNIGHTS MC

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to be held at Greenacres Community Park
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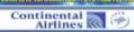
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SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2011			
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8:00 - 9:00 am	Treasury	Products	Legislative
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10:00 - 11:00 am	Treasury	Sgt-At-Arms	Newsletter
11:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Safety	Secretary/Insurance	PR/Communications
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May

2011

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 May is Motorcycle Awareness Month	2	3	4 Island Jack's Bike Night WPB Mickey's Bike Night Pompano	5 Palm Beach H-D Bike Night 45 th Street WPB	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11 Island Jack's Bike Night WPB Mickey's Bike Night Pompano	12	13	14 USMC MC WPB Annual
15 Abate Palm Beach Chapter Meeting 11:30 AM H-D Chili cook Off WPB	16	17	18 Island Jack's Bike Night WPB Mickey's Bike Night Pompano	19	20	21 Wing of Gold Port St. Lucie Party
22	23	24	25 Island Jack's Bike Night WPB Mickey's Bike Night Pompano	26	27	28
29 Southeast Abate Memorial Day Event	30 Memorial Day Fly the Flag	31				

June

2011

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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5	6	7	8 Island Jack's Bike Night WPB Mickey's Bike Night Pompano	9	10	11 Abate State Meeting in Black Creek New Attitudes MC Annual
12 Wings of Gold WPB Annual	13	14	15 Island Jack's Bike Night WPB Mickey's Bike Night Pompano	16	17	18
19 Abate Palm Beach Chapter Meeting 11:30 AM Father's Day	20	21	22 Island Jack's Bike Night WPB Mickey's Bike Night Pompano	23	24	25 Abate Palm Beach Chapter 7th Annual
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- *1 - *Southern MC Annual*
- 6 & 7 - National COC Convention
- *14 - *USMVMC West Palm Annual*
- *15 - *Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual*
- 21 - Wings of Gold MC Pt St. Lucie party
- *22 - *Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual*
- *29 - *Fiasco Brothers Annual* <<<<<< DATE CHANGE
- 29 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event



JUNE

- *5 - *AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual*
- *11 - *New Attitudes MC Annual*
- *12 - *Wings of Gold MC West Palm Annual*
- 19 - Peterson's North Store Fathers Day Event
- 25 - Palm Beach ABATE party
- *26 - *WOG MC Ft. Laud Stars & Stripes Annual*

JULY

- 3 - USMVMC South Broward party
- 10 - *AOA MC West Palm Beach* <<< <<<< CANCELED
- 16 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off & party
- 17 - States MC Lake Worth party
- *24 - *Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud. Annual*
- 31 - Chrome Angels MC summer bash party



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LEGISLATIVE & DELEGATE REPORT DAN "SLO—MOTION" HENDERSON

May 2011 Legislative Report

FIRST I AM SORRY I DID NOT MAKE IT TO TALLAHASSEE FOR THE STATE ABATE RALLY. WORK WOULDN'T GIVE ME THE TIME OFF AS I WAS

NEEDED TO PROCTOR THE FCAT TESTS. I'M GLAD WILLIE STOOD UP AND WAS ABLE TO GO AND THAT RAMBLIN' MAN WENT AND DID THE RIDE TO THE CAPITAL TO REPRESENT OUR CHAPTER. STRONGBOW GOT TO VISIT MOST OF OUR LEGISLATORS' OFFICES TO MAKE CONTACT. I PLAN TO FOLLOW UP THAT WITH LOCAL OFFICE VISITS WHEN THEY ARE OUT OF SESSION. THIS REPORT IS GOING TO MAINLY BE ABOUT COMMUNICANT WITH OUR LEGISLATORS.

ALLEN WEST, U.S. CONGRESS 22ND, IS ONE OF THE LEADERS IN THIS. WHEN NOT IN WASHINGTON HE TRIES TO DO TOWN HALL MEETINGS IN BROWARD AND PALM BEACH. I HAD ATTENDED ONE AWHILE BACK IN JUPITER AND ZEKE JOINED ME. THAT ONE WENT VERY WELL. THE ONES IN THE SOUTH WERE NOT AS SMOOTH. I ATTENDED THE ONE IN BOCA RATON APRIL 27, AND THERE WERE MANY IN OPPOSITION TO WEST – THEY WERE NOT PLEASANT NOR SOCIAL ABOUT IT. MANY HAD TO BE ESCORTED OUT FOR THEIR ANTI-SOCIAL ACTIONS. ALLEN CONTINUES TO INFORM ABOUT THE GOINGS ON, ESPECIALLY ABOUT THE ECONOMIC ISSUES. ALLEN WEST IS ALSO EASY TO CONTACT AND I URGE ALL MEMBERS TO SIGN UP FOR HIS AND OTHER LEGISLATORS EMAIL NOTICES. WEST SENDS THEM OUT OFTEN. BACK AT THE JUPITER TOWN HALL MEETING I WAS ABLE TO STAND UP AND INFORM CONGRESSMAN WEST ABOUT THE QUESTIONABLE ROADBLOCK CHECKPOINTS LIKE THE GEORGIA ONES DURING FLORIDA'S BIKE WEEK. I HAD FOLLOWED THAT UP WITH THE ARTICLES ABOUT IT AND THE LEGAL ACTION BEING TAKEN IN ONE IN NEW YORK. [JONATHAN BLYTH, HIS CHIEF OF STAFF, TOOK THE INFORMATION AND LATER SENT ME THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON A BILL. \(SO MAYBE MY VOICE WAS HEARD!\)](#)

H.R.904 LATEST TITLE: TO PROHIBIT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION FROM PROVIDING GRANTS OR ANY FUNDS TO A STATE, COUNTY, TOWN, OR TOWNSHIP, INDIAN TRIBE, MUNICIPAL OR OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO BE USED FOR ANY PROGRAM TO CHECK HELMET USAGE OR CREATE CHECKPOINTS FOR A MOTORCYCLE DRIVER OR PASSENGER.

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3/3/2011) COSPONSORS (25) INCLUDES ALLEN WEST AND EVEN ONE FROM GEOR-

GINA. **ACTIONS:** 3/3/2011: REFERRED TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

AND INFRASTRUCTURE. 3/4/2011: REFERRED TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSIT.

CONGRESSMAN ALLEN WEST (FL-22) ANNOUNCED THE LAUNCH OF HIS NEW CONGRESSIONAL WEBSITE. THE WEBSITE WILL BE UPDATED DAILY AND PACKED FULL OF THE LATEST INFORMATION CONCERNING CONGRESSMAN WEST; INCLUDING HOW HE VOTES, PRESS RELEASES, COMMITTEE WORK, HIS WORK WITH CONSTITUENTS AND SMALL BUSINESSES, HIS PERSONAL BLOG, CONTACT INFORMATION, HIS CALENDAR AND PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, WEB VIDEOS AND LATEST NEWS ARTICLES. "MY INTENT IS FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL WEBSITE TO BE AN INTERACTIVE, EDUCATIONAL, CENTRALIZED LOCATION WHERE MY CONSTITUENTS CAN BE KEPT UP TO DATE ON THE WORK I AM DOING FOR THEM AS THEIR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE," WEST SAID. "THIS WEBSITE IS YET ANOTHER TOOL TO AID ME IN COMMUNICATING WITH THE PEOPLE I REPRESENT. I ENCOURAGE ALL OF MY CONSTITUENTS TO LOG ON TO MY WEBSITE OFTEN AND FOLLOW THE WORK I AM DOING FOR THEM IN CONGRESS." CONGRESSMAN WEST'S WEBSITE CAN BE FOUND BY LOGGING ON TO WWW.WEST.HOUSE.GOV

I HAD TRIED TO CONTACT MANY CONGRESSMEN ABOUT THE ROADBLOCK ISSUE. SOME WOULD NOT TAKE MY EMAILS AS I WAS NOT IN THEIR DISTRICT BUT SOME DID. CONGRESSMAN MILLER OF DISTRICT 1 HAS SENT ME NOTICES. TOM

ROONEY FL (PALM BEACH AND NORTH) 16TH HOUSE IS ANOTHER THAN OFTEN SENDS OUT NOTICES. ONE I LIKED WAS FROM MY DISTRICT 86, LORI BERMAN, WHO TOLD ABOUT SOME BILLS OF INTEREST TO US THAT SHE IS INVOLVED WITH. HB689 PASSED TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE AND I QUOTE HER "HB689 IS ANOTHER BILL I INTRODUCED TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S EDUCATION AND DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSES TO ADDRESS THE DANGERS OF TEXTING WHILE DRIVING. THIS BILL HAS ONLY ONE MORE COMMITTEE TO MOVE THROUGH - ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. I WAS SUCCESSFUL IN AMENDING THE LANGUAGE OF THIS BILL TO A LARGER TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE TAT IS GAINING MOMENTUM IN THE HOUSE, HB1353. SIMILARLY, HB1353 ALSO HAS TO GO THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BEFORE BEING HEARD ON THE HOUSE FLOOR" LORI BERMAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 86. UPDATE: HB689 4/27/2011 H PLACED ON SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR, 04/29/11. I SENT HER AN EMAIL IN SUPPORT OF THIS AND TO SUPPORT OUR HB403 STIFFER PENALTIES. ALSO INFORMED HER OF OUR MOTORCYCLE EDUCATION PROGRAM AND HOW SHOULD BE A PART OF THESE PROGRAMS. I PLAN TO WATCH THESE BILLS AND FOLLOW UP AS SHE MAY BE AN ALLY FOR US TO GET MANDATORY DRIVERS EDUCATION.

CS/CS/CS/HB 1353: HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES GENERAL BILL BY ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE; TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE; TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAY SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE; ALBRITTON, HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES; REVISES ORGANIZATION & OPERATION OF DHSMV; DESIGNATES DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAY PATROL AS COLONEL OF FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL; REVISES PROVISIONS RELATING TO DUI, BICYCLES, LICENSE PLATES, CHILD RESTRAINT DEVICES, ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR DISPOSITION OF TRAFFIC CITATION, DRIVER IMPROVEMENT SCHOOLS, CERTIFIES OF TITLE, ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS, REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL, SPECIALTY PLATES, VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS, TEMPORARY PLATES, TEMPORARY PARKING PERMIT FEES, SALVAGE MOTOR VEHICLE DEALERS, ETC.

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2011 4/26/2011 HOUSE PENDING REVIEW OF CS -UNDER RULE 7.19(c) PLACED ON CALENDAR -HJ 803 CS/CS/CS BY ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE READ 1ST TIME -HJ 799

FROM ABATE STATE LEGISLATIVE

RECENTLY THE GOVERNORS HIGHWAY SAFETY ASSOCIATION RELEASED THEIR "STUDY" THAT REPORTED A DECLINE IN MOTORCYCLE DEATHS, ***YET***, THEY SAY THIS IS ONLY BECAUSE THE USE OF HELMETS HAS RISEN. AND

TO TOP IT OFF THEY ENCOURAGE ALL STATES TO MANDATE HELMET USE. HUMMMMM. AT FIRST GLANCE YOU WOULD THINK THAT THE GHSA IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO ALL THE STATE GOVERNORS. BUT, IT IS NOT..... **JUST SO THERE IS NO CONFUSION, PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE GHSA IS NOT AN ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNORS, BUT A COLLECTION OF STATE SAFETYCRATS WHO ARE FORMED UNDER A 501C3 UMBRELLA. I HAVE HAD TO CORRECT MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE DUPED BY THE MISLEADING NAME OF THIS GROUP.**

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CONGRESS ACTS TO REINFORCE BAN ON NHTSA LOBBYING MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND CONGRESSIONAL LAWMAKERS ARE INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION ON MAY 2 TO CONTINUE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS ON NHTSA THAT PREVENT THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FROM LOBBYING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENACT HELMET LAWS.

THE LOBBYING BAN WAS ORIGINALLY AMENDED INTO THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT IN 1998, BUT U.S. REP. JIM SENSENBRENNER (R-WI) AND HIS HOUSE COLLEAGUES WANT TO REINFORCE THE PROHIBITIONS ON NHTSA LOBBYING AND FOCUS THE AGENCY'S EFFORTS ON CRASH PREVENTION AND RIDER EDUCATION.

ACCORDING TO THE RESOLUTION, THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES "SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO RETAIN THE BAN ON THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S ABILITY TO LOBBY STATE LEGISLATORS USING FEDERAL TAX DOLLARS, ENCOURAGES CONTINUED GROWTH IN THE MOTORCYCLIST COMMUNITY, AND ENCOURAGES OWNERS AND RIDERS TO BE RESPONSIBLE ROAD USERS."

THE RESOLUTION, SIMILAR TO A VERSION SEN-SENSENBRENNER INTRODUCED LAST SESSION, GOES ON TO SAY THAT THE HOUSE "RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF MOTORCYCLE CRASH PREVENTION AS THE PRIMARY

SOURCE OF MOTORCYCLE SAFETY (AND) ENCOURAGES NHTSA TO FOCUS ON MOTORCYCLE CRASH PREVENTION AND RIDER EDUCATION AS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PRIORITIES IN MOTORCYCLE SAFETY."

"KIDS JUST WANT TO RIDE" COMPANION BILL INTRODUCED IN U.S. SENATE U.S. SEN. AMY KLOBUCHAR (D-MN) HAS INTRODUCED AN AMENDMENT TO EXEMPT YOUTH MOTORCYCLES AND ATVs FROM THE "LEAD LAW" THAT WILL EFFECTIVELY BAN THE SALE OF THESE MACHINES.

SENATE AMENDMENT 264 WOULD EXEMPT YOUTH OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES FROM THE OVERLY-RESTRICTIVE LEAD-CONTENT PROVISIONS OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT (CPSIA) OF 2008, WHICH HAS DECIMATED THE YOUTH MOTORSPORTS INDUSTRY AND WILL BAN THEIR SALE AT THE END OF THE YEAR UNLESS THE CPSIA LANGUAGE IS CHANGED.

MEANT TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN FROM IMPORTED TOYS WITH LEAD-BASED PAINT, THE CPSIA PROHIBITS THE MAKING, IMPORTING, DISTRIBUTING OR SELLING OF ANY PRODUCT INTENDED FOR CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER THAT CONTAINS MORE THAN A SPECIFIED AMOUNT OF LEAD IN ANY ACCESSIBLE PART. THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES WERE THAT, BECAUSE SOME PARTS SUCH AS BRAKES AND BATTERY COMPONENTS CONTAIN LEAD, DEAL-

ERSHIPS WERE BARRED FROM SELLING MOTORCYCLES AND ATVs INTENDED FOR YOUNG RIDERS, AS WELL AS REPLACEMENT PARTS.

THE KLOBUCHAR AMENDMENT IS SIMILAR TO H.R. 412, THE KIDS JUST WANT TO RIDE ACT INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE BY REP. DENNY REHBERG (R-MT), AND WOULD AMEND S. 493, THE SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH REAUTHORIZATION ACT.

YOU CAN CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH THE U.S. CAPITOL SWITCHBOARD AT (202) 224-3121 TO URGE THEIR SUPPORT.

BIKERS PROTEST MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS HUNDREDS OF MOTORCYCLISTS FROM AROUND GEORGIA RODE TO THE CAPITOL TO REV THEIR ENGINES IN PROTEST OF A FEDERAL GRANT THE GEORGIA STATE PATROL IS USING TO CONDUCT MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS.

THE CROWD DENOUNCED THE OVERLY-INVASIVE AND DISCRIMINATORY ROADBLOCKS AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND CHANTED "NO MORE PROFILE STOPS" AND "EDUCATION, NOT CHECKPOINTS!"

THE PROTEST RALLY CAME TWO WEEKS AFTER THE STATE PATROL CONDUCTED MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINTS ON INTERSTATES 75 AND 95 DURING DAYTONA BIKE WEEK, DURING WHICH TROOPERS STOPPED MOTORCYCLISTS AT ROADBLOCKS TO CHECK FOR PROPER PAPERWORK, APPROVED HELMET, AND PROPERLY FUNCTIONING EQUIPMENT.

"THE ROADBLOCKS ARE A VIOLATION OF OUR RIGHTS AND ARE A PURE ATTEMPT AT PROFIL-

ING," SAID DAN FORREST, STATE DIRECTOR OF ABATE OF GEORGIA. "HAVING A REGISTRATION, PROOF OF INSURANCE AND AN ENDORSEMENT ON OUR LICENSE DOES MAKE US SAFE. LOUD PIPES NEVER KILLED ANYONE."

GEORGIA IS THE FIRST STATE TO CONDUCT SUCH CHECKPOINTS UNDER A FEDERAL GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION AS PART OF A \$350,000 POOL OF FUNDS AVAILABLE TO AS MANY AS FIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES NATIONWIDE TO TEST THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A NEW YORK STATE POLICE PILOT PROGRAM.

SEVERAL MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATIONS ARE URGING RIDERS TO CALL ON GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL TO CANCEL THE REMAINDER OF THE CHECKPOINTS, WHICH WILL BE SCHEDULED OVER THE NEXT 20 MONTHS AT UNDISCLOSED LOCATIONS DURING UNANNOUNCED TIMES.

SOME IN CONGRESS HAVE ALSO QUESTIONED NHTSA'S GRANT AND CALLED FOR TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY RAY LAHOOD TO PULL THE PLUG ON FUTURE FUNDING FOR MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS. REP. TOM PETRI (R-WI), WHO RECENTLY CO-SPONSORED LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT SUCH GRANTS, CALLED THE CHECKPOINTS "OUTRAGEOUSLY INTRUSIVE."

INDEED, MANY OF THE PROTESTERS AT THE MARCH 23RD RALLY HELD SIGNS IN SUPPORT OF US HOUSE RESOLUTION 904 WHICH WOULD PREVENT THE US DOT FROM PROVIDING FUNDS TO STATES WHICH WOULD BE USED FOR MOTORCYCLE ROADBLOCKS.

IN THE MEANTIME, MOTORCYCLISTS ARE ALSO AWAITING A COURT RULING ON THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE NEW YORK CHECKPOINTS, BEING CHALLENGED BY N.Y. AID TO INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS (A.I.M.) ATTORNEY MITCH PRONER ON BEHALF OF HIS CLIENTS AS WELL AS REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF ABATE OF NEW YORK AND THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS (NCOM).

MOTORCYCLISTS COME TOGETHER FOR JAPAN THE 2011 JAPAN EARTHQUAKE AND SUBSEQUENT TSUNAMI LAST MONTH HAS AFFECTED THE MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY IN A BIG WAY, ESPECIALLY SINCE JAPAN IS HOME TO THE "BIG FOUR" MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURERS: YAMAHA, HONDA, SUZUKI AND KAWASAKI.

AS THE DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS CONTINUE IN NORTHEASTERN JAPAN, AMERICAN MOTORCYCLISTS ARE DOING WHAT THEY CAN TO HELP THOSE STRUGGLING THROUGH THE CLEANUP AND REBUILDING, WITH U.S. MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY GROUPS, RACING SERIES AND EVEN THE AMERICAN DIVISION OF JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS RAISING FUNDS IN VARIOUS FASHIONS.

THREE U.S. POWERSPORTS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY ARE JOINING FORCES TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE RELIEF EFFORTS UNDERWAY IN JAPAN. THE BOARDS AND MEMBERS OF THE MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL, THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION AND THE SPECIALTY VEHICLE INSTITUTE OF AMERICA ARE COLLECTIVELY DONATING \$10,000 TO THE 2011 JAPAN RELIEF FUND, AND EACH ORGANIZATION IS ENCOURAGING ITS MEMBERS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE RIDING COMMUNITY TO MAKE THEIR OWN CONTRIBUTIONS VIA A LINK ON THEIR

WEBSITES (VISIT MIC.ORG, ROCKMOTO.COM, MOTORCYCLES.ORG, MSF-USA.ORG, SVIA.ORG OR ATVSAFETY.ORG AND CLICK ON THE "2011 JAPAN RELIEF FUND" TAB). ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO EXPERIENCED NON-GOVERNMENTAL DISASTER RELIEF AGENCIES IN JAPAN THAT HAVE A PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND RESTORATION WORK.

TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THOSE AFFECTED BY JAPAN'S WORST NATURAL DISASTER; THE MASSIVE 9.0-MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE THAT TRIGGERED A TSUNAMI THAT CAUSED WIDESPREAD DEVASTATION AND CRIPPLED NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, THE PRESIDENTS OF ALL OF THE U.S.-BASED KAWASAKI ENTITIES ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS FROM EMPLOYEES UNDER THEIR MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM AND FORWARDING THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RED CROSS. THE KAWASAKI GOOD TIMES FOUNDATION IS CONTRIBUTING \$50,000 TO INITIATE THE CHARITABLE GIVING CAMPAIGN.

EVEN ICONIC AMERICAN MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURER HARLEY-DAVIDSON HAS REACHED OUT TO THE DISASTER ZONE WITH A \$250,000 DONATION TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS AID EFFORT IN JAPAN, AND HAS ESTABLISHED A LINK ON THEIR WEBSITE TO THE RED CROSS (WWW.REDCROSS.ORG) TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR EMPLOYEES, CUSTOMERS AND OTHER RIDERS TO CONTRIBUTE.

EUROPEAN STUDY YIELDS INSIGHT INTO MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS EUROPEAN RESEARCHERS DISCOVERED SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE COMMON CAUSES OF MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS. THE MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS IN DEPTH STUDY (MAIDS) WAS BASED ON 921 MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS,

WHICH INCLUDED 103 FATALITIES, ACROSS FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS AND SPAIN. WHILE SOME OF THE FINDINGS WERE EXPECTED, OTHERS WERE UNANTICIPATED. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE STUDY INDICATES THAT THE MOTORCYCLISTS MOST OFTEN COLLIDED WITH PASSENGER VEHICLES. SURPRISINGLY OR NOT, 70% OF PASSENGER VEHICLE DRIVERS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS WITH MOTORCYCLES FAILED TO PERCEIVE THE MOTORCYCLIST. AND WHILE 73.1% OF RIDERS ATTEMPTED SOME FORM OF COLLISION AVOIDANCE, 32% NONETHELESS EXPERIENCED SOME FORM OF LOSS OF CONTROL DURING THE MANEUVER. WHILE ALL THIS MAY SEEM DISHEARTENING TO RIDERS, THERE ARE STEPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN TO MAXIMIZE SAFETY; OTHER FINDINGS FROM THE STUDY INDICATE: OVER HALF OF THE ACCIDENTS OCCURRED AT INTERSECTIONS - ALTHOUGH 90% OF THOSE INVOLVED IN CRASHES WERE WEARING HELMETS, 9% OF HELMETED RIDERS LOST THEIR HELMETS IN CRASHES DUE TO IMPROPER FIT, FASTENING OR DAMAGE - YOUNGER RIDERS -- THOSE BETWEEN 18 AND 25 YEARS OF AGE - CRASHED AT A HIGHER PERCENTAGE AND RIDERS AGED 41 TO 55 CRASHED LESS FREQUENTLY - RIDERS WEARING DARK CLOTHES WERE MORE LIKELY TO CRASH THAN OTHERS - MODIFIED CONVENTIONAL STREET MOTORCYCLES WERE OVER-REPRESENTED IN CRASHES IN THE STUDY, BUT ENGINE SIZE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE A FACTOR - UNLICENSED BIKERS WERE MORE LIKELY TO CRASH THAN PROPERLY LICENSED BIKERS - WEATHER WAS DEEMED TO BE A FACTOR IN ONLY 7.5% OF ACCIDENTS.

VIRGINIA LAUNCHES "RIDER ALERT"
CARD RICHMOND AMBULANCE AUTHORITY (RAA) AND BON SECOURS VIRGINIA HEALTH

SYSTEM, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MOTORCYCLE VIRGINIA, INC., HAVE LAUNCHED A NEW PROGRAM DESIGNED TO SAVE THE LIVES OF INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS. THE PROGRAM PROVIDES FREE IDENTIFICATION DATA CARDS THAT WILL HELP FIRST RESPONDERS PROVIDE RAPID AND ACCURATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO RIDERS INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS.

MOTORCYCLISTS WHO PARTICIPATE ARE PROVIDED A FREE RIDER ALERT CARD THAT CONTAINS THEIR PERSONAL EMERGENCY CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH. THE CARDS ARE KEPT INSIDE THE LINING OF RIDERS' HELMETS AND COME WITH A 1-INCH ROUND STICKER PLACED OUTSIDE THE HELMET TO ALERT EMERGENCY RESPONDERS OF THE CARD. THE STICKER ALSO WARNS BYSTANDERS NOT TO REMOVE THE RIDER'S HELMET, WHICH COULD PREVENT FURTHER INJURY.

RAA OFFICIALS SAY THE RIDER ALERT CARD PROGRAM IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE UNITED STATES, AND SAID THAT THEY MODELED THEIR PROGRAM ON AN INITIATIVE IN GREAT BRITAIN KNOWN AS "CRASH CARD", DEVELOPED TWO YEARS AGO BY THAT COUNTRY'S AMBULANCE MOTORCYCLE CLUB.

ON A NATIONAL LEVEL, AID TO INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS (A.I.M.) WAS FOUNDED ON A SIMILAR PREMISE OVER 25 YEARS AGO BY CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY RICHARD M. LESTER, ISSUING FREE EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARDS TO BIKERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT ARE LINKED TO A DATABASE OF THEIR IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION AND EMERGENCY CONTACT. A.I.M. HAS NOTIFIED AMBULANCE COMPANIES AND FIRST RESPONDERS ACROSS THE

COUNTRY TO LOOK FOR THE YELLOW A.I.M. CARD IN A DOWNED RIDER'S WALLET.

"WE APPLAUD VIRGINIA'S RIDER ALERT PROGRAM AND CAN APPRECIATE THEIR ORGANIZERS' LEVEL OF COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENT SUCH A LIFE-SAVING PROJECT," SAID LESTER, WHOSE A.I.M. PROGRAM ALSO NETWORKS WITH BIKER ATTORNEYS IN EVERY STATE TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS. "WHEN A RIDER IS DOWN, THEY NEED ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET AS FAST AS THEY CAN GET IT."

MORE THAN THREE MILLION A.I.M. CARDS HAVE BEEN ISSUED SINCE 1985, AND YOU CAN GET YOURS FREE BY CALLING (800) ON-A-BIKE OR VISIT WWW.ON-A-BIKE.COM. FREE "DO NOT REMOVE THIS HELMET" STICKERS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

WEIRD NEWS: HONDA WORKING ON MOTORCYCLE SEATBELTS YES, YOU READ IT RIGHT...HONDA IS WORKING ON A SYSTEM OF SEATBELTS FOR MOTORCYCLES. SEEMS CRAZY, BUT IT APPEARS TO BE A SERIOUS PROJECT JUDGING FROM THE PATENTS HONDA HAS FILED FOR THE SYSTEM, AND IMAGES POSTED ON BIKERSPOST.COM.

ACCORDING TO THE WEBSITE, THE BELT ARRANGEMENT IS DESIGNED FOR LARGER TOURING BIKES LIKE THE GOLD WING WHERE THE RIDER WON'T BE MOVING AROUND MUCH IN THE SEAT, AND THE BELT CAN WORK WITH THE AIRBAG TO MORE EFFECTIVELY REDUCE INJURIES.

HOWEVER, HONDA APPARENTLY HAS RECOGNIZED THAT IN A LOT OF ACCIDENTS IT'S BETTER TO BE AWAY FROM THE BIKE RATHER THAN ATTACHED TO IT, SO THEIR NEW SEATBELT SYSTEM ALSO HAS ELEMENTS OF EJECTOR SEAT: WHEN THE COMPUTER SENSES THAT THE BIKE IS IRRETRIEVABLY TIPPING OVER IT RELEASES THE ENTIRE SEAT, WITH THE RIDER STILL ATTACHED, AND INFLATES AN AIRBAG BACKREST. "THE IDEA IS THAT HAVING EJECTED YOU SLIDE DOWN THE ROAD IN A SITTING POSITION, WITH THE SEAT BETWEEN YOUR HEAD AND THE ASPHALT. SORT OF EXTREME TOBOGGANING."

OF COURSE, NOBODY ENVISIONED AIRBAGS ON A MOTORCYCLE EITHER, BEFORE HONDA'S R&D TEAM PUT ONE ON THEIR GOLD WING AS A FACTORY OPTION.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "HOW FAR YOU GO IN LIFE DEPENDS ON YOUR BEING TENDER WITH THE YOUNG, COMPASSIONATE WITH THE AGED, SYMPATHETIC WITH THE STRIVING AND TOLERANT OF THE WEAK AND STRONG. BECAUSE SOMEDAY IN LIFE YOU WILL HAVE BEEN ALL OF THESE."

~ GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER, SCIENTIST (1864-1943)

And that's all the News that fits!



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GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

- 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.