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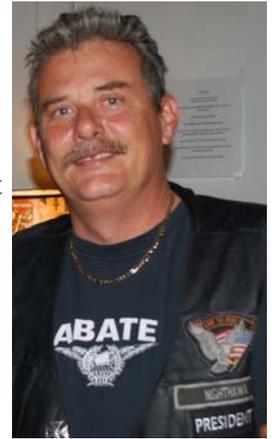
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ABATE is a not-for-profit Motorcycle Rights Organization: our mission is to lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image.

President's Message



Well there certainly have been some big changes in the chapter! As you may or may not know, we have a new board in place. This will be my first Presidents message to the chapter. I'm going to try to keep it short, but I got a lot to tell ya's! First off, it's an honor to have been in trusted by the members to bring about much needed change. It's been very apparent to me that the social aspect of the chapter is vital to our ultimate purpose. So it's definitely been long past due to bring the fun back and have a good time. Nobody wants to volunteer for a job that's no fun! Well it seems everybody likes that idea. I was amazed by how many people showed up in the pouring rain for our event planning meeting offering to help out. It was especially nice to see some of the faces that used to be active in the past. It truly is appreciated! I believe volunteers should be treated with respect at all times by all board members.

Our event went smoothly thanks to everyone doing their part and people helping out. The weather looked terrible all day and turnout was light, but everyone who showed up seemed to have a good time. I'd like to thank all the volunteers and members that came out. I'd also like to thank the Clubs and Associates that showed up to support us. It would have been nice to see more of the clubs and associations show up, but that's our own fault. That'll bring up my next subject.

One of the things we like to do besides party together, is ride together! I'm working on getting our ride schedule set in advance with enough time for people to get in their personal schedule. In the past, rides were being called with little to no notice. I know for me, I usually have things planned out sometimes months in advance. In order for us to get the support of the local MC's and MA's we need to support them. That means showing up at their events and open houses. Respect is a two way street, to get it, you have to give it! It is extremely important that we're respected by the others in our community in order to be effective at our job. The new ride schedules that you'll be getting will reflect that. I'd also like to add some rides and a few parties, just for fun! We need to be one large group of friends with a purpose. It's going to take participation in the rides to make this work.

Currently the email system is down right now, but should be up again in a week or two. Text alert system is up. If you're not on it, text me your name and tell me you want to be added. Make sure you check out the new Upcoming Chapter Ride Schedule in the newsletter and the email update once it's back up. Also check out the calendar for all the local happenings we're

aware of.

It's really encouraging to see all the enthusiasm I'm seeing, and all the new members and returning members. If this keeps up, we should get a lot done and have some good times ahead of us! I have to thank the board and trustees for giving a 100% effort and doing an awesome job!. There's been an incredible amount of work in the first few weeks with the transition, our event and working to improve relations in the community.

Well until next month, ride safe and watch your asses out there!

Ed "Nighthawk" Lattari
President ABATE Palm Beach
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UPCOMING Chapter Ride/Event Schedule

July 8 AOA MC WPB Event

July 11 United Bikers Bike Night at Emperors

July 14 and 15 Leadership Seminars

July 19 Black Pistons Open House

July 21 Wheels of Man MC Chili cook off—Deerfield

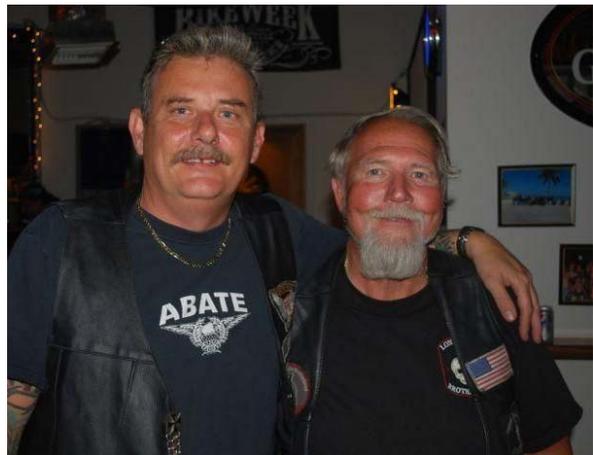
July 22 Regular Meeting

July 28 Nighthawks Birthday at the Hawk's nest

July 29 Soldiers for Jesus MC Event

August 4 Butter Beans Birthday Bash

Schedule subject to change. Stay up date with the text alert system! Get meeting spots and last minute updates! Text "Add me"





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.

Contact ABATE P.B.C. - President@abatepalmbeach.com

MEMBERSHIPS DUE

Don't forget to renew on time to avoid lapse in AD&D insurance. ONE DAY WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Your membership expires the LAST DAY of the month on your membership card and listed here.

Please be sure to notify us of any change of address, email, or cell phone to continue communications and mailings. If need to update these lists.

Email newsletter@abatepalmbeach.com

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SEPTEMBER 2012

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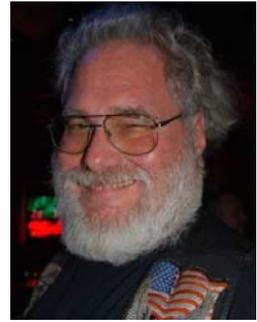
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Mark "Duke" Woodard
Kenneth Gerecke
Faith "Coyote" Cote
Mark "Wildman" Webb
Dennis "Data" Hawkins
Joe Wagner



WHAT WOULD YOU ASK THE CANDIDTES

Next for me is to start interviewing the State candidates for upcoming elections. Email me anything you would ask them at legislative@abatepalmbeach.com

Vice President's Message



I want to thank those members that voted me to this office. I also give big thanks to Strongbow and especially Rio who founded this chapter and kept it going. Try to enjoy some free time but I'm sure you will put it back into your businesses. Palm Beach had a couple of chapters that folded so they did a good job to strengthen this chapter. Now it is time for their legacy to grow. In June we had a great number of memberships and this drive should continue as we each get new people to join. While our mission of motorcyclist rights, safety, and awareness is the FUNCTION of ABATE of Florida, Inc., remember that that word begins with FUN. Doing things together builds friendships. Recent events, like going to the Lone Legion MC open house, have given me the chance to get to know some members better. Building on this makes for better working together for the mission. I hope this continues and I see more members attend State functions like the leadership meetings or the August State meeting. These prove us to learn more about our mission, meet members from other chapters and just have fun.

Charlie Wenger has been during a great job doing our table at events, be sure to stop by and help him or give him some breaks to enjoy events also. I know what that is like from doing it myself. It is great we finally have someone in the safety trustee that will be able to do school presentations during the days. I hope to be able to work within the school system with some of my contacts to get our Safety program into Driver's Education.

With elections this year we need to get to know the candidates and see who will back us on our goals. Please help by seeing who they are, even down to very local elections. I have been lucky to be able to meet with many of our State Representatives and I think we have good ones mostly on our side. But there is always more to be done and they listen more to those that vote for them, so get in touch.

Remember to watch and read the news. Keeping aware of what is going on fights the apathy of the general public. Sharing accident reports and related news with members and the State Office is a great help as you will read in my Legislative report. Keep up the good work.

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“When in doubt, DO SOMETHING”
– Harry Chapin

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ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Leadership Seminars

Saturday, July 14, 2012

President's Meeting

Sunday, July 15, 2012

At the Days Inn and Suites

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Each seminar will be presented by the State Board Member based on his or her respective office.

These seminars will offer a good overview of the duties and responsibilities of a Chapter Officer

And will give attendees a chance to get answers to their questions on an individual basis.

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2012

| TIME | ROOM A | TIME | ROOM B |
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| 8:00 - 9:00 | Treasury (part 1) | 8:00 - 9:00 | Membership |
| 9 :00 - 10:00 | Treasury (part 2) | 9 :00 - 10:00 | Products |
| 10:00 - 11:00 | Treasury (part 3) | 10:00 - 11:00 | Insurance |
| 11:00 - 12:00 | Treasury (part 4) | 11:00 - 12:00 | Sgt-At-Arms |
| 12:00 - 1:00 | Lunch | 12:00 - 1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00 - 2:00 | Safety | 1:00 - 2:00 | Legislative |
| 2:00 - 3:00 | PR/Communications | 2:00 - 3:00 | Newsletter |
| 3:00 - 4:00 | Delegates | 3:00 - 4:00 | Secretary |

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2012

9am - 12 Noon Presidents/Vice Presidents Meeting



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- JULY**
- 1 - USVMC South Broward Party
 - 7 - Wheels of Man MC IRC Annual
 - 8 - AOA MC WPB Annual
 - 14 - Wheels of Man MC Deerfield Chili Cook-Off
 - 15 - States MC Lake Worth Party
 - 29 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual
- AUGUST**
- 4 - Wings of Gold Miami Party
 - 5-12 72nd Annual Sturgis Bike Week
 - 10-12, 17th South Florida Tattoo Expo
 - 12 - AOA MC 45th Anniversary Party
 - 19 - Wings of Gold MC PSL Annual
- SEPTEMBER**
- 8 - Outcast MC Party
 - 9 - States Pompano MC 19th Key West Party
 - 14-16 Peterson's 39th Key West Poker Run
 - 23 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party
 - 30 - Keltics MC Party
- OCTOBER**
- 6 - Mystic Seven MC Annual
 - 7 - Rough Riders MC Annual
 - 13 - New Attitudes MC Party
 - 14 - SE ABATE Annual Party
 - 19-21 Biketoberfest
 - 27 - Wheels of Man Deerfield Halloween Party
 - 28 - Alternative Ft. Laud. Annual
- NOVEMBER**
- 4 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual
 - 10 - USVMC National Annual
 - 11 - CMA Memorial Event
 - 17 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Party
 - 18 - Wings of Gold WPB Party
 - 25 - USMV MC Martin County Toy Run
- DECEMBER**
- 2 - ABATE Palm Beach Annual
 - 9 - SFPC Toy Run
 - 15 - Toy Run Bike Drawing at Peterson's Harley
 - 15 - Hermandad MC - Alfredo Pena Memorial Run
 - 16 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
 - 22 - SFLCOC Christmas Party
 - 23 - Calvary Chapel Christmas Service



Turn 3 is owned by Susan, a long time ABATE of FL Palm Beach Chapter member and supporter.

Monday JAM host Stet Blancett is also an ABATE member

Stop by and join the party.





Deathtraps by Dennis "Data" Hawkins

It has been said that "Hind Sight is 20-20" referring to our ability to look back on a bad decision and decide with ease what the correct choice should have been. In the case of biker accidents, hind sight will not bring back a dead biker, but it can help the living make better choices when in similar situations. With that, I'm going to be looking at several biker accidents and try to figure out what went wrong and what could have been done differently to achieve a more positive outcome.

This month I will be taking a look at Dead Biker's Curve in Broward County. This is the interstate ramp system that connects I-95 and I-595. There have been numerous bikers that have been killed in this spot. Here are a few:

Sontino Salvatore Dicarlo - 10/7/2002
 Andy Perez - 9/11/2008
 Jose Manuel Reyes - 11/2/2008
 Scott Miller - 5/3/2010
 Unnamed Biker - 4/1/2011
 Luis Gustavo - 7/29/2011
 Stephanie A. Fredericks - 7/29/2011
 Osvaldo Dasilvia - 9/16/2011 - survived
 James Reis Jr. - 9/21/2011



Most of these riders were surprised by the sudden sharp turns of the interchange, crashed into the wall and subsequently flipped over the rail and plummeted 30 or more feet to their deaths. In this case, wearing a helmet was generally ineffective at saving their lives.

It also needs to be pointed out that while Dead Biker's Curve seems to kill a lot of bikers, pretty much any highway exit with a curve can do you in just as well. Another curve that has killed bikers is the PGA Boulevard on-ramp to I-95. And there are many others.

My analysis:

If you look at the map of this interchange, you'll see that many of the curves in the exits are preceded by a long straightaway. If you aren't familiar with the exit, this can create a false sense of straightness of the road. When the road finally does curve, the rider can get caught off guard.

In addition to the location, many of these accidents took place after dark. One common problem with riding at night is overrunning one's headlights. The faster you go, the less reaction time you have. This is especially true when the road curves to the left. Normal low beam headlights are angled to the right so that they don't blind oncoming drivers. When the road goes left, this gives you even less reaction time.

Suggestions for avoiding this deathtrap:

When getting on or off an interstate at an exit you are not totally familiar with, slow to the speed marked in the yellow signs. The lower the sign speed, the more likely there is trouble ahead. This goes double if you are riding at night.

If there are cars ahead of you, watch what they do. This can give you an early warning system indicating sharp turns ahead.

While on an unfamiliar exit at night, temporarily flip on your high beams. This might not be 100% legal so don't complain to me if you get a ticket. However, I personally will chance a ticket if it means not going over the rail. The high beams shine farther and also straighter. This greatly improves your chances of seeing an upcoming curve to the left.



Look for chevron signs. These signs are placed on an actual curve and indicate not only the location of a curve, but also exactly how sharp it is. Unfortunately, they aren't always posted where needed. Around here, I've seen more of them posted on wide sweeping curves than on sharp curves where they are actually needed. The bottom line on chevron signs is that they are a great tool if they are there, but don't depend on every dangerous curve to have them. Dead Biker's Curve doesn't have any chevron signs.



Lastly, you are more likely to see sharp turn warning signs than chevron signs. Unlike chevron signs which are posted on the actual curve, sharp turn warning signs are posted ahead of the actual curve. The advantage is that it gives you a good bit of warning that a curve is coming up. The disadvantage is that if you miss it, its useless.

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| 22  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting •Chrome Angels MC Summer Bash | 23  | 24  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Lone Legion MC Open House | 25  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Island Jack's Bike Night | 26  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cycle Gear Bike Night •Mickey's JAM with Hat Trick | 27  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ABATE 5 Star Event | 28  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ABATE 5 Star Event |
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| 29  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ABATE 5 Star Event •Soldiers for Jesus MC 5th Annual | 30  | 31  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Lone Legion MC Open House | 1  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Island Jack's Bike Night | 2  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Renegades Bike Night •Mickey's JAM with Hat Trick | 3  | 4  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Lone Legion MC Butter Bean's Birthday Bash |
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DEATHTRAPS by Denis "Data" Hawkins (continued from page 12)

Conclusion:

In Deals Gap, North Carolina, there is a sign that says "The Dragon: 318 Curves in 11 Miles. Florida: 11 Curves in 318 miles." Florida roads are mostly straight. That can lead to complacency when riding a motorcycle. Riding curvy roads is fun on a motorcycle if you know they are there, but always be prepared for unexpected curves on straight roads - especially at Interstate exits and on-ramps.

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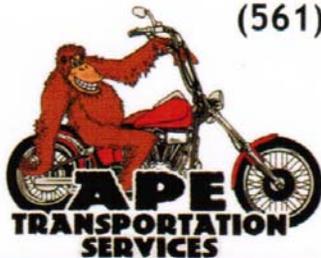
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LEGISLATIVE & DELEGATE REPORT

DAN “SLOW-MOTION” HENDERSON



The June ABATE of Florida, Inc. state meeting had a changing of the guard, the new President is Danny “Doc” Fish (previous VP) and the new Vice President is Jim Gladstone of the Duvall chapter. “Doc” Reichenbach will remain as Lobbyist and his connection with NCOM will help ABATE also. Good luck “Doc” and enjoy your time with your family. “Doc” gave his final President’s award to all the members of ABATE who “Make it happen!”

Plans for the next Legislative session will again be focused on the Stiffer Penalties bills since those that opposed the past few years are gone. Other issues include the Ethanol 15% gas increase that will damage our machines. NCOM and AM suppose this ban. Things from other states’ passed laws will also be looked at. North Carolina was against the Motorcycle only Check points and this has gather national support also as more join the bandwagon. From Indiana we hear of the camera checks doing more than red light, scanning events and such for possible legal action. Minnesota introduced training and certification for ABATE road guard to prevent police needs and hassles. While in Connecticut a driver was charged with texting while driving. These issues might help in Florida. It was suggested these be put on the ABATE state site for us to review.

Several press articles were mentioned at our meeting about requiring helmets and how bikers have become “organ donors”. Nighthawk had one from the Sun-Sentinel and I had one from the Miami Herald which I found again redone in a Kansas paper. Due to length and copyright questions I hear provide the links for your viewing. In this newsletter I will include the ABATE Press release regarding these and their questionable “data”

<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/health/fl-motorcycle-helmet-safety-20120607.0.2629583.story>

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/06/15/2851768/expensive-bike-rides.html>

<http://www.kansascity.com/2012/06/24/3665425/commentary-repealed-helmet-laws.html#storylink=misearch>

This shorter one from the UK just came out and here it is exactly as it appears –

“Motorcycle helmets save £3bn claims US

In states without helmet laws, 79% of those killed, weren’t wearing a helmetmotorcycl

Posted: **2 July 2012** by [Visordown News](#)

A US Federal study of motorcycling claims that requiring motorcyclists to wear helmets saved the economy \$3bn (£1.91bn). The study was based on 2010's figures and savings were made from a reduction in healthcare expenses, lost wages and other expenses including policing. The study also claims that deaths were reduced by 1,500. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia have laws requiring anyone on a motorcycle to wear a helmet. Twenty-eight states have laws requiring helmet use by only some people, and three states have no helmet law. In states without helmet laws, 79% of the motorcyclists killed weren’t wearing helmets, compared to 12% in states that require all riders to wear helmets.

In 2000, Florida relaxed its helmet laws and in the following two years, motorcycle-related deaths rose by 21%, while costs for motorcyclists with head, brain or skull injuries more than doubled, increasing from \$21 million (£13.4 million) to \$50 million (£31.9 million).

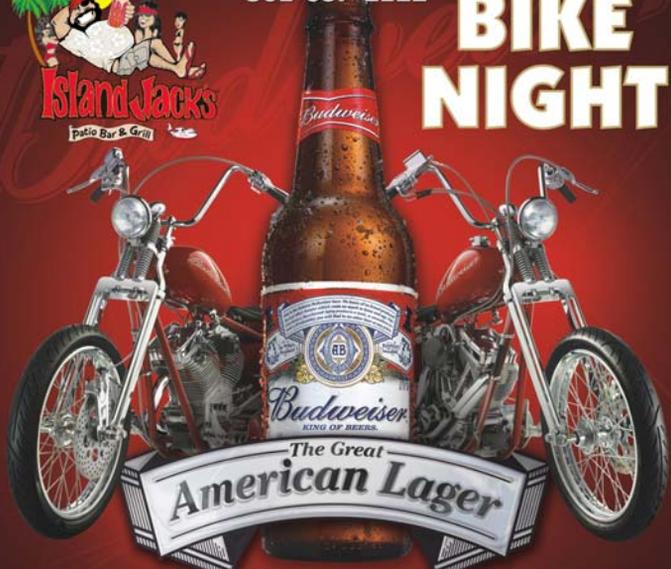
Motorcycle groups like ABATE have argued against mandatory helmet laws for decades, saying that motorcyclists should have the freedom to choose. Read more: [http://](http://www.visordown.com/motorcycle-news-industry/motorcycle-helmets-save-3bn-claims-)

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ABATE OF Florida INC Responds

As many of you are aware, the CDC did a report on motorcycle helmets and how much they would save in lives and money if all States would mandate helmet use. Along with John Banta from Daytona Beach, we created a response that answers them back with good sound stats that support our side.

It is ready for you to send to your local media outlets so that we can fight back. I strongly encourage you and your Chapter PR person to get this out in as many places as you can. If you have any questions please contact me or our new State PR Trustee, Rhonda Griffis.

Thanks, this is very important and we need to act on it now or else it will grow on us and put our current helmet choice law at risk.

Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, State Legislative Trustee, ABATE of Florida, Inc. www.abateflorida.com
See Press Release on next page

ABATE of Florida, Inc., Response to CDC call for Mandatory National Helmet Law

It seems to be very popular the past few days to point fingers at motorcyclist and shout "If only they were forced to wear a helmet thousands of lives and billions of dollars would be saved each year". Bolstered by a study here and a newspaper column there, many of the "I know what's best for you" crowd will try to rally others into forcing a small minority of our society into losing what precious bit of personal freedom we currently possess.

The eye of the recent motorcycle helmet hurricane revolves around a national study that the CDC published. This report by the CDC is a tad bit misleading. While helmets do give a slight advantage of surviving head injuries, motorcyclists want to make their own decision on when to wear a helmet. And statistics support that choice.

In the 2009 NHSTA Traffic Safety Facts-Motorcycles, of the 6 states (FL, CA, TX, PA, Ohio, and NY) with the highest motorcyclist's fatalities only two require all riders to wear helmets. However, of the six states with the lowest motorcyclist fatalities, only two require all motorcyclists to wear helmets. The actual CDC report stated "Percentages were suppressed for states with fewer than 10 fatalities involving motorcyclists who were not wearing helmets". Using that low fatality criterion, only one state required universal helmet use. A better figure would be the fatality per motorcycle registrations. In 2002, of the six states with the lowest ratios, only Vermont required all riders to wear helmets. Using that ratio as an indicator, for over a decade, the majority of states, with the lowest fatality ratios, allowed the rider to decide when to wear a helmet.

I offer these reports from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV). The DHSMV gathers all traffic related crash numbers and puts out a report each year. So using the CDC's same time frame, the DHSMV shows that motorcycle deaths in Florida actually **decreased** from 532 in 2008 to 383 in 2010 (2009 had 402 deaths) about 28% decrease in deaths. But contrary to the CDC and NHTSA reports of the deaths each year, more people died wearing a safety helmet.

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Total Deaths</u> | <u>with helmet</u> | <u>without helmet</u> | <u>use not stated</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2008 | 532 | 292 | 188 | 52 |
| 2009 | 402 | 214 | 148 | 40 |
| 2010 | 383 | 196 | 141 | 46 |

* These numbers are taken directly from the DHSMV yearly Traffic Crash Statistics Report which can be readily found at <http://www.flhsmv.gov/html/safety.html>

The fatalities per accident ratios have been very close, with some years favoring those who do not wear helmets. For 2010 the ratios were 4.0% for those wearing helmets and 4.5% for those who were not wearing helmets. If that helmet was as effective as non-riders believe, those ratios should be very different.

Continued on next page

The CDC article is also misleading when it states that the economic cost of the deaths and injuries are passed on to the public. Currently on the NHSTA website is a [Costs of Injuries Resulting from Motorcycle Crashes](#) synopsis of other studies of medical costs between helmeted and non-helmeted motorcycle accident victims. Of Eleven studies, the differences range from almost the same to triple. The 1996 CODES Benefits of Safety Belts and Motorcycle Helmets actually had a chart between helmeted and non-helmeted motorcycle accident victims, with or without brain injuries, and the non-helmeted group had lower medical costs. The CDC report includes projections of what would be saved both with medically and work loss productivity if motorcycle accident victim was wearing a helmet. The costs are based on unpublished (non-verifiable) NHSTA data.

The report leads you to believe that every motorcyclists is uninsured. However a report titled **Motorcycle Crash Trends in Florida** presented in 2010 by the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) at USF, shows that 91% of the 2009 Hospitalizations in Florida for Nonfatal Injuries Sustained in Motorcycle Traffic Crashes had a payer source.

Some reports tout that the yearly economic impact of motorcycle crashes is \$385 million. Compare it to the total annual economic cost of alcohol and drug use is **\$43,766,641,733 (with a B as in BILLION)**. That stat is from the **Annual Economic Impact of Alcohol and Drug Use in Florida** report dated July 20, 2009. In comparison, the economic impact of motorcycle medical cost is **0.88%** of total annual cost of alcohol and drug economic cost. ABATE of Florida, Inc. is not against wearing helmets, we are for safety awareness, education of everyone on the road, and the individuals right to choose. For more information about ABATE of Florida, Inc. please visit our website www.abateflorida.com

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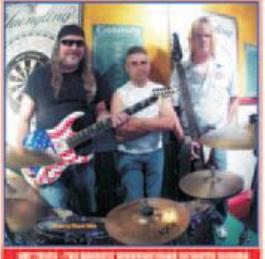



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