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**NEXT CHAPTER
MEETING
11:30 AM
Sunday
MARCH 25th**



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ABATE OF FLORIDA
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St. Augustine
VINTAGE CHAPTER

**WELCOMES
ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
STATE MEETING APRIL 14, 2012**

Meeting Place:

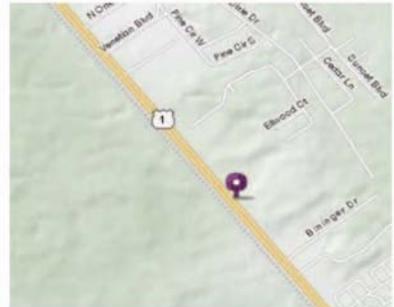
VFW, 6184 US 1 South, St. Augustine, FL 32086

State Board Meeting Time: 12:00 Noon

State Delegates Meeting Time: 2 pm

Directions from the North: Take I-95 to CR 206, Turn East onto CR 206 to US 1. Turn North onto US 1, go approximately ¼ mile. VFW is on the right (Tank in Front).

Directions from the South: Take I-95 to US 1 South (Exit #298), Turn North onto US 1 going towards St. Augustine. Go approximately 8 miles. VFW is on the right (Tank in Front).



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904-829-3435 Exit 311, I-95 & CR 207, just west off the I-95.

\$54.95 per night. Mention ABATE for discount. You have to reserve by April 7th to get discounted rate. You will have until 4:00 pm on your day of arrival to cancel otherwise your credit card will be charged.

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**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
PALM BEACH CHAPTER**

MEETINGS ARE:

11:30 am **THIRD SUNDAY EVERY MONTH**

Membership Application

Membership Dues: \$20.00 per person for 1 year or \$150 for Life Membership

Fill out form, print, sign, and attach your check or money order and mail to:

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P.O. Box 971073

Boca Raton, FL 33497-1073

or Complete Credit Card Information (below) and fax to: 561-883-2678



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ MC/CLUB/ORG _____

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Signature: _____

Contact: Strongbow for more information 561-482-4346 email: President@abatepalmbeach.com

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

THE ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. STATE MEETING AND THE RIDE TO THE CAPITOL WERE ONCE AGAIN AN INSPIRATION TO ME. IT SEEMS EVERY TIME WE LEAVE TALLAHASSEE I FIND MYSELF RE ENERGIZED, WITH A RENEWED DETERMINATION TO CARRY ON WITH THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THE CAUSE WE SERVE. AS WE STOOD IN FRONT OF THE CAPITOL AWAITING THE HUNDREDS OF ABATE MEMBERS THAT BRAVED THE BELOW FREEZING TEMPERATURES AND I DO MEAN WELL BELOW FREEZING LIKE 21 DEGREES WITH A WIND CHILL OF 18 DEGREES RIDING THE 30 + MILES FROM MONTICELLO, I WAS REMINDED OF HOW STRONG A COMMITMENT OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS HAD MADE AND HOW IMPORTANT THAT RIDE IS TO BRING OUR MESSAGE TO THE ATTENTION OF THOSE WHO ARE SUPPOSEDLY REPRESENTING US RESIDENTS OF FLORIDA. I MUST SAY I FELT A LITTLE EMBARRASSED AND MAYBE A LITTLE GUILTY WHEN WE WALKED THROUGH THE CAPITOL AND HEARD PEOPLE SAY "IT MUST HAVE BEEN FREEZING OUT THERE RIDING IN THIS WEATHER". NOT REALLY HAVING TIME TO STOP AND CHAT WITH THEM TO EXPLAIN THAT I DIDN'T ACTUALLY RIDE IN THAT WEATHER OUT THERE I JUST NODDED AND KEPT MOVING. I CAN'T SAY I WAS ENVIUS OF THOSE WHO DID RIDE BUT I SURE WAS PROUD TO BE THERE WITH THEM AND A MEMBER OF ABATE.

"NO HART BEATS TRUER AND WITH MORE CONVICTION THEN THAT OF A VOLUNTEER".

GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON

NOMINATIONS FOR THE STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WERE OPENED AT THE MEETING AND WE WERE INFORMED BY DOC REICHENBACH WHO HAS DEDICATED THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS OF HIS LIFE TO ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. AS PRESIDENT, WAS NOT SEEKING RE ELECTION. DURING DOC'S TENURE AS STATE PRESIDENT, HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS OUR LOBBYIST IN TALLAHASSEE AND WELL-RESPECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR N.C.O.M. (THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS). AS FOR MYSELF, I HAVE THE UTMOST RESPECT AND ADMIRATION FOR THE MAN WHO HAS GUIDED ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. THROUGH THE WORST AND BEST OF TIMES, A LEADER IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD. A MAN WHO HAS BEEN A PILLAR OF STRENGTH IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY, SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO MANY OF US WHO HAVE STEPPED UP TO SERVE AS CHAPTER PRESIDENTS. DOC HAS DONE SO MUCH TO MAKE ABATE OF FLORIDA A MODEL FOR WHICH OTHER STATES CAN LEARN FROM, HIS TENACITY AND CONVICTION, HIS SELFLESS DEDICATION AND PASSION FOR WHAT HE BELIEVES IN SHOULD SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO US ALL WHO WEAR THE PATCH ABATE OF FLORIDA. THANKS TO JAMES "DOC" REICHENBACK WE HAVE A LOT TO BE PROUD OF.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—CONT'D

MEANWHILE, BACK ON THE FRONT LINE, OUR "STIFFER PENALTIES BILL" AS WELL AS SEVERAL ANTI TEXTING AND CELL PHONE BILLS FLEW THROUGH THE SENATE AND WERE WELL SUP

PORTED IN COMMITTEE'S HIT THE PROVERBIAL BRICK WALL WHEN THEY MOVED TO THE HOUSE. THE NAME ON THAT BRICK WALL WAS REPRESENTATIVE BRAD DRAKE WHO ABSOLUTELY REFUSED TO HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THESE PROPOSED BILLS. IN TALKING TO SEVERAL AIDERS WE LEARNED WE ARE NOT ALONE. THERE ARE MORE THAN A FEW FOLKS AT THE CAPITOL THAT WONT SHED A TEAR WHEN DRAKES TERM IS UP. THE IRONY OF THE WHOLE THING IS THAT DRAKE WAS TO RETURN TO HIS HOME DISTRICT TO RUN FOR ANOTHER POLITICAL SEAT AND DECIDED HE COULDN'T WIN SO HE WOULD JUST TAKE THE NEXT TWO YEARS OFF. HE KILLED OUR "STIFFER PENALTIES BILL BECAUSE AS A GOOD CHRISTIAN, HE BELIEVES THAT ANOTHER PERSONS LIFE SHOULD NOT BE RUINED BECAUSE THEY MAKE A MISTAKE. IN RELATIVE TERMS, KILL A MOTORCYCLIST. THIS COMES FROM A GUY WHO WANTS TO BRING BACK DEATH BY FIRING SQUAD AS CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. ON THAT NOTE, I'LL JUST RESERVE COMMENT AND MOVE ON.

I HOPE TO SEE MORE OF OUR MEMBERS ATTENDING THE NEXT THREE MEETINGS, AS WE WILL BE OPENING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2012 CHAPTER EXECUTIVE BOARD AND TRUSTEE POSITIONS. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT ATTENDED THE LAST TWO MEETINGS WE HAVE VOTED TO AMEND ONE OF OUR STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (S.O.P.) PERTAINING TO DURATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS TENURE FROM TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS TO A ONE YEAR TENURE. WE HAD AGREED THE TWO YEAR TERM WAS A GOOD IDEA FOR THE TIME IT WAS PUT IN EFFECT BUT WE FEEL NOW IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO GO BACK TO THE ONE YEAR TERM TO GIVE SOME OF OUR NEWER MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE INTO THOSE POSITIONS AND HELP TAKE THE CHAPTER TO THE NEXT LEVEL. WE HAVE ALSO VOTED TO ABOLISH THE S.O.P. REQUIREMENTS BY REMOVING THE MANDATORY MINIMUM OF ATTENDING 2 STATE MEETINGS AND FIVE CHAPTER MEETINGS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS FOR THE SAME REASON.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING RUNNING FOR ONE OF THE BOARD OR TRUSTEE POSITIONS THIS IS THE PERFECT TIME TO READ THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOUND IN A COPY OF THE ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. BY-LAWS. THEY CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEB SITE OR YOU CAN PICK UP A COPY OF THAT SECTION OF THE BY-LAWS ON THE SIGN IN TABLE AT OUR NEXT TWO MEETINGS. WE WELCOME ANYONE INTERESTED IN ONE OF THOSE POSITIONS TO TAKE SOME TIME TO WORK SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE PEOPLE CURRENTLY HOLDING A POSITION TO GET FIRST HAND, ON THE JOB EXPERIENCE. REMEMBER, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A POSITION YOU CAN NOMINATE YOURSELF IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY BEEN NOMINATED. SERVING OUR

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—CONT'D

CHAPTER AS A BOARD MEMBER OR A TRUSTEE CAN BE A VERY REWARDING EXPERIENCE. BRING YOUR AMBITION AND YOUR IDEAS TO LIGHT AND WORK WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO TURN THEM INTO REALITIES. THE FOUNDATION HAS BEEN LAID, NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO STEP UP AND BUILD UPON THAT FOUNDATION.

I HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT 10:00 AM AND THE CHAPTER MEETING AT 11:30 AM. BREAKFAST IS SERVED AT V.F.W. Post 4143 9:00 AM 'TIL NOON. \$4.00 PER PLATE.

PLEASE NOTE: THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO **SUNDAY MARCH 25TH** BECAUSE OF THE ANNUAL DAYTONA BIKE WEEK RUN. CHECK OUT THE ABATE CAMPGROUND INFORMATION FOR ACCOMMODATIONS, YOU CAN'T BEAT THE RATES AND THE PARTY IS ON ALL WEEKEND.

RIDE FREE, RIDE SAFE

STRONGBOW
PRESIDENT@ABATEPALMBEACH.COM

NOTICE
MEETING DATE CHANGE
MARCH 22, 2012 & APRIL 22, 2012
SAME TIME SAME PLACE



MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS & SAFETY

DEDICATED TO

"FREEDOM OF CHOICE, FREEDOM OF THE ROAD"

YOU MAY KNOW US AS THE MOTORCYCLE ORGANIZATION THAT GOT THE HELMET LAW REPEALED IN FLORIDA OR FROM OUR MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS AND SAFETY RALLY'S THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

ABATE OF FLORIDA IS NOT A CLUB, WE ARE A MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS & SAFETY ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROMOTING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY WHILE REMAINING EVER VIGILANT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES CONCERNING MOTORCYCLISTS' NATIONWIDE.

THERE ARE NO MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

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

YOUR COLORS OR PATCH ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN OUR HOUSE

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

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

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

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

"FREEDOM OF CHOICE, FREEDOM OF THE ROAD"

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

STRONGBOW PRESIDENT - 561-302-0879

MEMBERSHIPS DUE

MARCH 2012

James "Duke's" Newman
Mickey Puyada
Ronald "Dutch" Siliakus
T. Kevin Fisher

APRIL 2012

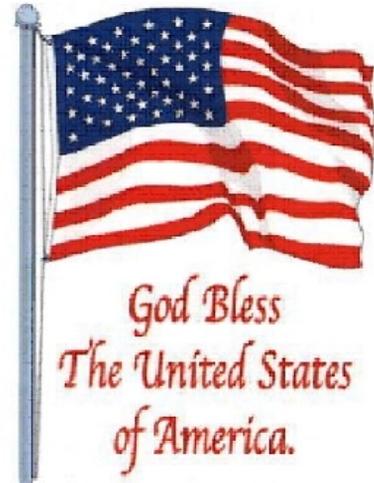
Richard LeFort
Florie Wilcox
Don "DB" Bachmann
Frank Ferry
Scott "Custer" Reinhardt
Jessica "Sassy" Jonassen
William Bowden

MAY 2012

Daniel Henderson
Frank "Taz" Rinaldi
Don Burke
Charles "Renegade" Schroeder
Kenneth "Gnome" Smith
Dave "Daytona Dave" Murray
Wilson "Willie" Shafer

JUNE 2012

Kevin "Goose" Delburn
Robert "Uncle Bob" Tosetti
Ken "Deep Sea" Soule
Geno "Eyeball" DiPol
Mark "Duke" Woodard
Walter "Papa Jay" Conine
Vincent Romeo
James "Thrissler" Holzer
Britt "Devil Dog" Hott
Renee "Lexi" Hott
Angela Hobbs
Tony "Butch" Pignatro
Cary Schwartz
Mark Webb
Kenneth Gerecke
Bill McGinniss
Maydee Ehster



DONT FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON TIME TO AVOID LAPSE IN AD&D INSURANCE. ONE DAY WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE. YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH AS NOTED ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD.

Please be sure to notify us of any change of address to continue receiving your Masterlink



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I'M WRITING THIS DAYTONA BIKE WEEK IS ALMOST HERE. FOR THOSE MEMBERS THAT AREN'T AWARE WE HAVE A GROUP RIDING UP ON FRIDAY THE SIXTEENTH. WE WILL BE STAYING AT THE ABATE CAMPGROUND. DAYTONA BIKE WEEK IS THE SECOND BIGGEST EVENT IN THE COUNTRY AND ALWAYS A GOOD TIME. HOPE TO SEE YOU YOU THERE. THE ABATE CAMPGROUND OFFERS GOOD FOOD AT VERY REASONABLE PRICES, BEER AND VENDORS. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND MEET NEW PEOPLE. THE CAMPGROUND IS OPEN TO ALL, NOT JUST MEMBERS. SO BRING YOUR FRIENDS ALONG! CAMPING IS \$15 A PERSON PER NIGHT. WE WILL HAVE A TRUCK AVAILABLE TO HAUL YOUR GEAR. YOU CAN DROP OFF IN ADVANCE AND PICK UP AFTERWARD OR LOAD UP AT THE MEETING SPOT. MEETING SPOT WILL BE THE GAS STATION ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MILITARY TRAIL AND NORTHLAKE BLVD. MEETING TIME IS 10 AM, KICKSTANDS UP 10:30 SHARP. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RIDING UP AT THAT TIME, PLEASE CONTACT ME.

THIS MONTHS MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE 25TH. THIS IS ALSO THE DATE OF THE INDIANTOWN BIKE RALLY. AFTER THE MEETING THERE WILL BE A RIDE GOING OUT TO THE RALLY SO PLAN TO MAKE THE RIDE! THIS IS A GOOD RALLY AT A NICE PARK. THERE WILL BE ALL THE USUAL BIKER FUN!

NEXT MONTH WILL BE THE LEESBURG BIKEFEST. WE'RE PLANNING ON ANOTHER ABATE CAMPING EXTRAVAGANZA! SO IF YOU MISS OUT ON THE FUN IN DAYTONA START PLANNING FOR LEESBURG NOW! BUT I'M HOPING TO SEE YOU AT BOTH OF THEM!

FINALLY SPRING IS HERE AND THE RIDING SEASON IS HERE ONCE AGAIN. SO LETS NOT FORGET WHAT ABATE IS ALL ABOUT. MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS, SAFETY AND AWARENESS. WITH THAT IN MIND I'D LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE ONCE AGAIN TO THOROUGHLY CHECK THEIR BIKES FOR THE THINGS THAT EFFECT YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY. CHECK THOSE TIRES! DON'T RISK YOUR LIFE ON A BAD TIRE. IF IT'S STARTING TO GET MARGINAL, CHANGE IT! WITH A HIGH ENOUGH RISK FACTOR JUST BY RIDING HERE, DON'T ADD TO YOUR RISK BY RIDING AN UNSAFE BIKE.

WELL UNTIL NEXT MONTH, WATCH YOUR ASSES OUT THERE!

NIGHTHAWK

VICE PRESIDENT ABATE PALM BEACH

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MUSIC & FUN SCHEDULE

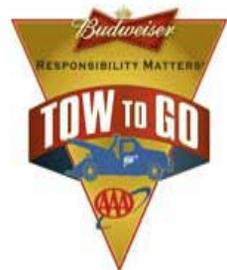
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 Sunday, Karaoke with "Give me the Mike"
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 Every Wed, No Limit Poker
 Every Thursday, Dart Grab Bag

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A Partnership Between AAA & Budweiser



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FREE and open to both AAA members and non-members (100% confidential)

Call 1-800-AAA-HELP — the call will be directed to a ERS Call Center

The AAA tow truck takes the vehicle and the driver safely home

MAKE SURE STATE IT IS MOTORCYCLE TOW IF APPLICABLE

2012 Tow to Go Holiday Schedule

Holidays	Date of Actual Holiday	Days Tow to Go is Provided
Super Bowl	February 5th (Sunday)	February 3rd, 4th, 5th
St. Patrick's Day	March 17th (Saturday)	March 16th, 17th, 18th
Cinco de Mayo	May 5th (Saturday)	May 4th, 5th
Memorial Day	May 28th (Monday)	May 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th
Independence Day	July 4th (Wednesday)	July 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th
Labor Day	September 3rd (Monday)	August 31st, September 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Halloween	October 31st (Wednesday)	October 31st, November 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Thanksgiving - New Year's Day	November 22nd (Thursday)	November 22nd - January 2nd

March

2012

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Renegades Bike Night	2	3 Mickey's Bash and Get Better Party
4	5	6	7 Island Jack's Bike Night - WPB Mickey's Bike Night - Pompano	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Island Jack's Bike Night - WPB Mickey's Bike Night - Pompano	15 WPB Palm Beach H-D Bike Night	16	17 
18	19	20	21 Island Jack's Bike Night - WPB Mickey's Bike Night - Pompano	22	23	24 USMC MC CHAPTER PARTY
25 ABATE CHAPTER MEETING 11:30 	26	27	28 Island Jack's Bike Night - WPB Mickey's Bike Night - Pompano	29	30	31

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2	3	4 Island Jack's Bike Night - WPB Mickey's Bike Night - Pompano	5 Renegades Bike Night	6	7
8 	9	10	11 Island Jack's Bike Night - WPB Mickey's Bike Night - Pompano	12	13	14 ABATE STATE MEETING - ST. AUGUSTINE OUTCAST MC ANNUAL
15	16	17	18 Island Jack's Bike Night - WPB Mickey's Bike Night - Pompano	19 WPB Palm Beach H-D Bike Night	20	21
22 ABATE CHAPTER MEETING 11:30 	23	24	25 Island Jack's Bike Night - WPB Mickey's Bike Night - Pompano	26	27	28 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">LEESBURG RUN</div>
29 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">LEESBURG RUN ENDS</div>	30					

April

2012

2012 CALENDAR

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MARCH

- 4 - Der Krieger MC PSL Annual
- 18 - Kelties MC Broward Annual
- 24 - USMV MC Chapter 1 Party
- 25 - Hermandad MC Annual
- 25 - Flasco Brothers MC Annual
- 31 - Black Pistons MC T.C. Annual

APRIL

- 1 - States MC Pompano Annual
- 7 - Mystic T MC Party
- 8 - CMA Easter Party
- 14 - Outcast MC Annual
- 21 - USMYMC Martin City Party
- 22 - ADA WPB Party
- 28 & 29 - Leesburg

MAY

- 6 - Southern MC Annual
- 12 - Wings of Gold MC PSL Chili Cook Off
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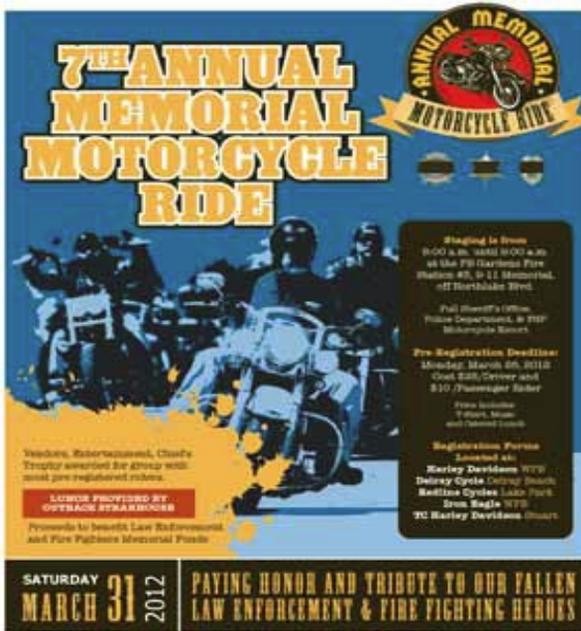
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- IF YOU OWNED A PLANE WOULD YOU TRAILER IT, TOO?
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- "ADVENTURE" IS "TROUBLE" IN THE PAST TENSE.
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- IF YOU CAN'T PICK IT UP BY YOURSELF, IT IS NOT AN ADVENTURE BIKE.
- AHHH...THE SOUND OF A BIKE FAR OFF IN THE DISTANCE, LATE ON A CLEAR EVENING, CALLS TO ME, SAYING RISE UP AND CATCH THE WIND UNDER THE MOONLIGHT'S EMBRACE.
- DUAL SPORT & ADVENTURE RIDING IS CHEAPER THAN THERAPY.
- YOU LIKE MOTORCYCLES, BEER, AND LADIES. I'M AFRAID I HAVE THE SAME ILLNESS. — THIERRY
- IF YOU DON'T GET WET ONCE IN A WHILE YOU ARE NOT RIDING ENOUGH!
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LEGISLATIVE & DELEGATE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

STRONGBOW, WILLIE AND I MADE IT TO TALLAHASSEE FOR THE STATE MEETING AND RIDE TO THE CAPITAL. I THINK THERE WERE AT LEAST 140 BIKES THAT BRAVED THE 25 DEGREE WEATHER ON THAT RIDE. STRONGBOW AND I MAKE THE ROUNDS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OFFICES. WE TALKED WITH MANY AIDES AND ACTUALLY A FEW REPRESENTATIVES. I FEEL THAT MOST OF OUR PALM BEACH ONES ARE IN FAVOR OF WHAT WE DO AND HOPE TO FOLLOW UP WITH THEM WHEN THEY GET HOME. BELOW I HAVE INCLUDED SOME RELEVANT ITEMS FROM DARRIN "SCRIBE" BROOKS, STATE LEGISLATIVE TRUSTEE, ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

MARCH 4 - OTHER MAJOR ISSUES REMAIN TO BE PASSED (OR FAILED) IN THE FINAL WEEK, INCLUDING SCOTT'S TOP PRIORITY - AN OVERHAUL OF THE PERSONAL INJURY PROTECTION AUTO INSURANCE SYSTEM. THE TWO CHAMBERS HAVE DIFFERENT BILLS ON PIP - THE HOUSE LIMITING LAWYER FEES, FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE THE SENATE DOESN'T. THE HOUSE PLAN (HB 119) ALSO CAPS PHYSICIAN VISITS AND EXCLUDES A NUMBER OF PROFESSIONS FROM ACCEPTING PATIENTS. THE SENATE HAS TAKEN A MORE LIMITED APPROACH IN ITS PLAN (SB 1869), BUT HAS YET TO TAKE UP ITS VERSION ON THE FLOOR.

REDISTRICTING THE STATE SUPREME COURT HEARD ORAL ARGUMENTS FROM THE LEGISLATURE ON WHY POLITICAL MAPS PASSED BY LAWMAKERS FOR THE COMING DECADE ARE CONSTITUTIONAL, AND FROM OPPONENTS ON WHY THEY'RE NOT. THE COURT MUST LET LAWMAKERS KNOW BY MARCH 9 WHAT IT THINKS. EVEN IF THE COURT SAYS BEFORE THEN WHAT ITS ASSESSMENT IS, ANY CHANGES THAT LAWMAKERS MAKE ARE WIDELY EXPECTED TO WAIT UNTIL A SPECIAL SESSION, PROBABLY LATER THIS MONTH.

TEXT - AND ALSO DRIVE FAST EARLIER THIS WEEK THE HOUSE PASSED THE AGENCY BILL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES AND THE BODY'S MOST VOCAL ADVOCATE FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY, REP. IRV SLOSBERG, D-BOCA RATON, LAMENTED THAT THE BILL DIDN'T INCLUDE MUCH IN THE WAY OF ACTUAL HIGHWAY SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. ONE BILL HE'D LIKE TO SEE PASSED - WHICH LOOKS HIGHLY UNLIKELY - IS ONE THAT WOULD BAN TEXTING WHILE DRIVING. THAT WASN'T PART OF THE BILL, HE NOTED, SO HOW COULD IT REALLY BE CALLED A HIGHWAY SAFETY BILL?

IT COULD BE ARGUED THAT THE INABILITY



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TO BAN TEXTING AND DRIVING GOES BEYOND THE IMMEDIATE DEBATE ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THAT PARTICULAR BAD HABIT, AND EXTENDS TO A LARGER DEBATE ABOUT THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN PEOPLE'S LIVES.

BUT, IT MIGHT BE THAT THIS LEGISLATURE JUST LIKES A LITTLE BIT OF DANGER, A LITTLE BIT OF SPEED.

FEB. 29 SENATE PASSES FOLLOWING -SB 244, THE BILL WOULD MAKE IT ILLEGAL TO IMPEDE THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC BY HANGING OUT IN THE LEFT LANE. THE "ROAD RAGE BILL" HAS BEEN A PERENNIAL SUBJECT FOR SEN. MIKE BENNETT, R-BRADENTON. "THIS SEEMS TO BE MY LEGACY BILL," BENNETT SAID. THE BILL PASSED 36-1.

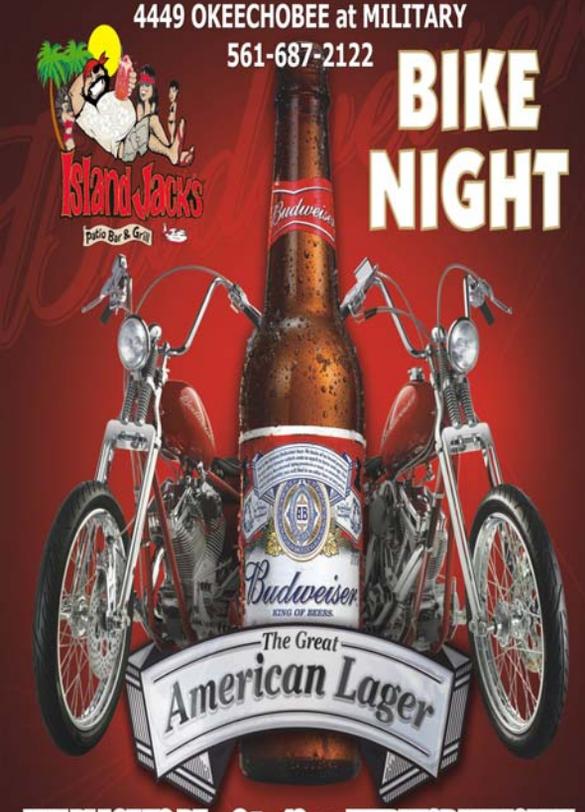
HOUSE PASSES FOLLOWING BILLS

-HB 19, ALLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO SELL ADS ON SCHOOL BUSES. THE BILL PASSED 108-7.

-HB 1223, THE HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES AGENCY LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE. THE HOUSE ADOPTED TWO AMENDMENTS (795251, 231707) BY THE SPONSOR THAT WERE NOT CONTROVERSIAL. REP. IRV SLOSBERG, D-BOCA RATON, ROSE TO EXCORIATE THE HOUSE FOR NOT TRYING TO PASS A NUMBER OF DRIVER SAFETY ISSUES, FROM BANS ON TEXTING AND DRIVING, TO LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CARS. THE HOUSE PASSED THE BILL UNANIMOUSLY.

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CONGRESS MOVES TO ABOLISH MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS HAVE REVVED UP CONCERN IN CONGRESS, AND WORDING WAS RECENTLY INSERTED INTO THE HOUSE HIGHWAY BILL THAT WOULD BAR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FROM PROVIDING GRANTS TO LOCAL OR STATE GOVERNMENTS FOR SUCH DISCRIMINATORY INSPECTIONS. THE ACTION AROSE OVER MOTORCYCLE-EXCLUSIVE ROADBLOCKS SET UP IN GEORGIA AND NEW YORK UNDER FEDERAL SAFETY GRANTS THAT SINGLE OUT MOTORCYCLES FROM FOUR-WHEELED TRAFFIC FOR POLICE TO CHECK THE BIKE AND RIDER FOR PROPER PAPERWORK, HELMET, EXHAUST AND EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS.

REP. JIM SENSENBRENNER (R-WI), WHO SPONSORED H.R. 904 TO BAN FEDERAL FUNDING OF MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS, APPLAUDED THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE FOR INCLUDING HIS BILL'S WORDING IN THEIR FEB. 1ST MARK-UP OF THE TRANSPORTATION MEASURE, SAYING; "IT IS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT THE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION BILL WILL ENCOURAGE MORE EFFICIENT USE OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS AND SMART MOTORCYCLE SAFETY POLICY."

"MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ARE RIGHT TO BE OUTRAGED AT BEING SINGLED OUT FOR SAFETY INSPECTIONS," ADDED REP TOM PETRI (R-WI). "NOBODY IS SUGGESTING FLAGGING CARS DOWN FOR UNSCHEDULED INSPECTIONS, AND THERE'S NO GOOD REASON WHY MOTORCYCLES SHOULD BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY. IT'S UNNECESSARILY INTRUSIVE, AND NOT A SMART WAY TO USE LIMITED POLICE RESOURCES."

SECTION 5007 OF H.R. 7, THE "AMERICAN ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE JOBS ACT OF 2012" READS: PROHIBITION ON FUNDS TO CHECK HELMET USAGE OR CREATE CHECKPOINTS FOR A MOTORCYCLE DRIVER OR PASSENGER.

THE SECRETARY MAY NOT PROVIDE A GRANT OR OTHERWISE MAKE AVAILABLE FUNDING TO A STATE, INDIAN TRIBE, COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO BE USED FOR ANY PROGRAM TO CHECK HELMET USAGE OR CREATE CHECKPOINTS FOR A MOTORCYCLE DRIVER OR PASSENGER.

THE HOUSE BILL, WHICH ALSO PROVIDES FEDERAL FUNDING FOR STATE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAMS AND FUNDS FOR MOTORIZED TRAILS, WILL NOW GO TO THE FULL HOUSE FLOOR BEFORE GOING OVER TO THE SENATE FOR CONSIDERATION. THE SENATE WILL CONSIDER THEIR OWN VERSION OF THE HIGHWAY BILL, AND A FINAL VERSION WILL BE IRONED OUT IN A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

VIRGINIA MAY LEGALIZE TWO-ABREAST RIDING THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS CONSIDERING THE REPEAL OF A 40-PLUS YEAR-OLD LAW THAT MAKES IT AGAINST THE LAW FOR TWO MOTORCYCLISTS TO RIDE SIDE-BY-SIDE IN THE SAME LANE. VIRGINIA AND VERMONT ARE THE ONLY TWO STATES IN THE U.S. WITH SUCH A LAW ON THE BOOKS, WHILE 48 OTHER STATES EITHER DON'T BAN THE PRACTICE OR HAVE SPECIFIC LAWS ALLOWING IT. THERE'S NO INDICATION THOSE STATES HAVE MORE CRASHES OR PROBLEMS RELATED TO TWO-ABREAST RIDING, ACCORDING TO THE VIRGINIA COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS.

THE PROPOSAL, SPONSORED BY 26TH DISTRICT DELEGATE TONY WILT AND 18TH DISTRICT DELEGATE MICHAEL WEBERT, SAILED THROUGH THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AND, OVERWHELMINGLY, THROUGH THE HOUSE. THE LAW IS AN OLD ONE, POSSIBLY SPARKED BY THE MENACING IMAGE OF MOTORCYCLE GANGS OF THE 60s. BUT SINCE THE LAW WAS PASSED OVER FOUR DECADES AGO, MOTORCYCLE REGISTRATIONS HAVE SHOT UP AND CHARITABLE MOTORCYCLISTS NOW RIDE IN LARGE GROUPS FOR FUND-RAISERS OR TO RAISE AWARENESS, WHEN RIDING TWO-DEEP IS COMMON.

TWO-THIRDS OF MULTI-VEHICLE MOTORCYCLE CRASHES ARE CAUSED BY PEOPLE IN CARS WHO DON'T SEE THE RIDERS. TWO ABREAST MAY ENHANCE VISIBILITY. AND SINCE MOTORCYCLES GENERALLY HAVE ONE HEADLIGHT, RIDING TOGETHER CAN HELP ILLUMINATE DARK ROADS.

FLORIDA SEEKS STIFFER PENALTIES FOR NEGLIGENT DRIVERS ABATE FLORIDA MEMBERS FROM AROUND THE STATE WERE OUT IN FULL FORCE AT THE STATE CAPITOL ON MONDAY, FEB. 13TH ASKING LAWMAKERS FOR SAFER ROADS AND TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION FOR STRICTER PENALTIES FOR DRIVERS WHO KILL BIKERS ON THE ROAD.

"KILL A MOTORCYCLIST THEY GET AN \$82 FINE, THAT'S ALL THEY GET; FAILURE TO YIELD. YOU DO THAT IN A CAR, HIT SOMEBODY ELSE IN A CAR, YOU GET VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER," SAID JAMES "DOC" REICHENBACH, ABATE PRESIDENT.

REICHENBACH, WHO ALSO SERVES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD FOR THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS (NCOM), TESTIFIED ON BEHALF OF ABATE'S STIFFER PENALTIES BILL, S.B. 1754, WHICH PASSED THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ON JAN. 27TH BY A VOTE OF 7-0, AND NOW GOES TO THE SENATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE.

DURING THE RALLY IN TALLAHASSEE, THE NAMES OF BIKERS KILLED IN WRECKS LAST YEAR WERE READ ALOUD. FIFTY-SIX BELL CHIMES WERE SOUNDED; ONE FOR EACH LOST LIFE. THE BIKERS SPENT THE REST OF THE DAY TALKING TO LAWMAKERS, THEN HEADED HOME HOPING WHEN THEY RETURN NEXT YEAR, THERE ARE FEWER BELLS TO RING AND FEWER BIKERS LOST.

MYRTLE BEACH RALLY DATE CONFUSION PROMPTS ABATE BOYCOTT MYRTLE BEACH HARLEY-DAVIDSON HAS MOVED THE DATES OF ITS OFFICIAL SPRING RALLY INTO LATE MAY, EF-

FECTIVELY ADDING 10 MORE DAYS OF HARLEY-RELATED EVENTS ON THE GRAND STRAND AND SPARKING CONFUSION AMONG BIKERS, BUSINESSES AND RALLY PROMOTERS OVER WHEN THE RALLY WILL TAKE PLACE. "THEY JUST DON'T SEEM TO WANT TO PLAY BY WHATEVER RULES WE SET," SAID COUNCILMAN GARY LOFTUS IN CALLING ON COUNCIL MEMBERS TO REVOKE ALL MAY VENDOR PERMITS FOR BIKER EVENTS. "THEY KEEP WANTING TO PUSH AND PUSH AND PUSH WELL THEY'VE JUST PUSHED TOO HARD THIS TIME."

HORRY COUNTY (S.C.) ABATE HAS DECIDED TO STAGE A BOYCOTT, NOT OF THE SPRING BIKE RALLY, BUT OF THE LOCAL HARLEY DEALERSHIPS INVOLVED IN RESCHEDULING THE CRUISIN' THE COAST RALLY TO MAY 18-28, CARRYING IT OVER INTO MEMORIAL WEEKEND WHEN SPORTBIKERS TRADITIONALLY BEGIN ARRIVING FOR ATLANTIC BEACH BIKE FEST AKA "BLACK BIKE WEEK".

"THE DUST JUST GOT SETTLED WITH HORRY COUNTY, AND NOW THIS HAS UPSET THE COUNTY COUNCIL ALL OVER AGAIN," SAID GARY BALCOM, ABATE CHAPTER COORDINATOR, RECALLING THAT IN 2008 MYRTLE BEACH PASSED A LITANY OF LAWS AIMED AT ENDING THE RALLIES ALTOGETHER, INCLUDING A CITY-WIDE HELMET LAW THAT WAS LATER RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL. "IT'S A BAD IDEA AND WAS NOT DISCUSSED WITH ANYONE ELSE," SAID BALCOM. BUT THERE ARE OTHER CONCERNS, TOO, BALCOM SAID. THE LARGE CROWD WOULD OVERWHELM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES, HE WROTE IN AN ABATE STATEMENT. "THE LAST THING WE WANT TO SEE IS ANY EVENT GETTING OUT OF HAND," BALCOM WROTE. THE STATEMENT CALLS THE DATE CHANGE "A SLAP IN THE FACE TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL" AND ENCOURAGES BIKERS TO BOYCOTT THE TWO DEALERSHIPS IN MYRTLE BEACH AND NORTH MYRTLE BEACH "AND WE HOPE THAT THE BIKER COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE WILL COME TOGETHER WITH US ON THIS BOYCOTT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY RETRACT THEIR PLAN OF OVERLAPPING DATES."

MOTORCYCLE SALES HOLD STEADY FOR 2011 | THE 2011 MOTORCYCLE SALES ESTIMATES FROM THE MOTORCYCLE INDUSTRY COUNCIL ARE IN, WITH ANNUAL UNIT SALES HOLDING STEADY AT 440,000. THE GOOD NEWS: MOTORCYCLE SALES HAVEN'T DECLINED FROM 2010. THE BAD NEWS: THEY HAVEN'T GONE UP EITHER. THE MIC REPORTS 440,899 TOTAL MOTORCYCLE SALES FOR 2011, UP 0.3% FROM 2010'S UNIT TALLY.

THE MOTORCYCLE MARKET SHOWS GAINS AND LOSSES WITHIN THE VARIOUS SEGMENTS, REPORTS WWW.MOTORCYCLE-USA.COM, NOTING THAT THE LARGEST SECTOR, ON-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLES, RECORDED A 1.8% INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR AT 312,124 UNITS. THE BOOM AND BUST SCOOTER MARKET BENEFITED WITH AN 11.8% GAIN AT 31,850 UNITS. THE BIGGEST WINNER, HOWEVER, WAS THE DUAL SEGMENT WHICH JUMPED 14.2% FOR THE YEAR, GAINING 3337 UNITS.

OFF-HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLE SALES DROPPED 13.5% ON THE YEAR, LOSING 10,905 UNITS FROM THE 2010 TALLY OF 80,962. COMBINED WITH THE ATV MARKET, WHICH CONTINUED A DOWNWARD SALES TREND, MORE THAN 45K OHV UNIT SALES WERE LOST ON THE YEAR.

THE 2011 TOTAL 440K ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE SALES MARK SHOWS STABILIZING OF A MARKET THAT CRASHED FOLLOWING THE ECONOMIC CRISIS IN LATE 2008. TOTAL MOTORCYCLE UNIT SALES TOPPED 1.1 MILLION IN 2008 (THE SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR SALES HAD TOPPED THE MILLION UNIT MARK), BUT PLUMMETED 40.8% IN 2009, FOLLOWED BY A FURTHER 15.8% DECLINE IN 2010.

WEIRD NEWS: HELMETED BRIT BIKER REFUSED SERVICE MOTORCYCLISTS IN ENGLAND ARE BEING VICTIMIZED BY GAS STATIONS THAT ENFORCE A "REMOVE HELMETS" RULE, AS EVIDENCED BY AN INCIDENT IN COVENTRY WHEN STAFF REFUSED TO SERVE A RIDER EVEN THOUGH HIS FULL-FACE VISOR WAS UP.

BARRY HADLEY, 63, TOLD THE COVENTRY TELEGRAPH: "I STOOD THERE FOR A COUPLE OF MINUTES AND THOUGHT THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE PUMP. THEN A MESSAGE CAME OVER THE LOUDSPEAKER SAYING I HAD TO REMOVE MY HELMET, EVEN THOUGH I ALWAYS FLIP UP THE FRONT. WHY SHOULD I BE CLASSED AS A THIEF BECAUSE OTHERS ARE THIEVES?"

THE MANAGER SAID IT WAS COMPANY POLICY, AND IN A LETTER TO HADLEY THE STATION SAID: "LEGALLY WE ARE REQUIRED TO BE ABLE TO VALIDATE THE MINIMUM AGE FOR DISPENSING FUEL AND THIS CAN NOT BE ASSESSED ADEQUATELY IF RIDERS KEEP THEIR HELMETS ON."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "HE WHO HAS A WHY CAN ENDURE ANY HOW." FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE, GERMAN PHILOSOPHER (1844-1900)

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