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

State Meeting Sunday February 12th at 2:00 pm

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU ALL A
VERY HAPPY, SAFE AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR



AS I LOOK BACK ON THE YEAR 2011 I RECALL SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE AGAIN AS WELL AS SOME THINGS I HOPE I NEVER SEE AGAIN. THERE WAS RESURGENCE IN PATRIOTISM AND FAITH IN AMERICA BY PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND THE VOICE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SOUNDED OFF LOUD AND CLEAR, "WE THE PEOPLE" BECAME THE CALL TO ACTION AND THE PEOPLE STOOD TOGETHER. WE ALSO SAW AN "OCCUPY WALL STREET" MOVEMENT CALLING FOR AN END TO CAPITALISM AND PROTESTING AGAINST SOMETHING, ANYTHING, NOTHING, TRYING TO CREATE CIVIL UNREST IN TRUE MARXIST SOCIALIST FASHION "REBELS WITHOUT A CLUE". I GUESS THE MEDIA STOPPED PAYING ATTENTION TO THEM AND THEY DECIDED IT WASN'T WORTH FREEZING THEIR COLLECTIVE ASS'S OFF FOR AND WENT BACK TO BITCHIN' AND WHININ' TO MOM AND DAD.

2012 MAY BE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TIME IN AMERICAN HISTORY, A TIME WHEN WE MUST LOOK AT WHERE WE ARE AND WHERE WE ARE GOING. I BELIEVE IT WILL BE A PIVOTAL TIME, THE YEAR IN WHICH THE CHOICES WE MAKE NOW WILL DETERMINE THE SURVIVAL OF THIS COUNTRY AS THE AMERICA WE KNOW AND LOVE OR ALLOW IT TO DETERIORATE INTO THE SWIRLING ABYSS OF SOCIALISM / GLOBALIZATION, TRANSFORMED BEYOND RECOGNITION OF THE UNITED STATES WE KNOW TODAY. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A TIME WHERE ONE OF OUR MOST SACRED RIGHTS WILL SAVE THIS COUNTRY, OUR RIGHT TO VOTE IN FREE ELECTIONS. I HOPE AND PRAY I'M WRONG BUT I CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELING THAT THERE WILL BE RADICAL SOCIALIST GROUPS DETERMINED TO INTIMIDATE VOTERS TURNING OUT ON ELECTION DAY SIMILAR TO THE INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED IN PHILADELPHIA WHEN THE "NEW BLACK PANTHERS" STOOD AT POLLING STATIONS ARMED WITH NIGHTSTICKS. YOU MAY REMEMBER AFTER THEY WERE CONVICTED ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER ORDERED THE COURTS TO OVERTURN THE DECISION AND WITH OUT EXPLANATION THOSE CRIMINALS WALKED AWAY. I STILL DON'T BELIEVE THE ORDER CAME FROM HOLDER, I BELIEVE IT CAME THROUGH HOLDER AS JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATIONS DISREGARD FOR THE CONSTITUTION AND LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. THIS IS NOTHING MORE THAN A REGIME AND IT MUST END. GET INVOLVED, GET OUT AND VOTE.

2012 IS ALSO A TIME TO FOR US AS MOTORCYCLISTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR BOND AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO ENSURE THAT OUR RIGHTS ARE PROTECTED. OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS WE HAVE MET WITH STRONG OPPOSITION TO OUR "STIFFER PENALTIES BILL" IN DEAL-

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONT'D

ING WITH RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATIONS THIS BILL IS NOT JUST ABOUT MOTORCYCLISTS, IT'S ABOUT AN EPIDEMIC THAT HAS EXISTED AND CONTINUES TO GROW. IT IS PROBABLY THE NUMBER ONE KILLER OF MOTORCYCLISTS BUT IT AFFECTS ALL MOTORISTS. IT'S ABOUT JUSTICE FOR THE VICTIM, JUSTICE FOR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES AFFECTED BY THESE MINDLESS ACTIONS, IT'S ABOUT HEIGHTENING AWARENESS, IT IS AND SHOULD BE USED AS A DETERRENT TO END THIS CARNAGE. I'M CONVINCED THERE MORE HERE THAN MEETS THE EYE, OTHERWISE WHY WOULD THIS OPPOSITION EXIST?

ON NEW YEARS DAY "AN OFF-DUTY BROWARD SHERIFF'S DEPUTY DIED ON SUNDAY WHEN HE CRASHED HIS MOTORCYCLE INTO THE SIDE OF A CADILLAC, BSO SAID. STAJKA VANGOV, 75, PULLED OUT IN FRONT OF DEPUTY JOHN BLACKWELDER, 45, SAID BSO SPOKESWOMAN VEDA COLEMAN-WRIGHT. THE DEPUTY ON A HONDA MOTORCYCLE COLLIDED WITH VANGOV's CADILLAC AT COMMERCIAL BOULEVARD AND NORTHEAST THIRD AVENUE WHEN SHE TRIED TO TURN LEFT ACROSS HIS PATH". THREE YEARS AGO, I HAD SPOKEN TO ONE OF OUR MEMBERS WHO IS ALSO A P.B.S.O. DEPUTY AND A RIDER TO SPEAK TO HIS FELLOW OFFICERS THAT RIDE AND ASK THEM TO JOIN US BY SUPPORTING THIS LEGISLATION AFTER LEARNING OF THREE INCIDENTS THAT HAPPENED WITHIN A TWO AND A HALF HOURS OF EACH OTHER INVOLVING ON DUTY P.B.S.O. OFFICERS ON MOTORCYCLES. ALL THREE WERE VICTIMS OF RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATIONS. TO DATE I HAVE NOT HEARD FROM ANYONE AT THE P.B.S.O. LET THIS BE THE YEAR WE COME TOGETHER ON COMMON GROUND AND GET THIS BILL PASSED.

IT TOOK SIX OR SEVEN YEARS OF COUNTLESS ACCIDENTS, INJURIES AND DEATHS CAUSED BY DISTRACTED DRIVERS ON CELL PHONES TO GAIN ANY COMMUNITY AND MEDIA SUPPORT TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM. AND THEN, ONLY BECAUSE OF THE "TEXTING" EPIDEMIC HAD BECOME THE FOCUS OF THEIR ATTENTION. FLORIDA IS STILL ONE OF THE FEW STATES THAT HAVE NOT PASSED LEGISLATION TO RESTRICT THE USE OF THESE DEVICES. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL BILLS PROPOSED IN A VERITY OF FORMATS AND VERBIAGE AND STILL NOT A SINGLE PIECE OF LEGISLATION HAS BEEN PASSED. IT'S UP TO US AS ABATE MEMBERS TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS AND LEGISLATORS BUT I'M REACHING OUT TO THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY TO BECOME INVOLVED BY SUPPORTING OUR EFFORTS IN BECOMING MEMBERS OF ABATE. LET THIS BE THE YEAR WE LET OUR COLLECTIVE VOICES ARE HEARD.

LOOK FOR OUR SAFETY BOOTH AT BIKE NIGHTS THROUGHOUT PALM BCH. COUNTY TO PICK UP AN APPLICATION OR GO ON LINE AND VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT WWW.ABATEPALMBEACH.COM CLICK ON "How To Join" YOU CAN FILL OUT THE FORM ON LINE, PRINT AND MAIL OR FAX.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONT'D

WE ACCEPT VISA OR MASTER CARD AND CHECK BY FAX; JUST MAKE A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR CHECK AND FAX IT ALONG WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

I HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING SUNDAY 1/15/12 AT 11:30 AM. OUR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT VFW Post 4143 LOCATED AT 2404 BROADWAY RIVIERA BCH. 561-844-5718 Go east on Blue Heron Blvd. to Broadway (US 1) TURN RIGHT AND LOOK FOR THE FLAG ON THE EAST SIDE.

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YOU MAY KNOW US AS THE MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATION THAT GOT THE HELMET LAW REPEALED IN FLORIDA OR FROM OUR MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS AND SAFETY RALLY'S THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. ABATE OF FLORIDA IS NOT A CLUB, WE ARE A MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS & SAFETY ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROMOTING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY WHILE REMAINING EVER VIGILANT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES CONCERNING MOTORCYCLISTS' NATIONWIDE.

THERE ARE NO MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

BECAUSE WE ARE NOT A CLUB THERE ARE NO MANDATORY RIDES OR MEETINGS TO ATTEND. WE DO NOT REQUIRE OUR MEMBERS TO WEAR OUR PATCH. IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF A MOTORCYCLE CLUB OR ANY OTHER MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION WE WELCOME YOUR SUPPORT AS A MEMBER.

YOUR COLORS OR PATCH ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN OUR HOUSE

WE SUPPORT MOTORCYCLIST'S RIGHTS, SAFETY AND AWARENESS OF ALL MOTORCYCLISTS AND WELCOME THE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB OR RIDING ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS ALL INDEPENDENTS, REGARDLESS OF WHAT KIND OF MOTORCYCLE YOU RIDE.

WE ARE NOT ANTI-HELMET, WE ARE ANTI-HELMET LAW

ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT ABATE IS THAT WE ARE ANTI-HELMET. NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. WE ARE "ANTI-HELMET LAW" IF YOU CHOSE TO RIDE WITH OR WITHOUT A HELMET IT'S YOUR CHOICE, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER WEARING A HELMET IS RIGHT FOR YOU. ABATE IS AN ORGANIZATION FIGHTING TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

WE ARE CURRENTLY PREPARING FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS. OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA INCLUDES "STIFFER PENALTIES" FOR Right of Way Violators (ROW), STILL THE NUMBER 1 KILLER OF MOTORCYCLISTS. A BAN ON CELL PHONE USE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE OF ANY KIND AND MANDATORY DRIVERS EDUCATION COURSES AND CLASSES IN THE FLORIDA SCHOOL SYSTEM. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE OUR VOICE HEARD AS MOTORCYCLISTS.

"FREEDOM OF CHOICE, FREEDOM OF THE ROAD"

THERE ARE OVER 7,800 MEMBERS OF ABATE IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA WITH OVER 35 ACTIVE CHAPTERS. WE FEEL PALM BEACH COUNTY HAS HUGE POTENTIAL IN BECOMING ONE OF THE LARGEST CHAPTERS IN THE STATE. WITH ITS LARGE EXPANSE AND THOUSANDS OF MOTORCYCLISTS', PALM BEACH COUNTY CHAPTER CAN BECOME A VIABLE AND INFLUENTIAL VOICE IN RAISING MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS, SAFETY AND AWARENESS. THE CHAPTER BORDERS WILL BE PRIMARILY NORTHERN BROWARD COUNTY AND ALL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

STRONGBOW PRESIDENT - 561-302-0879

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JANUARY 2012

John "Cat" Catalano
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Treva "T" Caserta
Ida "I C" Isreal

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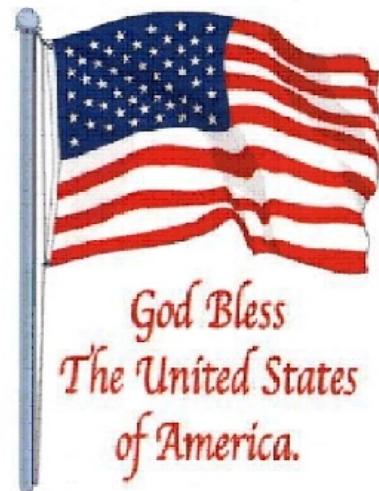
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MARCH 2012

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Richard LeFort
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Florie Wilcox
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Frank Ferry
Scott "Custer" Reinhardt
Jessica "Sassy" Jonassen
William Bowden



Vice President's Message

WELL 2012 IS HERE AND I HOPE ALL MY ABATE BROTHERS AND SISTERS HAD A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR. I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE THAT ATTENDED THE BIKERS OF PALM BEACH TOY RUN BENEFITTING THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB. IF YOU WEREN'T THERE, YOU MISSED OUT ON AN AWESOME EVENT. THE RUN LEFT PALM BEACH

HARLEY LEAD BY SANTA'S FIRE TRUCK AND FLATBED FULL OF TOYS. WHEN WE ARRIVED, THERE WERE HUNDREDS OF KIDS YELLING AND SCREAMING WELCOMING SANTA AND ALL HIS BIKER HELPERS. INSIDE ALL THE TOYS THAT HAD BEEN COLLECTED WERE HANDED OUT BY SANTA AND ALL THE REP'S FROM ALL THE MC'S, ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAKE UP THE BIKERS OF PALM BEACH. THIS IS THE ONLY EVENT WHERE YOU GET TO SEE HOW HAPPY THE KIDS ARE TO RECEIVE THEM. FOR MANY, THOSE WILL BE THE ONLY PRESENTS THAT THESE UNDER PRIVILEGED CHILDREN GET. TITO FROM THE WINGS OF GOLD DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF LEADING THIS ENDEAVOR. IT'S ALSO GOOD TO SEE ALL THE MC'S, ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS COMING TOGETHER FOR A COMMON GOAL TO HELP BRING A BRIGHT SPOT TO OUR COMMUNITY.

WITH A NEW YEAR HERE, I'M HOPING TO SEE AN IMPROVEMENT IN MEMBER PARTICIPATION. WELL WE HAVE SOME EVENTS THAT ARE JUST FUN COMING UP AND I HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. JANUARY 26TH IS BIKE NIGHT AT THE SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR. IT'S ONLY \$5 ADMISSION IF YOU RIDE YOUR BIKE IN THE PARADE. THERE WILL BE A CONCERT BY GRAND FUNK RAILROAD INCLUDED IN YOUR ADMISSION. IT'S A GOOD TIME AT A GOOD PRICE! THIS YEAR IS THE FAIR'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY. WE'LL BE MEETING UP NEARBY TO RIDE IN TOGETHER AS A GROUP. JUST AROUND THE CORNER IN MARCH IS BIKE WEEK SO START PLANNING NOW!

WELL THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHER THINGS THAT WILL BE GOING ON. SO CHECK YOUR EMAILS FROM STRONGBOW AND THE TEXT ALERTS FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING. IF YOU'RE NOT GETTING EMAILS LET STRONGBOW KNOW. IF YOU WANT TO BE ON THE TEXT ALERT SYSTEM JUST LET ME KNOW. ALSO DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AS WELL!

ANYWAYS THAT'S ENOUGH YAP FROM ME FOR NOW. SO UNTIL NEXT MONTH, RIDE SAFE AND WATCH YOUR ASSES OUT THERE!

NIGHTHAWK

VICE PRESIDENT ABATE PALM BEACH

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SOUTHEAST CHAPTER

Semi-Annual Event

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BYE BYE BIRDIE

SO YOU ARE OUT RIDING YOUR MOTORCYCLE AND SUDDENLY A GUY WITH AN UZI SUB-MACHINE GUN RUNS OUT IN FRONT OF YOU. HE'S JUST TRYING TO GET TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD AND DIDN'T SEE YOU, BUT IT CAUSES YOU TO BRAKE HARD, SWERVE AND NEARLY GO DOWN. THIS PISSES YOU OFF SO YOU FLIP A BIRD AT HIM, AND AS YOU PASS HIM, YOU SPIT RIGHT IN HIS FACE JUST TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO HIM THAT HE'S PISSED YOU OFF. BUT AFTER YOU PASS HIM, YOU NOW HAVE YOUR BACK TO HIM. AND NOW HE'S PISSED AT YOU AND ALL OTHER BIKERS BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU DID. NOT THE BEST SITUATION TO BE IN.



SO I THINK THAT MOST WILL AGREE THAT FLIPPING HIM A BIRD AND SPITTING IN HIS FACE ISN'T THE BEST WAY FOR A BIKER TO HANDLE A SITUATION LIKE THAT. AFTER ALL, HE'S GOT A LETHAL WEAPON AND FOR ALL YOU KNOW, HE'S WILLING TO USE IT.

BUT NOW IF WE REPLACE THE PHRASE "GUY WITH AN UZI SUB-MACHINE GUN" WITH "CAGER", THE STORY GOES MORE LIKE THIS: "SO YOU ARE OUT RIDING YOUR MOTORCYCLE AND SUDDENLY A CAGER PULLS OUT IN FRONT OF YOU..." SHOULD THAT REALLY CHANGE YOUR RESPONSE? I MEAN, WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE WHAT KIND OF LETHAL WEAPON HE HAS IF HE CAN USE IT ON YOU?

CAGERS FREQUENTLY FORGET THAT THEY ARE DRIVING A LETHAL WEAPON. AT LEAST A GUY WITH AN UZI KNOWS THAT HE HAS A LETHAL WEAPON. CAGERS AREN'T ALWAYS THAT SMART. IF THEY HIT YOU, YOU CAN BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED, BUT DUMBER CAGERS CAN THINK THAT YOU'LL JUST GET KNOCKED OFF YOUR BIKE AND WILL GET RIGHT BACK UP.

SO WHEN RIDING YOUR MOTORCYCLE AROUND IDIOT CAGERS, SOMETIMES IT'S BEST TO SWALLOW YOUR PRIDE (AND SPIT) AND KEEP YOUR HANDS ON THE BARS. FLIPPING BIRDS ACCOMPLISHES NOTHING EXCEPT TO ESCALATE THE SITUATION - A SITUATION WHERE BIKERS ARE NEARLY ALWAYS THE ONES WITH THE DISADVANTAGE.

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

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

- 4 - Der Krieger MC PSL Annual**
- 10 - Black Pistons MC Ft. Laud Party
- 18 - Keltics MC Broward Annual**
- 24 - USMV MC Chapter 1 Party
- 25 - Hermandad MC Annual**
- 25 - Fiasco Brothers MC Annual**
- 31 - Black Pistons MC T.C. Annual**

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- 1 - States MC Pompano Annual**
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LEGISLATIVE & DELEGATE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

SENATE COMMITTEE PASSES HIGHWAY SAFETY BILL WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011

TODAY, THE UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION PASSED A SWEEPING SAFETY BILL KNOWN AS THE MOTOR VEHICLE AND HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT (S. 1449). THE BILL PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

EARLIER THIS WEEK, SENATOR LAUTENBERG (D-NJ) FILED AN AMENDMENT THAT WOULD HAVE GUTTED THE POPULAR FEDERAL MOTORCYCLE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS GRANTS, KNOWN AS THE 2010 FUNDS. THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS FOUNDATION IS PLEASED TO REPORT THAT LAUTENBERG DID NOT CALL THAT AMENDMENT FOR A VOTE. DUE TO AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE FROM THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY, THE 2010 GRANTS ARE SAFE FOR NOW.

ABATE OF FLORIDA PRESS RELEASE DECEMBER 15, 2011

INFORMATIONAL RELEASE - *NOT A BILL IN FLORIDA AT THIS TIME*

NTSB RECOMMENDS BAN ON DRIVER CELL PHONE USE

WASHINGTON (AP) — STATES SHOULD BAN ALL DRIVER USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES, EXCEPT IN EMERGENCIES, THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD SAID TUESDAY.

THE RECOMMENDATION, UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY THE FIVE-MEMBER BOARD, APPLIES TO BOTH HANDS-FREE AND HAND-HELD PHONES AND SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDS ANY EXISTING STATE LAWS RESTRICTING TEXTING AND CELL PHONE USE BEHIND THE WHEEL.

AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT LAST YEAR ON AMERICA'S STREETS AND HIGHWAYS, NEARLY 1 IN EVERY 100 CAR DRIVERS WAS TEXTING, EMAILING, SURFING THE WEB OR OTHERWISE USING A HANDHELD ELECTRONIC DEVICE, THE SAFETY ADMINISTRATION SAID. AND THOSE ACTIVITIES SPIKED 50 PERCENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

FLORIDA

LATVALA: GO AHEAD, PRY CELL PHONE FROM HIS HAND

A DAY AFTER A FEDERAL AGENCY SUGGESTED EVERY STATE SHOULD BAN OR LIMIT CELL PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING, FLORIDA LAWMAKERS BEGAN REACTING. SEN. JACK LATVALA, A PINELLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN, TELLS 10 News WTSP IN TAMPA THAT HE WOULDN'T SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BANS THAT ARE FILED WITH THE LEGISLATURE. "YOU CAN TAKE IT OUT OF MY COLD DEAD FINGERS," LATVALA SAID OF HIS CELL PHONE. HE SAID HE TALKS AND

DRIVES ALL THE TIME. SEN. NANCY DETERT, R-VENICE, HAS FILED A BILL THAT WOULD BAN TEXTING AND DRIVING, A MEASURE (SB 416, HB 299), SPONSORED IN THE HOUSE BY REP. RAY PILON, R-SARASOTA. SEN. THAD ALTMAN, R-VIERA, AND REP. IRV SLOSBERG, D-BOCA RATON, ARE SPONSORING LEGISLATION (SB 930, HB 187) THAT WOULD PROHIBIT MINORS FROM USING THE CELL PHONE IN ANY WAY WHILE DRIVING. DETERT TOLD WTSP THAT THE TEXTING BAN IS COMMON SENSE. "IT'S NOT LIMITING ANYONE'S PERSONAL FREEDOM," SHE SAID. "IT'S A SAFETY ISSUE."

NEW RED-LIGHT REPEAL BILL FILED

THE BATTLE OVER RED-LIGHT CAMERAS FOR 2012 BEGAN IN EARNEST TUESDAY, WHEN REP. SCOTT PLAKON, R-LONGWOOD, FILED A MEASURE TO REPEAL THE LAW ALLOWING THE CAMERAS TO BE USED TO CATCH THOSE RUNNING THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS. PLAKON'S LEGISLATION (HB 4177) IS THE STARTING GUN FOR THE LATEST CHAPTER IN A LONG-RUNNING AND EMOTIONAL DEBATE OVER THE FATE OF THE CAMERAS. A SIMILAR PROPOSAL BY REP. RICHARD CORCORAN, R-NEW PORT RICHEY, NARROWLY PASSED THE HOUSE LAST YEAR BUT DIED IN THE SENATE.

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DISTRICT REMAPPING

AFTER THE LAST CENSUS THE FLORIDA DISTRICTS WILL BE CHANGED. THE PALM BEACH COUNTY TEA PARTY SENT OUT EMAILS ABOUT THIS SO I'LL USE THEIR WORDS: "PROBABLY BY NOW YOU HAVE HEARD THAT THERE WILL BE SERIOUS REDISTRICTING FOR THE FLORIDA STATE HOUSE, STATE SENATE, AND US CONGRESSIONAL MAPS. ... THESE MAPS ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE RELEASED ON DECEMBER 6TH AND WORK SHOPPED IN THE FLORIDA HOUSE'S REDISTRICTING SUBCOMMITTEES ON DECEMBER 8TH.

THE REDISTRICTING SUBCOMMITTEES WILL BOTH MEET ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2012 AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL CONSIDER THE PROPOSED COMMITTEE BILLS (PCB's) FOR THE STATE HOUSE, STATE SENATE AND CONGRESSIONAL MAPS. THE CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE SENATE REDISTRICTING SUBCOMMITTEE WILL MEET FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 2:30 P.M. THE HOUSE REDISTRICTING SUBCOMMITTEE WILL MEET FROM 3:00 P.M.

TO 6:00 P.M. IF YOU WANT TO WATCH THE MEETINGS LIVE, VISIT THE FLORIDA CHANNEL AT WWW.THEFLORIDACHANNEL.ORG ON JANUARY 9. "

IN VIEWING THE PROPOSED MAPS PALM BEACH COUNTY IS LOSING SOME VOTES. BESIDES TWO MARTIN COUNTY HOUSE DISTRICTS AND TWO THAT WITHDRAWN INTO BROWARD, WE GO FROM 10 REPRESENTATIVES TO FOUR. SEVERAL ARE COMBINED IN VARIOUS WAYS. THE SENATE REMAINS AT SIX WITH BOUNDARY CHANGES. ON MY REPORT ON OUR WEBSITE, I LIST THE NEW HOUSE DISTRICT DESCRIPTIONS AND MAPS.

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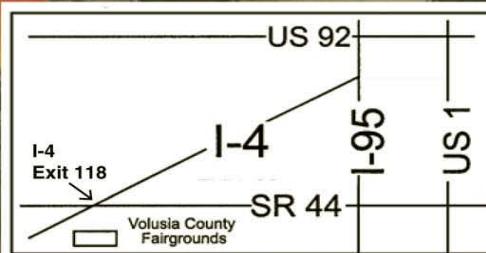
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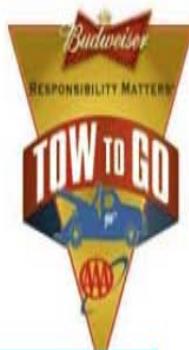
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St. Patrick's Day	March 17th (Thursday)	March 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th
Cinco de Mayo	May 5th (Thursday)	May 5th, 6th
Memorial Day	May 30st (Monday)	May 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th
Independence Day	July 4th (Monday)	July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
Labor Day	September 5th (Monday)	September 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
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Thanksgiving - New Year's Day	November 24th (Thursday)	November 24th - January 2nd

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2010 Call Volume In 2010, AAA received 2,400 calls. Since the program's inception, over **13,600** intoxicated drivers have decided to use Tow to Go vs. getting behind the wheel when their sobriety was in question.

Tow to Go Videos Tow to Go education [video](#), available to media for B-Roll and for Educational purposes.



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FROM AN LA TIMES REPORT MOXNIX AT 9:48 AM JANUARY 05, 2012

"THE CONTOURS OF THE PLAN ARE NOT SURPRISING, AND FOLLOW OBAMA'S HIGHLY PUBLIC PLAN TO SHIFT MILITARY SPENDING AWAY FROM A COMBAT-TROOP PRESENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TOWARD INTELLIGENCE GATHERING, SURVEILLANCE AND COUNTER-TERRORISM EFFORTS."

THIS IS WHY THE NDAA WAS PASSED AND SIGNED INTO LAW ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE NEW YEARS EVE WHICH PERMITS THE MILITARY ON AMERICAN STREETS IN A LAW ENFORCEMENT CAPACITY, ALLOWS FOR ANY AMERICAN TO BE INDEFINITELY DETAINED IN FOREIGN DETENTION FACILITIES, DENY DUE PROCESS FOR EVERY AMERICAN ONCE ACCUSED OF TERRORISM, PERMITS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO EAVESDROP ON EVERY AMERICAN AND GIVES THE TSA CARTE BLANCHE TO STOP ANY AMERICAN AND TO ASK FOR OUR IDENTIFICATION. **SURPRISE CHECKPOINTS ON ROADWAYS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED IN TWO TEST STATES, TENNESSEE AND UTAH, WHERE ALL VEHICLES ARE STOPPED AND SEARCHED. YOU CANNOT REFUSE OR YOU WILL BE UNDER ARREST.**

THESE CHECKPOINTS ARE MANNED BY THE MILITARY AND THE TSA. (TO CHECK MY FACTS, ONE SURPRISE CHECKPOINT WAS SET UP BEFORE THE KANOSH EXIT, BETWEEN THE COVE FORT EXIT ON I-15.)

LA TIMES 1/5/12



NCOM NEWS BYTES

compiled and edited by Bill Bish
National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

FEDERAL HELMET LEGISLATION NARROWLY AVERTED Due to the quick actions of concerned motorcyclists across the country, a major federal transportation measure narrowly avoided becoming a bill to encourage states to enact helmet laws nationwide. On Monday, December 12 Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) filed an amendment to S. 1449 the "Motor Vehicle and Highway Safety Improvement Act of 2011" that would call for mandatory helmet laws nationwide and could jeopardize funding for motorcycle safety programs across America. By Tuesday the motorcycle community was alerted to Lautenburg's efforts by national and state motorcyclists' rights organizations, including the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) and numerous NCOM member groups, and riders were urgently urged to contact their U.S. senators to oppose the amendment -- and time was of the essence because a Senate committee was to vote on the bill the following day! Wednesday, Dec 14, during the hearing held by the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science & Transportation Committee to "mark-up" the bill, Senator Lautenburg decided not to introduce his amendment.

Not only did motorcyclists' prompt response help avoid another federal helmet law battle and preserve federal funding for motorcycle safety programs, but the committee also voted to accept two amendments by Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) that removed language in the bill that would have lifted the current ban on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) from lobbying states to enact universal helmet laws for all riders. S. 1449 passed the committee by voice vote and now goes to the Senate floor for further action, while riders remain ever vigilant.

JUDGE UPHOLDS N.Y. MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS A federal judge rejected motorcyclists' claims that their constitutional rights were violated by New York State Police motorcycle-only "safety checkpoints" that detained thousands of riders en route to large N.Y. rallies and ticketed many of them for mostly non-safety violations.

But Judge Gary Sharpe concluded that safety was indeed the main focus of the initiative, which distinguishes the checkpoints from "a general interest in crime control" that could have amounted to unconstitutional seizures when there's no "individualized suspicion of wrongdoing." "The court concludes the checkpoints were enacted to promote motorcycle safety, a manifest public interest; they were effective in addressing this interest; and that any interference with individual liberties was not only minimal, but also grossly outweighed by the interest advanced," Sharpe wrote in his ruling. "The

INTRUSION ON CIVIL LIBERTIES IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULDN'T BE COUNTENANCED," PRONER TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, ADDING THAT THE DISCRIMINATORY ROADBLOCKS HAVE BEEN ONGOING SINCE 2008 EVEN THOUGH MOTORCYCLES, LIKE OTHER VEHICLES IN NEW YORK, ARE ALREADY SUBJECT TO ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTIONS, AND NO OTHER VEHICLES ARE STOPPED FOR ROADSIDE SAFETY CHECKS.

"IT'S OBVIOUS JUST FROM THEIR OWN INTERNAL DOCUMENTS THEY'RE LOOKING FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY," SAID ATTORNEY PRONER, CITING A CHECKPOINT NEAR BUFFALO'S PEACE BRIDGE THAT INCLUDED BORDER PATROL AGENTS, AND ONE IN CENTRAL NEW YORK NEAR A RALLY SPONSORED BY A MOTORCYCLE CLUB INCLUDED GANG TASK FORCE OFFICERS.

"THE FACT THEY DIDN'T FIND CRIME DOESN'T MEAN THAT WASN'T WHAT THEY'RE FISHING FOR," HE SAID. "THAT JUST SHOWS YOU'VE GOT LAW ABIDING CITIZENS ON MOTORCYCLES PRIMARILY BEING INCONVENIENCED." PRONER TOLD THE AP NEWS AGENCY THAT MOTORCYCLISTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE INTERESTED IN THIS CASE, THE ONLY SUCH FEDERAL LAWSUIT NATIONALLY THOUGH SOME OTHER STATES HAVE SIMILAR CHECKPOINT PROGRAMS, AND THAT HE WILL APPEAL.

SAFETY BOARD SEEKS BAN ON CELL PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING STATES SHOULD BAN ALL DRIVER USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PEDs), EXCEPT IN EMERGENCIES, URGES THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD. THE NTSB RECOMMENDATION, UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY THE FIVE-MEMBER BOARD, APPLIES TO BOTH HANDS-FREE AND HANDHELD PHONES AND SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDS ANY EXISTING STATE LAWS RESTRICTING TEXTING AND CELLPHONE USE BY DRIVERS.

THE BOARD MADE THE SAFETY RECOMMENDATION IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR INVESTIGATION OF A DEADLY HIGHWAY PILEUP IN MISSOURI LAST YEAR THAT WAS CAUSED BY THE INATTENTION OF A 19 YEAR-OLD-PICKUP DRIVER WHO SENT OR RECEIVED 11 TEXTS IN THE 11 MINUTES IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE TRAGIC CRASH THAT INVOLVED A SEMI AND TWO SCHOOL BUSSES.

THE ACCIDENT IS A "BIG RED FLAG FOR ALL DRIVERS," NTSB CHAIRMAN DEBORAH HERSMAN SAID AT A MEETING TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT AND MAKE SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS. "NO CALL, NO TEXT, NO UPDATE IS WORTH A HUMAN LIFE."

THE BOARD HAS PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED BANS ON TEXTING AND CELL PHONE USE BY COMMERCIAL TRUCK AND BUS DRIVERS AND BEGINNING DRIVERS, BUT IT HAS STOPPED SHORT OF CALLING FOR A BAN ON THE USE OF THE DEVICES BY ADULTS BEHIND THE WHEEL OF PASSENGER CARS. WHILE THE NTSB DOESN'T HAVE THE POWER TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS, ITS RECOMMENDATIONS CARRY SIGNIFICANT WEIGHT WITH FEDERAL REGULATORS AND CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE LAWMAKERS.

IN NOVEMBER, PENNSYLVANIA BECAME THE 35TH STATE TO FORBID TEXTING WHILE DRIVING, BUT DESPITE SUCH LAWS THE PROBLEM IS CONTINUING TO GET WORSE ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA) THAT REPORTS NEARLY 20% OF DRIVERS ADMIT TO TEXTING OR E-MAILING, AND AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT LAST YEAR ALMOST 1 IN EVERY 100 CAR DRIVERS WAS TEXTING, EMAILING, SURFING THE WEB OR OTHERWISE USING A HANDHELD ELECTRONIC DEVICE, UP 50% OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

JOINING IN THE CAMPAIGN TO CURB DISTRACTED DRIVING, AID TO INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS (A.I.M.) HAS PRODUCED A COLOR VINYL BUMPER STICKER THAT READS; 'HANG UP AND DRIVE!' THAT IS AVAILABLE FREE BY CALLING A.I.M. AT 1-(800) ON-A-BIKE.

US TRAFFIC DEATHS HIT LOWEST LEVEL SINCE 1949 ANNUAL TRAFFIC DEATHS IN THE U.S. HAVE FALLEN TO THEIR LOWEST LEVEL IN SIX DECADES, REPORTS THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. DESPITE THE FACT THAT AMERICANS DROVE ALMOST 46 BILLION MORE MILES DURING THE YEAR, HIGHWAY DEATHS FELL BY NEARLY A THOUSAND TO 32,885 IN 2010, REPRESENTING A 2.9% DROP FROM 2009 (33,883) AND THE LOWEST NUMBER OF FATALITIES SINCE 1949.

"WHILE WE HAVE MORE WORK TO DO TO CONTINUE TO PROTECT AMERICAN MOTORISTS, THESE NUMBERS SHOW WE'RE MAKING HISTORIC PROGRESS WHEN IT COMES TO IMPROVING SAFETY ON OUR NATION'S ROADWAYS," SAID DOT SECRETARY RAY LAHOOD. ACCORDING TO DOT STATISTICS, DEATHS IN CRASHES INVOLVING DRUNK DRIVERS DROPPED 4.9% IN 2010, RESULTING IN 10,228 FATALITIES COMPARED TO 10,759 IN 2009. FATALITIES DECLINED IN MOST CATEGORIES IN 2010, INCLUDING FOR OCCUPANTS OF PASSENGER CARS AND LIGHT TRUCKS, BUT FATALITIES ROSE AMONG MOTORCYCLE RIDERS (4,469 IN 2009 TO 4,502 IN 2010, AN INCREASE OF 33, OR LESS THAN 1%), PEDESTRIANS (UP 4% FROM 4,109 TO 4,280), OCCUPANTS IN MEDIUM AND HEAVY TRUCKS (499 TO 529, +6%) AND BUSES (26 TO 44, +41%).

THE LATEST FIGURES ALSO INCLUDE A NEW MEASURE OF FATALITIES CAUSED BY DISTRACTED DRIVING, ESSENTIALLY A REFINEMENT OF EXISTING DATA THAT FOCUSES MORE DIRECTLY ON SITUATIONS WHERE DIALING A PHONE, SENDING A TEXT OR THE ACTIVITIES OF ANOTHER PERSON OR EVENT ARE LIKELY TO LEAD TO A CRASH. THE DOT REPORTS THAT 3,092 FATALITIES WERE THE RESULT OF SUCH "DISTRACTION-AFFECTED CRASHES."

FEDS PROPOSE ADDITIONAL MOTORCYCLE SAFETY STUDY THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA) IS PROPOSING TO LAUNCH A STUDY PROGRAM EQUIPPING 160 MOTORCYCLE RIDERS WITH CAMERAS, GPS, AND OTHER DATA RECORDING DEVICES IN ORDER TO TRACK RIDING BEHAVIOR AND HOW RIDERS AVOID -- OR FAIL TO AVOID -- CRASHES. "KNOWLEDGE OF BOTH HOW RIDERS SUCCESSFULLY AVOID CRASHES AND OF BEHAVIORS THAT CORRELATE WITH AND CONTRIBUTE TO CRASH RISK IS CRUCIAL TO DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE COUNTERMEASURES TO REDUCE MOTORCYCLE CRASHES AND FATALITIES," SAYS THE NHTSA STUDY PROPOSAL.

THE FEDERAL AGENCY IS CURRENTLY SEEKING COMMENTS ON THEIR PROPOSED MOTORCYCLE SAFETY STUDY, WHICH IS VERY SIMILAR TO A "NATURALISTIC STUDY" BEING CONDUCTED BY THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION (MSF) TRACKING 100 SPECIALLY-EQUIPPED MOTORCYCLES FOR ONE YEAR TO COMPILE DATA ON RIDER BEHAVIOR.

NOISE CAMERA TO MUFFLE LOUD VEHICLES FIRST CAME RED-LIGHT CAMERAS, FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY SPEED-CAMERAS, AND NOW CALGARY WILL SOON BECOME THE FIRST MUNICIPALITY TO INTRODUCE NOISE CAMERAS TO THE MOTORIZING PUBLIC.

"MOTORCYCLE RIDERS AND HOTROD ENTHUSIASTS BEWARE: THE NOISE SNARE IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO SQUELCHING YOUR HIGH-DECIBEL EXPRESSIONS OF MECHANICAL MASCULINITY," REPORTED THE CALGARY HERALD ABOUT THE PILOT PROJECT THAT PAIRS A NOISE-READER WITH A CAMERA TO CATCH LAW BREAKERS.

THE \$112,500 DEVICE WAS OFFERED TO CALGARY FOR FREE AS THE FIRST CITY TO TEST THE GADGET, AND IF ALL GOES WELL THE CITY EXPECTS TO BE HANDING OUT \$200 TICKETS BY SUMMER. "THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WILL ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES ACROSS NORTH AMERICA TO START ENFORCING (NOISE) BYLAWS. THE FACT THAT NOW IT'S BEEN PROVEN TO BE AN ACCURATE TEST IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT," SAID BILL BRUCE, THE CITY'S DIRECTOR OF BYLAW SERVICES. ELECTRICAL ENGINEER MARK NESDOLY INVENTED THE "NOISE SNARE" AFTER A LOUD MOTORCYCLE AWOKE HIS SLEEPING DAUGHTER ONE NIGHT.

WEIRD NEWS: MOTORCYCLISTS TAKE BITE OUT OF SNAKE VENOM DEATHS IN RURAL NEPAL, VOLUNTEER MOTORCYCLISTS ARE GETTING SNAKEBITE VICTIMS TO HELP SOON ENOUGH TO CUT DEATHS BY 95%, REPORTS SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN.

SNAKE BITES ARE STILL A BIG CONCERN FOR MUCH OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION, AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) ESTIMATES THAT ABOUT 100,000 PEOPLE DIE FROM POISONOUS SNAKEBITES EACH YEAR. MANY MORE PEOPLE BECOME PARALYZED OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED.

MOST VICTIMS LIVE TOO FAR FROM CLINICS THAT COULD PROVIDE THEM WITH ANTI-VENOM. IN NEPAL, WHERE MORE THAN 10% OF BITE VICTIMS DIE, AN EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM USES VOLUNTEER MOTORCYCLISTS TO SAVE RESIDENTS. SINCE THE PROGRAM LAUNCHED 2003, ONLY ABOUT 5% OF VICTIMS WHO GOT A RIDE DIED. THESE FINDINGS WERE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.

QUOTEABLE QUOTE: "TO SIN BY SILENCE, WHEN THEY SHOULD PROTEST, MAKES COWARDS OF MEN." ~ ELLA WHEELER WILCOX (1850–1919), AMERICAN AUTHOR & POET

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- To** become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.
- To** provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.
- To** promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.
- To** promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.
- To** educate the public about motorcycle awareness.