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Motorcycle helmets recalled, may not protect rider

Posted on August 31, 2012 **AP News**

DETROIT (AP) — T-Motorsports is recalling an unknown number of motorcycle helmets because the chin straps can fail and they might not protect a rider's head in a crash.

The Chinese-made helmets failed low-temperature impact tests, and the straps also failed tests, according to documents posted

Friday on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website. The helmets also don't have the required labels saying the month and year they were manufactured.

The documents did not say how many helmets are covered by the recall or if anyone has been hurt because of the problems. They also did not say where the helmets were sold. The affected helmets have the model number HY803 and are extra-large size, the documents said.

Messages were left Friday morning for the company, which is based in Pomona, Calif.

T-Motorsports said in the documents that it will either offer repairs or refunds. It plans to begin notifying customers the week of Sept. 14.

Owners with questions can contact T-Motorsports at (626) 388-9898.

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-08-31/motorcycle-helmets-recalled-may-not-protect-rider>

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OUR GOALS

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.

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To motivate the bikers to write letters to legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.

To furnish a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to upcoming legislation.

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When you become a member of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. you are helping make a difference in the ongoing mission to protect your right to ride and enjoy the motorcycle of your choice, your choice of riding apparel, and when and where you can ride a motorcycle. These are issues that are real and present in today's "protect yourself from yourself" political environment. This holds true for all levels of government. There will always be those who see our love for motorcycling as a negative and will try any means to control and if possible prohibit motorcycle use.

On the local level our members get out the vote and support candidates who are sympathetic to our issues. We also will endeavor to lobby local governments whenever there are issues that need to be addressed, affecting local motorcycle use, ownership, and any discrimination that may result from said use of ownership.

At the state level we have a paid registered lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital in Tallahassee to lobby our legislators on the issues concerning the motorcycling public in Florida. He also finds reliable House and Senate sponsors for the bills we support. On the national level we are aligned with Motorcycle Riders Foundations (MRF), and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), along with several other international motorcycle rights organizations (MRO's).

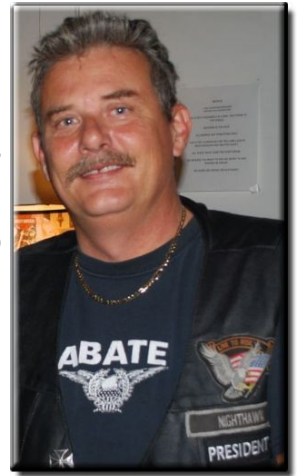
As one can see we have our ear to the ground and our resolve tempered like steel. As Americans we have had it demonstrated to us time and again the vigilance is armor of free men and women. We shall not let the armor rust or weaken. With your support we can re-enforce and strengthen the armor for now and generations to come.

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Memberships are open to anyone 18 years of age or older, no matter what type of motorcycle you ride, if any at all! We welcome all riders—in clubs, associations, independents, and sport riders to join us.

President's Message "Nighthawk"

Once again I'm going to start this month's message the same as last months. Thanking those that have taken the time to make the group rides. The importance of these rides cannot be understated. Showing up at the events of the MC's and organizations is what makes or breaks our reputation in the community. With over 200 members in our chapter you'd think it would be easy to get 20 people to show up for the rides. Sometimes we get that many, but lately it's been more like a dozen or so. If you haven't been making the rides or only occasionally, please try to make the effort to be there more often. Not to mention we've been having a good time at these events! Our reputation in the community has improved drastically since June and we need to keep that up. Remember, when we show our support to the local MC's and organizations they will also show their support of us.



Speaking of support we have our December event coming up soon. Right now we're still working out the details but it looks like we'll be holding our event at Renegades. Now if you remember our June event you'll remember that the turnout by the clubs and organizations was rather light. Let's remember that prior to our June event our participation in others events was very little. Since then things have changed and I suspect we'll see more of the local MC's at this one. So let's not forget that respect is given only when it's received. Soon we will be getting things organized and we'll be looking for some volunteers to help out with the event.

The new printed versions of the newsletter done in house were put out last month with many people liking the new larger size. The newsletter is probably the chapter's biggest expense. By bringing it in house, our cost to print now, is a third of what we were paying before! This gives us the opportunity to print more for distribution and help spread our word. As I mentioned last month, those who chose to have it mailed to them will soon have to pay a subscription fee to cover the cost of postage. If that's you, watch for a subscription form with your newsletter sometime soon. Remember newsletter is available online and at many locations including our monthly meetings for FREE!!! Online version is still the best version with active links and full color.

The email address list has being updated. All current members that we have a valid email address should now be getting the update. Those who aren't current will be dropped. If this is you, please renew your membership if you want to stay in the loop. If you're not getting it and should, let me know! Also don't forget to get on the text alert system. This gives you the most current information and last minute changes. Just text me with your "name and add me". It's that easy!

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

Ed "Nighthawk" Lattari President ABATE Palm Beach

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UPCOMING Group Fun Rides/Event Schedule

September 29 Bike Bash at Palm Beach International Speedway

September 30 GROUP FUN RIDE Cerelle McBarrett FUNdraiser at Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Meet Spot is Cumberland Farm Store Military Trail and Blue Heron Blvd at 11:30 am Kickstands up 11:45 sharp

October 3 GROUP FUN RIDE United Bikers Council of Palm Beach Bike Night at Emperors Gentle-men's Club. Meet spot is gas station on SW corner of Military trail and Blue Heron Blvd at 7:30pm KU 7:45

October 6-7 Ride to the Heartland in Sebring

October 12-14 Spooks and Scoots (State meeting on the 13th)

October 14 GROUP FUN RIDE ABATE SE Chapter Event at Mickey's North Meet Spot is Pollo Tropical 441 and Southern at 10:45 Kickstands up at 5pm Sharp. Riding to South Meet Spot Holiday Park Hillsboro blvd just west of I-95 at 11:45 Kickstands up Noon Sharp

October 19-21 Biketoberfest in Daytona

October 20 GROUP FUN RIDE States MC Lake Worth Event

CHECK CALENDAR FOR ALL EVENTS GOING ON!

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This is a must see video I just found on my Google motorcycle alerts. It was designed to be viewed by law enforcement. Watching gives us their view. I wonder how widespread this is shown.

Safer Roads: One Bike at a Time - A guide for Motorcycle Traffic

Law Enforcement Uploaded by [RideSmartFlorida](#) on Oct 11, 2011

You are the eyes and ears of Florida motorcyclists. Yes, they need to follow the law, but they also need your help to look out for their safety.

On behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation, thanks for your time and attention. Additional information is available on the states comprehensive website, ridsmartflorida.com.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_iWt4cjexg&feature=related

SC Army, Air Force hold motorcycle safety rally

The Associated Press Published: Friday, Aug. 24, 2012 - 1:10 am

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. -- Army and Air Force units at Shaw Air Force Base are joining forces to help [service members](#) learn motorcycle safety. Army spokeswoman Maj. Antoinette Baum says Friday's event at the South Carolina base is designed to determine whether service members follow safe riding practices.

Motorcycles are to be inspected to see that they are in good working order. Safe riding practices will be explained, and an hour-long ride to Lake Wateree is included to help demonstrate safe riding habits.

Third Army commander, Lt. Gen. Vincent Brooks, members of the Air Force's 20th Fighter Wing and local law enforcement agencies are all participating in the event.

About 40 riders are expected to participate in the ride to the lake.

Read more here: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/08/24/4753687/sc-army-air-force-hold-motorcycle.html#storylink=cpy>

Membership

ABATE of Florida Inc is a non-profit Motorcycle Rights Organization whose cause is to EDUCATE the government, motorcyclists and the general public on freedom, rights and road safety.

REQUIREMENTS—must be at least 18 years of age. It does not matter what you or even if you ride. You can be an independent or member of a club or association. Join for the cause. Everything is voluntary, we understand work and family comes first. We hope you can help in any small way, vote and spread the word.

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BENEFITS Your money is used to provide a lobbyist to the state and federal government to watch for our rights and freedom. You get a State *MasterLink* newsletter every 2 months. The chapter newsletter is available online abatepalmbeach.com so is in color and with Internet links. We print black and white copies for the general public to be informed available at various establishments. Members get free classified and reduced ad rates. A great benefit is a \$4000 ADD insurance policy for active members so be sure to renew in time so are always covered! It does not have to be a motorcycle accident.

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Our newest member couple Adrienne and Connor are from Colorado. Only Adrienne was able to attend September meeting but we hope to see Connor soon.

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Vice President's Message - Slo Motion



What a strange month it has been. So glad to hear that brother Zim's heart surgery went well. Hope he has a speedy recovery and rejoins us riding soon. Zim don't forget to renew your membership. I was gone for while as my mother had a serious stroke. I drove for two days to Lewiston NY north of Niagara Falls. She was in very bad shape and it was hard to see such an active 85 like that. Thank God I got to see her before she passed on and my sister and I were able to settle matters.

I have been continuing my goal to meet as many members as I can. Doing the newsletter I saw that Stet Blancett's membership was expiring in September and he does the Monday Jam Night at Turn 3. So I thought a night out to hear some music and meet him would be nice. Stet is a really cool guy and music was great. Try to stop by and enjoy the jam. On page 12 you can see some of my cell phone photos of owner member Susan jamming with Stet. Stet renewed too. Also another regular at Turn 3, Lenny aka "Uncle Fester" sent in his renewal—from his new address in Ormond Beach.



October begins the Bikefest season. Starting with Sebring Run to the Heartland a bunch has already made their reservations at the Kenilworth Lodge <http://www.kenilworthlodge.com/> for Friday and Saturday. For those staying home, there is Demo Event and the Pink Bra Poker Run at Harley of Palm Beach. Wednesday the 10th is Harley Palm Beach Boot Camp. The next weekend is ABATE's Spooks N Scoots in Brooksville FL with the State meeting. This is a great party with memorial events, great music and vendors. Camping is the way to go even with RVs. Party hardy and stay on site. Good food is provided. Hoping to get more to go as Kenny and I will drive up Friday, take your camp tents and set up an area. Some from Lighthouse chapter will go too. I plan on decorating our campground as definitely a spooky theme and I have lots. Again those staying home will have ABATE Southeast chapters Rights Rally at Mickey's to attend. Then we have Biketoberfest in Daytona. I'm thinking of going as a couple of our members in the area have room for me. So that's 3 straight weekends of travel. And November starts with Roscoe's Chili Challenge and Harley-Davidson of Palm Beach's Anniversary Party.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I'm going riding to clear my head of all the recent events in my life.

So Ride Smart, Ride Safe

Allstate's Motorcycle Awareness Signs

Written by Chris Jordan June 20, 2012

The Allstate Insurance Company announced that it will install motorcycle warning signs in dangerous U.S. intersections in 30 cities this year. The first ones were recently erected at the intersection President and Pratt in Baltimore, the site of two bad, non-fatal motorcycle crashes in the past few years, and Atlanta, said Allstate spokesman Adam Polak.

"It gives drivers an extra couple of seconds to think about what they're doing while they're driving," said Polak. "Often when people are driving around in a car, they're in their own world and they're not thinking about motorcycles so it's good for us to remember about safety and take a couple of extra seconds."

Allstate's Motorcycle Safety Signs

The signs are diamond-shaped yellow panels with black trim that contain the message "WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLES" written in black lettering. It was created after two years of development which saw more than 100 temporary installations in the U.S. It's a standardized warning device, approved by the federal Department of Transportation, that's intended for use local and state agencies which will be recognized by riders and motorists across the country.

The signs are part of Allstate's "Once is Never Enough" (ONE) program, which encourages people to look twice for motorcycles at intersections.

Dangerous Intersections for Motorcyclists

"I lost a friend in Michigan in March and it was one of those cases where the driver was making a left (impeding the motorcyclist's right-of-way) and he said he didn't see him coming," Polak said.

"The signs are a heads up to look for motorcyclists. Take that extra couple of seconds and look."

About a third of Maryland's motorcycle fatalities happened in intersections in 2010. In Baltimore, site of one of the first signs, motorcyclists accounted for 25 percent of all vehicular fatalities. The average age of a biker struck down and killed is 42 and it's 37 in Baltimore, according to the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Forty-six percent of all multi-vehicle motorcycle fatalities occurred at intersections, according to FARS.

Bill Engvall For Motorcycle Safety

Allstate is also conducting a marketing campaign starring comedian Bill Engvall to get the word out about motorcycle awareness.

"As a person who's had someone very close to me involved in a serious motorcycle crash and as a rider myself, I jumped at the chance to work with Allstate on this important campaign," said Engvall in a statement. "I've made a living making jokes about signs of the obvious, but here's one sign that carries a vital message and is no laughing matter."

The company is now set to work with local and state agencies to identify dangerous intersections for bikers and then install the signs where they're needed.

"As a rider in Baltimore, being seen at intersections should always be top of mind, especially on our crowded roads," said Allstate Claims employee Mike Porter in a statement. "The addition of these motorcycle warning signs will be a great reminder to help keep everyone safe."

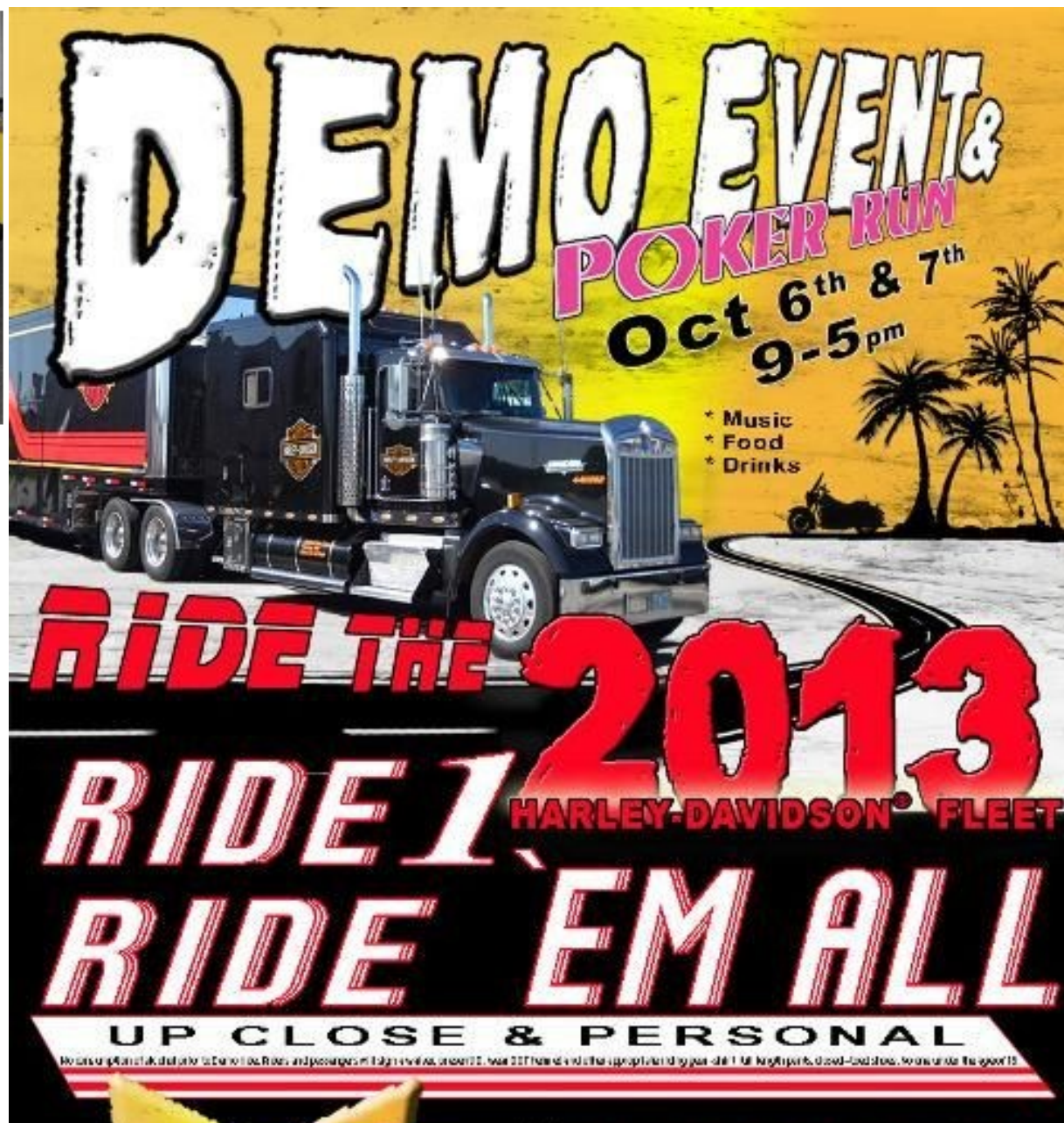
Bill Engvall for Allstate's "Once Is Never Enough" motorcycle safety program.

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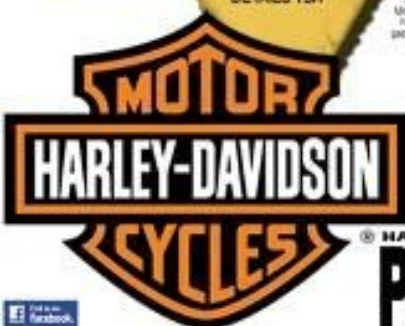
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October 11 Hillsborough Spooks n Scoots

December 13 Treasure Coast

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SFPC EVENTS

OCTOBER

6- Mystic Seven MC Annual

7-Rough Riders MC Annual

12- 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-USMVMC National Annual

11- CMA Memorial Event

17- Soldiers of Jesus MC Party

18 Wings of Gold WPB Party

25- USMV MC Martin Co. Toy Run

DECEMBER

2- ABATE Palm Beach Annual

9- SFPC Toys in the Sun Run

15- Toy Run Bike Drawing Peterson's Harley

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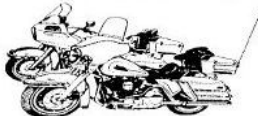
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Tampa, FL (PRWEB) June 25, 2012

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Motorcycle safety starts with the rider, but extends to other drivers

Sep 2, 2012 Written by [Leonard Hayhurst](#) Staff Writer

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COSHOCTON -- Larry "Grey Wolf" Wolford, of Dresden, knows what it's like to lose his best friend in a motorcycle crash, but that hasn't discouraged him from riding.

Wolford is part of Bikers for Christ and is a visitation minister for the Rushing Wind Biker Church in Zanesville. In June, members of the congregation were riding in a funeral procession on Maysville Pike in South Zanesville. The driver of a pickup truck cut through the line and struck Dwight Reynolds, killing him.

Wolford admits he doesn't always wear a helmet and he's been in some crashes over the years that have been his fault, but no matter how safe someone is on a motorcycle, he or she always has to be cautious of other motorists.

There's a lot of people out there texting and not watching. I pull up to several people at lights and I look over at them. They just look at me funny and keep on texting," he said. "They need to be looking out and watching for us bikes."

Motorcyclists will cite fun and freedom as reasons to ride, but motorcycles also are more difficult to handle and to stop than a car or truck. As of Aug. 27, the Ohio Department of Public Safety listed 2,355 motorcycle crashes, 114 fatal, for the state this year, with 1,330 being deemed by law enforcement as the fault of the motorcycle rider and 775 being the fault of other motorists.

Michael Brining, Law Enforcement Liaison with ODPS, said Coshocton County is considered a destination location for motorcyclists because of its winding rural roads and attractions such as Roscoe Village. He said this is a reason the county might have more crashes than other counties the same size, even though the ODPS only has three motorcycle injury crashes, one fatal, verified for the county so far this year.

Brining is a retired policeman and has been a motorcyclist for about 32 years. He said he's been thinking of giving it up because of all of the distracted drivers texting and talking on phones he sees every day riding into work.

A ban on texting while driving went into affect for Ohio on Friday.

"At the same time, I know I need to be responsible, too," he said. "Riders might say it's the people in the cars killing us, but it's not necessarily true."

He recommends all riders take a training course and receive a motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license. The ODPS offers training courses throughout the year across the state.

"It teaches you certain developmental skills, appropriate ways to make turns and to manage the bike and even some slight motorcycle maintenance," he said.

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"Most of all, it will teach situational awareness. We spend a lot of time reminding these riders to be situationally aware and to be focused."

Nancy Amore, of Warsaw, has been riding for almost two years and said she took the course in New Philadelphia. She said she always wears a helmet and long pants. She owns a Honda Rebel 250.

"I would recommend it to anybody and everybody, whether they're just starting or have been riding for awhile," she said of the classes.

Amore's whole family rides motorcycles and she wanted to join in. She said her aunt, who rides, was friends with Reynolds and that she knew an acquaintance rider who died a few months ago in the Zanesville area, too, after being struck by a car.

"When I come to any type of intersection, I always slow down," she said. "I make sure my headlight is on high beam at all times to make myself as visible as possible."

Wolford said he has an air horn and loud pipes on his Kawaski Nomad 1500. They're not meant to be cool, he said, but the sound alerts other vehicles he's there.

He said he also likes to keep pace with cars on the road when he's in traffic, because he hopes cars coming from the other direction will see the other vehicle even if they miss him. He's had a lot of close calls with other vehicles in the 35 years he's been riding, he said.

"Motorcycles, we can't stop as fast as cars," he said. "If you're in an intersection and have a motorcycle coming toward you, you can't judge that speed like you can a car. A lot of people just need to take that couple extra seconds and let the bike get by."

Instructor Rhonda LoSchiavo, of the Coshocton Driver Training School, said motorcycle awareness is a topic in her classes. The school doesn't teach a motorcycle course, she said, but student vehicle drivers are cautioned to be aware of bikers.

"We try to cover that with our students and tell them they need to take that extra time to look, not once, but twice," she said. "It's just going to be one headlight and not two, they do blend in a little bit more. You really do have to look for them."

LoSchiavo took over the school from her parents when her father, Eulises Valentin, died in a motorcycle crash in May 2011. He was wearing his helmet and proper safety gear, and knew and practiced all of the proper safety protocols, LoSchiavo said, so his death speaks even more to how dangerous a motorcycle can be.

"It proves you can never take anything for granted on a bike. It's a risk you take as a rider, you know it's never going to be 100 percent guaranteed that you're coming home that day. I think anyone who rides a bike knows that," she said.

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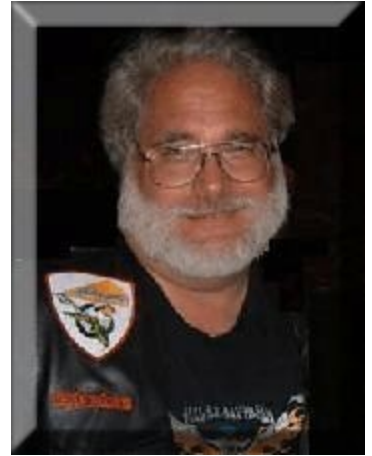
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DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

ELECTIONS

Now that the primaries, and some elections, are over, it is time to get to know who is left and who are the biker friendly candidates or office holders. Let us take a look now that the dust has settled. Remember ABATE of Florida Inc. does not endorse nor support any candidate. Comments here are from ABATE of FL lobbyist or personal contact.



Florida's United States Senator

After winning their party primaries, (Dem) Bill Nelson and (Rep) Connie Mack are the front runners in a pack that contains seven other Non-Party or Write-In candidates (Piotr Blass, Chris Borgia, Naomi Craine, Lionel Long, Robert Monroe, and Lawrence Sidney Scott). Incumbent Nelson has made some actions not popular as indicated at our August meeting. **Connie Mack** appears to be the biker choice as "Doc" Reichenbach said he has worked with us in the past.

United States Representatives for Palm Beach County

District 18 Patrick Murphy (Dem) and Allen B. West (Rep) won their primaries. Marilyn Davis Holloman is on ballot as Write-In. **Allen West** has spoken to chapter in past and even was a member. He has been on the motorcyclist's side from the beginning.

District 20 Alcee L. Hastings (Dem) is opposed by two Write-Ins Anthony Dutrow and Terry Randall. We need to learn more about these candidates.

District 21 Ted Deutch (Dem) is opposed by two No Party: Cesar Henato and W. Michael (Mike) Trout. We need to learn more about these candidates

District 22 Lois Frankel won the Dem. Primary. Adam Hasner was unopposed in Rep. From past I might be leaning to Hasner but need to learn more on this race.

State Attorney Palm Beach County Circuit 15

Dave Aronberg (Dem). Dian A. Keever (Rep) and Robert Gershman (NPA) are the candidates.

[Aronberg](#) has been a friend of ABATE in the past as a Florida Senator [Wikipedia](#)

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Incumbent Carey Haughwout (Dem) is unopposed so has the office.

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State Senators Palm Beach County

District 25 Joseph Abruzzo (Dem), Melanie Peterson (Rep)

District 27 Jeff Clemens (Dem), Travis Genard Harris (Rep)

District 32 Ray D'Amiano (Dem), Joe Negron (Rep.)

District 34 Ellyn Bogdanoff (Rep). Maria Sachs (Dem) **Sachs** has always been a supporter of ABATE of Florida Inc.

Bogdanoff has blitzed the media, seeing lots of TV ads and almost daily mailings. Been some negative ones on Sachs but again she has always been on bikers side while Bogdanoff has been wishy-washy on cell phones etc



State Representatives Palm Beach County

District 81 James Ryan O'Hara (Rep). Kevin Rader (Dem) defeated Steve Perman whose office had good contact with.

District 82 MaryLynn Magar (Rep), Beverly Joy Hires (WRI)

District 85 Pat Rooney Jr. (Rep). David Lutrin (Dem)

Our lobbyist says **Rooney** has been on our side. I know Lutrin and he is aware of our concerns and seems to back us.

District 86 Tami L. Donnally (rep), Mark Pafford (Dem)

District 87 Dave Kerner (Dem) unopposed so won election by winning primary

District 88 Bobby Powell (Dem.) unopposed so won election by winning primary

District 89 Bill Hager (rep); Tom Gustafson (Dem.)

My District, my vote goes to **Hager** who I've met at Allen West rally and in Tallahassee and I think is a good choice

District 90 Lori Berman (Dem). Sean Michael Kasper (Rep)

My former representative **Berman** was only one to get a cell phone bill passed, vetoed by governor Scott. I spoke with her in Tallahassee and she is okay in my book.

District 91 Irving "Irv" Slosberg (Dem) unopposed so won election

Good to see Irv will be back as with us on cell phone and road safety

As you can see there are only a few races where we have know biker friendly candidates that would support us in our causes. Further work is needed to make a positive outlook for our behalf. I will be looking in these candidates, contacting them and reporting back in the October newsletter. Please help by sending any information or leads to legislative@abatepalmbeach.com

Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson





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NCOM Biker Newsbytes: Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish...

Federal Highway Safety Grants in Jeopardy:

Despite a spike in traffic fatalities, states could lose as much as \$120 million in highway safety grants if Congress doesn't change a planned bill to fund the government's operations for six months. Congress passed a new highway bill this year that streamlines the federal grant process that provides state funds for alcohol-impaired and distracted driving prevention, increased occupant protection, motorcycle safety, teen driving safety and data collection. Under the typical rules for a continuing resolution, new programs such as those authorized under the highway bill cannot be funded. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recently reported that its estimate of all traffic deaths for the first quarter of 2012 show a 13.5% increase to the highest number since 2008. The substantial increase is the second-largest quarterly jump in traffic deaths since NHTSA began tracking deaths on a quarterly basis in 1975 -- and the biggest since 1979. NHTSA reported the rate of traffic deaths per 100 million miles of vehicle travel increased significantly to 1.1 fatalities per 100 million miles traveled during the first three months, up from 0.98 in the same period last year, with 7,630 fatalities compared to 6,720 in the first quarter of 2011. The increase would end a steady decline in U.S. road deaths over the last seven years, falling last year to their lowest number since 1949.

Head of Motorcycle Crash Study Resigns over Concerns:

Dr. Samir Ahmed, the Oklahoma State University researcher who has been heading up the latest motorcycle crash causation study, announced that he was leaving the program in a Sept. 11 e-mail stating; "I am writing to let you know that I am no longer working on the motorcycle crash causation study. I have serious reservations about the value of study with the existing FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) involvement. My expectations of the study are very low." Dr. Samir did not offer any further explanation as to the reservations he has regarding the FHWA involvement. The study was originally planned to examine 900 crashes but due to funding difficulties that was cut back to approximately 300, though the Case Counter on the FHWA website currently reads 100. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) had raised commitments from its members to provide \$3 million to the study but decided not to make the money available for a study with fewer than the 900. It was decided then that the study would use only one location instead of the three that had been envisioned, and the reduced study got underway last year. In the meantime, the MSF has announced the conclusion of an unprecedented year-long Motorcycle Naturalistic Study in conjunction with the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute designed to track comprehensive, real-time routine riding that likely included near crash, pre-crash, and actual crash data that had heretofore been unavailable. The study is yielding preliminary results that will be released at a later date.

Hells Angels Sue Feds over Ban on Members entering the U.S.:

NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter editor Mike Davis SOS MC Retired recently reported that the Hells Angels MC is going to court to protest a U.S. Gov't policy barring the club's foreign members from visiting the United States and is also fighting its federal designation as a "known criminal organization." Note: this article was written By Matthew Hendley; <http://blogs.phoenixnewtimes.com/> ... In a complaint filed in federal court in Washington, DC the Hells Angels Motorcycle Corporation names Janet Napolitano, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Alejandro Mayorkas who is the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and claims its designation as a "known criminal organization" by the departments of Homeland Security and State violates immigration law and the group's constitutional rights by systematically denying entry to its members in 26 countries on six continents. HAMC v. Napolitano et al. (1:12-cv-1357) disputes the Obama administration's foreign policy that declares "the Hells Angels, the Outlaws, Bandidos, and the Mongols" to be organized crime groups and is seeking an injunction allowing foreign members to be granted visas to travel to the U.S. In its lawsuit, the group claims the government routinely denies visas "to all aliens based solely on their membership in a Hells Angels charter without further analysis into whether or not that individual seeks to enter the United States to engage solely, principally, or incidentally in unlawful activity." Lawyers for the club describe its membership as

composed of loosely associated charters, "made up of motorcycle enthusiasts who have joined to ride motorcycles together, organize social events, fundraisers, parties and motorcycle rallies" and the group says any crimes committed by its members have been done as individual acts, and are not representative of the club as a whole.

Deputy Suspended For Seizing Biker's Camera:

The Dallas County Sheriff's office issued a 30-day suspension without pay to a deputy after footage showed him seizing a helmet-mounted camera from a motorcyclist as potential evidence of alleged crimes committed by other unidentified riders. A video viewed nearly 500,000 times on YouTube shows the Texas deputy on camera issuing this comment to the biker: "The reason you're being pulled over is because I'm gonna take your camera and we're gonna use it as evidence of in the crimes that have been committed by other bikers." Our legal experts at Aid to Injured Motorcyclists/National Coalition of Motorcyclists) agree that the officer's rationale does not constitute probable cause to make a traffic stop and does not justify seizing the camera, nor is it illegal to wear a camera on a helmet. The sheriff's deputy eventually arrested the motorcycle rider and according to the Examiner newspaper he then tried to slam the door of the patrol car on the biker's leg before hauling him off to jail. The biker was finally released and issued a ticket for only an obstructed license plate. The officer was also disciplined for leaving a drunk driver at the jail without booking him before going out on the call relating to motorcyclists riding on I-35.

Lone Star Court Rules on Cellphone Searches:

Suds, Texas Commander of the U.S. Defenders/COIR Division, issued the following notice re: Texas Court of Appeals Opinion on Cellphone Searches -- Our AIM/NCOM Attorney Bill Smith shared an important decision made by the Texas Court of Appeals about evidence retrieved from a cellphone without a search warrant. The Court rules in favor of the people. The opinion cited a case where an individual was arrested on one charge, and based on hearsay, an investigating detective went to the property room of the jail and retrieved the individual's cellphone and scrolled through the photos he had stored on it. Originally arrested for disorderly conduct, the defendant now had to face an indictment of improper photography or visual recording. Prosecutors argued that a jailed individual had no rights to expectation of privacy. The Texas Court of Appeals disagreed and stated that while an inmate has no reasonable expectation of privacy in his cell, his/her stored property does fall under reasonable expectation of privacy. It is not as though the officer saw the pictures scrolling on the display screen, rather the phone had to be turned on and the photos accessed and scrolled through. While this may not stop a rogue officer from scrolling through your cellphone, anything found will not be admissible in court without a search warrant first.

Speed Cameras Could be Anywhere:

As drivers become more savvy about spotting speed cameras along roads and highways, police are making it tougher by disguising their revenue-generating equipment. Authorities in and around Washington D.C. are expanding their speed camera programs, reports the Washington Examiner, and now they're purchasing cameras that look like mailboxes and trash containers to unsuspecting motorists. They're also more mobile, so police can reposition them so drivers cannot get used to seeing them in one particular area. Nearby Prince George's County in Maryland purchased nearly 60 mobile cameras last year, and expects to generate \$28 million in annual revenue, reports the news outlet. A similar speed-camera program in D.C. generated \$55 million in fiscal year 2011. Meanwhile, the traffic-camera debate has ignited state and local governments across the country: some embrace camera-based technology as a cost-efficient law-enforcement and safety tool; others cast it off as an overly intrusive money grab. In all, 13 states utilize speed-reading cameras, while 12 states have passed laws banning them. Twenty-four states are currently operating at least one red-light camera within their borders, while another nine prohibit their use. Despite the conflicting laws, overall use of cameras has gone up rapidly in recent years: red-light cameras were in 25 communities in 2000, compared with more than 500 today. Speed cameras went from 20 jurisdictions in 2005 to 113 today.

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New Bike Insurance Suspended Over Law and Order Concerns:

Insurance companies have stopped offering insurance policies to purchasers of new motorcycles in Karachi, Pakistan due to increase in snatching and theft incidents of two wheelers in the city. Law enforcement agencies, facing targeted killings and a skyrocketing crime rate, are apparently not interested in curbing such criminal activity, leaving poverty-stricken citizens at the mercy of thieves who are snatching dozens of motorcycles daily. Motorcyclists who recently purchased brand-new bikes are being fleeced by illegal insurance agents to get their bikes insured, as all listed insurance companies in the city have suspended bike insurance policies due to the prevailing law and order situation.

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Australia May Require Riders to Wear Florescent Clothing:

Australia's 1.3 million motorcycle riders would be forced by law to wear florescent jackets under proposals splitting the biker and scooter community. A national battle over the possibility of compulsory hi-visibility clothing began when the luminescent idea was pushed by Senior Sergeant Bill Gore of the Wangaratta Highway Patrol as part of a safety bid to reduce motorcycle accidents. A Victorian Gov't road safety inquiry will consider the hi-viz option and, if adopted, other states could be expected to follow suit. Damien Codognotto, Melbourne-based spokesman for the Independent Riders' Group, is fighting mandatory day-glo because it could affect the liability of a bike or scooter rider after an accident. "Gore's law is likely to change the legal standing of motorcycle and scooter riders and their liability after a crash regardless of who was at fault," he told news.com.au. "Compulsory third party insurers are looking to reduce payouts for victims of road trauma who were on two wheels (who are) seen as easy targets for reduced compensation," explained Codognotto. "That is not only unjust considering the premiums and taxes we pay, it is disastrous for riders' families." He said there had not been much research into the issue and the collection of crash-site data had been patchy.

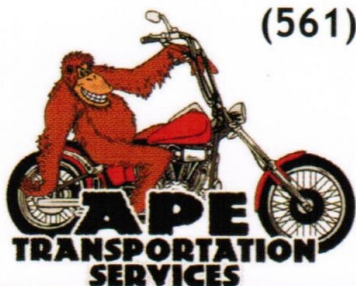
Lawsuits Filed over Bad Gas:

Two Indiana residents have filed separate class-action lawsuits against BP after they were told it would cost thousands of dollars to fix their vehicles, which were damaged by a bad batch of gasoline from the company's Whiting refinery. BP has issued a recall for about 2.1 million gallons of off-specification gasoline that was shipped to stations in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin in early August. The company has reported that more than 7,000 people have already reported problems to BP. Lake County resident Mark Gonzalez says in his suit, filed in the federal court in Hammond, IN that he filled up both his 2002 GMC Yukon and his 2007 Harley-Davidson motorcycle with the bad gasoline, leading to repairs costing more than \$1,000. The attorney representing one complainant said they decided to file for class-action status, which must still be granted by a federal judge, because so many people like his client have been hurt by the bad gasoline but would likely spend more on legal fees than any money they would receive from BP.

Quotable Quote: "There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them." - Denis Waitley (born 1933), American author and motivational speaker

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Margaret Cho's Newest Confidence Booster: Her Motorcycle

Margaret Cho is a comedian, actress, singer-songwriter, and now a Harley-Davidson rider. The *Drop Dead Diva* star took her latest

passion to New York City this month to share her riding experience with a group of women at a blogging conference in New York City hosted by Harley-Davidson.

"One of my proudest achievements was getting my motorcycle license," Cho says. "I think it's an inspiring thing."

Cho, 43, talked to Parade.com about motorcycle riding, her role on *Drop Dead Diva*, and her first-ever Emmy nomination for her portrayal of North Korean dictator Kim Jong-il on *30 Rock*.

On her latest love: motorcycle riding.

"I've always wanted to learn to ride a motorcycle, but I never thought I'd actually do it. I don't know if it's the motion or the speed or the wind, but it's such an empowering thing. It gives me confidence. I felt like such a klutz before, but I've realized that I'm actually pretty coordinated! You can kind of escape all the stress of your life and just be on a bike. It's a tremendous feeling."

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7 tips to save on motorcycle insurance

Live to ride, ride to live. Save a few bucks while you're at it.

By [Stacy Johnson](#) Jun 27, 2012 12:36PM

When I was a teenager, my parents were dead set against two forms of transportation: convertibles (they could roll over and crush the occupants) and motorcycles (no explanation required).

As you might expect, the result was a lifelong love affair with both. For a large part of the nearly 40 years I've owned bikes -- my current is a [1999 Harley Softail Custom](#) -- I never gave much thought to insurance. I just surrendered my bike business to whatever company was insuring my car. That's a mistake. Some insurers specialize in motorcycle policies, so shopping companies can reward you with major savings -- as much as 50%. Want to quickly learn what I had to find out the hard way? Check out the following video and meet me on the other side for more.

1. Join the club. Members of motorcycle clubs sometimes get discounted rates. Clubs are also a great way to compare notes with other bikers, get insurance recommendations, and see who's paying what. Examples include [Harley Owners Group](#), [BMW Motorcycle Owners of America](#) and the [American Motorcyclist Association](#).

2. Ask about infrequent-rider discounts. If you ride only on the occasional sunny weekend, ask about discounts for a part-time or occasional driver. You might also ask about lowering the coverage (and cost) if you don't ride in the winter at all. If you have a loan on the bike, however, the lender will require full coverage on it year-round.

3. Drop full coverage. You've got to have liability insurance, which covers damage you do to other people and their property. But if your bike is old and/or not worth much, you might consider dropping comprehensive and collision -- coverage that pays for theft, vandalism or damage to your bike in the event of an accident that's your fault. Whether this makes sense depends on how much you're paying for full coverage and how much your bike is worth. Weigh the cost against the benefit, then decide. As with the prior tip, however, if there's a lien on the bike, the lender will require full coverage.

4. Choose the right bike. Some bikes cost more to insure than others. For example, sport bikes often sport higher premiums than traditional road bikes. Never replace your bike without first calling your insurance company to see if the new bike will cost more to insure than the old one.

5. Raise your deductible. No matter what kind of insurance you're paying for -- homeowners, renters, health, car or motorcycle -- the more of a claim you're willing to pay out-of-pocket, the lower the premium. If you're comfortable raising your deductible from \$250 to \$1,000, you could easily save 10% to 20%. Check what your deductible is now, then call the company and ask how much you'd save by raising it.

6. Ask about discounts. It will probably come as no surprise that your insurance company isn't going to call and inform you of potential discounts. Call and ask about discounts for anti-theft devices and keeping your bike in a locked garage. Simply say: "What discounts do you offer?" You might be pleasantly surprised to learn you already qualify.

7. Get additional coverage for extras. Regular motorcycle insurance policies don't cover any enhancements you have made to your bike, such as chrome accessories, custom paint or a sidecar. Look into supplemental coverage for these upgrades.

<http://money.msn.com/saving-money-tips/post.aspx?post=be8c4499-b494-405d-861b-3579895daeb7> Link and video too

ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

September 23rd, 2012

The meeting was brought to order at 11:45am, by President Ed “Nighthawk” Lattari, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence. There were twenty six members and no guests present.

President Ed “Nighthawk” Lattari – Nighthawk thanked the Chapter for their continued participation in the Chapter Fun Rides, noting that Chapter participation is an important key to success. A detailed update regarding the United Bikers of Palm Beach was presented, emphasizing the benefits of scheduling that will now be available. The in-house printed newsletters were presented. The in-house printing reduces production costs to one-third of those previously experienced by the Chapter. Photograph quality will be improving. Chapter member Mike “Zim” is healing after his recent surgery. Nighthawk presented a plan for mailed copies of the newsletter to carry a subscription fee to defray costs. Secretary Charles “CB” Barcellona presented possible alternatives to the subscription fee, via sponsored advertisements. The fee will be actual mailing costs, rounded up to the nearest dollar. Legal Trustee Reese Harvey prepared limited power of attorney forms, which Nighthawk presented to the Chapter. The forms will be made available online.

Vice President Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson – reminded the Chapter and new members that they could have their picture taken for the Chapter website, with only their road-name listed. Updates were given regarding the status of several Chapter members. Upcoming October events in the motorcycle community were discussed.

Secretary Charles “CB” Barcellona - CB recognized the attendance of Artmann, President of the ABATE Lighthouse Chapter. A sign up sheet for the next ABATE State meeting was handed out.

Treasurer Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger – presented the Chapter's financial report. The Chapter is financially sound.

Membership Trustee Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger – reported that there are 234 current Chapter members, and also reported on new members, attrition, and renewals. New members were recognized. Nighthawk added, the Chapter post office box will be moving to a more central location in the county.

Sgt-at-Arms Pete “Petee” Carroll – With lower costs due to in-house printing, the newsletter can be distributed on a larger scale. Additional newsletter drop-off location ideas are needed.

Safety Trustee Charlie “Niblick” Wenger – A safety report was given, including discussion regarding a recent article in the Palm Beach Post. The Chapter has secured a free table space at the upcoming Bike Bash 2012.

Product Trustee position became available, due to former co-trustees stepping down from the position. Nighthawk appointed **Lisa “Pookie” Miller** as Product Trustee pro tempore, with acceptance

by the Chapter with a show of hands vote.
The blowout sale remains in effect.

Legislative Trustee Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson

– An abbreviated legislative report was given.

State Delegate Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson – presented brief discussion regarding informational signs on I-95 and announced the next ABATE State meeting during Spooks 'n Scoots in October.

Newsletter Trustee Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson

– detailed the newer, larger format of the Chapter newsletter. New advertisers include Palm Beach Harley Davidson. Nighthawk asked that lawyers advertizing in other motorcycle publications be contacted for possible advertizing in the Chapter newsletter. The Chapter was reminded that the online version of the newsletter has links to sponsors. The the name for the Chapter's newsletter was adopted, by show of hands vote, as **“The Chrome Chronicles”**, submitted by Slo-Motion, who also is the recipient of a free membership renewal, sponsored by CB. Slo-Motion reminded the Chapter of the upcoming deadline for “The Chrome Chronicles” submissions.

No further Board of Director's Trustee reports were presented.

Old Business – Discussion of the recent death of a local motorcycle Police Officer. Artmann, President of ABATE Lighthouse Chapter, spoke regarding the circumstances.

New Business – A motion to approve the subscription fee for The Chrome Chronicles was passed by show of hands vote.

Good of the Order – Local events were discussed. The Chapter's upcoming December event will be December 2nd at Renegades, West Palm Beach, Florida. Artmann recognized the Chapter, and Board, especially President Nighthawk, for all the good work done in the motorcycle community, and also asked for Chapter co-operation for their mutual benefit. The Lighthouse Chapter's annual event will be at J&S Fishcamp, on January 20th, 2013. Snooze's ticket was drawn as the 50/50 winner, and he donated his portion to the Chapter.

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Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm
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