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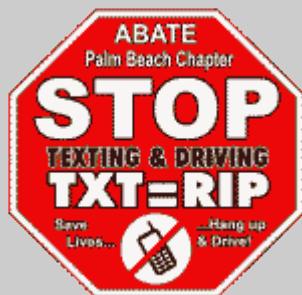
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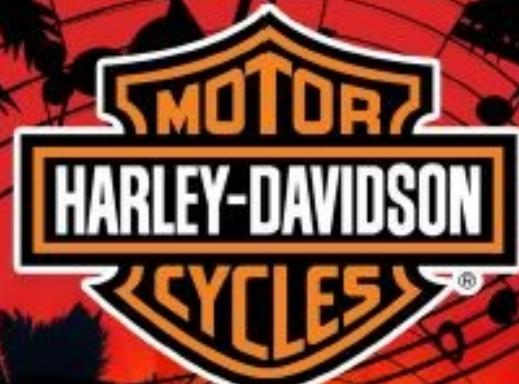
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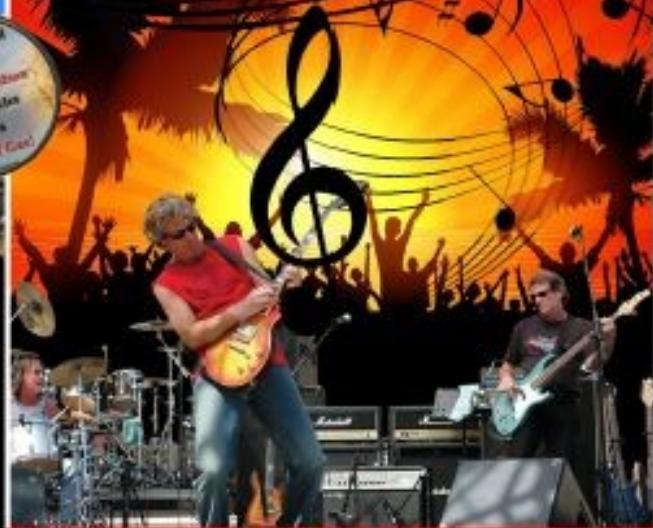
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OUR GOALS

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.
To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms.

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.

MEMBERSHIP

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).

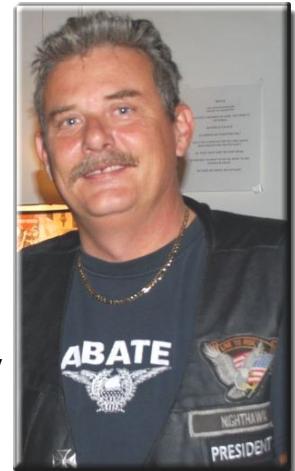
As one can see we have our ear to the ground and our resolve tempered like steel. As Americans we have had it demonstrated to us time and again the vigilance is armor of free men and women. We shall not let the armor rust or weaken. With your support we can re-enforce and strengthen the armor for now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

What else do you get with your membership? All members receive with their paid membership, the Masterlink Newsletter, Membership Card, Event Discounts and Updates, Voting Privileges, Free Masterlink Classified Advertisements, a Chapter Newsletter, and a free \$4,000 Accidental Death or Dismemberment Insurance Policy from the American Income Life Insurance Company.

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"

Well the holidays are fast approaching and so is a busy schedule for our chapter. This time of year our chapter participates in many worthwhile events. On November 18th the same day as our meeting, will be the Bikers of Palm Beach Poker Run and Toy Drive Kickoff Party. Since the poker run will be going on during our meeting we will have a ride over to the Kickoff Party at the Wings of Gold MC clubhouse afterwards. This benefits the Toy Run in December for the Boys and Girls club of Palm Beach. If you can't make the meeting, meet us at the party!



The Saturday after Thanksgiving November 24th will once again be "Nighthawks Third Annual Pot Luck B.B.Q. and Social". This is a party for the chapter members to just hang out and have a good time. It's an opportunity for the members to get to know each other better. This has been popular since the first one and hope that if you're a new member or been around awhile, you'll stop by.

December 2nd from 2-7 pm will be our Annual Freedom Rights Rally at Renegades. This event will be after Bill's Bikes Memorial Toy Drive benefitting Toys for Tots. I hope that many will head over to our event afterwards to continue the fun. The band L3-16 will be in the house to rock the party. Make sure you mark the event on the calendar and bring your friends! Once again we'll be needing volunteers to help out at the event. Special thanks go out to Foxybabe for all her hard work on our event!

In other news, ABATE of Florida is giving away \$10,000.! That's right 10 grand! AND it could be you!!! All you need is the winning ticket for this year's cash drawing. Drawing will be at the ABATE campground in Deland during Bike Week. Tickets are only \$5 each and a maximum of 7500 will be sold. So don't miss your chance!

As always I'd like to thank those that make the group rides. These rides are important to the continuing success of the chapter. If you haven't made one lately I hope you'll join us on one soon. Also don't forget to make sure you're on the email and text alert system for the latest info on what's going on. Also check the calendar in the newsletter for happenings going on. Don't forget about the open houses that happen during the week at the local MC's

clubhouses. They need our support and it's also a good time, so stop by!

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UPCOMING Group Fun Rides/Event Schedule

November 4 GROUP FUN RIDE Harley Davidson Palm Beach Anniversary Party and Poker Run.

Meet spot is Boonies on Southern Blvd at 10am

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

November 18 GROUP FUN RIDE (After our Regular Meeting) Bikers of Palm Beach County Poker Run and Toy Drive Kickoff Party (Date changed from the 17th)

November 24 Nighthawks 3rd Annual Pot Luck BBQ and Social starts at 4pm

December 2 ABATE Palm Beach Annual Freedom Rights Rally at Renegades 2pm

CHECK CALENDAR FOR ALL EVENTS GOING ON!

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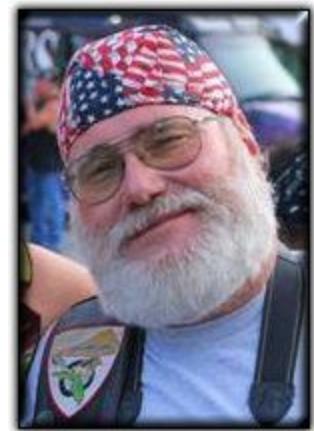
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Vice President's Message - Slo Motion

As you may have already heard, or read in *Nighthawk*'s message, it is that time of year again when ABATE of Florida is selling \$5 tickets for a chance to win \$10,000 dollars. With only 7500 tickets, this is a major fundraiser for the State office. As delegate I brought back two stacks hoping our chapter can sell them all and we would help the State coffers. If every member of ABATE bought a ticket that would cover it. And would be glad to sell all our chapters a ticket. Why? As important as this is for the ABATE State. The State President "Doc" Fish is putting up \$100 out of his pocket to the seller of the winning ticket. The State Treasurer is putting in another \$50 out of her pocket.



Muddder, the State Sergeant at Arms, also is donating \$100 to the CHAPTER that sells that ticket. So there is some personal motivation to sell tickets. You can sign out a book of ten from Debbie our Treasurer to sell at a meeting. I know Grease Monkey Joe has sold a book, Debbie and I have started to sell at our jobs. Others have signed out books. So if you see one of us at an event, or Charlie at our booth, buy a ticket or two—or sell some yourself. It is an easy way for us to help support the cause and the State Office. The drawing (be sure to call it that, not a raffle) will be at the second weekend of Daytona Bikeweek.

An that is another way we can help support the State, the Bikeweek campground. Attendance, like at most events in these troubled times, has been down in past years. Camping is a less expensive way to go. Usually we have group go and stay there and have a good time. Can stay for a week cheaper than a night at a hotel. The facilities are good, on site showers, food, a bar, and this year likely live bands. So I hope we can get a bunch more to go camping and have fun, maybe even do some volunteer hours. Spread the word around to friends and other bikers that the campground is a good fun place to stay at during Bikeweek.

I have to tell you missed a good party at Spooks N Scoots. Snooze and I camped with Zeke and 3 of Lighthouse members. We had a good time, we always make it so. I really have liked that event over the year but the pass couple have had a drop in attendance. We all supported that chapter by purchasing T-shirts and patches. As we were camping we did bring in our own beverages as different from their beer tent. I noticed how quiet their sales were and felt a bit odd about that so I made a personal donation to their chapter in brotherhood.

Another thing that came out of the meeting was there may be a movement for a mandatory drivers education program—something I believe strongly in. We were asked to help gather some data on the subject. Since I do have some school board contacts as work in the system, going to try to get information on how many schools have a program, how it is funded and what we can do to get more into it now that we have Charlie who can go days to schools.. I've heard in past that no funding but I think if high schools adult education offered at night to adults could be a fund raiser like what we have to pay. At Sebring I ran into one of the District employees I know, he rides, I asked him the question. He told me the majority get their driving training ONLINE in virtual school—and even though I am a teckie, I think that is wrong. So here is another project for us to get involved in—any volunteers?

Now is the time for all good people to get involved and DO SOMETHING.

MUST SEE VIDEO

Data here. I was wondering if you could contact Doc regarding getting a law passed that would allow bikers to sue cagers in civil court when they drive aggressively and put bikers in jeopardy - **regardless of whether an accident occurs or not.**

Twice in the last month, my riding partner and I were bullied by aggressive cagers. The cagers were deliberately charging at us and trying to run us off the road. (Note: Sometimes cagers do that by accident, but this was deliberate.)

I believe that if there was a civil law that allowed bikers to sue such cagers, based on a tag number and possible video evidence, it would seriously curb such dangerous activities.

I think that civil is a better way to go than criminal because its easier to prove in court and will result in a higher penalty than \$87 for violating a right of way. Criminal charges require either an accident or a LEO as a witness. Video is not usually acceptable in a criminal case like that.

Darrin Brooks: I don't see the purpose of trying to create a new law when a person can already sue someone in civil court for anything already. I know that cagers will sometimes be aggressive to us but it is almost impossible to prove unless there is video.

Data: As far as the proposed state law, the main purpose would need to be to make it something that would almost guarantee payment to the lawyer, similar to a slip and fall. I have seen this in the statutes before (not biker related) and basically it said that the lawyer gets paid "in addition to" and not "out of" the proceeds. The main thing is that if you don't have a lawyer, you probably wont win.

Another thing is that because insurance doesn't cover road rage, the guy himself would have to pay so the bill would need provisions for wage garnishment so he can pay off the biker and his lawyer over time.

Also, I think video is the key. Like one of these babies.

I know a kid who had one running and a cager did a u-turn right in front of him and broke his leg. Insurance cut him a check for \$250K as soon as they saw the video. Not exactly road rage, it was just typical cager stupidity, but the camera has paid for itself.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VLnnCIX_OQ

But it would be nice to collect from rager cagers without actually having to break your leg.

I think Data is right about video taping rides. His link is an excellent example of what would help in court, even shows how paramedics and police were involved as camera kept on running. There have been times I wished I had my camera on bike, once we we group ride to Broward on I95 when some idiot cut over three lanes to make exit and could have hit a couple of cars and us. If you are interested I recommend the GoPro camera as is best to hold up to the ride. I got one at Cycle Gear and I know Palm Beach Harley has them. You can learn more at their website <http://gopro.com/> - Slo Motion

HIGHWAY SAFETY SEEKING NEW LICENSE PLATES

The state highway safety agency is pushing for a new license plate that's easier for cameras to read to save money on lost tolls and fines.

In its proposed budget for the coming year, released Monday and set for approval by Gov. Rick Scott and the Cabinet later this month, the agency says it wants lawmakers to approve the use of more than \$23 million in various existing fees to buy new plates with a goal of replacing all plates within two years.

The agency will present its budget proposal at the Oct. 23 Cabinet meeting. Agencies had to make their budget requests public by Monday.

The request wouldn't include any new spending – the money already comes into the agency's trust fund through tag renewals and other fees, but legislative approval is needed to change how it is spent.

One of the key reasons the state wants to replace the plates is to reduce lost tolls, which are increasingly collected by mail after cameras read plates.

The redesign is expected to increase collection of tolls by \$4.8 million, according to the agency's agenda for the next Cabinet meeting. "This number is expected to grow as open road tolling expands," the agency's agenda says.

In the first three months of this year more than 600,000 vehicles per month went through toll booths and couldn't be billed because a camera couldn't read the plate number. That's about 10 percent of the vehicles going through the booths.

The state also has to spend money for people to read the plates the cameras can't read.

Public safety is also part of the equation.



"The improved fonts and the simplistic graphic will also improve readability for the human eye, thereby improving the accuracy of information provided to and used by law enforcement," the agency's recently-released study on the redesign idea says. "These changes improve toll enforcement and red light enforcement, but also serve as an important

safety initiative for law enforcement and all drivers on Florida's roads."

The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles last week released proposed designs for the new plate. Little noticed when they did: the new plate has seven characters instead of the current six.

The reason? Math – more plates means we need more numbers.

"Due to limitations in design and manufacturing methods, Florida is within a few years of running out of unique six character combinations on its license plates," the DHSMV says in its legislative budget request documents.

"A redesign that results in a different manufacturing method ... could result in the ability to use character configurations not currently available as well as the addition of a seventh character, thus resulting in millions of new configurations."

If the plan moves forward as expected, it would mean replacing more than 10 million plates.

In its budget documents, the department says it has begun developing information to go out to possible bidders for creating the plate, and that actual project costs could vary after bids come in.

Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, State Legislative Trustee, ABATE of Florida, Inc.

LICENSE PLATE OVERHAUL SLOWS DOWN

State highway safety officials are putting on hold for at least a short time a plan to redesign state license plates, and to privatize their distribution following objections from tax collectors.

The proposal to redesign the state's license plate to make it more legible by toll booth cameras and police was originally scheduled for a vote by Gov. Rick Scott and the Cabinet on Tuesday, but the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles pulled the proposal from the agenda.

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COURT: COP CAN'T USE 'STAND YOUR GROUND' LAW

A Central Florida appeals court has ruled that a former Haines City police officer cannot use the state's controversial "Stand Your Ground" law to defend himself against a misdemeanor charge of using unnecessary force during an altercation in October 2010. The 2nd District Court of Appeal on Friday said the case involving Juan Caamano is the first to directly address whether the "Stand Your Ground" law applies to law enforcement officers. A three-judge panel overturned a circuit-court ruling that would have allowed Caamano to use the law in his defense to a misdemeanor battery charge. The court said another, more-stringent law applies to cases dealing with use of force by law officers. The charge against Caamano stems from an effort by police officers to clear a street party. When one person refused to leave, he was taken to the ground by officers who struck him and used a Taser. Caamano is accused of then approaching the scene and bringing his right foot down in a "stomping motion" toward the man's legs, while telling the man to put his arms behind his back, according to the ruling. Prosecutors said Caamano's actions did not help the other officers bring the man into custody and that the man had not actively resisted Caamano. . The "Stand Your Ground" law allows people to use force if they reasonably believe it is needed to defend themselves or others.

Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, State Legislative Trustee, ABATE of Florida, Inc.

James Bond Rides a Honda in Skyfall

By Basem Wasef, About.com Guide

October 27, 2012

James Bond's four-wheeled chariots enjoyed plenty of screen time in 007's cinematic opuses, but the tuxedo'd spy has also been known to swing a leg over a motorcycle--remember Pierce Brosnan's oddly romantic ride aboard a BMW R1200C in Tomorrow Never Dies?

In *Skyfall*, the twenty-third installment of the franchise, Daniel Craig hits two wheels again in the opening sequence which involves chasing henchmen on a motorcycle through Istanbul's streets and rooftops. The motorcycles are modified and aged Honda CRF250R motocross bikes (with Bond's steed sporting weirdly new looking fenders), and the filming environment was so tight, many of the moving shots were photographed using cameras attached to motorcycles riding alongside the action.

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11 •Ali's Alliance Run •CMA Memorial Event CANCELLED •Palm Beach Co. Vets Day Parade	12 •Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB	13 •Lugnut's Bike Night at Boonies •Lone Legion MC Open House	14 •States Lake Worth MC Open House •Island Jack's Bike Night	15 •Mickey's JAM with Hat Trick •Black Pistons MC WPB Open House •Palm Beach Harley Bike Night	16 •Outlaws MC WPB Open House	17 •CANCELED Soldiers for Jesus MC Party
18 •Bikers of Palm Bch Co Poker Run & Toy Drive •Palm Beach ABATE Meeting	19 •Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB	20 •Lone Legion MC Open House	21 •States Lake Worth MC Open House •Island Jack's Bike Night	22 •Mickey's JAM with Hat Trick •Black Pistons MC WPB Open House •Cycle Gear Bike Night	23 •Outlaws MC WPB Open House	24
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16 •Wings of Gold MC West Palm Beach Toy Drive •Palm Beach ABATE Meeting	17 •Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB	18 •Lone Legion MC Open House	19 •States Lake Worth MC Open House •Island Jack's Bike Night	20 •Mickey's JAM with Hat Trick •Black Pistons MC WPB Open House •Palm Beach Harley Bike Night	21 •Outlaws MC WPB Open House	22 •SFLCOC Christmas Party
23 •Calvary Chapel Christmas Service	24 •Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB	25 •Christmas Day •Lone Legion MC Open House	26 •States Lake Worth MC Open House •Island Jack's Bike Night	27 •Mickey's JAM with Hat Trick •Black Pistons MC WPB Open House •Cycle Gear Bike Night •Turboz's Bike Night at Ralphs	28 •Outlaws MC WPB Open House	29
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BIKE NIGHT NEWS Since Iron Eagle Cycles closed Connolly's 441 & Belvedere has **First Tuesday Bike Night** Oct was the first out with a good turnout even with the rain. Iron Cross Cycles took over Iron Eagle's store front and their Wheels on the Road ad stays they will also have Bike Night on first Tuesday

Females flooding motorcycle market

By Diana Rossetti [CantonRep.com staff writer](#) Posted Sep 30, 2012

The stereotypical motorcyclist cruising down the interstate with a gal pal perched behind him is in danger of becoming a quaint memory.

According to the Motorcycle Industry Council's latest statistics, 25 percent of today's riders are women. And they're not on sissy bikes.

Motorcycles are being tailored to this evolving market and the accompanying riding gear modified for shorter bodies and legs.

That, said Claudia Garber, director of women's outreach for Harley Davidson, has spurred women to take the leap. The contagion spreads from one woman to another. Those who thought they would like to ride, she added, now have plenty of company.

Safety is the biggest concern, said Cathy Gustafson, a long-time rider herself and a seven-year instructor for the state's Motorcycle Ohio riding courses. (See www.motorcycle.ohio.gov for state-sponsored classes. Local Harley Davidson dealers also offer classes.)

"What I've learned from teaching some all-ladies' classes is that ladies learn differently than men," said Gustafson, married and the mother of two. "But physically, it takes them longer to get a skill. You can talk about it and show a video or an actual class demonstration. But they have to actually do it, experience it, to understand. I tell women if they are pondering it, take a class. Our classes are very safety oriented. I can guarantee you that after that class, they know if they want to ride or not."

The 2011 Harley Street Glide Gustafson rides today is an attention-getter with its Sedona orange metallic paint job and outfitted to the max.

Watching her ride off, it is hard to imagine the job that pushed her toward two-wheel transportation.

"I worked as a bank teller and used to wait on the lady who owned a bike shop. She offered me a job and then they got me riding," she said. Today, Gustafson is a service consultant at Adventure Harley Davidson in Dover.

"Even when I started riding, very few women did. In probably the last eight years, there's been a great increase. Women come to talk to you. We have ladies' garage parties. Women now talk to the dealership guys about quick and easy detachable parts that make your motorcycle fit you," she said. A few years ago, a female Harley Davidson representative made an appearance at Freedom Harley in Jackson Township and the gender response was large. The gathering of women watched closely as she addressed one of their collective fears — how to right a fallen motorcycle.

Turning her back to the bike, she squatted down, grabbed hold behind her and lifted it using leg rather than back strength.

Jennie Long of Minerva recalled that lesson this summer while attending a Wednesday bike night at Quaker Steak & Lube in Jackson Township.

"If I hadn't seen her do that — she was real slim — I wouldn't have believed it. And that was part of the reason I decided to buy a motorcycle," Long said. "I was scared it might be too heavy, too big. Or maybe I couldn't get it off the kickstand. But I learned. And I ride almost every day now when it's nice."

Gender aside, Gustafson said a motorcyclist's life depends on defensive driving. "You have to see them (four-wheeled vehicles) in case they're not paying attention and don't see you."

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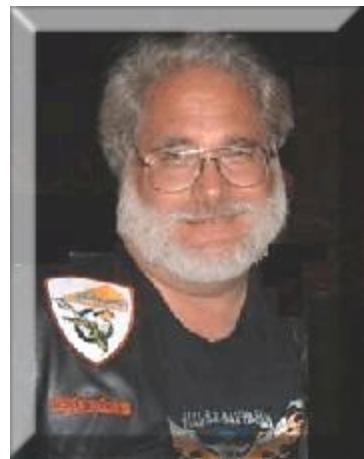


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LEGISLATIVE & DELEGATE REPORT

DAN “SLOW-MOTION” HENDERSON

LEGISLATIVE This will be the last time you will have to hear me say GET OUT AND VOTE for awhile. I know I am tired of all the mailings and ads, especially all the negative ones. This will be a very important election, and as our lobbyist "Doc" Reichenbach said at the last State meeting, it will be a WEIRD one. Regardless of the negative ads, we need to help elect those that are positive to our cause. While officially ABATE does not support any candidate, I can tell you from my and Doc's experience who are on our side.



For State Attorney General David Aronberg has always been on our side as a congressman. He has spoken at State meetings and is very consumer orientation and is a excellent choice, even when he lost last time to Bondi, she assigned him to the "pill mills" investigation. For the State Senator, Doc says Connie Mack has worked well for us. For Congress, Allen West IS a motorcyclist and has done much for the cause being on several national committees. The other Federal Senatorial races are more difficult. Deutch is the incumbent against a couple of unknowns. Frankel versus Hasner is one where something about Frankel that makes me lean the other way.

At the last State meeting I learned how important the State Senator can be. Each House rep only gets to do six bills. They must have a companion bill in the Senate. Senators can have unlimited bills so they can help back our House supporters. Doc Reichenbach said one of the weirdest races was the Senate race in Palm Beach between the "blonde and the brunette" as he looked at me. It is one of the most negative races for sure. Maria Sachs has always been 100% in backing us so it would be a shame to lose her in the Senate. I really don't know much on the other Senate races. Joseph Abruzzo against Melanie Peterson is one question as don't know much about her and never was able to meet with Abruzzo when he was in office. The other two races I also don't know about Clemens or Harris. I have visited Negron's office in Tallahassee but D'Amiano is a question. In other House races are three candidates I've meet and like – Berman who was my Rep and have had good contact with, Hager would be my new Rep –meet at an Allen West Rally and he seems very open to us, and Pat Rooney who Doc said has been on our side. We lost Perman in West County in primary so choice is between O'Hara and Rader who has been in office before. Three elections were uncontested so Irv Slosberg, Dave Kerner, and Bobby Powell are in. I will need to contact them next and also congratulate the winners after the election to get them to know us and our issues.

So get out and vote and perhaps some of these insights will help you decide. At the meeting we discussed about what the amendments on the ballot were about as hard to understand. Doc at the meeting stressed the importance of the amendments in the election. *Foxybabe* send me a link that might help to understand them – I am posting it here and on the web in place of using several more pages so go check out <http://politics.heraldtribune.com/slideshow/breaking-down-the-amendments-on-floridas-2012-election-ballot/>

At the meeting State Legislative rep Darrin "Scribe" Brooks brought up a few items. One was a lawsuit by someone arrested for not wearing a helmet without proof of \$10,000 policy as vague and unconstitutional. This might have lead to some issues but as the judge dismissed the cased it ended that. So against taking an unjust ticket to court will help you out of some injustices.

Another issue was the E15 fuel and minimum of 4 gallons. We all know E15 fuel can be very harmful to motorcycles.. The AMA has been leading the fight against it and we can help by urging our U.S. Congressmen and local government to realize the problems. He reported that in the primaries we won some and lost some of our supporters. It appears many candidates in the state have realized ABATE does have influence and have been seeking our aid in elections. It shows we still have a way to go in our county even if we do have many friends in office, we need to make them even more aware of our concerns. Scribe has been on the State Motorcycle Safety Coalition and is having some success in opening their eyes to our point of view. This is another area where ABATE is gaining respect. We need to get more involved with local safety committees and we need some people to help Charlie do this.

Remember to earn this respect we have to be positive and respective to all, even those that may oppose us.

DELEGATE Like with Scribe above, Lana Lang, a former State Safety Trustee, has been attending CSTS meetings in Tallahassee. As the only non-government person there she reports a feeling of being welcomed and respected. We are continuing our attempts to regain our safety funds as records show we have reached over 2 million people with our awareness and safety programs. Can anyone else claim such success? We can help by being positive with our representatives and perhaps the governors veto of our funds could be overturned. Yet still

Over the past few meetings we have lost many ABATE members to the reaper. Recently some were killed in shooting in central Florida. This brought up a subject our chapter has discussed in past. We stand for ALL motorcyclists, ALL are welcome to join us. The subject of support patches was again brought up, while we are adults and you can wear what you want but realize that you might be in a position where someone might not like that. It could put you in harms way. So think about where and what you are doing and, like in riding, think safety first.

Projects in works include the Biker Rodeo with NCOM, a Lakeland location is being looked at. Things are progressing for the Tallahassee Rally with the KOA campground and ride. Bikeweek, as I mentioned in my VP message, the campground is coming around to plan as the place to be. We need to all work together and support each other. Treasure Coast and Lighthouse chapter spoke to me able doing more things together. Both took rides out the Arcadia for Peace River chapter event. We should try to do if we can.



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FATALITIES FALL IN MICHIGAN AFTER HELMET LAW REPEAL

"The numbers speak for themselves," said Vince Consiglio, president of ABATE Michigan, in announcing a decrease in motorcycle deaths since the state repealed their mandatory helmet law. Despite dire predictions to the contrary, motorcycle fatalities actually have dropped by 7% based on statistics obtained from the Michigan State Police and the Michigan Secretary of State.

On April 12, 2012, the requirement for motorcycle helmets was amended to allow adult choice for bikers 21 and older, providing they completed an accredited motorcycle-safety course or had a minimum of two years riding experience.

According to an ABATE press release, from 2011 (pre-amendment) to 2012 (post amendment) motorcycle fatalities dropped from 89 to 85 in Michigan, a 4.5% reduction. During the same time period, the number of motorcycle registrations increased from 261,658 to 266,589, so ABATE concludes; "If the fatality rate is adjusted to the total of motorcycle registrations it shows that the fatality rate has decreased from 0.034% to 0.031% since the helmet-law amendment - a seven percent reduction."

"This data proves conclusively that the helmet-law amendment had no adverse effect on motorcycle safety," Consiglio told The Detroit News.

DEER TAKE DEADLY TOLL ON MOTORCYCLISTS

"When a deer collides with a vehicle that weighs a couple of tons, the fragile animal almost always gets the worst of it. When a deer meets a motorcycle on the roadway, both the rider and the deer may suffer the same fate," stated the Washington Post in reporting on research by AAA that found that seven of the eight people who died in crashes involving deer over a three-year period in Maryland and Virginia were motorcyclists. Nationwide, the auto club said, about 70% of deer-crash fatalities involve motorcycles.

"Because they are riding on two wheels, motorcycle riders and their passengers are especially vulnerable when they smash into a deer," said John B. Townsend II, an AAA spokesman.

The deer mortality rate becomes most evident this time of year, as the mating season has more deer on the move. Their carcasses by the roadside attest to the danger that the lure of romance poses for them and for drivers. In 2010, the latest year for which there are national statistics, 403 people were killed in accidents involving deer.

MOTORCYCLE THEFTS DECLINE

A total of 46,667 motorcycles were reported stolen in 2011, and 17,199 of them were recovered, according to a report released today by the National Insurance Crime Bureau. That compares to 49,791 stolen bikes in 2010, a decrease of 6%.

California, the most populous U.S. state and the one with the most stolen motorcycles since the NICB began collecting data in 1996, retained its top spot with 5,927 thefts last year. It was followed by Texas, Florida, North Carolina and Indiana. The state reporting the lowest number of thefts was North Dakota (21) followed by Wyoming, South Dakota, Vermont, Alaska, and Montana.

Recoveries of stolen motorcycles were largely proportional to thefts, with California the leader in recoveries (2,085) followed by Florida (1,334), Texas (965), Indiana (769), and North Carolina (725). The overall average time of recoveries was 31 days.

July and August were the biggest months for thefts in the U.S. last year, with more than 5,000 each, compared with 2,147 in February, the report shows.

Whereas the number of thefts increases dramatically in the warmer months, the day of the week seems to be of no significance. On Mondays, the day of the largest number, there were 6,962 bikes stolen. The number on Sundays, the day of the lowest number, there were 6,422.

More than 500 motorcycle makes were among those stolen last year, but the highest percentage of bikes

stolen were of the Honda brand, at 24%. Yamaha was next (19%), followed by Suzuki (16%), Kawasaki (11%) and Harley-Davidson (7%).

"UNFAIR" TICKETS LEAD TO PROPOSED FREE MOTORCYCLE PARKING IN NYC

City Councilman Peter Vallone Jr. (D-Astoria), an avid Harley-Davidson rider, is pushing for legislation that would make motorcycle parking free throughout the five boroughs. "We get tickets a lot," Vallone said of motorcyclists in the Big Apple. "That is unfair."

At issue are muni-meters; "There is no way for a motorcycle rider to affix a muni-meter (receipt) to their bike in a way that it won't blow away and it won't be stolen," Vallone said.

State Assemblyman Michael DenDekker (D-Jackson Heights), a fellow motorcyclist who recently received a \$65 parking fine, has joined with Councilman Vallone in supporting a law to give motorcyclists a free ride. Due to what he calls "a faulty system," DenDekker said making parking free for some 38,000 motorcyclists in New York City would put the brakes on the problem while being an environmentally sound move because motorcycles generate less pollution, need little space and use minimal gas.

"It would be a great idea to encourage other alternate forms of transportation like we're doing right now with bicycles," DenDekker said. "We also need to do that with motorcycles."

Joe Sessa, director of New York City Harley Owners Group, said the parking situation in the city is only getting worse, and American Brotherhood Motorcycle Club president John Cartier said bicyclists get help from the city, while motorcyclists don't. "We pay \$42.50 in registration fees and pay our taxes, too. We make our contribution and we're not getting anything back. We just want a level of equality."

R.I. SALES TAXES HIGHER FOR MOTORCYCLES THAN CARS

Normally, if you're buying a new car and you have a trade-in, you will only be charged sales tax on what you pay. But Rhode Island riders are roaring mad about an old law that forces motorcycle buyers to pay taxes on the full price of the bike regardless of the value of your trade-in.

Richard Unsworth of North Scituate, RI complained to a local news station that he was burned by \$600 in excess sales tax when he traded in his old bike on a new Harley-Davidson. "When I went to the registry I expected to pay about \$1,100 in taxes," he said. "When I got done, it was like \$1,700!"

That's because Unsworth was charged sales tax on the full price of the motorcycle, even though he had a trade-in valued at \$7,500. "My trade-in was taxed back in 1999," he added. "I'm paying again for the same \$7,500! I don't believe it's fair."

An investigation by WPRI-TV Call 12 For Action uncovered a law in Rhode Island that only allows passenger vehicles to get a reduction in sales tax for the trade-in. Passenger vehicles, according to the law, do not include motorcycles or pickup trucks.

"This was a law that was actually passed in the 1940s when pickup trucks were mainly used by farmers and motorcycles weren't that popular," said RI Tax Administrator David Sullivan. "Now that it's 2012, things have changed, but clearly the law hasn't."

According to Sullivan, the revenue hit would be about \$5-10 million a year if the General Assembly were to change the law to include all vehicles. That's not expected to happen in the near future. Although there have been several attempts by legislators to make the change, but it's been shot down every time.

LEGAL BATTLES CONTINUE OVER MONGOLS CLUB COLORS

An unprecedented federal government effort to seize the Mongols Motorcycle Club's trademark has quietly become a quarter-of-a-million-dollar headache for the Justice Department, reports McClatchy Newspapers. Four years after prosecutors grabbed national headlines by seizing the Mongols' logo, an appellate court must now sort out what the federal government might owe the club's attorneys.

It could be a lot, in a free-speech case that's also a cautionary tale about aggressive federal use of forfeiture to seize private property.

"What they did was an outrageous violation of the First Amendment, and an absolute abuse of forfeiture and trademark laws," American Civil Liberties Union attorney David Loy told the paper. Rebuking prosecutorial

overreach, a federal judge in Los Angeles ordered the Justice Department to pay \$253,206 to Loy and Alan Mansfield, an attorney with Consumer Law Group of California, who successfully challenged the prosecutors' attempt to seize the Mongols' trademark.

Forfeitures are big business for the federal government. Last year, the Justice Department seized some \$1.8 billion worth of forfeited assets. Typically, these are ill-gotten gains from drug trafficking, financial fraud and other criminal activity.

Los Angeles-based prosecutors claimed a huge haul in October 2008 when they announced mass indictments of Mongols MC members, and in addition to physical assets such as motorcycles, firearms and other property, prosecutors sought to claim the Mongols' trademarked name and logo. "If any law enforcement officer sees a Mongol wearing his patch, he will be authorized to stop that gang member and literally take the jacket right off his back," then-U.S. Attorney Thomas P. O'Brien declared at the time. But a judge in Los Angeles ruled last year that prosecutors had gone too far. The judge reasoned that the trademark belonged to the organization, not to individuals, and therefore unindicted club members should still enjoy the right to use it.

Last February, another federal judge added that the Justice Department had to pay for the trademark fight because the government "violated settled First Amendment and trademark law." "The novelty of the government's position did not make it substantially justified," U.S. District Judge David O. Carter ruled. "Rather, it took unlawful action based on an ungrounded and unsubstantiated legal theory, and without sufficient factual support." Because the complex case "arose at the intersection of forfeiture, trademark and First Amendment law," Carter added, attorneys deserved the fair-market rates of between \$525 and \$650 an hour for the 461 hours spent challenging the government.

The Justice Department is appealing the judge's order to pay, however, with the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals likely to hear the case next year.

PALESTINIANS CRACK DOWN ON MOTORCYCLES

Lawmakers in Gaza have continued their draconian campaign against motorcycle usage, taking the bold step of banning the import of spare parts for motorcycles into the ancient Palestinian city.

Interior Ministry official Hassan Akashed has admitted that the move aims to directly reduce the number of motorcycles, which he claims are a main cause of car accidents.

According to visordown.com, motorcyclists in the city have been subject to an ongoing crack down, banning them from riding after midnight, and restricting women from riding. The Interior Ministry recently announced that it was banning women from riding bikes or being pillion passengers, to limit accidents and "protect community values."

Israel's blockade of Gaza has meant that parts for cars have been impossible to get hold of and the cost of maintaining them has become unsustainable for most. As a result, motorcycles have seen a huge surge in popularity. Just five years ago there were only about a dozen or so motorcycles in the city, but the number of motorcycles in Gaza had grown to around 15,000 by 2010.

EUROPEAN BIKERS PROTEST VEHICLE-INSPECTION PLAN

Thousands of motorcyclists rolled into Belgium to protest an EU proposal for regular mandatory bike inspections. The law would be "expensive and useless," said representatives from the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Association (FEMA) who met with European Union officials EU headquarters in Brussels as more than 4,500 motorcycles roared through the city's streets, protesting the proposed law that would introduce mandatory EU-wide road-worthiness tests for motorcycles.

The new EU-wide regulations would supersede national safety inspection rules for four-wheel and two-wheel vehicles, and FEMA said the law would offer "no benefits expected in terms of safety, as proven by several independent studies."

Members of Belgium's Federation of Angry Bikers (FBMC) turned out in large numbers for the protest. "Only 0.3 percent of motorcycle accidents in Belgium and 0.6 percent in Europe are due to technical problems," FBMC head Joe Verrecke told the Belgian news agency Belga.

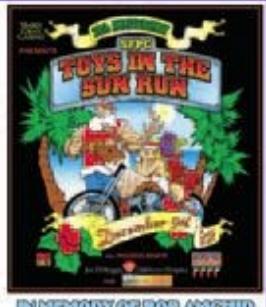
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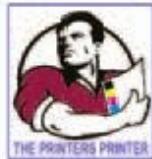
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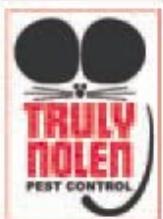
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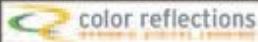
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ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

October 28th, 2012

The meeting was brought to order at 11:35am, by VicePresident Dan “Slo-Motion” Henderson, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence. There were twenty nine members and no guests present. President Ed “Nighthawk” Lattari – In the excused absence of the President, Vice President Dan “Slo-Motion” Henderson read the following statement prepared by the **President**.

“Well the holidays are fast approaching and so is a busy schedule for our chapter. This time of year our chapter participates in many worthwhile events. On November 18th the same day as our meeting, will be the Bikers of Palm Beach Poker Run and Toy Drive Kickoff Party. Since the poker run will be going on during our meeting we will have a ride over to the Kickoff Party at the Wings of Gold MC clubhouse afterward. This benefits the Toy Run in December for the Boys and Girls club of Palm Beach. If you can’t make the meeting, meet us at the party!

The Saturday after Thanksgiving November 24th will once again be “Nighthawks Third Annual Pot Luck B.B.Q. and Social”. This is a party for the chapter members to just hang out and have a good time. It’s an opportunity for the members to get to know each other better. This has been popular since the first one and hope that if you’re a new member or been around awhile, you’ll stop by. December 2nd from 2-7 pm will be our Annual Freedom Rights Rally at Renegades. This event will be after Bill’s Bikes Memorial Toy Drive benefiting Toys for Tots. I hope that many will head over to our event afterward to continue the fun. The band L3-16 will be in the house to rock the party. Make sure you mark the event on the calendar and bring your friends! Once again we’ll be needing volunteers to help out at the event. Special thanks go out to Foxybabe for all her hard work on our event!

In other news, ABATE of Florida is giving away \$10,000.! That’s right 10 grand! AND it could be you!!! All you need is the winning ticket for this year’s cash drawing. Drawing will be at the ABATE campground in Deland during Bike Week. Tickets are only \$5 each and a maximum of 7500 will be sold. So don’t miss your chance!

As always I’d like to thank those that make the group rides. These rides are important to the continuing success of the chapter. If you haven’t made one lately I hope you’ll join us on one soon. Also don’t forget to make sure you’re on the email and text alert system for the latest info on what’s going on. Also check the calendar in the newsletter for happenings going on. Don’t forget about the open houses that happen during the week at the local MC’s clubhouses. They need our support and it’s also a good time, so stop by!”

Vice President Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson – briefly discussed the ABATE state raffle tickets, upcoming local events, the need for volunteer help for Charlie “Niblick” Wenger running the safety table, and the need for volunteers for Bike Week in March.

Secretary Charles “CB” Barcellona - A sign up sheet for the next ABATE State meeting was handed out. CB reminded people to vote on Election Day.

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

Sgt-at-Arms Pete “Petee” Carroll – discussed the Chapter newsletter, the Chrome Chronicles, with distribution increasing, and possible, due to lower printing costs. CB discussed printing costs, explaining that further work was beginning to progress to reduce toner expenses. Slo-Motion explained strategy for enticing new advertisers into the Chrome Chronicles.

Product Trustee Pro Tem Lisa “Pookie” Miller – made a brief presentation on Chapter products.

Membership Trustee Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger – reported that there are 234 current Chapter members, and also reported on new members, attrition, and renewals.

Safety Trustee Charlie “Niblick” Wenger – Stressed the importance of pictures, to be taken in the even of an accident. Help is needed, running the safety booth, for the Harley-Davidson of Palm Beach Anniversary Party. Niblick went on to announce that he has been asked by State President Danny “Doc” Fish, to be seated as the ABATE State Safety Director. Niblick has not yet decided to accept or decline the position.

Legislative Trustee Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson – Reminded the Chapter to vote. Local and state elections and campaigns were discussed. Slo-Motion also stated that there is a growing recognition to mandate Drivers Education in schools.

State Delegate Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson – discussed the fiscal state of ABATE of Florida, and stressed the need for ABATE of Florida to do well with the current fund raising drive through the sale of raffle tickets.

Newsletter Trustee Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson – further discussed Chrome Chronicle details, including temporary reduction in the number of pictures, the need for better print quality, increased distribution, and the upcoming “mailed copy postage fee” in order to receive a mailed copy of the Chrome Chronicles.

Old Business – No old business was brought up for discussion

New Business – Due to Charlie “Niblick” Wenger's possible acceptance of an ABATE State level position, the motion was made to cover travel expenses for any Chapter member who holds an ABATE State Board of Directors position, in the same manner as the Chapter reimburses the Chapter's State Delegates. The motion was seconded and will be voted upon during the November Chapter meeting. The Chapter Board of Directors is working on moving the Chapter's Post Office Box to a location suitable for use by the current Board. A reminder was made that there is a new postage fee for the Chrome Chronicles, as of January, 2013.

Good of the Order – Chapter ride suggestions were discussed. CB stressed the importance of pictures in any accident, citing a recent personal need for the same. Local events were discussed. Slo-Motion reminded the Chapter that if a ticket is issued for not wearing a helmet, due to no proof of insurance, fight it in court, as it will be dismissed. The question of life membership reciprocity between ABATE organizations in other states was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40pm

This concludes the minutes of the October 28th, 2012 meeting of ABATE Palm Beach Chapter.

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