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MEETING
11:30 AM
Sunday
DECEMBER 18th**



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ABATE
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17th ANNUAL FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY
February 10 - 13, 2012

State Meeting Sunday February 12th at 2:00 pm

State Board Meeting Sunday February 12th at Noon

Monticello, Florida • American Legion Hall • 1065 S. Water St. • Monticello, FL 32344

Ride to the Capitol Monday February 13
from Monticello KOA Campground at 9:00am

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Free Tent Camping • Membership & Safety Information Available

RV Hookups Available from KOA • Cabins \$150 (3 night event price)

KOA Campground - 346 KOA Road - Monticello, FL 32344

Located at exit 225 at I-10 in Monticello, call 850-997-3890 for directions only. 20 miles east of Tallahassee & 6 miles SW of Monticello. From I-10 at US19 proceed south 600 feet, then west on C158B for 2 miles, then north on S259 for 1/2 mile. Follow the signs.

American Legion Hall

Go 2 blocks west of the Opera House on US90, then turn west on Waters Street. Go 1/2 mile to Legion Hall.

Reservations for RV Hookups (Pop-Up Campers, Vans and RV's) need to be made through the KOA Campground. Call 850-997-3890 for reservations. RV sites are limited.

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11:30 am THIRD SUNDAY EVERY MONTH

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American Bikers Aiming Toward Education**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

HERE WE ARE AT THE END OF 2011, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE. MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I TURNED 60 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR. I ALWAYS HEARD THAT IF

YOU MAKE IT THROUGH YOUR 50'S IN REASONABLY GOOD HEALTH YOU'D PROBABLY LIVE TO BE 90. I ALSO HEARD THAT OLDER YOU GET THE FASTER THE DAYS FLY BY. AS ANDY ROONEY (GOD REST HIS SOUL) ONCE SAID, "LIFE IS LIKE A ROLL OF TOILET PAPER, THE CLOSER YOU GET TO THE END THE FASTER IT GOES". I CAN ATTEST TO THAT FROM MY OWN EXPERIENCE AND I KNOW I'M NOT ALONE. WOAH! SOMEBODY TELL ME HOW TO GET THE WING FLAPS DOWN OR HIT THE BRAKES OR SOMETHING.

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IT WAS ALMOST 6 YEARS AGO WHEN CHRIS SHARP AND I BEGAN OUR CAMPAIGN FOR A BAN ON THE USE OF CELL PHONES WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE OF ANY KIND. WE HAD A LOT OF PEOPLE AGREE THAT SOMETHING NEEDED TO BE DONE BUT CAME UP SHORT ON ACTIVE SUPPORTERS UNTIL 3 YEARS AGO. SINCE THEN TECHNOLOGY HAS EVOLVED TO CREATE AN EVEN MORE DANGEROUS DISTRACTION AND FEATURE NOBODY CAN LIVE WITHOUT "TEXTING". WELL, LET HEAVEN AND NATURE SING! I RECEIVED AN UPDATE TODAY DARRIN "SCRIBE" BROOKS, OUR STATE LEGISLATIVE TRUSTEE WITH SOME GREAT NEWS.

TEXTING BILL PASSES TRANS. COMMITTEE

A BILL AIMED AT CURBING THE TEMPTATION TO TEXT WHILE ON THE ROAD WAS APPROVED BY THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY BY A 10-0 VOTE. THE MEASURE, SB 416, PROHIBITS DRIVING "WHILE MANUALLY TYPING OR ENTERING MULTIPLE LETTERS, NUMBERS, SYMBOLS, OR OTHER TEXT IN A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE" THE BILL ALSO PROHIBITS DRIVERS FROM READING MESSAGES TEXTED TO THEM. THE BILL MAKES AN EXCEPTION TO EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND THOSE WITH HANDS-FREE DEVICES. FIRST TIME OF-

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONT'D

FENDERS GET FINED \$30, COURT COSTS AND SIX POINTS ON THEIR DRIVING RECORD. THE BILL IS SPONSORED BY SEN. NANCY DETERT, R-VENICE.

HOPEFULLY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO ATTACH A BILL TO THAT ONE TO INCLUDE HAND HELD CELL PHONE USE WHEN LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS OPEN IN JANUARY. IT'S NOT THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM WE'VE BEEN WORKING TOWARD BUT AT LEAST IT PROVES NOT EVERYBODY IN TALLAHASSEE IS ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL.

THERE HAS ALSO BEEN LEGISLATION INTRODUCED TO REPEAL THE LAW PASSED IN FLORIDA BY FORMER GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST IN 2008 REGARDING ETHANOL IN OUR GASOLINE.

HOUSE MEMBERS WANT TO ELIMINATE ETHANOL MANDATE

A HOUSE PANEL TUESDAY APPROVED REPEALING A 2008 LAW THAT REQUIRES ETHANOL IN FLORIDA GASOLINE, WITH SPONSOR MATT GAETZ, R-FORT WALTON BEACH, SAYING GOVERNMENT IS "CRAWLING INTO OUR GAS CANS." THE PROPOSAL (HB 4013) IS BACKED BY GROUPS SUCH AS THE MARINE INDUSTRY, WHICH ARGUES THAT ETHANOL DAMAGES BOAT MOTORS. WE ALL KNOW WHAT IT DOES TO MOTORCYCLES BUT AS USUAL, THERE IS OPPOSITION BECAUSE OF THE FEDERAL LAWS AND THE E.P.A. ONE OF IT'S BIGGEST OPPONENTENENT IS AARON PEPPER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF SOUTHEAST RENEWABLE FUELS, LLC, SAID HIS COMPANY IS PREPARING TO BREAK GROUND ON AN ETHANOL PLANT IN HENDRY COUNTY.

2012 WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT AND PIVOTAL TIMES IN HISTORY, NOT JUST IN AMERICA, BUT ALSO IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE, THE TURMOIL IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE, NATIONS ON THE VERGE OF FINANCIAL COLLAPSE, THE CIVIL UNREST BEING CREATED BY RADICAL FACTIONS WORLDWIDE AND OUR OWN DEBT CRISIS CREATING A DIVIDE IN AMERICAN SOCIETY WITH THE TEA PARTY ON ONE SIDE AND THE OCCUPY WALL STREET MOVEMENT AND SOCIAL UNREST SPREADING NATION-WIDE. THE PRELUDE TO THE SOCIALIST REVOLUTION VS. THE RESTORATION OF AMERICAN VALUES AND UPHOLDING OUR CONSTITUTION. ONE THING FOR SURE WE ARE LIVING IN DANGEROUS TIMES. I REMAIN OPTIMISTIC BECAUSE THIS GREAT NATION OF OURS WAS BUILT ON FAITH, ONE NATION UNDER GOD.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU OUT TO OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS THAT VOLUNTEERED TO HELP WITH RUNNING OUR EVENT; YOU ALL DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN MAKING IT A SUCCESS. ALSO, MY THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO ALL THOSE WHO CAME OUT IN SUPPORT OF OUR CHAPTER AFTER THE TOY RUN, I HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE PARTY AS MUCH AS WE ENJOYED HAVING YOU THERE. THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF AT RENEGADES WENT ALL OUT TO

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONT'D

MAKE US ALL FEEL WELCOME, THEY REALLY WORKED THEIR BUTTS OFF, THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE.

IN CLOSING, I WANT TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. PLEASE, REMEMBER TO SAY A PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS SERVING AROUND THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

GOD BLESS US ALL, EVERY ONE.

RIDE FREE, RIDE SAFE

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American Legion Riders Post 268



The Riders would like to thank everyone who came out to our first Motorcycle Swap Meet
Bikers and Vendors looking to make a deal with great food and cold beer
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**

American Legion Riders Post 268 1690 Ave. "H" West. Riviera Beach, FL 33404 561 844-7125



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.

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STRONGBOW PRESIDENT - 561-302-0879

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DECEMBER 2011

Barbara "Brooklyn" Giannini
 Kenneth "Knuckles" Roman
 Betty "Old Wise One" Spellman
 Lawson "Cowboy" Turner
 Vivian Pacheco
 Mike "Tomcat" Thomas
 Jon "Blind Bat" Cook
 Debbie "Blondie" Fairall
 Ray "Rayray" Fairall
 Frank "Moose" Smith



JANUARY 2012

John "Cat" Catalano
 Raymond "Bwana" Mikkelsen, Jr.
 Richard Rescigno
 George "Big George" Sleight
 Ken Allnutt
 Mike "Scratch" Parrish
 Don "Sea Dog" Robinson
 Greg Barin
 David "Train" Riani
 Treva "T" Caserta
 Ida "IC" I sreal

FEBRUARY 2012

Robert Lewis
 Susan Casey
 Gene "Geno" Fallon
 Wayne "Deke" Deker
 Robert Southworth
 Laurel Youngman
 Derek Engle
 Randy Thompson
 Rory Zimmer
 Elizabeth "Bristol" Cromey-Hawke
 Bradley "Chicago Brad" Sewell
 William "Muzzleflash" Kennedy
 Tracie "Whisper" Wright
 Rachelle "Schelle" Wood
 Helen "Jersey Girl" Magnus
 Darlene "Stiletto" Kessariss
 Kerry "Mongo" Lovvorn
 Michael Braga

MARCH 2012

Trisha "Tushy" Leiti
 Ed "Nighthawk" Lattari
 Ira Winters
 Don Workman
 Sandy Ruggles
 James "Duke's" Newman
 Mickey Puyada
 Ronald "Dutch" Siliakus
 Phil Moore
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Vice President's Message

I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED OUT AT OUR EVENT AT RENEGADES. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT AND ATTENDED. IT WAS A GOOD TIME FOR EVERYONE. SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT TO THE LAMAS, THEY HAD A GREAT SHOWING AND IS TRULY APPRECIATED. WE HAD A PRETTY GOOD TURNOUT BY THE INDEPENDENTS,

BUT THE TURN OUT BY THE CLUBS WAS LIGHT. I BELIEVE THAT'S MOSTLY OUR OWN FAULT. I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO START GETTING TOGETHER IN LARGER GROUPS TO RIDE TO THEIR EVENTS, THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO HELP SUPPORT EACH OTHER. OUR JOB IS TO HELP GET OUT THE WORD ON MOTORCYCLIST RIGHTS, SAFETY AND AWARENESS. THAT REQUIRES BEING VISIBLE IN THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY. WE ALSO NEED THE SUPPORT, AS THEY DO OURS. SO WITH THAT SAID, THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY IS UPON US.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 17TH IS THE BIKERS OF PALM BEACH TOY RUN BENEFITING THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF PALM BEACH COUNTY. THIS EVENT IS ONE OF THE MOST WORTHWHILE OF THE YEAR. THIS EVENT IS HOSTED BY THE BIKERS OF PALM BEACH, AN ORGANIZATION MADE UP OF ALL THE MOTORCYCLE CLUBS, ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COUNTY. THIS RUN ENDS AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. THERE YOU GET TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY ON THE FACES OF THE UNDERPRIVILEGED KIDS WHEN THEY GET THE TOYS COLLECTED FOR THIS EVENT. SO A STRONG SHOWING AT THIS EVENT WILL SHOW THAT ABATE PALM BEACH CARES ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR BIKERS!

BY NOW I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL AWARE OF THE LOSS OF OUR BROTHER PIPES. HE WAS A GREAT AND WISE MAN. HE HAS BEEN A PART OF THIS CHAPTER FROM THE BEGINNING AND WILL BE MISSED. COOKIE HIS WIFE HAS ALSO BEEN WITH US TOO AND I CAN ONLY OFFER MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER DURING THESE INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT TIMES. THERE WILL BE A MEMORIAL SERVICE ON THE 18TH AFTER OUR REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING. PLEASE PLAN ON BEING THERE.

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

NIGHTHAWK

VICE PRESIDENT ABATE PBC



Your Mickey's Family Wishes EVERYONE Happy Holidays!!!



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**Dec 16, Friday Night, 8pm-?
Mickey's Christmas Party
Live Show by "Soulicide"
Free Buffet, Giveaways & Goodies!**



**We Will Be Open
Day & Night on Christmas!
Your 2nd drink is on Dave!**



**MUSIC: Gator Nate Dec 7th, Smoke &
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23rd, Mighty Quinn 28th, Loose Cannons
30th, Bustin' Strings Every Sat. Night!**

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IT'S KARAOKE GONE METAL!" 8PM**

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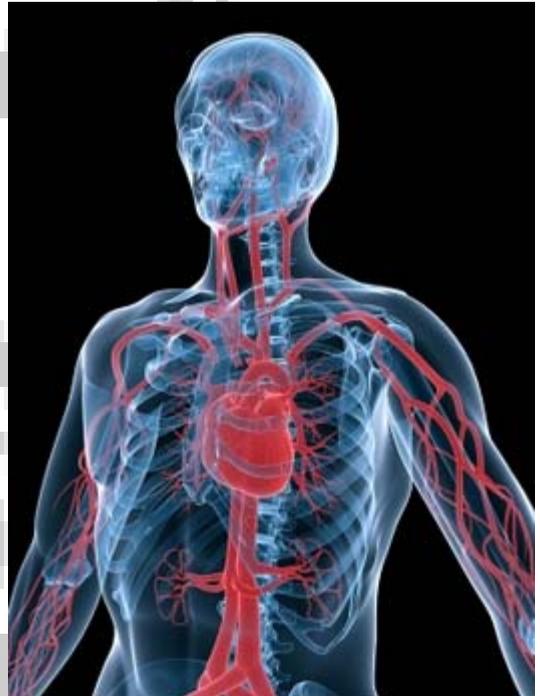
Dennis Hawkins, RN ("Data")

MANAGING INJURIES - CIRCULATION
BY DENNIS HAWKINS, RN ("DATA")

LAST MONTH WE EXAMINED THE AIRWAY AND BREATHING PART OF OUR ABC'S OF ACCIDENT MANAGEMENT. THIS MONTH, WE'LL LEARN MORE ABOUT CHECKING A PERSON'S CIRCULATION. JUST LIKE LAST MONTH, SOME OF THE DETAILS PRESENTED HERE ARE A BIT GORY, SO IF YOU ARE SQUEAMISH, CONSIDER YOURSELF FOREWARNED.

CIRCULATION IS THE THIRD THING TO CHECK. DO YOU SEE BLOOD? IS IT RUNNING OUT OF HIM AND IF SO, HOW FAST? EXCEPT FOR INJURIES TO THE SKULL, YOU'LL WANT TO WAD UP A TOWEL OR RAG AND USE IT TO APPLY FIRM PRESSURE TO A BLEEDING WOUND. FRACTURED SKULLS ARE THE EXCEPTION. YOU SHOULD NEVER APPLY PRESSURE TO A FRACTURED SKULL BECAUSE DOING SO WILL CAUSE FURTHER BRAIN DAMAGE. IF THE BLOOD IS HEMORRHAGING FROM AN ARM OR A LEG, ITS ALSO POSSIBLE TO APPLY A TOURNIQUET ABOVE THE WOUND TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE BLOOD LOSS. HOWEVER, A TOURNIQUET IS REALLY THE LAST RESORT TO CONTROL BLEEDING, SO DON'T USE ONE IF YOU CAN STOP IT BY APPLYING PRESSURE.

SOMETIMES BLEEDING HAPPENS INTERNALLY. WHEN IT DOES, ITS NOT ALWAYS OBVIOUS. WHEN IT IS OBVIOUS, IT SOMETIMES WILL SHOW UP AS A BULGING LUMP SOMEWHERE THAT MAY RESEMBLE A TENNIS BALL UNDER THE SKIN. THE SAME RULES APPLY. EXCEPT FOR SKULL FRACTURES, APPLY PRESSURE TO GET IT TO GO BACK DOWN. APPLY ICE IF YOU HAVE IT.



ONE FINAL NOTE ABOUT BLEEDING IS THAT IF THERE IS AN OBJECT PUNCTURING THE VICTIM'S SKIN, YOU'LL WANT TO LEAVE IT BE. DON'T PULL IT OUT. IT COULD BE PLUGGING AN ARTERY.

AS PART OF THE CIRCULATION CHECK, YOU'LL NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT HIS HEART IS BEATING. ITS A SAFE ASSUMPTION THAT IF HE IS CONSCIOUS, THEN HIS HEART IS BEATING. IF HE IS UNCONSCIOUS, YOU CAN CHECK TO SEE IF HIS HEART IS BEATING BY CHECKING THE PULSE IN HIS NECK. THIS PULSE IS CALLED THE CAROTID PULSE. YOU CAN FEEL THIS PULSE IN HIS NECK BY PUTTING YOUR FINGERS OF ONE HAND JUST TO THE SIDE OF HIS ADAM'S APPLE. YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO FEEL A PULSE THERE IF HIS HEART IS BEATING PROPERLY. IF YOU AREN'T SURE, DON'T HESITATE TO ASK SOMEONE ELSE TO TRY. YOU CAN PRACTICE CHECKING THE CAROTID PULSE ON YOURSELF TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE TECHNIQUE. IF YOU CAN'T FIND THE VICTIM'S PULSE, THEN YOU'LL NEED TO START CPR AND CHEST COMPRESSIONS.

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY TAKEN A CPR CLASS, NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO SIGN UP. YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THESE BASIC LIFE SAVING SKILLS MIGHT BE USEFUL. CPR CLASS COVERS CHEST COMPRESSIONS, HEIMLICH MANEUVERS AND MOUTH TO MOUTH RESUSCITATION. ATTEMPTING CPR OR MOUTH TO MOUTH RESUSCITATION WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT YOU'RE DOING CAN SOMETIMES MAKE THINGS WORSE, SO A FORMAL CLASS IS THE BEST WAY TO LEARN IT.

USING THE ABC GUIDE IS A CONVENIENT WAY TO REMEMBER THE IMPORTANT THINGS THAT MUST BE DONE TO MANAGE INJURIES IN AN ACCIDENT SCENE, BUT YOU MUST AVOID THE NOTION THAT ITS A STEP BY STEP PROCESS. ITS NOT. IF THE VICTIM HAS A PROBLEM WITH HIS AIRWAY OR BREATHING, YOU STILL NEED TO CHECK HIS CIRCULATION. OCCASIONALLY, THE ABC'S WILL SEEM TO CONFLICT WITH EACH OTHER. SOMETIMES THIS MEANS USING COMMON SENSE TO COME UP WITH A PLAN, AND OTHER TIMES IT CAN MEAN THAT THERE IS NOTHING MORE YOU CAN DO.

AFTER YOU HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THE VICTIM'S ABC'S, GO BACK AND DO THEM ALL OVER AGAIN. SOMETIMES AN ACCIDENT VICTIM'S STATUS CAN CHANGE FOR THE WORSE WHILE YOU'RE WAITING FOR PARAMEDICS TO ARRIVE. SO YOU'LL NEED TO CONSTANTLY CHECK TO MAKE SURE HIS ABC'S ARE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER. AND IF YOU FIND A PROBLEM WITH ONE LETTER, SUCH AS HIS BREATHING, DON'T IGNORE THE REMAINING LETTERS, BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL IMPORTANT.

IF YOU HAVE TIME, WHILE YOU ARE WAITING FOR THE PARAMEDICS TO ARRIVE, YOU COULD ALSO CHECK THE VICTIM FOR OTHER INJURIES SO THAT YOU CAN REPORT THEM TO THE PARAMEDICS WHEN THEY ARRIVE. ITS A MYTH THAT IF THE VICTIM CAN MOVE AN ARM OR

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ACCIDENT SCENE MANAGEMENT- CONT'D

LEG, THEN THEY AREN'T BROKEN. SOME INJURIES ARE OBVIOUS, BUT OTHERS CAN BE HIDDEN. A PERSON CAN LOOK QUITE NORMAL, BUT STILL BE MANGLED INSIDE. SO ITS IMPORTANT NOT TO MAKE ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT A PERSON'S CONDITION.

AS I SAID BEFORE, THE ONLY THING MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR ABC'S IS GOOD COMMON SENSE. DON'T DO SOMETHING STUPID AND GET YOURSELF KILLED WHILE TRYING TO SAVE SOMEONE ELSE. AND DON'T FORGET TO TELL THE VICTIM AND BYSTANDERS WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND WHY YOU'RE DOING IT. EMOTIONS SOMETIMES RUN HIGH AT ACCIDENT SCENES, SO IF SOMEONE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU ARE DOING SOMETHING, THEY WILL LIKELY FIGHT YOU.

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 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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- 8 - States MC 17th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
 15 - Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day
 21 - Wheels of Man MC Indian River Party
 22 - SE ABATE semi-annual event
 29 - Der Krieger MC Annual

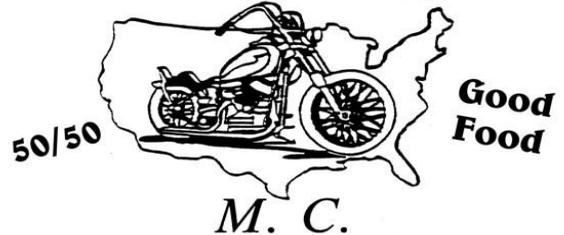
FEBRUARY

- 4 - Alternative WPB Party
 5 - Third Tradition Annual
 11 - USMVMC Homestead Party
 12 - AOA MC Ft. Laud. Valentines Day Annual
 19 - States MC Lake Worth Annual
 25 - Wheels of Man MC Deerfield 39th Annual

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 10 - Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud Party
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LEGISLATIVE & DELEGATE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

AS EVERYONE HAS HEARD I HAVE HAD SOME LEG PROBLEMS SO BEEN HAVING TO STAY HOME AND GO FOR IVS DAILY. SO I'VE BEEN SEEING A LOT OF NEWS SINCE HAVE TO WAIT THERE FOR AWHILE. OF COURSE A

LOT HAS BEEN ABOUT THE 2012 PRESIDENTIAL RACE, BUT THERE ARE MANY LOCAL/STATE RACES WE NEED TO GET INFORMATION ON. SO WE NEED TO START LEARNING WHO THE BEST CANDIDATES FOR OUR INTERESTS ARE. THEREFORE I HAVE INCLUDED SOME ARTICLE FROM ABATE STATE LEGISLATIVE REP:

"(THE FOLLOWING IS) A PIECE I WROTE BEFORE, BUT IT IS TIMELY AND WILL HELP YOU TEACH YOUR CHAPTER MEMBERS HOW THEY CAN REACH OUT TO THEIR LEGISLATORS. WE WILL NEED EVERYONE'S HELP THIS YEAR. I WILL NEED YOUR HELP TO EDUCATE AND MOTIVATE YOUR MEMBERS TO FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHTS.

DARRIN "SCRIBE" BROOKS, STATE LEGISLATIVE TRUSTEE, ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. TO MANY OF US, THERE IS A FEAR OF TAKING THAT FIRST STEP OF REACHING OUT TO OUR LEGISLATORS. AFTER ALL THEY ARE IMPORTANT PEOPLE WITH FANCY SUITS, GOING TO MEETINGS, AND HAVE THE GIFT OF GAB (AS MY FATHER WOULD SAY). FURTHERMORE, WE ARE JUST COMMON EVERYDAY PEOPLE WEARING JEANS AND A T-SHIRT (THAT WE WOULD GLADLY GIVE TO A BROTHER OR SISTER IN NEED). OUR SPEECH AT TIMES MAY BE CRUDE, BUT OUR WORD IS OUR WORD, AND YOU CAN STILL TAKE THAT TO THE BANK. DO NOT BE WORRIED THAT YOU WILL SAY THE WRONG THING, HAVE LESS THAN PERFECT GRAMMAR, OR SHOW UP AT THEIR OFFICE IN DIRTY JEANS BECAUSE YOU HAD TO FIX YOUR RIDE THAT MORNING. THEY WILL UNDERSTAND, THEIR OFFICE STAFF WILL UNDERSTAND AND WILL ALWAYS BE PROFESSIONAL AND COURTEOUS. IF THEY DO HAVE A PROBLEM WITH OUR APPEARANCE, WORDS, OR JUST THAT WE ARE BIKERS... WELL THEN, LET'S VOTE THEM OUT!!

I HAVE DEVELOPED A POWERFUL RESPECT FOR THOSE "OLD-TIMERS" AND THE FIGHT THEY ENDURED TO HELP PRESERVE THE RIGHTS THAT WE CHERISH OR FOR SOME TAKE FOR GRANTED. I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE, THE FIRST YEAR I WAS A MEMBER OF ABATE, I CAME TO THE MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS AND SAT IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM. I HEARD THE LEGISLATIVE TRUSTEE AND THE STATE DELEGATES TALK ABOUT A CALL TO ACTION, THE

NEED FOR US TO WRITE, E-MAIL, OR CALL OUR LEGISLATORS. I HAD EVERY INTENTION OF EMBRACING THEIR CALL TO ACTION, BUT INSTEAD I ONLY MANAGED TO EMBRACE INACTION. I HAD EVERY GOOD INTENTION TO ACT, BUT LIFE HAPPENS AND I LET THOSE CALLS FOR HELP GO UNANSWERED. --- MY DAUGHTER WOULD HAVE CALLED ME A POSER OR A WANNABE. THEN ONE DAY ALL THOSE "GOOD INTENTIONS" THAT I HAD CLUTTERING UP MY INSIDES CAUGHT FIRE, JUST LIKE KINDLING WHEN A HOT EMBER SETTLES ON IT. FROM THAT FIRE BURST A LEGISLATIVE WARRIOR READY TO TAKE HIS PLACE NEXT TO HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS AS A PART OF ABATE'S CONTINUING MISSION FOR MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS.

I KNOW THAT THERE ARE OTHERS OUT THERE THAT HAVE THE SAME "GOOD INTENTIONS" THAT I HAD, BUT THEY DO NOT KNOW HOW TO TAKE THAT FIRST STEP. WELL, THE LONG WINDED POINT OF THIS ARTICLE IS TO NUDGE YOU INTO TAKING THAT FIRST STEP. NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME TO REACH OUT FOR YOUR FIRST TIME. ALL IT TAKES IS A VERY BRIEF E-MAIL THAT SAYS SOMETHING LIKE,

E-MAIL THEM WITH EASE.

WHAT IS EASIER THAN E-MAIL? IT IS QUICK, FREE, AND AVAILABLE 24 HOUR A DAY. FIRST YOU NEED TO GET THEIR E-MAIL ADDRESS. IF IT IS NOT IN YOUR CHAPTER NEWSLETTER JUST GOOGLE THEM AND YOU WILL GET IT.

SECOND, KEEP IT SIMPLE,

DEAR REP. HUDSON,

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 21. THANK YOU,

DARRIN "SCRIBE" BROOKS,

GATOR ALLEY CHAPTER OF ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

THIRD, TELL THEM YOUR NAME, CHAPTER NAME AND ABATE OF FLORIDA. THEY MAY NOT RECOGNIZE YOUR NAME AT THIS POINT, BUT THEY SHOULD RECOGNIZE YOUR CHAPTER NAME, AND THEY WILL RECOGNIZE ABATE OF FLORIDA'S NAME.

PHONE IT IN...

WANT TO TRY A MORE PERSONAL APPROACH, BUT ONLY HAVE THREE MINUTES? PICK UP YOUR PHONE AND CALL YOUR LEGISLATOR'S DISTRICT OFFICE. ONE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AIDES WILL ANSWER AND YOU NEED TO TELL THEM YOUR NAME AND THAT YOU ARE WITH YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER OF ABATE OF FLORIDA. ASK TO SPEAK WITH THE LEGISLATOR, BUT DO NOT BE DISAPPOINTED IF THEY ARE NOT AVAILABLE. REMEMBER THAT OUR BEST ALLIES ARE THE LEGISLATIVE AIDES, BUILD A FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM BECAUSE THEY CAN HELP YOU VERY MUCH. BRIEFLY TELL THE AIDE WHY YOU ARE CALLING AND THEN ASK THEM IF THEY ARE FAMIL-

IAR WITH YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER AND ABATE? IF THEY ARE NOT, GIVE A 30 SECOND PLUG. IT CAN GO SOMETHING LIKE THIS...

"HELLO, THIS IS DARRIN BROOKS WITH GATOR ALLEY CHAPTER OF ABATE OF FLORIDA, IS SENATOR RICHTER AVAILABLE?"... (NO, BUT WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAVE A MESSAGE?)

"YES, PLEASE ASK HIM VOTE NO ON SB 312. BECAUSE WE FEEL IT WILL INFRINGE UPON THE RIGHTS OF MOTORCYCLIST. BY THE WAY ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH GATOR ALLEY AND ABATE? (YES, WE ARE.) "GREAT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, GOODBYE."

MOST OFFICE KEEP TRACK OF THEIR CONSTITUENTS SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION ON CURRENT BILLS. THE AIDE WILL ALSO PASS YOUR REQUEST ON TO THE LEGISLATOR.

WHEN YOU CARE ENOUGH TO SEND THE VERY BEST... GO IN PERSON!

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION? GO VISIT THEM IN PERSON, THEY DON'T BITE... TRUST ME! IF YOU ARE ABLE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, CONGRATULATIONS! ARRIVE A FEW MINUTES EARLY, INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO THE LEGISLATIVE AIDES. I ALWAYS ASK TO TAKE ONE OF THEIR CARDS SO THAT I ALWAYS HAVE THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE FUTURE. WHEN YOU MEET THE LEGISLATOR BE AWARE OF THEIR TIGHT SCHEDULE AND BE TO THE POINT. IF YOU CAN, TAKE A TALKING POINTS PAPER THAT YOU CAN LEAVE WITH THEM. WHEN YOU ARE DONE, ALWAYS INVITE THEM TO COME AND SPEAK AT A CHAPTER MEETING. IF YOU HAVE CHAPTER BUSINESS CARDS HAND THEM OUT TO THE EVERYONE. I USUALLY FOLLOW THE VISIT UP WITH A "THANK YOU" E-MAIL THE NEXT DAY.

IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE OFFICE AND HAVE A FEW MINUTES, FEEL FREE TO DROP BY AND JUST SAY HELLO TO THE LEGISLATIVE AIDES. INTRODUCE YOURSELF AGAIN, TELLING THEM WHO YOU ARE WITH, AND THAT YOU APPRECIATE ALL THAT THEY DO. BE BRIEF AND FRIENDLY, BEFORE LONG THEY WILL KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND THAT YOUR VOICE REPRESENTS MANY OTHERS.

APPEALS COURT OKAYS LOCAL RED LIGHT CAMERA LAW

A STATE APPEALS COURT RULED WEDNESDAY THAT THE USE OF CAMERAS BY THE CITY OF AVENTURA AND SEVERAL OTHERS TO CATCH RED LIGHT RUNNERS IS VALID, OVERRULING A LOWER COURT THAT HAD FOUND THE USE OF THE DEVICES BEFORE A NEW STATE LAW WAS ENACTED ILLEGAL. THE MAJORITY OF THE THREE JUDGE PANEL OF THE THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL IN MIAMI SAID THAT AVENTURA, WHICH HAD RED LIGHT CAMERAS IN PLACE BEFORE A 2010 STATE LAW THAT SPECIFICALLY ALLOWS THEM, WAS WITHIN THE LAW.

"DOING SO IS WELL WITHIN THE CITY'S EXERCISE OF ITS BROAD HOME RULE POWER AND FALLS SQUARELY WITHIN THE SPECIFIC AUTHORITY CARVED OUT" BY LAWMAKERS FOR LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF TRAFFIC LAWS, JUDGE ANGEL CORTINAS WROTE FOR THE 2-1 MAJORITY. "THROUGH THE ORDINANCE, THE CITY HAS SIMPLY DEVELOPED A PROCEDURE FOR CARRYING OUT ITS POWER TO REGULATE, RESTRICT OR MONITOR TRAFFIC." SENIOR JUDGE ALAN R. SCHWARTZ JOINED CORTINAS ON THE MAJORITY. JUDGE LESLIE ROTHENBERG DISSENTED. THE BILL PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN 2010 NOW PRE-EMPTS MUNICIPAL REGULATION OF RED LIGHT CAMERAS, BUT AVENTURA AND SEVERAL OTHER CITIES HAD THE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS IN PLACE BEFORE THE LAW WAS PASSED. THE APPEALS COURT NOTED THAT THE NEW LAW SPECIFICALLY DIDN'T INVALIDATE PRE-EXISTING CAMERA SYSTEMS, BUT MOVED THEIR REGULATION TO THE STATE. THE CASE IS CITY OF AVENTURA V. RICHARD MASONE.

IN A CONTINUED EFFORT TO KEEP YOU INFORMED ON MANY DIFFERENT THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON IN THE LEGISLATURE, I OFFER THIS NON-MOTORCYCLE TIDBIT.

GAMBLING ESTIMATES

WITH DESTINATION GAMBLING ON THE TIPS OF CAPITOL TONGUES, STATE ECONOMISTS ON FRIDAY TOOK A SHOT AT ESTIMATING THE ANTICIPATED REVENUE OF SUCH GAMING VENTURES IN FLORIDA. A PANEL OF ECONOMISTS FROM THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE MET FRIDAY TO TAKE A LOOK AT A PROPOSAL TO ALLOW UP TO THREE RESORT CASINOS IN SOUTH FLORIDA.

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF SUCH MEGA CASINO RESORTS REMAINS A MOVING TARGET AND CHANGES DRAMATICALLY DEPENDING ON WHOSE TALKING. ONE PLAYER, GENTING GROUP, HAS SAID THE STATE COULD REAP \$400 TO \$600 MILLION IN REVENUE TO THE STATE EACH YEAR IF THREE RESORTS ARE ALLOWED TO BUILD IN SOUTH FLORIDA.

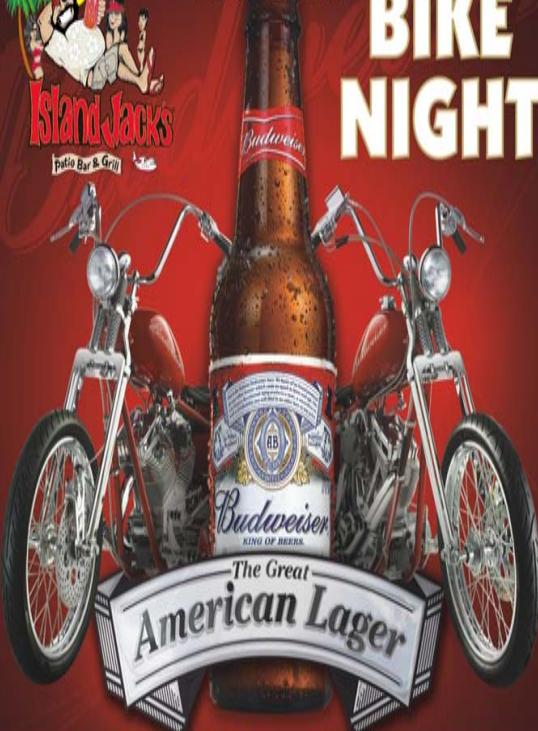
MEETING FRIDAY, STATE ECONOMISTS SAID DESTINATION RESORTS COULD HAVE AN IMPACT OF UP TO \$155 MILLION IN THE 2012-13 FISCAL YEAR AND BY 2015-16 AN IMPACT OF BETWEEN \$24.3 MILLION AND \$118.9 MILLION. THIS IS A SLIGHTLY HIGHER ESTIMATE THAN A PREVIOUS FIGURE RELEASED LAST MONTH. ECONOMISTS NOTED THE ESTIMATES DO NOT INCLUDE LOCAL PROPERTY TAX REVENUE DERIVED FROM THE DEVELOPMENTS. "

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COURT ALLOWS RAID ON RIDER ED FUNDS

THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT MAY HAVE OPENED THE DOOR FOR STATES TO REALLOCATE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM DEDICATED FUNDING TO BALANCE THEIR BUDGETS.

IN A RECENT 6-TO-1 DECISION, THE STATE'S HIGH COURT UPHELD A PRIOR CIRCUIT COURT RULING THAT BACKED THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE'S ABILITY TO TAKE MONEY FROM HUNDREDS OF SPECIAL STATE FUNDS TO OFFSET BUDGETARY DEFICITS, A PRACTICE COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "SWEEPING".

MOTORCYCLE RIDERS SUED FORMER GOV. ROD BLAGOJEVICH AFTER HE SWEEPED \$1.2 MILLION FROM THE CYCLE RIDERS SAFETY TRAINING FUND (CRSTF) TO PAY GENERAL STATE BILLS AFTER A 2004 LAW PASSED BY LAWMAKERS ALLOWED HIM TO DO SO. A PORTION OF THE FEE FOR AN ILLINOIS MOTORCYCLE LICENSE GOES INTO THE CRSTF, WHICH ABATE OF ILLINOIS ARGUED WAS ONLY TO BE SPENT ON MOTORCYCLE SAFETY EDUCATION.

"CLEARLY, THE FEE CHARGED BY THE STATE FOR MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING IS STATE REVENUE, AND THEREFORE THE PORTION OF THIS STATE REVENUE WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS ALLOCATED TO THE CRSTF IS ALSO PUBLIC MONEY," WROTE JUSTICE ANNE BURKE IN THE MAJORITY OPINION. BURKE REJECTED THE ABATE LAWYERS' ARGUMENT THAT THE SPECIAL

FUND WAS TANTAMOUNT TO A SPECIAL TRUST FUND.

THE STATE SUPREME COURT CONCLUDED THAT THE LEGISLATURE CANNOT CREATE AN IRREVOCABLE TRUST WITH PUBLIC MONEY BECAUSE THIS WOULD PLACE AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL RESTRAINT UPON THE LEGISLATURE'S PLENARY POWER.

SWEEPING SPECIAL FUNDS WAS A CONTROVERSIAL WAY TO DEAL WITH BUDGET DEFICITS DURING THE BLAGOJEVICH ADMINISTRATION, AND ALTHOUGH THE COURT'S RULING OPENS THE DOOR TO MORE SUCH SWEEPS, CURRENT ILLINOIS GOVERNOR PAT QUINN OPPOSES FUND SWEEPS AND HAS WORKED TO END THE PRACTICE. **MICHIGAN REQUESTS YOUR SUPPORT FOR HELMET FREEDOM** MICHIGAN MAY BE ON THE VERGE OF REPEALING THEIR MANDATORY HELMET LAW AS SENATE BILL 291 APPEARS DESTINED FOR THE GOVERNOR'S DESK, AND ABATE OF MICHIGAN HAS ISSUED A "CALL TO ACTION" REQUESTING THE HELP OF ALL MOTORCYCLISTS IN THEIR FREEDOM OF CHOICE EFFORTS.

SB291 PASSED THE MICHIGAN SENATE 24-14 IN LATE JUNE, AND IS NOW BACK FOR A "CONCURRENCE VOTE" AFTER PASSING THE HOUSE 69-39 ON NOV 2ND, SO A FAVORABLE VOTE WILL PUT ABATE'S HOPES IN THE HANDS OF GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER WHO HAS NOT INDICATED WHETHER HE WILL SIGN OR VETO THE MEASURE. TWO PREVIOUS REPEAL BILLS WERE VETOED BY THEN-GOV. JENNIFER GRANHOLM.

"GOVERNOR SNYDER PRIDES HIMSELF ON BEING ALL ABOUT BUSINESS AND HELPING BUSINESS," SAID VINCE CONSIGLIO, PRESIDENT OF ABATE OF MI, ADDING; "A LETTER FROM A 'FREE' STATE MAY HELP HIM REALIZE MICHIGAN LOSES MOTOR-CYCLE MONEY EVERY DAY OF THE SUMMER WITH A MANDATORY HELMET LAW."

UNDER THE BILL, MOTORCYCLISTS 21 AND OLDER WOULD HAVE THE OPTION OF RIDING HELMET-FREE IF THEY HAVE TWO YEARS OF EXPERIENCE OR HAVE TAKEN A SAFETY COURSE, AND IF THEY BUY AT LEAST \$20,000 IN MEDICAL INSURANCE.

"PLEASE URGE GOVERNOR SNYDER TO SUPPORT ADULT CHOICE," REQUESTS CONSIGLIO ON BEHALF OF ABATE, BY CONTACTING GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER, STATE CAPITAL, P.O. Box 30013, LANSING, MI 48909 OR CALL (517) 373-3400 OR E-MAIL

RICK.SNYDER@MICHIGAN.GOV **BIKERS RALLY TO**

RESCIND UN-FAIR POLICY "THE STATE FAIR OF LOUISIANA, FOR A MINUTE, MIND YOU, ADOPTED A DISCRIMINATORY POSITION TOWARD BIKERS BY POSTING SIGNS THAT WOULD NOT ALLOW THEM TO ATTEND THE FAIR IN THEIR TRADITIONAL BIKER GEAR, SOME OF WHICH IS PROTECTIVE GEAR," SAID MARY BAKER IN AN ARTICLE IN THE EXAMINER NEWSPAPER, ADDING THAT "...BIKERS EVERYWHERE CONTRIBUTE TO CHARITY IN A WAY THAT NOT MANY OTHER SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION DO... AND, THEY DEFINITELY MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, SPENDING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS AT LOCAL ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING RESTAURANTS, THEATERS, BARS, PARKS, AND SMALL BUSINESSES. THAT IS WHY IT IS DISHEARTENING TO HEAR OF DISCRIMINATION BASED SOLELY ON APPEARANCE."

UPON BEING ALERTED OF THE FAIR'S NEW ANTI-BIKER POLICY, FACEBOOK EXPLODED WITH MESSAGES LIKE THIS: "ALERT/INFO: THE STATE FAIR OF LA. HAS ADOPTED THE POLICY: NO COLORS... SIGNS ARE NOW BEING POSTED AT ALL GATES. NO BIKER COLORS OF ANY KIND. PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO ALL BIKER FRIENDS AND FAMILY. MC'S ARE BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. TO COMPLAIN::: CALL STATE FAIR OF LA. LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD.... REPOST!!! DON'T SUPPORT THE FAIR..."

YOU CAN IMAGINE THAT BIKERS, THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WERE LIVID. THEY BEGAN TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE DISCRIMINATION WITH PHONE CALLS TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE FAIR, AND HIS OFFICES. THE RESULT: BEFORE THE END OF THE DAY, THIS MESSAGE BY THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR INDEPENDENT RIDERS, NORTHWEST LOUISIANA, WAS POSTED ON FACEBOOK:

"UPDATE...UPDATE...UPDATE... WE HAVE WON !!!!! JUST RECEIVED A CALL... AND THE STATE FAIR OF LOUISIANA HAS NOW CHANGED THEIR POLICY. THE SIGNS HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND ALL BIKERS ARE WELCOME AT THE FAIR !!!!! NEVER, NEVER, NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A CLOSE KNIT FAMILY !!! THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE CALLS AND HELPED !!!"

LOUISIANA STATE COIR (COALITION OF INDEPENDENT RIDERS) COMMANDER LIONEL "NITE TRAIN" BAILEY REPORTED THAT THE US DEFENDERS AND COIR CONDUCTED A PHONE CAMPAIGN AND NOT ONLY HAVE THE LOUISIANA STATE FAIR OFFICIALS RESCINDED THEIR NO COLORS POLICY, BUT EVEN OFFERED TO ORGANIZE A BIKE NIGHT TO A BLUE OYSTER CULT CONCERT.

LAWMAKERS OVERRIDE GOVERNOR'S VETO OF RED LIGHT BILL THE ILLINOIS HOUSE VOTED 94-21 AND THE SENATE VOTED 45-6 TO OVERRIDE GOV. PAT QUINN'S VETO OF THE "DEAD RED" BILL SUPPORTED BY ABATE OF ILLINOIS THAT WOULD ALLOW MOTORCYCLISTS TO PROCEED THROUGH MALFUNCTIONING RED LIGHTS.

AS WRITTEN, HOUSE BILL 2860 SPONSORED BY SENATOR GARY FORBY (D-BENTON) AND REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL BEISER (D-ALTON), SPECIFIES THAT A MOTORCYCLIST WOULD BE PERMITTED TO LEGALLY RUN A RED LIGHT "AFTER A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME," BUT QUINN VETOED THE LEGISLATION WITH THE REQUEST THAT A TWO MINUTE WAIT TIME BE AMENDED TO IT.

THE LAW WILL NOW GO INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2012, AND ACCORDING TO SEN. FORBY; "A MEASURE I SPONSORED (HB 2860) WILL NOW BECOME LAW AFTER I WAS SUCCESSFUL IN OVERRIDING THE GOVERNOR'S AMENDATORY VETO. THE BILL ALLOWS MOTORCYCLISTS TO GO THROUGH A RED LIGHT IF IT FAILS TO CHANGE TO GREEN BECAUSE THE SWITCH HASN'T BEEN TRIPPED, OR DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THE MOTORCYCLE. TO ALLEVIATE A FEW OF THE CONCERNS SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES RAISED, I INTRODUCED A "TRAILER BILL" THAT REQUIRES MOTORCYCLISTS TO WAIT 120 SECONDS BEFORE PROCEEDING THROUGH THE RED LIGHT. FOR THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN STUCK AT A LIGHT WITHOUT IT EVER CHANGING TO GREEN, WE KNOW HOW REASONABLE THIS LEGISLATION IS. THIS SITUATION HAPPENS MORE THAN MANY PEOPLE THINK AND IS A GROWING CONCERN FOR BIKERS AT OUTDATED INTERSECTIONS. IN FACT, 360 REAR END COLLISIONS OCCURRED WITH MOTORCYCLES THAT WERE SLOWED OR STOPPED IN TRAFFIC IN 2010. IF BIKERS ARE TRAPPED AT A LIGHT, THIS BILL GIVES THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAFELY PROCEED THROUGH THAT SIGNAL, BECAUSE OTHERWISE THEY DON'T REALLY HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE. I | OTHER STATES ALREADY HAVE LAWS LIKE THIS IN PLACE, NONE OF WHICH HAVE TRIED TO RESCIND IT." **MOTORCYCLISTS BEWARE: STATES WITH THE WORST DRIVERS** YOU MIGHT BELIEVE THAT YOUR STATE HAS THE WORST DRIVERS IN THE COUNTRY, BUT A NEWLY RELEASED REPORT FROM CARINSURANCECOMPARISON.COM RANKED STATES ACCORDING TO THEIR SAFETY RECORD TO DETERMINE WHERE THE BAD DRIVERS LIVE.

FIVE FACTORS WERE CONSIDERED WHEN DETERMINING THE RANKINGS; FATALITIES PER MILLION MILES TRAVELED, DRUNKEN DRIVING, THE NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED, FAILURE TO OBEY TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND CARELESSNESS, UTILIZING DATA COMPILED FROM THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (DRIVING FATALITIES), THE NATIONAL MOTORIST'S ASSOCIATION (TRAFFIC TICKETS), AND MADD (DRUNK DRIVERS).

HERE IS THEIR LIST OF THE 10 STATES WITH THE WORST DRIVERS:

#10) SOUTH CAROLINA - RANKED 48TH FOR FATALITIES AND 45TH FOR OBEYING ROAD SIGNS.

#9) ALABAMA - 46TH FOR TICKETS. 42ND FOR FATALITIES. 41ST FOR OBEYING ROAD SIGNS.

#8) MONTANA - HIGHEST TICKET RATE IN THE COUNTRY. ALSO RANKED 40TH FOR CARELESSNESS.

#7) KENTUCKY - 42ND FOR CARELESSNESS AND 48TH FOR DRUNK DRIVING.

#6) ARIZONA - ARIZONA RANKED POORLY ACROSS THE BOARD.

#5) OKLAHOMA - LOTS OF DUIS, FATAL ACCIDENTS, AND TRAFFIC TICKETS.

#4) FLORIDA - NOT AS MANY DRUNK DRIVERS... BUT FLORIDA HAS MORE TICKETS THAN ANY OTHER STATE.

#3) TEXAS - TEXAS RANKED PRETTY POOR IN ALL CATEGORIES.

#2) MISSOURI - RANKED IN THE BOTTOM 10 FOR CARELESSNESS AND DUIS.

#1) LOUISIANA - IN THE BOTTOM 10 IN ALL CATEGORIES EXCEPT FAILURE TO OBEY SIGNS.

THE SAFEST DRIVING STATE WAS RHODE ISLAND, FOLLOWED BY CONNECTICUT, MASSACHUSETTS, VIRGINIA, AND NEW HAMPSHIRE.

WEIRD NEWS: SPAIN FINES OVER HELMETLESS TOM HANKS POSTER THE SPANISH DISTRIBUTOR FOR THE MOVIE "LARRY CROWNE" WAS FINED FOR A POSTER SHOWING STARS TOM HANKS AND JULIA ROBERTS RIDING A MOTORCYCLE WITHOUT A HELMET.

TRIPICURES WAS GIVEN A TRAFFIC FINE OF 30,000 EUROS (\$41,500) FOR USING THE FILM'S U.S. POSTER TO PROMOTE THE MOVIE'S OVERSEAS PREMIERE BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMED IT PROMOTED RECKLESS DRIVING.

THE DISTRIBUTOR INITIALLY THOUGHT THE TICKET WAS A JOKE, BUT IN 1985 SPAIN INSTITUTED A LAW THAT BANNED ADVERTISEMENTS FROM PROMOTING RECKLESS DRIVING. FINES ARE ALSO GIVEN TO CELEBRITIES IF THEY PROMOTE THE IMAGE OF POOR DRIVING. ONE EXAMPLE CAME LAST YEAR, WHEN SINGER SHAKIRA DROVE THROUGH BARCELONA ON A MOTORCYCLE WITHOUT A HELMET IN ONE OF HER MUSIC VIDEOS.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "IN A TIME OF UNIVERSAL DECEIT, TELLING THE TRUTH IS A REVOLUTIONARY ACT." ~ GEORGE ORWELL (1903-1950) AUTHOR OF "1984"

And that's all the News that fits!



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- To** promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.
- To** promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.
- To** educate the public about motorcycle awareness.