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**CHECK TWICE
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**LET THOSE
WHO RIDE
DECIDE!**



**Accident Avoidance -
Never Look'em In The Eyes**

I've heard people say to "always look him in the eye" so you know where he's coming from. Well that might be good advice in some cases, but not when you're riding a motorcycle.

Consider the situation where you are riding down the road and approach a side street where there is a car stopped at a stop sign. He's supposed to wait for you to pass before he pulls out. Too many times I've heard motorcycle accident survivors say that they looked the driver of the car right in the eye - and then he pulled out anyway.

The bottom line is that you should not look cagers in the eye, but instead, **look at their wheels**. Their eyes will lie to you, but their wheels will always tell the truth. By looking at their wheels, you can detect the slightest movement and in which direction long before looking at any other part of the vehicle or the driver. This gives you additional valuable reaction time that could prevent an accident and even save your life.

So if you don't look them in the eye, does that make you paranoid? You bet! But its a good kind of paranoid. Bikers that are too trusting tend to get run over and killed a lot. So at least while you're on the bike, being paranoid is a good thing. Never trust other motorists to respect your right of way. Always ride like you are invisible and all the cagers are out to get you.

Doing so will help keep you from becoming a statistic.

Ride safe and ride smart.
Dennis "Data" Hawkins

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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.

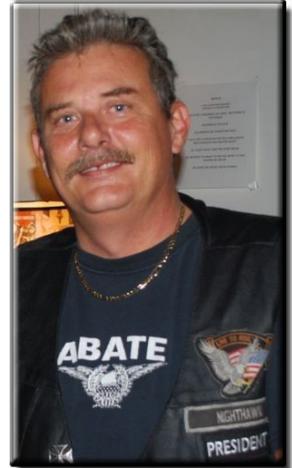
At the state level we have a paid registered lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital in Tallahassee to lobby our legislators on the issues concerning the motorcycling public in Florida. He also finds reliable House and Senate sponsors for the bills we support. On the national level we are aligned 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.

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President's Message "Nighthawk"

Once again a good time was had by the chapter at "Nighthawks Annual Pot Luck B.B.Q. and Social". This was the third one that I have thrown for the chapter. For those of you have missed it, I'm sure you'll hear about it from those that made it. I'd like to thank everyone who came out to have a good time with their ABATE brothers and sisters. It's good to see that our family of regular participants is growing. My goal has always been to get the chapter to be one very large group of friends who ride together and promote our goal of biker rights, safety and awareness.



With that said, it's time for our ANNUAL FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY! This year it's December 2nd at Renegades starting at 2pm. This is a very important event for the chapter and I hope you'll help out if you can. At the very least show up with a bunch of your friends and family! L3-16 will be rocking the house. There will be drink specials and all the usual goodies!

Coming up December 9th is the South Florida Presidents Council annual Toys in the Sun Run. This is the largest toy run in the world! It is also in my opinion the best one day event you'll ever attend. As usual we will be meeting up to ride in before the parade gets there. This year's headliners are Queensrych and Warrant. There will be hundreds of food and biker related vendors. Great time to do some holiday shopping for a biker you know or maybe even your favorite president! OK, maybe not, but don't miss out on the fun!

December 15th will be the Bikers of Palm Beach Toy Run benefitting the Boys and Girls Club of the Palm Beaches. This run ends at the Boys and Girls Club for a party with the kids. You'll get to meet the kids who benefit from this event and get to see the joy on their faces! This is different than your usual toy run where you don't see where your donation ends up.

I'd like to wish all my ABATE brothers and sisters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As always I'd like to thank the members and board members that give their time. This is what makes this chapter work. I hear people tell me what a great job I've done with the chapter, well when they tell me that; I make sure they know it's not me. It's everybody doing their jobs that make me look good! I'm very proud of what WE have accomplished in the last 6 months. I've always known what this chapter was capable of under the right conditions. I'm hoping 2013 will be ABATE Palm Beach's best year yet!

Also don't forget raffle tickets are still available for the 10 grand cash drawing at Bike Week. Also I hope your making plans to attend our big camping extravaganza at the ABATE campground for Bike Week! 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

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

December 9 Sunday GROUP FUN RIDE SFPC Annual Toys in the Sun Run

December 15 Saturday GROUP FUN RIDE Bikers of Palm Beach Toy Run for the Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County

December 16 Sunday Chapter Meeting

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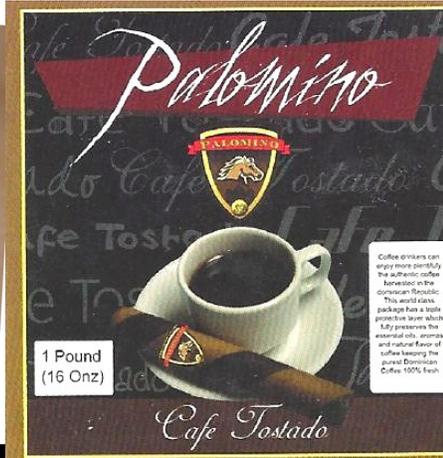
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We hope you come, or came, to our December 2nd event after Bill's Bikes Toy Run. Should be a great time with vendors like those above. Thanks to those who donated door prizes. While Boog N Geez did have another commitment, they gave us some great prizes. Great band too.

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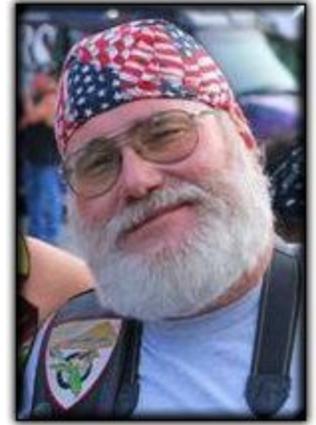
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Vice President's Message - Slo Motion



How do you tell how many ABATE Palm Beach chapter members are at an event? With many not wearing vests, patches, chapter shirts, belonging to other groups/clubs and riding with them, it is not an easy task. With over 340 Members who can know them all? We have no mandatory rides or meetings, so everything is volunteer. But we have been getting good turnouts. For the Palm Beach Haley Anniversary Poker Run we had 25 bikes together. Some were not members, but always welcome to join us. Many more showed up at the party at the dealership. Now that is true brotherhood and sisterhood since we are open to all. We had another good turnout at the Fly-In Wheels MC party.

That was where I spoke with member "Sgary" about the Foster accident months ago. Remember this was where an unlicensed, illegal alien turned into and hit him. Fellow riding witnesses said the Officer was even going to ticket him until they insisted he did! This led to my proposed bill to treat such just like DUI—stay in jail until proof is shown. I still want this to be a felony charge and if an officer didn't enforce the law, he would also be charged. I gave this to the ABATE State office and need to follow up at next state meeting. *Muzzleflash* reported to me that his department did go after such persons. New member Laura said she thought was fact that Police and Immigration don't work together. Sgary told me he brought this to the attention of Congressman Allen West who spoke with Palm Beach Sheriff Bradshaw. He seemed disturbed by this and wanted to know who the officer was. So Ron let them know and see that the system can work.

Speaking of Allen West, he finally lost his appeal for the election of Federal Congress Seat 18 in that very close race. Overall I believe ABATE did well with the winners in our area. I was glad Maria Sachs won the FL Senate seat again. She has already put in a strong anti-cell phone bill which I think we support. I have more information on this and other legislative news from ABATE state rep "Scribe" under my Legislative/Delegate report as Tallahassee is in session again. I have included a list of our election winners and have updated our website with the information. Now is the time to congratulate them all and begin to work with them. They DO like to hear from their voters, be nice regardless and work to get them to understand our point of view. After all, who doesn't want safer roads??

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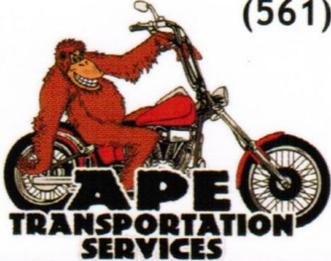
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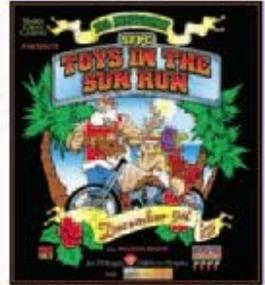
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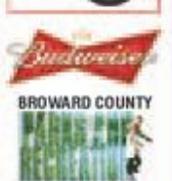
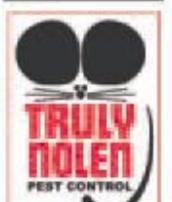
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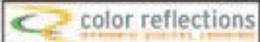
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JANUARY
 6 - States MC 18th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
 13 - Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day
 19 - Wheels of Man MC Indian River Party
 20 - SE ABATE semi-annual event
 27 - DER KRIEGER MC Annual

FEBRUARY
 2 - ALTERNATIVE MC Ft. Laud. Annual
 3 - THIRD TRADITION Annual
 9 - USMVMC Homestead Party
 10 - AOA MC Ft. Laud. Valentines Day Annual
 17 - STATES MC Lake Worth Annual
 23 - WHEELS OF MAN MC DB 40th Annual
 24 - KELTICS MC Broward Annual

MARCH
 3 - HERMANDAD MC Annual
 8th-17 - Daytona Bike Week
 24 - FIASCO BROTHERS MC Annual
 30 - BLACK PISTONS MC Annual
 31 - CMA Easter Service

APRIL
 6 - USMVMC Martin Cty party
 7 - STATES MC Pompano Annual
 13 - Mystic 7 MC party
 20 - OUTCAST MC Annual
 21 - AOA WPB Party
 27 & 28 - Leesburg

MAY
 5 - SOUTHERN MC Annual
 11 - Wings of Gold MC P.S.L. Chili Cook Off
 18 - USMV MC PB Annual
 19 - WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI Annual
 26 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

JUNE
 2 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
 8 - NEW ATTITUDES MC Annual
 9 - WINGS OF GOLD MC PB Annual
 15 - AOA Jerry & Roger 1ster's Memorial
 22 - ABATE Palm Beach Party
 23 - WINGS OF GOLD MC Ft. Laud Annual
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 6 - WHEELS OF MAN MC IRC Annual
 7 - AOA MC WPB Annual
 14 - STATES MC LW party
 20 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook off
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AUGUST
 3 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Party
 8-18 73rd Annual Sturgis Bike Week
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SEPTEMBER
 7 - Outcast MC Party
 8 - States Pompano MC 20th Key West Party
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 22 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party
 29 - Keltics MC Party

OCTOBER
 5 - MYSTIC SEVEN MC Annual
 6 - ROUGH RIDERS MC Annual
 12 - New Attitudes MC Party
 13 - SE ABATE Annual Party
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 26 - Wheels of Man Deerfield Halloween Party
 27 - ALTERNATIVE MC PB Annual

NOVEMBER
 3 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual
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 9 - CMA Memorial Event
 16 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Party
 17 - Wings of Gold MC PB Party
 24 - USMV MC Martin County Toy Run

DECEMBER
 1 - ABATE Palm Beach annual party
 8 - SFPC Toys in the Sun Run
 14 - Toy Run Bike Drawing at Peterson's Harley
 14 - Hermandad MC Alfredo Pena Memorial Run
 15 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Toy Drive
 15 - Wings of Gold MC Mia Wild Santa Toy Run
 21 - SFLCOC Christmas Party
 22 - Calvary Chapel Christmas Service

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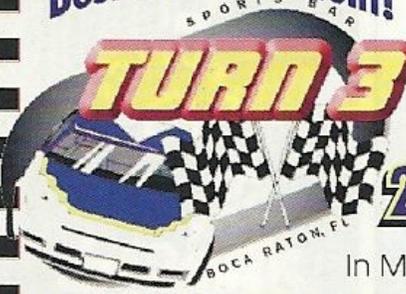
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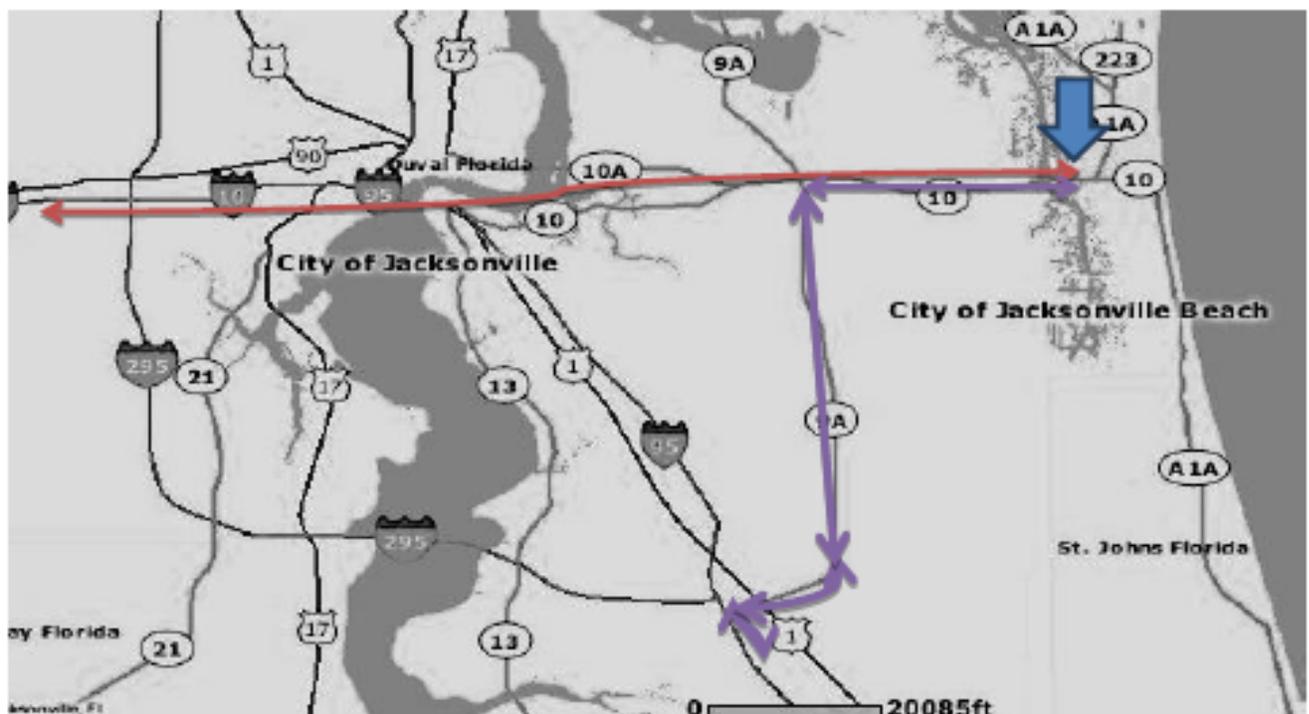
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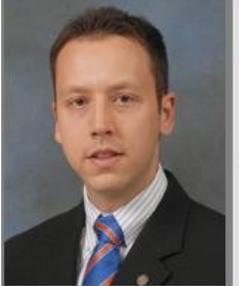
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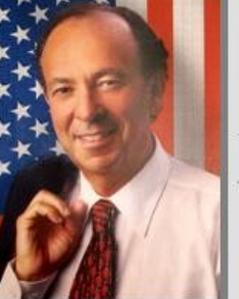
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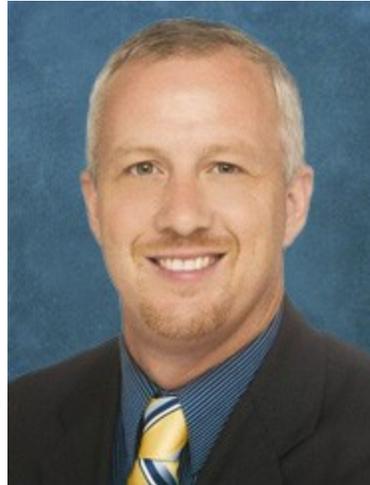
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Apple bought Lightning trademark from Harley-Davidson

By [David Goldman@CNMoneyTech](mailto:David.Goldman@CNMoneyTech) November 26, 2012: 1:14 PM ET

NEW YORK (CNMoney) -- Apple officially landed the European trademark over the weekend on the Lightning name for its new mobile connector, but local regulatory filings show that Apple had to buy the rights from motorcycle maker Harley-Davidson.

As the patent blog [Patently Apple](#) first reported, Harley had been granted the Lightning trademark in Europe in 2005 for a line of motorcycles and parts, though it doesn't appear that the company ever brought any bikes to market with that name. Harley-Davidson ([HOG, Fortune 500](#)) did not respond to a request for comment.

Apple ([AAPL, Fortune 500](#)) was officially granted two European trademark registrations for "Lightning" on Nov. 24. The trademarks were only partially transferred from Harley, meaning that Hogs could carry the Lightning name in the future.

Financial terms of the deal weren't disclosed.

The trademarks Apple received cover a broad list of items, from motorcycle electrical parts and speedometers to audio and video equipment. They also cover vending machines, slot and pinball machines, Christmas tree ornaments, golf tees, cat toys, television sets and eyeglasses.

Though the list was likely generated by Harley to cover all of its potential marketing bases, the TV and eyeglasses inclusions piqued some interest in the blogosphere. Could Apple be planning an iTV, or glasses that include the Lightning connector? If so, the company is now covered -- in Europe, at least. An Apple spokeswoman was unavailable to comment for this story.

Apple unveiled its new eight-prong Lightning connector in September when the company [debuted the iPhone 5](#). It's much tinier than the 30-pin connector that had been Apple's standard since 2003, and it now helps power the iPad Mini, fourth-generation iPad and much of the iPod lineup, in addition to the latest iPhone.

Though Apple says the smaller connector was necessary to miniaturize its product lineup, customers with legacy hardware have cried foul that [Apple is charging \\$20 and up for an adapter](#). Cheap knockoffs have made their way to market, despite new restrictions put in place by Apple [to prevent copycats](#). ■

<http://money.cnn.com/2012/11/26/technology/mobile/apple-lightning-harley-davidson/>

[Feds probe BMW motorcycles for fuel leak problem](#)

[The Associated Press](#) | November 20, 2012 09:46 AM EST | Associated Press

DETROIT — Federal safety regulators are investigating older BMW R-Series motorcycles for gasoline leaks that could cause fires.

The probe affects about 24,000 motorcycles from the 2005 through 2008 model years sold in the U.S. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says the housing around the fuel pump can crack and leak gasoline. No fires or injuries have been reported, but the safety agency has received 28 complaints from owners of the bikes. At least two owners say that gas soaked their pant legs. Investigators will check into how often the leaks happen and determine if a recall is necessary.

Motorcycle from "Tron: Legacy" on sale for \$75K

Wednesday, November 14, 2012



A perfect replica of the motorbike from the 2011 film Tron Legacy, powered by an electric motor, is being sold for \$75,000 which includes matching leather racing suit and crash helmet.

If you're a biker who loves film, wants to stand out from the crowd, like the idea of exclusivity, want to combine head-turning looks and thrill seeking with environmental awareness, and you have a spare \$75,000, then this is the motorbike for you.

This custom-built, life-size replica of the electric hubless-wheel motorcycle from sci-fi hit Tron Legacy, complete with integrated iPad and finished in black with orange luminescent strips is currently being sold by Miami, Florida-based Wheels 4 Mansions. The price tag also includes a bespoke crash helmet and leather suit and the company promises that the owner, upon taking delivery, will have to change their number as their phone will not stop ringing once they start riding it.

Dean's motorcycle to be displayed at state museum

Updated 11:51 a.m., Sunday, November 11, 2012

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A motorcycle belonging to Indiana native James Dean will soon be on display at the [Indiana State Museum](#).

The Indianapolis Star reports (<http://indy.st/WGff2n>) the 1955 500cc Triumph is part of the museum's upcoming "[Eternal James Dean](#)" exhibit and will go on display Nov. 23.

The "Rebel Without a Cause" star Dean made three movies before he was killed in a traffic accident at the age of 24.

The museum's display won't include the Porsche he was driving when he was killed, but it will feature a 1949 Ford that Dean borrowed from his uncle to take his date to his high school prom.

Dean was born in Marion and grew up in Fairmount.

Information from: The Indianapolis Star, <http://www.indystar.com>

Read more: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Dean-s-motorcycle-to-be-displayed-at-state-museum-4027632.php#ixzz2DFnAnfgJ>

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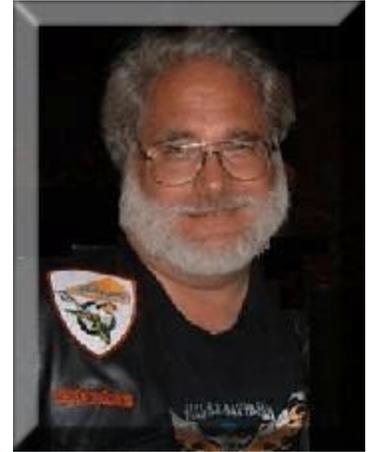
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LEGISLATIVE & DELEGATE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON



As I covered most of my material in the VP message, I will go into reports from the State Legislative Trustee Darring "Scribe" Brooks. Next month I will report State Meeting.

Legislative session begins

The Florida legislators were officially sworn in today and the Senate has already placed Bills for the session. For those of you that have been with us in the past, welcome back!! For those that are new to the Chapter Legislative position, I give you a warm welcome and my heartfelt thanks for stepping up and taking part in THE most exciting job in ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Today the House and Senate in Florida help their swearing in ceremonies and started the filing of Bills and very soon the committees will start to meet. As I have done in the past, I will continue to pass along the Bills that affect ABATE and other Bills that I think would be of interest to our members. Not all the Bills that I will inform you about are motorcycle related, some will be just general interest. I will let you know which Bills ABATE of Florida, Inc. officially supports or opposes. ABATE of Florida, Inc. can only support or oppose a Bill that the State Delegates approve.

If you or your Chapter have a general interest in topic, please let me know and I will keep an eye out for Bills in that area of interest. Besides being a member of ABATE of Florida, Inc., you and all of our members are also private citizens and you have the right to be informed and to contact your legislators on any issue that your desire. I strongly encourage you and all our members to actively participate in the legislative process. If there is anything that I can do to help you, please do not hesitate to ask me.

On a final note, I was appointed this summer by the Speaker of the House to serve on an 18 member purple ribbon task force on the development and implementation of Florida's policy and procedures for dealing with the treatment and care to people with Alzheimer's disease.

Oh.. One more thing.. (those of you that attend the State Delegates meeting have heard me say that before)..... Following this email you will be getting the first of many Bill updates...

Texting Bill introduced

Drivers would be banned from manually typing or reading texts, emails or other electronic messages while operating a car under legislation filed in the Senate Tuesday.

The measure (SB 52), filed by Sen. Nancy Detert, R-Venice, calls for the offense to be what is known as a "secondary offense," meaning officers could only ticket people for texting while driving if they've stopped them for some other traffic violation. That is, if a police officer sees someone texting they wouldn't be able to pull them over – but if they see someone speeding and texting, they could tack on extra charges for texting in addition to the speeding penalty.

Drivers would still be able to read navigational devices or electronic maps without incurring a penalty under the proposal. Reading weather alerts or other safety-related information would also be exempt, as would using a hands-free voice-recognition application.

Texting while driving would be a nonmoving violation, punishable by a \$30 fine, under the bill. Detert's bill is yet to be referred to committee.

Lawmakers will be in full session in March, but bills can be filed now and committee meetings on proposed legislation start Dec. 3. Detert's was among the first measures in the Senate to emerge from bill drafting for the coming year.

The National Transportation Safety Board has urged Florida and other states to ban the use of cell phones for texting or talking while driving. The NTSB said last year that distracted driving, some of it due to cell phone use, contributed to nearly 4,000 highway deaths a year, citing National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data. About a quarter of American drivers admit they sometimes text and drive. The issue is on the NTSB's "most wanted" list for changes in transportation safety nationwide.

According to the National Conference on State Legislatures, Florida is one of only five states without some sort of ban on texting while driving. The others are Montana, South Dakota, Arizona, and South Carolina.

Detert has sponsored the proposal in at least the past two previous years with no success, despite generally bipartisan support.

The idea has generally been met with opposition from Libertarian-leaning lawmakers from rural areas who have a philosophical aversion to government imposing additional safety laws. It has also been opposed by some minority legislators, who fear giving police additional reasons to target drivers because of concerns about racial profiling – though Detert's bill wouldn't allow police to proactively pull drivers over just for texting.

Two legislators who in the past have held the legislation up in committee – former Sen. Ellyn Bogdanoff in the Senate and former Rep. Brad Drake in the House – are no longer in the Legislature.

Ten states — California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and West Virginia — and the District of Columbia have banned hand-held phone use by all drivers.

Several other states, including Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Massachusetts and Florida's neighboring states of Alabama and Georgia, have a primary enforcement ban on texting while driving. Some states, such as Texas, have a texting ban just for younger drivers.

HIGH COURT: EITHER DRIVER CAN CAUSE REAR-END CRASH

Faced with conflicting lower-court decisions, the Florida Supreme Court issued a pair of rulings Wednesday that could give a legal boost to motorists who crash into other vehicles from behind. The cases center, at least in part, on a longstanding legal presumption that rear drivers are negligent in vehicle collisions. But the justices ruled that the presumption can be rebutted "by the production of evidence from which a jury could conclude that the front driver was negligent in the operation of his or her vehicle." The court ruled in cases from Seminole and Palm Beach counties. The Seminole County case, for example, stemmed from a 2007 accident in which Crystal Charron was a passenger on a motorcycle that flipped when its driver tried to avoid hitting the rear end of a car driven by Warren Birge. A circuit court sided with Birge in a resulting lawsuit, but the 5th District Court of Appeal reversed that decision because it said a jury could have found that Birge was negligent. The Supreme Court opinion said Birge was driving 35 mph and slammed on his brakes "for no objective reason," surprising other people on the road. "Significantly, this court has never held that the rear-end presumption bars a claim for damages of a rear driver or others in the rearward zone of danger where there is evidence from which a jury could conclude that the front driver defendant was negligent and comparatively at fault in causing the collision," said the opinion, which was written by Justice Jorge Labarga. The other justices concurred in the decision, though Justice James E.C. Perry was recused.

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

Here is another cell phone Bill that has been filed in the Senate.

SACHS FILES BILL TO BAR USE OF CELL PHONES WHILE DRIVING

Sen. Maria Sachs, D-Delray Beach, has filed a far-ranging bill to bar Floridians from using hand-held cell phones while driving. The measure (SB 74) would ban texting while driving, already the focus of another bill, but would add talking while driving to the list of prohibited activities. Cell phones could be used with hands-free technology. Texting while driving was an issue in Sachs' incumbent-vs.-incumbent race against former Sen. Elynn Bogdanoff, R-Fort Lauderdale.

Here is an interesting story, most of you will remember the name Bryan Nelson from Apopka, the Representative from Apopka. to put it mildly, he is not a supporter of ABATE of Florida, Inc.

HOUSE INSURANCE CRITIC UNHAPPY WITH COMMITTEE

The appointment of an insurance agent, Rep. Bryan Nelson, R-Apopka, to chair the House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee in the House isn't sitting well with one of the industry's fiercest critics in the chamber. Rep. Mike Fasano, R-New Port Richey, coming off eight years in the Senate and elected in November to the House, told the Miami Herald-St. Petersburg Times Tallahassee bureau for a story Tuesday that the appointment was like "the wolf guarding the hen house." Fasano also said: "Bryan Nelson carries water for the insurance industry," and that having Nelson as chair would be one of the "worst things to happen to the consumer." In addition to opposing Nelson's appointment, Fasano is also miffed that nobody from the Pasco-Hernando County area, where sinkhole insurance rates have been a huge issue, was put on the committee. Nelson is founder of Nelson's Insurance Agency in Apopka.

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Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Monterey, California July 19-21

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Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis, Indiana (Harley-Davidson XR1200) August 16-18, 2013

TBA August/September

New Jersey Motorsports Park, Millville, New Jersey September 13-15, 2013

Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, Monterey, California September 26-28, 2013

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

This year's national Christmas Tree is being delivered to Washington, D.C. in a specially-decorated Mack truck driven by former U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, a long-serving member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF) and member of the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame.

As an avid motorcyclist, Campbell was one of motorcycling's staunchest allies in Congress, representing Colorado from 1993-2005.

"It is a privilege to drive the tree for the U.S. Capitol from Colorado this year," remarked Campbell, who still has his commercial driver's license. The 2012 Capitol Christmas Tree tour began Nov. 9 in Meeker, CO where the 73-foot Engleman spruce was harvested, and will take nearly a month to reach the Capitol with scheduled stopovers in Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

ARIZONA TO ELIMINATE ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE EMISSIONS TESTING

Maricopa County is the only place in America that requires emissions testing for motorcycles, but it won't be for much longer according to a recent report from MMA of Arizona Lobbyist Bobbi Hartmann, who is also a member of the NCOM-Legislative Task Force; "The EPA is about to APPROVE the ADEQ's State Implementation Plan (SIP), requesting the ELIMINATION OF EMISSIONS ON MOTORCYCLES IN MARICOPA COUNTY!!!" Emphasis included, so you can read into it the emotion and thrill of success after ten years of effort to eliminate the last motorcycle emissions test in the U.S.

After the Kentucky Motorcycle Association (KMA/KBA) successfully removed motorcycles from their state's emissions testing several years ago, Arizona was the lone state to still require it, but testing was limited to only Maricopa County (Phoenix) after motorcyclists successfully lobbied to end emission tests for motorcycles in Pima County (Tucson).

Hartmann reports that she recently received a call from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), stating that although they had been expecting a "Disapproval Notice" from the EPA due to revised ozone levels at the federal level, their D.C. headquarters issued a Reversal of Opinion and approved their request for elimination of yearly motorcycle emissions in Maricopa/Pinal County (AREA A).

"ADEQ expects the proposed EPA action to be signed this week and published in the Federal Register within 2 weeks," explained Hartmann. "That starts the approximately 30 day Public Comment and EPA response to Public Comment period. Once that is complete, the EPA will sign the final action and then have 2 weeks to publish that in the Federal Register. The entire process should be FINAL and EFFECTIVE 60 days from that time frame, so the elimination of yearly emissions on motorcycles in AREA A should be effective by the end of first quarter of 2013 or before. It seems that all of our efforts from 2002 until now, have finally paid off!!"

CONGRATULATIONS to the motorcyclists' lobbying team representing a coalition led by ABATE of Arizona, the Modified Motorcycle Association (MMA) of Arizona and the Arizona Confederation of

Motorcycle Clubs (ACMC).

NOW HEAR THIS!

A flurry of scientific and medical studies lately have identified an inordinate amount of hearing loss in motorcyclists, due not to “loud pipes” but rather to air rushing past our ears at deafening intensities at highway speeds. After accelerating, most of the sound that a rider hears isn’t engine noise, it is wind noise, and audiologists admit that even helmets do not provide much protection against hearing loss caused by wind buffeting in and around a helmet.

Indeed, acoustical engineers say that audible wind noise inside a helmet can reach rock-concert levels as high as 115 decibels, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health warns that exposure to noise at 100 decibels is safe for only 15 minutes and permanent hearing loss can result from prolonged exposure -- so motorcycle riders in particular should pay attention to the warning signs: a ringing sound in the ears immediately after exposure, and hearing voices and other sounds as muffled.

Noise-induced hearing loss isn’t reversible, but it is preventable. While even the most expensive helmet won't provide significant protection against noise, an inexpensive pair of foam earplugs, readily available at drug stores, can reduce sound levels by 20 to 25 decibels.

However, this simple solution may also be illegal.

Even though riders have come to recognize that noise can be a serious health issue, many U.S. jurisdictions prohibit the use of earplugs, and one long road trip could take a rider through numerous changes in state and local laws.

Just ask Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Ralph C. Buss whose client, a truck driver from Michigan, was pulled over while riding his motorcycle in Ohio and given a ticket for wearing protective ear plugs!

The rider contacted ABATE of Ohio seeking assistance, and while ABATE looks into modifying the existing law to make allowances for motorcyclists to wear ear protection, they referred the motorcyclist to attorney Buss regarding the citation, which is a moving violation that in addition to a fine carries a 2 point penalty that could put his CDL and livelihood in jeopardy if he’s found guilty.

Although some states like California have changed their laws to allow riders to use hearing protectors, and Maryland allows custom-made earplugs only, most passed such laws years ago to thwart the use of stereo headphones while driving. The codes do not distinguish between earphones and earplugs; one being used for audio equipment and the other used for hearing protection -- so without case law to establish legislative intent, obsolete laws like Ohio’s need to be rectified, which according to Buss “is exactly why motorcyclists need organizations like ABATE to not only watchdog the legislature, working to pass pro-motorcycle laws and prevent anti-bike bills from passing, but also to clean-up old laws that need to take into consideration both motorcycles and motorcyclists.”

GEORGIA RIDES TOLL FREE

HOT lanes are replacing the HOV lanes on some interstates in Georgia starting with I-85, and will require a toll for their use by all vehicles except those which are exempt. Fortunately, just as motorcycles are able to use the existing HOV high occupancy lanes, they will be also permitted in the HOT lanes toll-free as exempt vehicles, but will need a Peach Pass device.

Peach Pass devices are available from Georgia’s State Road & Tollway Authority at 1-855-PCH-PASS (724-7277), or you can find more information at www.peachpass.com.

CALIFORNIA RESTRICTS PICKETING AT FUNERALS

California Governor Jerry Brown has signed legislation restricting protests at military and other funerals.

Senate Bill 661, by Senator Ted Lieu, D-Torrance, prohibits picketing a funeral within 300 feet of a burial or memorial site beginning one hour before a funeral and ending one hour after, having been amended to comply with a 2011 Supreme Court decision regarding protests of military funerals by members of the Westboro Baptist Church, known for its anti-Semitic and anti-gay views.

"Since time immemorial, society has respected the dignity and sacredness of putting the dead to rest," Lieu said in a prepared statement. "This bill recognizes the sanctity of funerals by placing reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on disruptive protestors."

MOTORCYCLES REMOVED FROM NTSB MOST-WANTED LIST

Although the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has called upon states and the federal government to pass motorcycle helmet laws for all riders, this year's annual "Top Ten Most Wanted List" of the agency's most important safety priorities no longer lists any motorcycle safety concerns.

After making the hit list the past three years, which are recommendations to government bodies that are often put into place through further laws and regulations, NTSB Chairman Deborah Hersman indicated that "Safety areas are dropped from the list when meaningful progress has been made."

COULD YOUR NEXT BIKE TALK...TO CARS?

Could your future Honda motorcycle converse with the car coming out of the side street up ahead to alert the driver that you're approaching?

Well, only if they are each fitted with technology that can communicate with similarly-equipped vehicles to keep each other out of harm's way, according to the picture Honda painted at the 19th World ITS (Intelligent Transportation Systems) Congress, held in Vienna in October.

The "Motorcycle Approaching Indication" application is a connectivity system that warns both driver and rider when it detects that there is an obscured vehicle potentially approaching their direction of travel. Honda first proposed such a system in 1999, and demoed a version in 2008 on a Gold Wing. It has since refined ITS for more compact bikes, and so far warning systems for the two most common types of car-bike collisions - T-boning and being cut off by a car turning left - have been demoed successfully.

ITS could potentially also communicate with roadside infrastructure, warning of hazards in the road.

WEIRD NEWS: BIKE THIEVES CRASH INTO ONE ANOTHER

Two heads aren't always better than one, as TWO bike thieves have landed up in the hospital after crashing their stolen motorcycles - into each other.

The bungling bikers collided and crashed on a roundabout in Sussex, England, after the two stolen bikes were seen being ridden at high speed together shortly before the collision.

DON'T SMILE FOR THE CAMERA

New Jersey residents may not have much to smile about in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, but that'll make it easier to comply with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission's ban on smiling for driver's license photos.

That's because, according to the National Motorists Association (NMA), drivers showing off their pearly whites apparently confuses the new facial recognition software New Jersey launched earlier this year. The stated aim of the system is to prevent people from acquiring driver's licenses under alternate identities

by comparing photographs in the database.

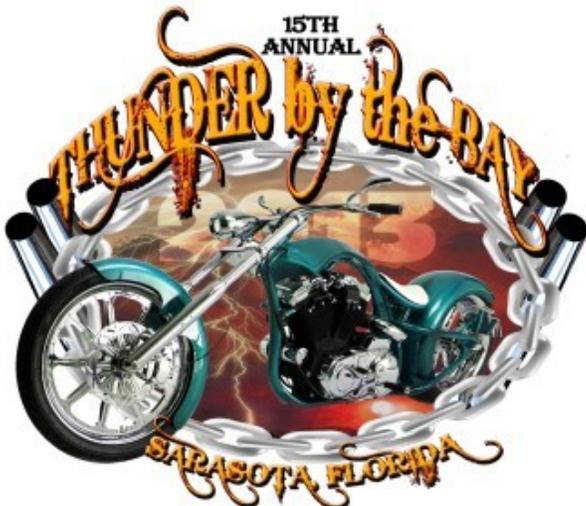
New Jersey is not alone in its integration of facial recognition into the driver's licensing process. According to the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, most states use some form of driver's license facial recognition.

Welcome to the world of biometrics -- the use of unique physical or behavioral characteristics to verify an individual's identity, and as surveillance cameras become ubiquitous and capable of recording finer detail, tracking of individuals (whether they're in their cars, or not) will become easier and easier.

In the wake of 9/11, policymakers called for stronger national standards to verify the identity of driver's license applicants. This led to the Real ID Act of 2005 which established requirements for a national identification system based on the driver's license. Among the 18 benchmarks the states must comply with is the implementation of facial recognition.

Despite being enacted seven years ago, Real ID has not been fully implemented. Many states, citing a range of privacy and budget concerns, have rejected the act through statute or legislative resolution, or have simply refused to comply.

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ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes November 18th, 2012

The Presidents gavel was struck at 11:30am, bringing the meeting to order, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence. There were twenty eight members present.

President Ed “Nighthawk” Lattari – Thanked everyone present for their recent and continued efforts at supporting Group Fun Rides and Chapter participation in local events. Special thanks to Big Bad Fred and CB for contributing their gift to the Chapter - a new custom gavel and strike plate. Nighthawk expressed his high regard for the efforts of over twenty five riders, at the recent Palm Beach Harley-Davidson poker run, putting in a very good showing for the Chapter, and for their riding well, and safely, together as a cohesive group. Reminder was given for the 3rd Annual BBQ and Social, at Nighthawk’s home, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Volunteers are needed for the Chapter's December 2nd event at Renegade's. There is also a planning meeting at Renegades at 8pm on November 28th. Local M/C council events were discussed. An invitation was extended to the entire Chapter to attend the ABATE Campground during Daytona Bike Week.

Vice President Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson – Local law enforcement issues were discussed, including the issue of officers reluctance to perform their duty when dealing with unlicensed illegal aliens. The Chapter was urged to report any officer they observed failing to perform their duty to their respective departments or agencies. Recent election results were discussed, and Slo Motion reminded the Chapter to contact their local representatives.

Secretary Charles “CB” Barcellona - Reminded the Chapter about the December 8th ABATE State Meeting. A sign up sheet for the next ABATE State meeting was handed out. CB also reminded the Chapter of the importance of signing in at the Chapter meetings.

Treasurer Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger – Gave a detailed and complete financial report. The Chapter is sound financially.

Membership Trustee Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger – A report on new members, attrition, and renewals was presented, citing 232 current members.

Sgt-at-Arms Pete “Petee” Carroll – Asked for volunteers to help at the December 2nd Chapter event at Renegade's.

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

Legislative Trustee Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson – Informed the Chapter that in the wake of recent elections, there are still legislators sympathetic to ABATE in office.

State Delegate Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson – reminded the Chapter that there is no need to respond to insurance company requests, by the company that offers ABATE's insurance to membership. Members were asked to report unwarranted contact by insurance companies to the ABATE State Office. The Chapter was reminded about the State Meeting, December 8th.

Newsletter Trustee Dan “Slo Motion Henderson – Slo Motion announced that there would be an eighteen dollar fee, only to cover postage, for those members wanting The Chrome Chronicles mailed to them individually. The Chapter was reminded, by Nighthawk, that the printed Chapter newsletter is free, and available free from many vendors and motorcycling businesses, as well as free at Chapter meetings, and the new fee is only for individual mailing, to cover postage cost of \$1.50 per copy.

Safety Trustee Charlie “Niblick” Wenger – Absent (excused)

Old Business – The agenda item concerning the financial support for Chapter members who were also members of the ABATE State Board of Directors, was postponed one month. There are still ABATE State prize-drawing tickets needing to be sold.

New Business – No new business

Good of the Order – Nighthawk can meet with Members at Bills Toy Run, on December 2nd, prior to his riding to Renegade's for the Chapter event. Volunteers are needed to give out event fliers at Bill's Toy Run. Various local events were discussed. CB reminded everyone present, that people at the Freedom Rights Rally, will need to take breaks, and requested that everyone help out just a little, so that nobody had to work a position the entire day. Nighthawk pulled the winning 50/50 ticket and donated his share to the Chapter.

The Meeting was adjourned, with the President striking the gavel at 12:30pm.

This concludes the minutes of the November 18th, 2012 meeting of ABATE Palm Beach Chapter.

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[Seven Inducted into AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame](http://www.ultimatemotorcycling.com/2012/seven-inducted-into-ama-motorcycle-hall-of-fame) [Ultimate MotorCycling | News and Reviews](#)

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Motorcycle merchant has traveled from 'Titanic' to vintage bikes

<http://www.ocregister.com/news/williams-377972-bikes-vintage.html>

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Former Linton resident holds world motorcycle speed record (female)

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