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**NEXT CHAPTER
MEETING
11:30 AM
Sunday
SEPTEMBER 25th**



**LET THOSE WHO
RIDE DECIDE!**

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CHAPTER
IN MEMORY OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS LOST
31ST ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

SPOOKS 'N SCOOTS®

AND STATE MEETING* Oct. 8 @ 2:00 pm
OCTOBER 7th, 8th, 9th 2011

PARTY-SERTOMA YOUTH RANCH - 85 MYERS RD, BROOKSVILLE, FL 34602
MEETING-KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL- 11549 CURLEY RD, SAN ANTONIO, FL 33576

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MEMORIAL RUN FOR BROTHERS AND SISTERS LOST WILL BE
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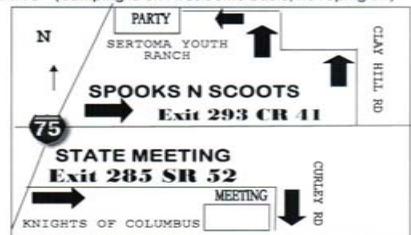
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ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
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MEETINGS ARE:

11:30 am THIRD SUNDAY EVERY MONTH

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Membership Dues: \$20.00 per person for 1 year or \$150 for Life Membership

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ABATE is a not-for-profit Motorcycle Rights Organization; our mission is to lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE THAT TURNED OUT FOR THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE CEREMONY FOR OUR BROTHER

DEPARTED TORCH. I ALSO WANT TO SEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR BROTHER FLASH OF SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC FOR DELIVERING A VERY TOUCHING EULOGY. AFTER WHICH THE PARTY STARTED AND I KNOW TORCH WOULD HAVE HAD A BIG OLE' TEXAS GRIN ON HIS FACE TO SEE EVERYONE ENJOYING THE FRIENDSHIP AND BROTHERHOOD WE SHARED THAT DAY.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS FOR COMING OUT TO SUPPORT THE 1ST ANNUAL BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB TOY RUN FUNDRAISER. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR BROTHER WILLIE AND ONE OF HIS FRIENDS BOB FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION BY DONATING SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS IN TOYS WITH ONLY ONE CONDITION, THAT THEY BE DONATED IN OUR NAME. I AM EXTREMELY PROUD TO HAVE WILLIE AS A BROTHER AND AS A MEMBER OF OUR CHAPTER. I MET BOB THIS WEEK IN HIS OFFICE BUT I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO THANK HIM PERSONALLY, HE RECEIVED AN IMPORTANT PHONE CALL JUST AS WE WERE GETTING READY TO LEAVE.

PLEASE NOTE; DUE TO THE OCCURRENCE OF THE PHIL PETERSON ANNUAL KEY WEST POKER RUN AND BIKETOBER FEST FALLING ON THE SAME WEEKENDS AS OUR NEXT TWO MEETINGS THE DATES WILL BE CHANGED TO SEPTEMBER 25TH AND OCTOBER 23RD.

RECENTLY I'VE BEEN SEEING A NUMBER OF NEW RIDING ORGANIZATIONS OUT THERE, SOME ARE STRICTLY SPORT BIKE RIDERS OTHERS ARE A MIXED BAG OF SPORT BIKES, METRIC CRUISERS AND CAFÉ STYLE BIKES LOOK LIKE THEY COULD TEAR THE REAR TIRE OFF THE RIM IF YOU TWIST THE THROTTLE A LITTLE TOO QUICKLY. ONE THING I HAVEN'T SEEN MUCH OF LATELY, THE TWO WHEELED ACROBATS. I WONDER IF THEY'VE SEEN ENOUGH CARNAGE, LOST A COUPLE FRIENDS OR IF THEY'RE FINALLY GETTING THE MESSAGE. WHATEVER THE REASON, IT'S GOOD TO SEE SOME OF THESE YOUNGER RIDERS ORGANIZING AND INTERACTING WITH THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY WE GREW UP IN.

OUR LATEST EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS TO THE DANGERS OF USING ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES WHILE DRIVING HAS GAINED SOME SUPPORT WITH A COUPLE OTHER ABATE CHAPTERS COMING ON BOARD IN DISTRIBUTING THE RED STOP SIGN SHAPED BUMPER STICKERS "TXT = RIP" / " SAVE LIVES HANG UP AND DRIVE" IN THEIR AREAS. I'M HOPING TO



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONT'D

EVENTUALLY HAVE A STATE WIDE CAMPAIGN OPENED, ESPECIALLY WITH THIS SCHOOL YEAR JUST BEGINNING.

OUR GOAL IS TO REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITIES WE LIVE IN AND GET PARENTS AND NEW DRIVERS TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORT AND HAVE THEM SPREAD THE WORD AS WELL. I BELIEVE BY USING THIS AS A MEANS OF PROMOTING SAFETY AND AWARENESS IT WILL ALSO SERVE AS A WAY TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH PEOPLE WHO ONLY SEE US RIDING DOWN THE ROAD AND DON'T REALIZE THAT WE COULD BE A LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER, TRADESMEN OR POLICE OFFICER, MAYBE A DOCTOR, LAWYER OR THE PARENT OF ONE OF THEIR KIDS CLASSMATES. WHO KNOWS, IT MIGHT EVEN BECOME AN ICEBREAKER FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS AND CHANGE THE WAY MOTORCYCLISTS ARE PERCEIVED.

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF SOME OF THE BEST RIDING WEATHER IN THE COUNTRY, IT'S BEEN A BRUTALLY HOT SUMMER AND SOME RIDERS I KNOW HAVE NOT BEEN GETTING OUT THERE BECAUSE OF THE HEAT AND OF COURSE THOSE LATE AFTERNOON THUNDERSTORMS HAVE BEEN PRETTY STRONG, DEFINITELY NOT FUN TO RIDE IN. WITH THE COOLER WEATHER ON THE WAY THERE WILL ALSO BE A LOT MORE EVENTS AND RUNS TAKING PLACE THIS ALSO MEANS MORE INTERACTION WITH THE CAGERS. PLEASE RIDE RESPONSIBLY AND REMEMBER WE ARE ALL BUT INVISIBLE TO THEM, WHEN YOUR RIDING AND SEE A CAGE ABOUT PULL OUT ONTO THE ROADWAY ASSUME THEY DON'T SEE YOU, BECAUSE THEY PROBABLY DON'T. BE PREPARED TO TAKE EVASIVE ACTION, CHECK YOUR 6 O'CLOCK INCASE YOU MIGHT HAVE TO CHANGE LANES QUICKLY. IF IT'S A VEHICLE COMING FROM THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION ABOUT TO MAKE A LEFT TURN, AIM YOUR HEADLIGHT DIRECTLY AT THEM OR FLASH YOUR HEADLIGHT FROM LOW BEAM TO HIGH BEAM A COUPLE TIMES TO GET THEIR ATTENTION. AS A VERY WISE OL' BIKER ONCE TOLD ME, "THINK OF YOURSELF AS A MOUSE IN A HERD OF ELEPHANTS. THEY DON'T SEE YOU AND THEY DON'T CARE IF YOU LIVE OR DIE". "THERE ARE OLD RIDERS AND THERE ARE BOLD RIDERS BUT THERE AINT NO OLD BOLD RIDERS"

I HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING, OUR MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE, BRING A FRIEND.

RIDE SAFE, RIDE FREE

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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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MEMBERSHIPS DUE

SEPTEMBER 2011

Michael "Zim" Zimmer
Lynn Ring
Art "Artmann" Ring
Ira "Obie" Alderman
Richard "Seabreeze" Giambrone
Kimberly "Kim" Tucker

OCTOBER 2011

J.F. "Gizmo" Levi
Christopher Sharp
Charles "CB" Barcellona
Darin "Rocker" Ruddock
Leo "Roadkill" Pedraza
John "L.B." Valiquette
Tammy "Duma" Peeples
Lonnie "LL" Loff
Noel "Mad Dog Noel" Guillama
Ray Mikkelsen, III

NOVEMBER 2011

Bob "Loop" Leupp
Leo "Lion" Breault
Glenis "Warden" Lessard
Jamey "L.B.W." Valiquette
Michael "Mikey Rags" Ragoni
Pete "Petee" Carroll
David Pacheco
Terri "Biggsy" Biggs

Michael Vinacco
Octavia "OT" Hart
Craig "Slasher" Patton
Ramberto "MotoMoto" Machin
Angela "Yasmin" Machin
Glenn "Capt Glenn" Rosenberger
James Vanderwoude
Thomas "Ramblin Man" Botticelli

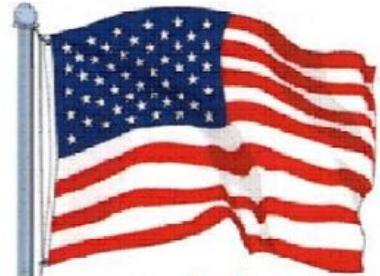
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David Kraft
Craig Stroh
Ted Kimlin
David Frisch
Lance Bradford
Chip Haubner

DECEMBER 2011

A. Randy "Sportster" Lewis
Barbara "Brooklyn" Giannini
Kenneth "Knuckles" Roman
Betty "Old Wise One" Spellman
Lawson "Cowboy" Turner
Karen "Triken Nana" Watkins

Ron Taylor
Vivian Pacheco
Stephen Lassiter
Sue "Uzi" Roman
Frank "Pipes" Cook
Mike "Tomcat" Thomas

Jon "Blind Bat" Cook
Sidney "Zeke" Beckman
Greg "Hurricane" Hanna
Debbie "Blondie" Fairall
Ray "Rayray" Fairall
Frank "Moose" Smith



*God Bless
The United States
of America.*

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.

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Vice President's Message

SEPTEMBER IS HERE AND THAT MEANS IT'S TIME FOR PETERSON'S KEY WEST POKER RUN! IF YOU HAVEN'T ATTENDED THIS EVENT, THIS IS ONE NOT TO MISS! THE FLORIDA KEYS IS ONE OF THE JEWELS OF THE U.S. AND IS RIGHT IN OUR VERY OWN BACKYARD. THE RIDE ALONG THE OVERSEAS HIGHWAY IS ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL. THIS EVENT IS DIFFERENT

THAN ALL THE OTHERS, IT COMBINES A BIKE EVENT WITH THE LOCAL FLAIR OF THE KEYS. THERE ARE GREAT STOPS ALONG THE WAY WITH THE LAST STOP IN KEY WEST. DUVAL STREET IS CLOSED EXCEPT FOR BIKES AND WILL BE LINED UP ON BOTH SIDES WITH SOME OF THE NICEST CUSTOM MOTORCYCLES. THEY HAVE ALL KINDS OF BIKE SHOWS AND EVENTS GOING ON. KEY WEST OFFERS SOME WORLD FAMOUS BARS LIKE SLOPPY JOES, HOGS BREATH SALOON AND MANY OTHERS, ALL WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE! MAYBE YOU'RE READY FOR THE DUVAL CRAWL! THIS EVENT USUALLY DRAWS AROUND 35,000 PEOPLE. YOU WON'T FIND THE HUGE MASSES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU DO IN DAYTONA OR LEESBURG. YET WITH THAT MANY PEOPLE IN A MUCH SMALLER AREA, IT GETS PRETTY CROWDED! IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE ROOM RESERVATIONS YET YOU'LL PROBABLY HAVE A HARD TIME FINDING A ROOM IN KEY WEST NOW. SO CONSIDER STAYING IN MARATHON WHERE ROOMS ARE MORE READILY AVAILABLE AND AT MUCH CHEAPER RATES. I ALWAYS ENJOY THE LATE NIGHT RIDE OVER SEVEN MILE BRIDGE. ONE THING YOU'LL NOTICE IS THAT THE PLACE WON'T BE OVERRUN BY VENDORS. YOU'LL FIND MORE FOOD VENDORS ON THE STREET THAN THE USUAL BIKE RELATED VENDORS YOU'D NORMALLY FIND. OH, AND DID I MENTION YOU'LL FIND MORE LADIES WEARING NOTHING BUT PAINT THAN ANY OTHER BIKE EVENT! THIS EVENT TAKES PLACE SEPTEMBER 16-18. SUNDAY THE 18TH IS OUR NORMALLY REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING. DUE TO THE EVENT, WE'VE RESCHEDULED OUR MEETING TO THE 25TH. SO PLAN ON MAKING THE RIDE AND HAVING A GREAT TIME! SOME OF US WILL BE HEADING OUT FRIDAY MORNING AND RIDING SOUTH ON US 27 TO AVOID THE TURNPIKE. YOU'RE WELCOME TO RIDE ALONG, CONTACT ME FOR DETAILS.

UNTIL NEXT MONTH, RIDE SAFE AND WATCH YOUR ASSES OUT THERE.

NIGHTHAWK

VICE PRESIDENT ABATE PALM BEACH

**NOTICE!! Next 2 meetings changed to:
Sunday—September 25th—SAME PLACE, SAME TIME
Sunday—October 23rd—SAME PLACE, SAME TIME**

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OUT TO CELEBRATE OUR ANNIVERSARY!**

**"CUCINA AL MARE" Italian Food Trailer
Dinner 6PM - 10PM Friday, Sept 2nd**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd, 6pm-?
USMVMC Wreaths across America Fundraiser
Live Music, Raffles, Vendors, Buffet
Come Party for a Cause!**

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 5th, Labor Day
Screw work!
\$2 Beers \$2 shot Specials! All day & night!
Free Wing buffet @ 6pm**

**SATURDAY SEPT 10th, 7pm-?
Gary & Amy's Wedding Party!
Long time Friends of Mickey's
are getting Hitched!
Live Music by "LimeRock"
Buffet, Everyone's Invited!!**



**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11th
Come by after the States MC party
Show your wristband get your 2nd drink on us!
Party with "Jack Flash" 5pm
\$4 Frozen Key West Margaritas &
Debbie's Rum Runners!**

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**SATURDAY OCTOBER 1st, 6pm-?
Mystic 7 MC Annual
w/"Soulicide" Vendors, Raffles, Buffet**

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**SEPTEMBER BANDS: Love Honey,
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Whipping Post, LimeRock, Jack Flash,
The Storm, The Fleetwoods,
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1. BIKES DON'T PREGNANT.
2. YOU CAN RIDE YOUR BIKE ANY TIME OF THE MONTH.
3. BIKES DON'T HAVE PARENTS.
4. BIKES DON'T WHINE UNLESS SOMETHING IS REALLY, REALLY WRONG.
5. YOU CAN SHARE YOUR BIKES WITH YOUR FRIENDS.
6. BIKES DON'T CARE HOW MANY OTHER BIKES YOU'VE RIDDEN.
7. WHEN RIDING, YOU AND YOUR BIKE CAN ARRIVE AT THE SAME TIME.
8. BIKES DON'T CARE HOW MANY OTHER BIKES YOU HAVE NOW.
9. BIKES DON'T CARE IF YOU LOOK AT OTHER BIKES.
10. BIKES DON'T CARE IF YOU BUY BIKE MAGAZINES.
11. YOU'LL NEVER HEAR, "SURPRISE, YOU'RE GOING TO OWN A NEW BIKE" UNLESS YOU GO OUT AND BUY ONE YOURSELF.
12. IF YOUR BIKE GOES FLAT, YOU CAN FIX IT.
13. IF YOUR BIKE IS TOO LOOSE, YOU CAN TIGHTEN IT.
14. IF YOUR BIKE GETS MISALIGNED, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DISCUSS POLITICS WITH IT.
15. YOU CAN HAVE A BLACK BIKE AND BRING IT HOME TO YOUR PARENTS.
16. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE JEALOUS OF THE GUY WHO WORKS ON YOUR BIKE.
17. IF YOU SAY BAD THINGS TO YOUR BIKE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE BEFORE YOU RIDE IT AGAIN.
18. YOU CAN RIDE YOUR BIKE AS LONG AS YOU WANT AND IT WON'T GET SORE.
19. YOU CAN STOP RIDING YOUR BIKE AS SOON AS YOU WANT AND IT WON'T GET FRUSTRATED.
20. YOUR PARENTS WON'T REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH YOUR OLD MOTORCYCLE AFTER YOU DUMP IT.
21. BIKES DON'T GET HEADACHES.
22. BIKES DON'T INSULT YOU IF YOU'RE A BAD RIDER.
23. YOUR MOTORCYCLE NEVER WANTS A NIGHT OUT WITH OTHER MOTORCYCLES.
24. BIKES DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE LATE.
25. YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE A SHOWER BEFORE YOU RIDE YOUR MOTORBIKE.
26. IF YOUR MOTORCYCLE DOESN'T LOOK GOOD, YOU CAN PAINT IT OR GET BETTER PARTS.
27. YOU CAN RIDE YOUR MOTORCYCLE THE FIRST TIME YOU MEET IT WITHOUT HAVING TO TAKE IT TO DINNER, SEE A MOVIE, OR MEET ITS MOTHER.
28. THE ONLY PROTECTION YOU NEED TO WEAR WHEN RIDING YOUR BICYCLE IS A DECENT HELMET.
29. WHEN IN MIXED COMPANY, YOU CAN TALK ABOUT WHAT A GREAT RIDE YOU HAD THE LAST TIME YOU WERE ON YOUR MOTORCYCLE.

IT WON'T TALK BACK? - FROM VIVIAN MORRIS

IT'S ALWAYS READY TO GO OUT! - FROM KATHY "COOKIE" COOK

SUBMITTED BY: BOB "BOB CAT" MARIONI



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SEPTEMBER

- 3 - USMV MC Wreaths Across America..... (Date change)
- 9 (Friday) - Outcast MC Party..... (CANCELLED)
- 11 - States Pompano MC 18th Key West Tuneup party
- 15-18 Phil Peterson's 38th Annual Key West Poker Run
- 18 - Wings of Gold MC Miami "After Key West party"
- 25 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party

OCTOBER

- *1 - *Mystic Seven MC Annual..... (DATE CHANGE)*
- *2 - *Rough Riders MC Annual..... NEW*
- 9 - AOA MC Treasure Coast party
- 13-16th Daytona Biketoberfest (Note: originally 20-23rd)
- 16 - Keltics MC Miami party
- 22 - USMV MC Homestead benefit party
- 23 - SE ABATE 31st Annual Motorcyclists Rights Rally
- 29 - Wheels of Man MC 38th Annual Halloween party
- *30 - *Alternative Treasure Coast Annual*

NOVEMBER

- *6 - *USMVMC National 24th Annual*
- 12 - Soldiers for Jesus MC party
- 13 - Wings of Gold MC Palm Beach party
- *20 - *CMA Memorial Annual Event*
- 27 - Heaven Cycles 34th Anniversary party
- 27 - USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

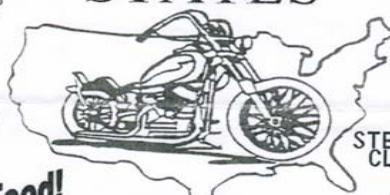
DECEMBER

- 4 - ABATE West Palm Beach Annual
- 10 - USMVMC Wreaths Across America ceremony
- *11 - *24th Annual SFPC Christmas Toys in the Sun Run*
- 17 - Drawing for the Toy Run bike at H-D of Miami
- 17 - SFLCOC Christmas Dinner party
- 17 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
- 18 - Calvary Chapel 12th Annual Christmas Service

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Palm Beach H-D Bike Night - 45 th Street WPB	2	3
4	5	6 Iron Eagle Bike Night -WPB	7 Island Jack's Bike Night -WPB Mickey's Bike Night - Pompano	8	9	10
11 	12	13	14 Island Jack's Bike Night -WPB Mickey's Bike Night - Pompano	15 	16 <div data-bbox="1001 820 1256 950" style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">KEY WEST POKER RUN - SEPT 15-18</div>	17
18 ABATE MEETING CHANGED TO25TH	19	20	21 Island Jack's Bike Night -WPB Mickey's Bike Night - Pompano	22	23	24
25 Abate Chapter Meeting 11:30 am Southern MC Teddy Bear Run	26	27	28 Island Jack's Bike Night -WPB Mickey's Bike Night - Pompano	29	30	

October

2011

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Mystic 7 MC Annual
2 Rough Riders MC - Port St. Lucie	3	4 Iron Eagle Bike Night -WPB	5 Island Jack's Bike Night -WPB Mickey's Bike Night - Pompano	6 Palm Beach H-D Bike Night - 45 th Street WPB	7	8
9 AOA Treasure Coast	10	11	12 Island Jack's Bike Night -WPB Mickey's Bike Night - Pompano	DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST OCT 13-16		15
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30 Alternative Treasure Coast Annual	31 					



LEGISLATIVE & DELEGATE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

I NOTICED MANY BILLBOARDS ON 195 NORTH OF ORLANDO – BY NONE FOR THE ROAD AND A WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES. I SAW ONE OF EACH GOING UP TO JACKSONVILLE AND THREE EACH COMING BACK. THE

WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES ONE WAS LIKE A POSTER ABATE HAD DONE AND THIS WAS MENTIONED AT THE STATE MEETING.

ABATE CHAPTERS HAVE BEEN BANNING TOGETHER TO BE PRESENT AT COURT CASES WHERE BIKERS WERE INJURED OR KILLED BY DRIVERS TO INSURE JUSTICE. STATE HAS PUT OUT SEVERAL PRESS RELEASES ABOUT THIS AND HOW IT IS WORKING. AT OUR AUGUST MEETING SOUTHEAST CHAPTER MEMBERS ATTENDED TO TELL US OF A CASE WHERE A BROWARD STATES MC MEMBER WAS INJURED. THEY ARE FOLLOWING IT AND WE LET US KNOW COURT DATES SO WE CAN ATTEND IN SUPPORT. THESE ACTIONS ARE SHOWING THAT WHILE MOTORCYCLES MAY BE INVISIBLE TO DRIVERS ON THE ROAD, WE WILL NOT BE INVISIBLE IN COURT FOR JUSTICE. THE STATE HAS BEEN TALKING WITH THE ROBE WARRIOR TO BETTER INFORM JUDGES ON MOTORCYCLES.

THE STATE WEB SITE WILL SOON HAVE THE LATEST MOTORCYCLE CRASH INFORMATION POSTED SO WE CAN HAVE THE FACTS IN ANY DISCUSSIONS. I HOPE TO GET MORE SAFETY PRODUCTS AT THE OCTOBER STATE MEETING. THE WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES BLACK BUMPER STICKERS ARE BACK. THE MAGNETIC SIGNS ARE BEING MADE BY A US COMPANY (FLORIDA I THINK) TO SHOULD HOLD UP BETTER – THEY ARE A DIFFERENT SIZE, ABOUT HALF IN WIDTH. AND THEY ARE OPEN TO IDEAS AS GOT MORE SAFETY MONEY. RIO HAD A GOOD IDEA – BOOK COVERS FOR STUDENTS THAT COULD HAVE WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES AND STOP TEXTING MESSAGES ON THEM. STATE IS ALSO LOOKING INTO THE MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT CLASSES FOR DATA FOR INFORMATION IF HELPING IN ACCIDENTS DOWN. THE *NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD* HAS HELMETS ON THEIR TOP 10 WANTED LIST AGAIN SO PREPARE TO WORK AGAINST THAT. PREVIOUS MEETING IT WAS DISCUSSED TO GET INVOLVED WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COUNCILS, I HAVE FOUND ANY HERE VIA INTERNET SEARCH BUT WORKING ON THAT. AT THIS MEETING WE WERE TOLD THAT MANY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ARE HAVING ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION SEMINARS THAT WE AS MOTORCYCLISTS SHOULD GET INVOLVED IN. WE NEED HELP IN THESE TWO AREAS SO IF YOU CAN PLEASE DO. SEVERAL OTHER CHAPTERS SAID WILL JOIN US ON OUR STOP TXT PROJECT. I AM COMPILING SOME VIDEOS TO AD TO SAFETY PRESENTATION.

WE HAVE 4 MONTHS UNTIL THE NEXT FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS. NOW IS THE TIME TO VISIT OUR REPRESENTATIVES AT THEIR LOCAL OFFICES AND LET THEM KNOW ABOUT ABATE AND MOTORCYCLE ISSUES. WITH TWENTY FOR OUR AREA I AM SETTING A GOAL TO TRY TO GET AS MANY AS POSSIBLE, MEANING AT LAST TWO A WEEK. I COULD USE HELP. WE NEED A PUSH TO GET OUR STIFFER PENALTIES PASSED THIS YEAR AND NOT GET STONEWALLED IN COMMITTEES. AND WE MIGHT NEED A NEW SPONSOR IN THE HOUSE SO MAYBE ONE FROM OUR AREA WOULD BE IMPRESSIVE. FLORIDA WILL BE GETTING 2 NEW CONGRESSMEN IN FUTURE SO FLORIDA IS GAINING IN POLITICS (BUT LOSING IN EDUCATION).

ORANGE: WAIT ON LAWMAKERS BEFORE ADD RED LIGHT CAMERAS
OFFICIALS IN ORANGE COUNTY PLAN TO WAIT TO SEE WHAT THE LEGISLATURE DOES ON RED LIGHT CAMERAS NEXT YEAR BEFORE MOVING FORWARD WITH A PLAN TO ADD AS MANY AS 80 NEW CAMERAS IN THE COUNTY, THE ORLANDO SENTINEL REPORTED WEDNESDAY. THE COUNTY, WHICH INCLUDES ORLANDO, HAS 10 CAMERAS IN PLACE AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WANT TO ADD 40 MORE A YEAR FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. BUT THERE'S BEEN A PUSH IN THE LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL THE STATE LAW ALLOWING THEM.

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SUNDAY FEB 12 – STATE MEETING AND **MONDAY FEB 13** - RIDE TO THE CAPITAL RALLY. NEED MORE RIDER'S, MAYBE WE CAN POOL RESOURCES TO GET BIKES UP THERE. PREPARE FOR COLD.

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ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE USED SECRET FILES TO LOBBY AGAINST GUN BILL

RECORDS SHOW SHERIFF JERRY DEMINGS' LOBBYIST HANDED OUT RESTRICTED PHOTOS OF BIKERS WITH CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS

BY HENRY PIERSON CURTIS, ORLANDO SENTINEL

1:18 P.M. EDT, AUGUST 30, 2011

FLORIDA LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS DIPPED INTO SECRET INTELLIGENCE FILES TO LOBBY AGAINST LEGISLATION THAT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED HOLDERS OF CONCEALED-WEAPONS PERMITS TO CARRY THEIR GUNS OPENLY, NEWLY RELEASED DOCUMENTS SHOW.

LEADING THE EFFORT LAST SPRING WAS ONE OF ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF JERRY DEMINGS' STAFF LOBBYISTS, WHO GAVE LAWMAKERS SURVEILLANCE AND STATE DRIVERS LICENSE PHOTOS OF EIGHT CONCEALED-WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDERS, DESPITE A STATE LAW THAT MAKES THE IDENTITIES OF THE 800,000 PERMIT HOLDERS CONFIDENTIAL.

THE IDEA WAS TO DISTRIBUTE PHOTOGRAPHS OF MOTORCYCLE GANG MEMBERS WITH VALID GUN PERMITS TO SHOW LEGISLATORS THE SORT OF PEOPLE WHO MIGHT SCARE AWAY TOURISTS IF THEY DISPLAYED THEIR PISTOLS, ACCORDING TO AN INVESTIGATION BY THE O

THE INFORMATION GIVEN TO LAWMAKERS CAME FROM THE SECRET FILES OF THE ORANGE SHERIFF'S INTELLIGENCE SQUAD, AN UNDERCOVER UNIT THAT INVESTIGATES "MOTORCYCLE GANGS, WHITE SUPREMACY GROUPS ... ORGANIZED CRIME AND OTHER NON-TRADITIONAL CASES," THE STATE ATTORNEY FOUND.

"I ACTUALLY STOPPED BY EVERYONE OF YOU GUY'S OFFICE THIS MORNING AND DROPPED OFF ... PHOTOGRAPHS OF SOME BIKER OUTLAW GANG GUYS THAT HAVE CONCEALED FIRE-ARM PERMITS. THOSE ARE THE ONES WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT CARRYING," SHERIFF'S CAPT. MIKE FEWLESS TOLD THE STATE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ON APRIL 12. "PLEASE DEFEAT THIS TERRIBLE BILL."

IN AN EMAIL TO THE ORLANDO SENTINEL, DEMINGS WROTE THAT HE DID NOT KNOW BEFOREHAND ABOUT FEWLESS' PLANS TO RELEASE PHOTOGRAPHS OF MOTORCYCLISTS WITH CONCEALED-WEAPON PERMITS.

THE CAPTAIN REMAINS THE SUBJECT OF A SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE IF HE VIOLATED AGENCY POLICY.

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AFTER THE LEGISLATURE REMOVED THE PROVISION ALLOWING OPEN CARRY OF FIREARMS, THE BILL WAS PASSED STATING THAT A CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT HOLDER WHO ACCIDENTALLY SHOWS A GUN WOULD NO LONGER BE VIOLATING THE LAW.

WOINGTHE PORR OPEN-CARRY PROVISIO CARRY PIGELGI THE STATE SENATE VOTED AGAINST THE BILL, PROMPTING ACCUSATIONS OF FEAR-MONGERING BY LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AND RAISING CONCERNS ABOUT POLICE MISUSE OF CONFIDENTIAL FILES FOR POLITICAL GOALS.

THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CLEARED FEWLESS OF VIOLATING STATE LAW, BUT THE LAWYER FOR THE GANG MEMBERS AND OTHERS SAY THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT SOMETHING IMPROPER OCCURRED.

SEVEN OF THE EIGHT PHOTOS OF MEMBERS OF THE MONGOLS, OUTCASTS, OUTLAWS, PAGANS AND WARLOCKS MOTORCYCLE CLUBS CAME ORIGINALLY FROM THE STATE DRIVER AND VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION (DAVID) SYSTEM, STATE ATTORNEY'S RECORDS SHOW. FEDERAL LAW CLASSIFIES DRIVERS' PHOTOGRAPHS AS "HIGHLY RESTRICTED PERSONAL INFORMATION."

"IT'S CERTAINLY CLEAR THAT HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION WAS DISTRIBUTED AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THE DPPA [FEDERAL DRIVERS PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT] WAS INTENDED TO STOP," SAID DEREK NEWTON, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF FLORIDA. "WE ARE ALWAYS CONCERNED WHEN THE GOVERNMENT IS COLLECTING INFORMATION AND KEEPING INFORMATION ON PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN CONVICTED."

SPOKESWOMAN ANN HOWARD OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES SAID LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS ARE NEVER ALLOWED TO PUBLICLY RELEASE DRIVERS LICENSE PHOTOGRAPHS — "NOT EVEN IF SOMEONE IS MISSING AND IT COULD SAVE THEIR LIFE."

WHEN FEWLESS' ACTIONS WERE DESCRIBED, HOWARD RESPONDED, "THAT IS INCREDIBLY ILLEGAL. THAT'S NOT ALLOWED TO BE DONE."

MARION HAMMER, FORMER NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE NRA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNIFIED SPORTSMEN OF FLORIDA AND LONGTIME INFLUENTIAL LOBBYIST, SAID THE INVESTIGATION REVEALED MISUSE OF BOTH THE DRIVERS LICENSE AND WEAPONS-PERMIT RECORDS.

"THE CONCEALED WEAPON HOLDER DATABASE IS RESTRICTED FOR LEGITIMATE PURPOSES THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE LOBBYING TO ACHIEVE A POLITICAL PURPOSE," SHE SAID FRIDAY. "USING THAT INFORMATION TO BESMIRCH THE REPUTATIONS OF CITIZENS WHO HAVE NO FELONY RECORDS AND IMPLY THEY ARE BAD PEOPLE IS WRONG."

AMONG THOSE PORTRAYED IN THE PHOTOS WAS TRACY GIL OSTEEN, A 49-YEAR-OLD ORLANDO CONSTRUCTION WORKER WITH ONE MISDEMEANOR BATTERY CONVICTION. SHERIFF'S RECORDS IDENTIFIED HIM AS PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE OUTLAWS MOTORCYCLE CLUB.

NEITHER HE NOR THE OTHER SEVEN MOTORCYCLISTS HAD FELONY RECORDS AND WERE ELIGIBLE FOR CONCEALED-WEAPON PERMITS RECOGNIZED BY FLORIDA AND 34 OTHER STATES. THE MOTORCYCLISTS ARE NOW REPRESENTED BY TARPON SPRINGS LAWYER JERRY THEOPHILOPOULOS OF BIKERLAW.COM.

"THE ONLY WAY TO POLICE THE POLICE WHEN THEY BREAK THE LAW IS TO FILE A LAWSUIT, AND WE ARE PREPARED TO GET JUSTICE FOR ALL CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT HOLDERS IN THIS STATE," THEOPHILOPOULOS WROTE IN AN EMAIL.

ALL TOGETHER, FEWLESS OBTAINED PHOTOGRAPHS AND OTHER INFORMATION FOR 17 "OUTLAW BIKERS" FROM THE INTELLIGENCE SQUAD. HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR PICTURES OF "ONE PERCENTERS," A TERM FOR BIKERS LINKED TO ORGANIZED CRIME, TO TRY TO SWAY SENATORS, STATE ATTORNEY'S RECORDS SHOW.

A MEMBER OF THE SQUAD, AGENT JOHN MCMAHON, TOLD HE PROVIDED THE INFORMATION WITHOUT ASKING ABOUT THE PHOTOS INTENDED USE.

"MIKE IS ABOVE ME IN THE FOOD CHAIN," MCMAHON EXPLAINED. "NEVER SAID WHAT HE WAS GOING TO DO WITH THE INFORMATION."

IN AN EMAIL SENT THE NIGHT BEFORE THE GUN HEARING TO FEWLESS AND ANOTHER SHERIFF'S LOBBYISTS, MCMAHON WROTE, "WHILE I AM A COMPLETE SUPPORTER OF GUN RIGHTS FOR COMPETENT AND LAW ABIDING CITIZENS, I WOULD BE AGHAST AT THE THOUGHT OF PEOPLE LIKE THESE, EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOT (ALL) CONVICTED FELONS, OPENLY CARRYING

BY BARBARA HIJEK JULY 7, 2011 07:16 AM

GEORGE CORNO DIDN'T HAVE THE BEST FOURTH OF JULY.

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE REALLY CELEBRATED HIS INDEPENDENCE.

A MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY RESPONDED TO A RECKLESS DRIVING COMPLAINT IN HOBE SOUND ON MONDAY. ACCORDING TO THE CALLER, THE MAN WAS DRIVING A THREE-WHEEL MOTORCYCLE AND SPORTED UNDERWEAR, A GRAY SHIRT AND WAS BAREFOOT, REPORTS WILL GREENLEE IN HIS OFF THE BEAT BLOG FOR TCPALM.COM.

THE DEPUTY SPOTTED 68-YEAR-OLD GEORGE CORNO TRAVELING AT 85 MPH. HE WASN'T HARD TO MISS.

SURPRISE: THE SERGEANT THAT PULLED HIM OVER SMELLED BOOZE ON HIS BREATH. ASKED WHAT WAS GOING ON, THE STUART MAN ADMITTED TO QUARRELING WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND AND WAS "BOMBED OUT OF HIS MIND."

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NCOM NEWS BYTES

compiled and edited by Bill Bish

National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNS REPEAL OF KIDS' MOTORCYCLE BAN PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA SIGNED A BIPARTISAN CONSUMER SAFETY BILL ON AUGUST 12 THAT EXEMPTS YOUTH-SIZED MOTORCYCLES AND ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATVs) FROM THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT (CPSIA) OF 2008 THAT BANS CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN LEAD. H.R. 2715, INTRODUCED BY U.S. REPRESENTATIVES MARY BONO MACK (R-CA) AND G.K. BUTTERFIELD (D-NC), PASSED NEAR-UNANIMOUSLY IN THE HOUSE 421-2 ON AUG. 1 AND WAS APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT BY THE SENATE LATER THAT DAY. THE MEASURE EXCLUDES KIDS' OFF-ROAD VEHICLES FROM THE OVERLY-BROAD CPSIA LEAD CERTIFICATION RULES, WHICH PREVIOUSLY PROHIBITED THEIR SALE DUE TO LEAD CONTENT OF COMPONENTS SUCH AS BATTERIES AND BRAKES. "THIS LAW IS A WIN-WIN FOR AMERICAN CONSUMERS AND THE AMERICAN ECONOMY," SAID CONGRESSWOMAN BONO MACK, "AND I THANK THE PRESIDENT FOR SIGNING THIS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT BILL INTO LAW." BE SURE TO CONTACT YOUR FEDERAL LEGISLATORS AND THANK THEM FOR RECTIFYING THE ONEROUS "LEAD LAW" BIKE BAN, AND FOR SUPPORTING THE RIGHTS OF MILLIONS OF OFF-ROAD ENTHUSIASTS AND FUTURE MOTORCYCLISTS.

ABATE OF MICHIGAN REQUESTS YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION THIS URGENT CALL TO ACTION IS ON BEHALF OF ABATE OF MICHIGAN, REQUESTING THE HELP OF ALL MOTORCYCLISTS IN THEIR FIGHT FOR FREEDOM. "SENATE BILL 291 PASSED THE MICHIGAN SENATE IN LATE JUNE," WRITES ABATE PRESIDENT VINCE CONSIGLIO. "WE ARE ASKING ALL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS TO SEND A POST CARD TO MICHIGAN'S GOVERNOR, RICK SNYDER, URGING HIM TO SUPPORT MOTORCYCLE HELMET CHOICE FOR ADULTS." CONSIGLIO FURTHER ADVISES THAT; "A POSTCARD FROM A 'FREE' STATE MAY HELP HIM REALIZE THAT MICHIGAN LOSES MOTORCYCLE MONEY EVERY DAY OF THE SUMMER WITH A MANDATORY HELMET LAW. GOVERNOR SNYDER PRIDES HIMSELF ON BEING ALL ABOUT BUSINESS AND HELPING BUSINESS. PLEASE URGE GOVERNOR SNYDER TO SUPPORT ADULT CHOICE." MAIL TO: GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER, STATE CAPITAL, P.O. BOX 30013, LANSING, MI 48909 OR CALL (517) 373-3400 OR E-MAIL RICK.SNYDER@MICHIGAN.GOV. MICHIGAN IS ONE OF 20 STATES WITH A MANDATORY HELMET LAW FOR ALL RIDERS, BUT BEFORE THE STATE LEGISLATURE BROKE FOR THE SUMMER THE SENATE VOTED 24-14 ON JUNE 28TH TO REPEAL THEIR 40-YEAR OLD HELMET REQUIREMENT FOR MOTORCYCLISTS 21 OR OLDER, WHO HAVE BEEN RIDING FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS OR PASSES A SAFETY TEST, AND HAVE \$100,000 IN PERSONAL INJURY INSURANCE. A SUNSET PROVISION WOULD CAUSE THE BAN ON HELMETLESS RIDING TO RESUME IN FIVE YEARS, UNLESS THE LEGISLATURE ACTS AGAIN. THE HEAVILY-AMENDED MEASURE NOW MOVES TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR FURTHER ACTION.

NHTSA (AGAIN) PUSHES HELMET LAWS NHTSA ADMINISTRATOR DAVID STRICKLAND HAS TESTIFIED

ONCE AGAIN BEFORE A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE URGING FEDERAL ACTION TO GET MOTORCYCLISTS TO WEAR HELMETS. ON JULY 27, DURING A REAUTHORIZATION HEARING ON THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, STRICKLAND TOLD A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE & TRANSPORTATION THAT "THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP WE CAN TAKE TO REDUCE THE DEATHS OF MOTORCYCLISTS ON OUR ROADS AND HIGHWAYS IS TO ASSURE THAT ALL RIDERS WEAR A DOT COMPLIANT HELMET." HE FURTHER STATED THAT, "A GRANT PROGRAM EMPHASIZING THE USE OF MOTORCYCLE HELMETS WOULD BE EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING FATALITIES." LAST YEAR, IN RESPONSE TO CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY FROM STRICKLAND THAT INCREASED HELMET USE IS THE CORE COMPONENT OF NHTSA'S MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PLAN, U.S. REP. JIM SENSENBRENNER (R-WI) INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION URGING NHTSA TO CONCENTRATE ON MOTORCYCLE CRASH PREVENTION AND RIDER EDUCATION INSTEAD OF LOBBYING FOR HELMET LAWS.

U.S. MOTORCYCLE MARKET RESEARCH RESEARCH AND MARKETS, A WORLDWIDE MARKETING RESEARCH RESOURCE, HAS ANNOUNCED THE ADDITION OF THE "MOTORCYCLE DEALERS" REPORT TO THEIR OFFERING OF OVER 718,000 GLOBAL MARKETING RESEARCH REPORTS, WHICH COVERS NEARLY 4,300 MOTORCYCLE-RELATED STORES IN THE UNITED STATES WITH COMBINED ANNUAL REVENUE OF \$18 BILLION. ACCORDING TO THEIR INDUSTRY RESEARCH, NO MAJOR COMPANIES DOMINATE; MOST COMPANIES HAVE A SINGLE RETAIL OUTLET, "THE INDUSTRY IS HIGHLY FRAGMENTED: THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES GENERATE JUST 10 PERCENT OF INDUSTRY SALES," STATES THE REPORT. UNDER THE "COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE" HEADING, THE R&M REPORT SAYS: "DISCRETIONARY PERSONAL INCOME AND INTEREST RATES DRIVE DEMAND, SINCE MOTORCYCLES ARE HIGH-TICKET PURCHASES AND OFTEN FINANCED. THE PROFITABILITY OF INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES DEPENDS ON VOLUME AND SALES OF HIGHER-MARGIN GOODS LIKE HEAVYWEIGHT MOTORCYCLES. LARGE DEALERS HAVE ADVANTAGES IN BROAD INVENTORY SELECTIONS AND NEGOTIATING POWER WITH MANUFACTURERS. SMALL DEALERS CAN COMPETE EFFECTIVELY BY PROVIDING SUPERIOR CUSTOMER SERVICE OR OFFERING UNIQUE SERVICES, LIKE BIKE CUSTOMIZATION." THE REPORT FURTHER OBSERVES THAT, "MAJOR COMPETITORS INCLUDE PRIVATE MARKET SELLERS, OTHER RECREATIONAL VEHICLE DEALERS, SERVICE CENTER CHAINS, AND INDEPENDENT SERVICE SHOPS." OTHER KEY TOPICS INCLUDE: INDUSTRY OVERVIEW, BUSINESS CHALLENGES & TRENDS, INDUSTRY FORECAST & OPPORTUNITIES, AND PRODUCTS, OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY: FOR THOSE IN THE MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY OR STARTING A MOTORCYCLE BUSINESS, OR INTERESTED IN BETTER UNDERSTANDING THE TWO-WHEEL MARKETPLACE, CHECK THEM OUT AT WWW.RESEARCHANDMARKETS.COM. R&M HAS ALSO CONDUCTED NUMEROUS OTHER MOTORCYCLE-ORIENTED MARKETING REPORTS, INCLUDING A GLOBAL INDUSTRY GUIDE AND A GLOBAL MOTORCYCLE REPORT, WHICH EXAMINES MARKET CONDITIONS ACROSS WESTERN EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA AS WELL AS KEY EMERGING COUNTRIES SUCH AS CHINA AND INDIA.

NEW REPORT REVEALS THAT 1 IN 7 DRIVERS ARE UNINSURED SUMMER IS THE TIME FOR ROAD TRIPS, LONG MOTORCYCLE RIDES AND MAKING THOSE DAILY BACK-AND-FORTH TRIPS TO RUN HOUSEHOLD ERRANDS. CHANCES ARE DRIVERS WILL NOT BE INVOLVED IN A VEHICLE ACCIDENT DURING THESE TRAVELS, BUT EVERYONE LIKELY WILL BE INVOLVED IN AT LEAST ONE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN HIS OR HER LIFETIME. ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, CHANCES ARE ROUGHLY ONE IN

SEVEN THAT A DRIVER IS UNINSURED, ACCORDING TO ESTIMATES RELEASED IN APRIL FROM THE INSURANCE RESEARCH COUNCIL. THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN IS THOUGHT TO BE A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE INCREASE OF UNINSURED MOTORISTS, WITH APPROXIMATELY 13.8% OF U.S. DRIVERS BEING UNINSURED IN 2009 DESPITE LAWS IN MOST STATES REQUIRING DRIVERS TO MAINTAIN MINIMUM COVERAGE. IN A NEW STUDY, "UNINSURED MOTORISTS, 2011 EDITION," THE IRC ESTIMATES THE PERCENTAGE OF UNINSURED DRIVERS COUNTRYWIDE AND IN INDIVIDUAL STATES FOR 2008 AND 2009 BASED ON THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED MOTORIST INSURANCE CLAIMS VERSUS THE NUMBER OF BODILY INJURY CLAIMS. IN 2009, THE FIVE STATES WITH THE HIGHEST UNINSURED DRIVER ESTIMATES WERE MISSISSIPPI, 28%; NEW MEXICO, 26%; TENNESSEE, 24%; OKLAHOMA, 24%; AND FLORIDA, 24%. THE FIVE STATES WITH THE LOWEST UNINSURED DRIVER ESTIMATES WERE MASSACHUSETTS, 4.5%; MAINE, 4.5%; NEW YORK, 5%; PENNSYLVANIA, 7%; AND VERMONT, 7%. THE MORAL? PROTECT YOURSELF BY MAKING SURE YOU'RE FULLY COVERED, WITH UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE INCLUDED IN YOUR INSURANCE POLICY!

SAFEST STATES TO RIDE ACCORDING TO A STATISTICAL ANALYSIS FROM THESTREET.COM FINANCIAL WEBSITE, THE SAFEST STATE TO RIDE IN IS NORTH DAKOTA, WITH A FATALITY RATE NEARLY A THIRD THE NATIONAL AVERAGE, LOW LEVELS OF CONGESTION AND HIGH QUALITY ROAD SURFACES. IN AN ARTICLE "THE SAFEST STATES FOR MOTORCYCLES" IN THE AUGUST 1ST BUSINESS SECTION, WRITER GREG EMERSON POINTS OUT THAT, "THE TRUTH IS THAT MOTORCYCLE RIDING IS UP. WAY UP. BETWEEN 1996 AND 2005, MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATIONS INCREASED 61% WHILE VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED OF MOTORCYCLES GREW ONLY 8.6%, ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION. THAT MEANS A LOT OF NEW RIDERS, RIDING NOT VERY FAR OR NOT VERY OFTEN." IN AN EFFORT TO "HELP KEEP ALL THOSE WEEKEND WARRIORS LOOKING TO GET ON A BIKE AND GO RIDING FROM LOSING THEIR HEADS, WE LOOKED AT THE MOST RECENT FATALITY DATA -- FROM 2009 -- TO DETERMINE WHICH STATES WERE THE SAFEST FOR THE ASPIRING EVEL KNEIEVELS AMONG US. WE RANKED ALL 50 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO SEE WHICH ONES HAD THE SMALLEST PROPORTION OF MOTORCYCLE DEATHS AS A PROPORTION OF TOTAL TRAFFIC DEATHS." HALF OF THE STATES FALL BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 15.4%, AND HALF ABOVE. HERE ARE THE 10 STATES WITH THE LOWEST RATIO OF RIDER FATALITIES: TENTH-SAFEST: VERMONT - MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES: 68; PROPORTION OF TOTAL VEHICLE DEATHS: 11.8% EIGHTH-SAFEST (TIE): VIRGINIA - MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES: 671; PROPORTION OF TOTAL VEHICLE DEATHS: 11.5% EIGHTH-SAFEST (TIE): KENTUCKY - MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES: 745; PROPORTION OF TOTAL VEHICLE DEATHS: 11.5% SEVENTH-SAFEST: MISSOURI - MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES: 806; PROPORTION OF TOTAL VEHICLE DEATHS: 10.8% SIXTH-SAFEST: WYOMING - MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES: 129; PROPORTION OF TOTAL VEHICLE DEATHS: 10.1% FIFTH-SAFEST: ALABAMA - MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES: 776; PROPORTION OF TOTAL VEHICLE DEATHS: 9.8% FOURTH-SAFEST: WEST VIRGINIA - MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES: 334; PROPORTION OF TOTAL VEHICLE DEATHS: 7.5% THIRD-SAFEST: MISSISSIPPI - MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES: 632; PROPORTION OF TOTAL VEHICLE DEATHS: 7.4% SECOND-SAFEST: NEBRASKA - MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES: 211; PROPORTION OF TOTAL VEHICLE DEATHS: 7.1% SAFEST: NORTH DAKOTA - MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES: 135; PROPORTION OF TOTAL VEHICLE DEATHS: 5.2%

HELMET AND ACCOUSTICS RESEARCH COULD QUIET THE RIDE AFTER ACCELERATING, MOST OF

THE SOUND THAT A RIDER CAN HEAR ISN'T FROM THE BIKE ENGINE OR OTHER VEHICLES ON THE ROAD, BUT FROM THE AIR RUSHING OVER AND AROUND THEIR HELMET. NOISE LEVELS INSIDE A HELMET CAN REACH ROCK-CONCERT LEVELS WHEN TRAVELING AT HIGHWAY SPEEDS, AND A GROUP OF ENGINEERS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS FROM TWO U.K. UNIVERSITIES HAVE GATHERED TO STUDY HOW TO MINIMIZE HELMET NOISE TO PROTECT RIDERS FROM HEARING DAMAGE AND REDUCE THE POTENTIAL DISTRACTION THAT NOISE POSES TO RIDERS. THEIR RESEARCH PAPER, WHICH HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION BY THE JOURNAL OF THE ACOUSTICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, SAYS THAT RIDERS EXPERIENCE NOISE FROM MULTIPLE SOURCES. FIRST IS THE ENGINE NOISE, WHICH IS A RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT FACTOR ONCE RIDERS ACCELERATE TO HIGHWAY SPEEDS. AUDIBLE WIND NOISE CAN REACH VOLUMES AS HIGH AS 115 DECIBELS OR MORE, ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO WHAT POWER SAW OPERATORS WITHOUT EAR PROTECTION WOULD HEAR. OSHA RECOMMENDS LIMITING SUCH EXPOSURE TO 15 MINUTES OR LESS PER DAY. TURBULENT AIR BUFFETING OFF THE MOTORCYCLE WINDSHIELD IS ANOTHER SOURCE OF NOISE, AS IS AIR RUSHING AROUND THE CHIN BAR OF THE HELMET. THERE'S ANOTHER TYPE OF SOUND EXPERIENCED BY RIDERS, CALLED BODY CONDUCTED SOUND. ABOARD A MOTORCYCLE, THIS PROCESS TRANSMITS ENGINE VIBRATIONS AND THE PERCUSSIVE FORCE OF THE WIND THROUGH THE FLESH AND BONE TO THE EAR. EARPLUGS DON'T STOP IT, AND IT CAN BE SIGNIFICANT. ANOTHER TOPIC UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE BATH GROUP IS HOW SOUND IMPACTS ATTENTION, AND ONE EXPERIMENT MEASURED HOW DIFFERENT VOLUMES OF SOUND IMPAIRED A TEST SUBJECT'S PERIPHERAL VISION. WHILE RIDERS AND OTHERS RECOGNIZE THAT NOISE CAN BE A SERIOUS HEALTH ISSUE, MANY U.S. JURISDICTIONS PROHIBIT THE USE OF EARPLUGS OR OTHER NOISE-REDUCING DEVICES. ONE LONG ROAD TRIP COULD TAKE A RIDER THROUGH NUMEROUS CHANGES IN LOCAL LAWS.

NIGERIA BANS MOTORCYCLES IN TERROR-STRUCK CITY OFFICIALS IN MAIDUGURI, NIGERIA'S SEVENTH LARGEST CITY AND CAPITAL OF NORTHEASTERN BORNO STATE, HAS BANNED MOTORBIKES IN A BID TO CURB MILITANT ACTIVITIES BORNE ON THE BACKS OF THESE UBIQUITOUS VEHICLES. MOTORCYCLES AND OKADA (MOTORCYCLE TAXIS) ARE THE PREDOMINANT MODE OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE MOSTLY IMPOVERISHED CITY, AND MEMBERS OF THE MOTORCYCLE TRANSPORT UNION HAVE PROTESTED THE BAN ON THEIR LIVELIHOOD, BUT THE BORNO STATE GOVERNMENT IS DESPERATE TO CRACK DOWN ON BOKO HARAM, AN EXTREMELY ORTHODOX ISLAMIST SECT THAT IS SEEKING TO OVERTHROW THE SECULAR GOVERNMENT IN FAVOR OF A MUSLIM STATE. THE TERRORIST GROUP HAS BECOME KNOWN FOR BRAZEN PUBLIC ATTACKS CONDUCTED WHILE RIDING MOTORBIKES, AND HAS KILLED AT LEAST 40 PEOPLE INCLUDING POLICE OFFICERS AND POLITICIANS IN DRIVE-BY MOTORBIKE ATTACKS.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "USELESS LAWS WEAKEN THE NECESSARY LAWS." CHARLES DE MONTESQUIEU (1689-1755), FRENCH PHILOSOPHER AND POLITICAL THINKER

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September 25, 2011

11:30 am

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- To** print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.
- To** become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.
- To** provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.
- To** promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.
- To** promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.
- To** educate the public about motorcycle awareness.