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**11:30 AM
Sunday
April 22nd**



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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,

AFTER NEARLY EIGHT YEARS IT APPEARS FINALLY THE MESSAGE HAS GOTTEN OUT ABOUT THE DANGERS OF OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE OF ANY KIND AND THE USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES. I CAN REMEMBER WHEN CHRIS SHARP AND I HAD BEGUN OUR CAMPAIGN TO BAN CELL PHONES WHILE DRIVING BACK IN 2004. TRYING TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR THIS ACTION WAS NOT ENCOURAGING, WE HEARD A LOT OF PEOPLE SAYING THEY AGREED SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE BUT "YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO GET A BILL TO BAN THE USE OF CELL PHONES". YEAR AFTER YEAR WE PETITIONED DOC (ABATE OF FLORIDA STATE PRESIDENT AND LOBBYIST) TO PUSH FOR LEGISLATION AND NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES IT WAS WRITTEN AND RE- WRITTEN AND RE- INTRODUCED WE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO HAVE IT PASSED. AFTER COUNTLESS STUDIES AND RESEARCH PROVED THAT "INATTENTIONAL BLINDNESS" IS IN FACT A MEDICAL CONDITION RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, THE CAUSE; DISTRACTED DRIVERS. ALTHOUGH, OVER 30 STATES HAVE PASSED LAWS PROHIBITING THE USE OF THESE DEVICES, FLORIDA REFUSES TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT PEOPLE HAVE DIED AND ARE STILL DYING DUE TO THE IRRESPONSIBLE USE OF THESE DEVICES.

ONLY UNTIL THE PAST COUPLE YEARS WHEN "TEXTING" BECAME EPIDEMIC HAVE PEOPLE BEGUN TO REALIZE JUST HOW DEADLY THESE DEVICES HAVE BECOME. NOT ONLY TO MOTORISTS BUT EVEN PEDESTRIANS HAVE BECOME STATISTICS. DURING A RECENT TRIP TO GAINESVILLE, ON MARCH 27TH N.B.C.CHANNEL 2 REPORTED THAT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR OVER 20 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN HIT BY MOTOR VEHICLES IN VOLUSIA COUNTY, AS I REMEMBER IT THE MAJORITY OF THESE WERE CAUSED EITHER BY MIDDLE SCHOOL KIDS "TEXTING" WHILE WALKING OR DRIVERS ON CELL PHONES OR TEXTING OR BOTH. WHAT'S IT GONNA TAKE? OUR PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF OTHER PROPOSED BILLS HAVE BEEN REJECTED IN RECENT YEARS. WE'VE HEARD IT CALLED "INTELLECTUALLY DISHONEST" BECAUSE OF ALL THE OTHER THINGS PEOPLE DO THAT DISTRACT THEM WHILE DRIVING AND AS IT WAS IN THIS YEARS LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS, JUST OUTRIGHT IGNORED. BELIEVE ME WHEN I TELL YOU, THE LAST THING I WANT TO SEE IS ANOTHER DAMNED LAW BEING ENACTED BUT THIS SHIT HAS GOT TO STOP.

AS PART OF OUR MISSION WE HOPE TO TRY WORKING MORE DIRECTLY WITH COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT PALM BEACH COUNTY. OUR SAFETY DIRECTOR CHARLIE "NIBLICK" WENGER HAS ALREADY SET THE WHEELS IN MOTION. WE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF OTHER ABATE CHAPTERS INTERESTED IN JOINING US IN THIS EFFORT. I'VE HEARD AND SEEN NEWS REPORTS ON



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONT'D

LOCAL TV AND HAVE SEEN ALL KINDS OF STICKERS LATELY WITH ANTI TEXTING MESSAGES SO, MAYBE THE TIMING IS RIGHT FOR LAUNCHING THIS CAMPAIGN.

WE WILL BE DOING OUR PART BY INTRODUCING A STOP SIGN SHAPED VINYL SIGN, ADAPTED FROM A BUMPER STICKER BEING OFFERED BY A HUGE CAR DEALERSHIP IN BROWARD COUNTY TO BE DISTRIBUTED EVERYWHERE AND ANYWHERE WE CAN. HOPEFULLY, WE'LL GAIN THE SUPPORT OF MORE LOCAL PALM BEACH COUNTY OFFICIALS LIKE IRV SLOSBERG TO GET BEHIND THIS MEASURE.

MEANWHILE, OUR EFFORTS IN GETTING OUR "STIFFER PENALTIES BILL" THROUGH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAS ONCE AGAIN STIFLED DUE TO THE IGNORANCE OF REP. DRAKE WHO HAD ALSO DECIDED NOT TO ALLOW OUR BILL TO BE HEARD DURING THIS YEARS SESSIONS. APPARENTLY WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO RAISE ENOUGH HELL TO GET THE ATTENTION OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES AS TO THE EVER-RISING FREQUENCY OF RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATION (R.O.W.V.) ACCIDENTS CLAIMING THE LIVES OF MOTORCYCLISTS AND MOTORISTS ALIKE. I BELIEVE IT'S TIME TO TAKE IT TO THE STREET. I WILL BE CONTACTING CLUBS, OTHER RIDING ASSOCIATIONS AND INDEPENDENTS AS WELL AS MOTORCYCLE DEALERSHIPS AND BIKE SHOPS TO HELP SUPPORT AN ACTION TO BRING ATTENTION TO THESE DEADLY OCCURRENCES AND THE RIDICULOUS CHARGES AND FINES WHEN A MOTORCYCLIST IS KILLED AS OPPOSED TO THE CHARGES, FINES AND SENTENCES WHEN THE ACCIDENT INVOLVES THE DEATH OF ANOTHER MOTORIST.

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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

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APRIL 2012

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 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
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JUNE 2012

Kevin "Goose" Delburn
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 Geno "Eyeball" DiPol
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 Walter "Papa Jay" Conine
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 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



JULY 2012

Faith Cote
 Walter "Red Beard" Wilcox

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



Vice President's Message

WELL ANOTHER DAYTONA BIKE WEEK HAS COME AND GONE. THIS YEAR SEEMED A LITTLE BUSIER THAN THE LAST FEW. IT WAS ALL THE USUAL CRAZINESS THAT WE COME TO LOVE AND EXPECT FROM DAYTONA. WE HAD A SMALL BUNCH FROM THE CHAPTER RIDE UP TOGETHER AND STAYED AT THE ABATE CAMPGROUND. WE WENT UP FOR THE SECOND WEEKEND AND THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT! FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME THAT I CAN REMEMBER, PAST YEARS IT'S EITHER BEEN FREEZING TEMPS AT NIGHT OR PERIODS OF TORRENTIAL RAIN. WE SPENT THE FIRST NIGHT PARTYING AT THE CAMPGROUND. SATURDAY WE WENT TO THE CABBAGE FOR SOME COLE SLAW WRESTLING. WE THEN CONTINUED ON TO DESTINATION DAYTONA, IRONHORSE SALOON AND THEN SPENT THE NIGHT ON MAIN STREET MAKING THE ROUNDS. WE DID HAVE A FEW BIKE ISSUES THAT WE DEALT WITH, BUT WE ALL HAD A GREAT TIME! SUNDAY ON THE RIDE HOME WE HAD A BIKER GO DOWN ON I-95 A QUARTER MILE IN FRONT OF US. SINGLE BIKE ACCIDENT WHEN THE RIDER LOST CONTROL IN A PANIC STOP. HE WAS A FAIRLY NEW RIDER. WE PULLED OVER TO ASSIST UNTIL THEY COULD AIR LIFT HIM OUT. WE RECOVERED HIS MOTORCYCLE AT THE SCENE FOR HIM AS WELL. I MET UP WITH HIM A FEW DAYS LATER AND FORTUNATELY THERE ARE NO LIFE THREATENING OR PERMANENT INJURIES. HE WAS VERY THANKFUL THAT OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS WERE THERE TO HELP.

COMING UP AT THE END OF THE MONTH IS LEESBURG BIKEFEST! THIS IS AN AWESOME RALLY. MOST OF THE PARTY IS LOCATED IN ONE LOCATION, NOT SPREAD OUT LIKE DAYTONA. DOWNTOWN LEESBURG IS CLOSED DOWN TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT BIKES. IT'S AN AREA THAT COVERS ABOUT FOUR BY EIGHT BLOCKS LONG. THERE ARE 3 STAGES WITH LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY LONG, LOTS OF FOOD, VENDORS, AND SHOWS GOING ON. WE HAVE A BUNCH RIDING UP FRIDAY MORNING AND YOUR WELCOME TO JOIN US! WE WILL BE STAYING AT THE LAKE COUNTY ABATE CAMPGROUND. THIS IS ON THE GROUNDS OF THE LOCAL EAGLES CLUB. GOOD FOOD AND ALCOHOL AVAILABLE ARE VERY REASONABLE PRICES. THIS CAMPGROUND IS WELL KNOWN FOR ITS ABATE PARTIES. WE WILL BE HEADING OUT FRIDAY MORNING AT 9AM. CONTACT ME IF YOU'RE INTERESTED. WE WILL HAVE A TRUCK TO HAUL YOUR GEAR IF NEEDED.

WELL UNTIL NEXT MONTH, WATCH YOUR ASSES OUT THERE!

NIGHTHAWK

VICE PRESIDENT ABATE PALM BEACH

(561) 309-5412



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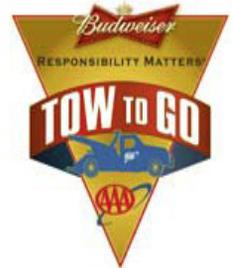
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2012 Tow to Go Holiday Schedule

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
Mem orial 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

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- 21 - USMVMC Martin Ctny Party
- 22 - AOA WPB Party
- 28 & 29 - Leesburg

MAY

- 6 - Southern MC Annual
- 12 - Wings of Gold MC P.S.L. Chili Cook Off
- 19 - USMVMC WPB Annual
- 20 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual
- 27 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

JUNE

- 3 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Party
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LEGISLATIVE & DELEGATE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

THINGS HAVE QUIETED DOWN NOW THAT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS ARE OVER. I'M SURE I'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO REPORT FOR NET CHAPTER MEETING AFTER THE STATE MEETING APRIL 14. I POSTED A SUMMARY OF THE BILLS AS FROM THE STATE ON OUR WEBSITE FOR YOU TO SEE. THE HOUSE SESSIONS WERE A SHAM WITH DRAKE IN CHARGE OF TRANSPORTATION, HE WOULD NOT HEAR ANYTHING. AND THE STORIES WE HEARD ABOUT HIM WHEN AT THE CAPITAL! HOPEFULLY HE WILL BE OUT NEXT YEAR SO THINGS CAN GET DONE. IT WAS GOOD TO HEAR OUR REP IRVING SLOSBERG COMMENTING ON THE PROCESS. CONGRESSMAN ALLEN WEST HAS BEEN ACTIVE LOCALLY, AND MEET WITH SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS WAYNE GENT ABOUT DANGERS OF TEXTING AND DRIVING. SO THAT MIGHT HELP US TO GET INTO THE SCHOOLS.

THERE WAS AN EXTRA SESSION IN REGARD TO THE STATE REDISTRICTING. ACCORDING TO [HTTP://WWW.FLORIDAREDISTRICTING.ORG/](http://www.floridaredistricting.org/) THE FLORIDA REDISTRICTING SITE, THE MAPS HAVE BEEN "ENACTED" SO I GUESS THAT MEANS PASSED. CAN YOU EVER GET A STRAIGHT ANSWER? I AM POSTING THEM ON OUR SITE UNDER THE LEGISLATIVE - NEWS SECTION. SO NOW TO SEE HOW THAT EFFECTS ELECTIONS. CHECKING ON THAT AT [HTTPS://WWW.PBCELECTIONS.ORG/ELECTIONCANDIDATES.ASPX?EID=118](https://www.pbcelections.org/ElectionCandidates.aspx?eid=118) THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS SHOWING WHO HAS FILED SO FAR, HOWEVER THESE APPEAR TO BE THE OLD DISTRICTS. SO I NEED TO FIND WHAT WHAT IS GOING ON. NOW IS THE TIME FOR US TO START SEEING WHO IS ON OUR SITE AND DESERVES OUR BACKING. SO VISIT THEM NOW THAT AT HOME OFFICES AND LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF THEM. CONTACT ME AND I TRY TO JOIN OR PREPARE YOU

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IN SCHOOL WE STUDIED ENGLISH, HISTORY, MATH, AND SCIENCE WHICH ENABLED US TO LEAD AMERICA INTO THE TECHNOLOGICAL AGE. MOST OF US REMEMBER WHAT outhouses WERE, MANY OF US WITH FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE. WE REMEMBER THE DAYS OF TELEPHONE PARTY-LINES, 25 CENT GASOLINE, AND MILK AND ICE BEING DELIVERED TO OUR HOMES. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW WHAT AN ICEBOX IS, TODAY THEY ARE ELECTRIC AND REFERRED TO AS REFRIGERATORS. A FEW EVEN REMEMBER WHEN CARS WERE STARTED WITH A CRANK. YES, WE LIVED THOSE DAYS.

WE ARE PROBABLY CONSIDERED OLD FASHIONED AND OUT-DATED BY MANY. BUT THERE ARE A FEW THINGS YOU NEED TO REMEMBER BEFORE COMPLETELY WRITING US OFF. WE WON WORLD WAR II, FOUGHT IN KOREA AND VIET NAM. WE CAN QUOTE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND KNOW WHERE TO PLACE OUR HAND WHILE DOING SO. WE WORE THE UNIFORM OF OUR COUNTRY WITH PRIDE AND LOST MANY FRIENDS ON THE BATTLEFIELD. WE DIDN'T FIGHT FOR THE SOCIALIST STATES OF AMERICA, WE FOUGHT FOR THE "LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE." WE WORE DIFFERENT UNIFORMS BUT CARRIED THE SAME FLAG. WE KNOW THE WORDS TO THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER, AMERICA ,AND AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL BY HEART, AND YOU MAY EVEN SEE SOME TEARS RUNNING DOWN OUR CHEEKS AS WE SING. WE HAVE LIVED WHAT MANY OF YOU HAVE ONLY READ ABOUT IN HISTORY BOOKS AND WE FEEL NO OBLIGATION TO APOLOGIZE TO ANYONE FOR AMERICA.

YES, WE ARE OLD AND SLOW THESE DAYS BUT REST ASSURED, WE HAVE AT LEAST ONE GOOD FIGHT LEFT IN US. WE HAVE LOVED THIS COUNTRY, FOUGHT FOR IT, AND DIED FOR IT, AND NOW WE ARE GOING TO SAVE IT. IT IS OUR COUNTRY AND NOBODY IS GOING TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM US. WE TOOK OATHS TO DEFEND AMERICA AGAINST ALL ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, AND THAT IS AN OATH WE PLAN TO KEEP. THERE ARE THOSE WHO WANT TO DESTROY THIS LAND WE LOVE BUT, LIKE OUR FOUNDERS, THERE IS NO WAY WE ARE GOING TO REMAIN SILENT.

IT WAS MOSTLY THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THIS NATION WHO ELECTED OBAMA AND THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS. YOU FELL FOR THE "HOPE AND CHANGE" WHICH IN REALITY WAS

NOTHING BUT "HYPE AND LIES." YOU HAVE TASTED SOCIALISM AND SEEN EVIL FACE TO FACE, AND HAVE FOUND YOU DON'T LIKE IT AFTER ALL. YOU MAKE A LOT OF NOISE, BUT MOST ARE ALL TOO INTERESTED IN THEIR CAREERS OR "CLIMBING THE SOCIAL LADDER" TO BE INVOLVED IN SUCH MUNDANE THINGS AS PATRIOTISM AND VOTING. MANY OF THOSE WHO FELL FOR THE "GREAT LIE" IN 2008 ARE NOW HAVING BUYER'S REMORSE. WITH ALL THE EDUCATION WE GAVE YOU, YOU DIDN'T HAVE SENSE ENOUGH TO SEE THROUGH THE LIES AND INSTEAD DRANK THE 'COOL-AID.' NOW YOU'RE PAYING THE PRICE AND COMPLAINING ABOUT IT. NO JOBS, LOST MORTGAGES, HIGHER TAXES, AND LESS FREEDOM. THIS IS WHAT YOU VOTED FOR AND THIS IS WHAT YOU GOT. WE ENTRUSTED YOU WITH THE TORCH OF LIBERTY AND YOU TRADED IT FOR A PAYCHECK AND A FANCY HOUSE.



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WELL, DON'T WORRY YOUNGSTERS, THE GREY-HAIRED BRIGADE IS HERE, AND IN 2012 WE ARE GOING TO TAKE BACK OUR NATION. WE MAY DRIVE A LITTLE SLOWER THAN YOU WOULD LIKE BUT WE GET WHERE WE'RE GOING, AND IN 2012 WE'RE GOING TO THE POLLS BY THE MILLIONS. THIS LAND DOES NOT BELONG TO THE MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE NOR TO THE LIKES OF NANCY PELOSI AND HARRY REID. IT BELONGS TO "WE THE PEOPLE" AND "WE THE PEOPLE" PLAN TO RECLAIM OUR LAND AND OUR FREEDOM. WE HOPE THIS TIME YOU WILL DO A BETTER JOB OF PRESERVING IT AND PASSING IT ALONG TO OUR GRANDCHILDREN. SO THE NEXT TIME

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AUTHOR, ANON. GREY-HAIRED BRIGADE
MEMBER

SUBMITTED BY: STRONGBOW

ONLY A BIKER KNOWS . . . : MOTORCYCLE WIT AND WISDOM, # 12

KEN BINGENHEIMER, MOTORCYCLES EXAMINER

YES, WE BIKERS KNOW WHY A DOG STICKS HIS HEAD OUT THE WINDOW. WE ALSO KNOW A LOT OF OTHER THINGS, BOTH WISE AND WHIMSICAL. HERE IS ANOTHER BATCH.

- TO ME, THE BEST KIND OF TRIPS ARE THE ONES YOU PLANNED ON THE WAY, ALLOWED YOURSELF TO CHANGE, AND MAYBE DIDN'T END UP WHERE YOU EXPECTED.
- HERE'S TO BURNT SKIN, NUMB CROTCHES, AND BUGS IN YOUR TEETH. RIDE ON!
- IF YOUR MIND WANDERS, RIDE AFTER IT.
- IF YOU CAN'T GET IT GOING WITH BUNGEE CORDS AND DUCT TAPE, GOD'S TELLING YOU TO STOP FOR THE NIGHT.
- IT'S MORE FUN TO RIDE A SLOW BIKE FAST, THAN A FAST BIKE SLOW.
- THE BEST MODS YOU CAN DO WILL BLOODY YOUR KNUCKLES AND EMPTY YOUR POCKETS, LEAVING A LITTLE TEAR IN YOUR EYE.
- BE A BIKER—KICK START YOUR DAY.
- FROM HELL HOT DAYS TO COLD BLUE SKIES, THRU MOONLESS NIGHTS WITH HEAD-LIGHT EYES.
- WHY? BECAUSE DINNER ALWAYS TASTES BETTER WITH HELMET HAIR.
- IT'S NOT THE FASTEST BIKE OUT THERE, IT'S NOT THE MOST WELL BEHAVED, BUT WHAT IT DOES IS PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE EVERY TIME I RIDE IT AND ISN'T THAT WHAT REALLY MATTERS?
- AGTATT DOESN'T MEAN MUCH IF YOU GET RUN OVER BY 60,000 POUNDS OF TRUCK AND CARGO.
- BIKING SKILLZ OR HOSPITAL BILLZ
- CRAWL, WALK, RIDE
- GO LIKE HELL, YOU'LL GET THERE QUICKER!
- NEVER BE ASHAMED TO UNLEARN AN OLD HABIT.
- FOR SOME THERE IS THERAPY; FOR THE REST OF US THERE ARE MOTORCYCLES.
- A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH A FLAT TIRE AND A DEAD BATTERY.
- KEEP THY EYE ON THE TACH AND THINE EARS ON THE ENGINE LEST THY WHIRLYBITS SEEK COMMUNION WITH THE SUN.
- RIDE FAST AND TAKE CHANCES!
- MOTORCYCLES TELL US A MORE USEFUL TRUTH: WE ARE SMALL AND EXPOSED, AND PROBABLY MOVING TOO FAST FOR OUR OWN GOOD, BUT THAT'S NO REASON NOT TO ENJOY EVERY MINUTE OF THE RIDE. ~ DAVE KARLOTSKI

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National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

FEDERAL HIGHWAY BILL PROGRESSES THE U.S. SENATE HAS APPROVED ITS VERSION OF A FEDERAL HIGHWAY APPROPRIATIONS MEASURE (S. 1813, "MOVING AHEAD FOR PROGRESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY" OR MAP-21) BY A VOTE OF 74-22 ON MARCH 14, AND THE \$109 BILLION HIGHWAY BILL INCLUDES MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FUNDING FOR STATES AND WOULD BAR FEDERAL FUNDS FROM BEING USED TO CONDUCT MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS.

THE MEASURE NOW GOES TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR FURTHER ACTION, WHERE A SIMILAR MEASURE IS ALSO BEING CONSIDERED (H.R. 7, THE "AMERICAN ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE JOBS ACT OF 2012").

BOTH BILLS CONTAIN MOTORCYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM FUNDING AND BOTH WOULD PROHIBIT MOTORCYCLE-EXCLUSIVE ROADBLOCKS, AND NEITHER VERSION HAS ANY ANTI-MOTORCYCLE PROVISIONS, BUT IT'S UNCLEAR IF THE HOUSE WILL TAKE UP THE SENATE BILL OR ADVANCE THEIR OWN LEGISLATION.

MORE STATES MOVE TO BAN MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS WHILE CONGRESS CONTINUES TO CONSIDER PASSING A PROHIBITION ON MOTORCYCLE-ONLY ROADSIDE "SAFETY CHECKPOINTS" BY HALTING FEDERAL FUNDING, SEVERAL STATES ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH THEIR OWN LAWS TO BAN THE PRACTICE.

NEW HAMPSHIRE AND NORTH CAROLINA HAVE BOTH PASSED SUCH LEGISLATION, AND VIRGINIA HAS BECOME THE LATEST STATE TO PASS A BILL TO BAR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FROM SETTING UP SAFETY CHECKS THAT ONLY STOP MOTORCYCLES FOR INSPECTION.

FOLLOWING A MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINT SET UP DURING LAST YEAR'S ROLLING THUNDER POW/MIA RALLY EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, D.C. OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, DELEGATE C. TODD GILBERT (R-SHENANDOAH) INTRODUCED H.B. 187, WHICH PASSED AND WAS SIGNED INTO LAW ON FEB. 28 BY GOVERNOR BOB McDONNELL.

MOST RECENTLY, NEW JERSEY INTRODUCED COMPANION BILLS IN THE SENATE (S-1685) AND THE ASSEMBLY (A-508) TO PROHIBIT POLICE FROM ESTABLISHING CHECKPOINTS LIMITED TO CERTAIN TYPES OF VEHICLES AND WOULD REQUIRE THAT ALL CHECKPOINTS INCLUDE ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES.

CALLING MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS DISCRIMINATORY AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL, ABATE OF CALIFORNIA IS LIKewise PUSHING A BILL (AB-1047) THAT WOULD BAN STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING OF BIKER BARRICADES. ACCORDING TO ABATE LOBBYIST JIM LOMBARDO, "WE PASSED OUT OF THE ASSEMBLY AND ARE AWAITING A HEARING IN THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, PROBABLY NEXT MONTH, AND THEN ON TO GOVERNOR BROWN."

MEANWHILE ON THE LEGAL FRONT, NEW YORK A.I.M. (AID TO INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS) ATTORNEY MITCH PRONER TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS THAT HE IS PREPARING TO APPEAL A FEDERAL COURT DECISION UPHOLDING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF MOTORCYCLE

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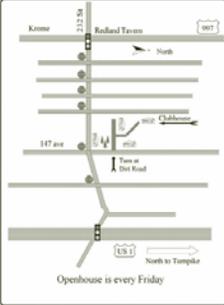




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BIKER ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL HEARD IN COLORADO COLORADO LEGISLATION TO BAN DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE WEARING MOTORCYCLIST GEAR FAILED TO PASS ITS FIRST COMMITTEE HEARING, BUT THE BILL'S SPONSOR TOLD THE AP THAT HE WAS GLAD HE PROPOSED THE BILL BECAUSE IT RAISED AWARENESS. HE SAID BIKERS ARE UNFAIRLY JUDGED TO BE CRIMINALS.

STATE REP. JOE MIKLOSI (D-DENVER) SAYS HE DIDN'T PROPOSE THE MEASURE TO GET ATTENTION BUT TO HELP CONSTITUENTS WHO BELONG TO MOTORCYCLE CLUBS AND SAY THEY ARE BEING SINGLED OUT UNFAIRLY. "I'M MOTIVATED BY DOING THE RIGHT THING," MIKLOSI SAID. "THEY'RE BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST."

BIKERS SAY THEY'RE UNFAIRLY REFUSED SERVICE AT HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND STORES BECAUSE OF HOW THEY DRESS, AND MIKLOSI'S BILL (HB-1128) WOULD HAVE BANNED BUSINESSES FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST MOTORCYCLISTS BASED ON THEIR STYLE OF DRESS.

BUT HIS BID TO ADD "UNCONVENTIONAL ATTIRE" TO THE STATE LAW THAT BARS DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS AND PUT BIKER ATTIRE ALONGSIDE SUCH PROTECTED CLASSES AS RACE, GENDER AND RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION, FELL SHORT IN THE GOP-CONTROLLED HOUSE STATE, VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WHICH IS KNOWN FOR REJECTING DEMOCRATIC PROPOSALS.

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SELVES ON A LIST OF “SECURITY THREAT GROUPS” RECENTLY OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO THE VERMONT SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE IN MONTPELIER, VT.

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION OFFERED TO THE COMMITTEE, A DEFINITION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SAYS A GANG DESIGNATION IS APPROPRIATE FOR A GROUP THREE OR MORE PEOPLE WITH A COMMON IDENTIFYING SIGN, SYMBOL OR NAME WHO, INDIVIDUALLY OR

COLLECTIVELY, ENGAGE IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY WHICH CREATES AN ATMOSPHERE OF FEAR AND INTIMIDATION.

SENATOR ALICE NITKA (D-WINDSOR) WASN'T SO SURE THAT THE AGING VETS OF THE MOTORCYCLE CLUB BACK IN WINDSOR ARE A MENACE TO SOCIETY AND WARRANT BEING “LUMPED IN” WITH STREET GANGS LIKE “THE BLOODS AND THE CRIPS,” REPORTED VTDIGGER.ORG.

IF ALL IT TAKES FOR A “GANG” TO MAKE THE LIST IS FOR A FEW MEMBERS OF A GROUP TO COMMIT A CRIME, SENATOR JEANETTE WHITE (D-WINDHAM) ASKED, “...WILL THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB BE NEXT?”

MINNESOTA ROAD GUARDING BILLS ADVANCE TWO COMPANION BILLS TO ALLOW TRAINED AND CERTIFIED MOTORCYCLISTS TO ROAD GUARD DURING MOTORCYCLE RUNS (SF1719 AND HF2008) WERE APPROVED BY THE MINNESOTA SENATE AND HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES, RESPECTIVELY.

MACK BACKLUND, STATE COORDINATOR FOR ABATE OF MINNESOTA, TESTIFIED IN FAVOR BEFORE BOTH COMMITTEES AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. WHILE THERE WERE QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS BROUGHT UP DURING DISCUSSION, IN THE END BOTH BILLS PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE WITH NO AMENDMENTS.

THE LEGISLATION CREATES A MOTORCYCLE ROAD GUARD CERTIFICATE UNDER WHICH A PERSON CAN STOP AND HOLD TRAFFIC DURING A MOTORCYCLE GROUP RIDE: “PERMITS HOLDERS OF A MOTORCYCLE ROAD GUARD

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“THIS LANGUAGE HAS A LONG WAY TO GO IN THE PROCESS BEFORE BECOMING LAW, BUT PASSAGE IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES IS A GREAT START,” SAID BACKLUND.

YOU CAN HELP MOTORCYCLE SAFETY STUDY VIRGINIA TECH TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE (VTI) IS WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION TO CONDUCT A LONG TERM, COMPREHENSIVE NATURALISTIC MOTORCYCLIST STUDY OF EVERYDAY RIDING IN A WIDE VARIETY OF ENVIRONMENTS AND CONDITIONS -- AND THEY NEED PARTICIPANTS.

IF SELECTED, YOU WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR AGE, TRAINING AND RIDING EXPERIENCE TO DETERMINE WHERE YOU FIT IN THE STUDY. TO GATHER INFORMATION, SEVERAL SMALL CAMERAS, RADAR, GPS AND A RECORDING UNIT WILL BE ATTACHED TO YOUR MOTORCYCLE FOR ONE YEAR. ONCE THE EQUIPMENT IS ATTACHED, YOUR JOB IS TO IGNORE IT AND RIDE LIKE YOU NORMALLY WOULD. THE DATA IS ENCRYPTED AS IT IS COLLECTED AND KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

THEY HAVE SELECTED A NUMBER OF MOTORCYCLES REPRESENTING A CROSS SECTION OF RIDERS AND TYPES OF RIDING: BEGINNERS, SPORT BIKES, CRUISERS AND TOURING, AND DESIGNED THEIR EQUIPMENT AND MOUNTING



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FEDS PROPOSE DISTRACTED DRIVING GUIDELINES FOR AUTOMAKERS U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHIEF RAY LAHOOD HAS ANNOUNCED A NEW SET OF PROPOSED DISTRACTED DRIVING GUIDELINES FOR AUTOMAKERS THAT WOULD LIMIT THE USE OF IN-CAR TECH SOLUTIONS THAT ARE “NOT DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO SAFELY OPERATING THE VEHICLE, OR CAUSE UNDUE DISTRACTION BY

ENGAGING THE DRIVER'S EYES OR HANDS FOR MORE THAN A VERY LIMITED DURATION WHILE DRIVING."

FROM CELL PHONES TO GPS SCREENS, DISTRACTED DRIVING IS AN EVER-PRESENT ROAD HAZARD IN TODAY'S TECHNO-CENTRIC WORLD, ESPECIALLY FOR VULNERABLE TRAVELERS LIKE MOTORCYCLISTS, BUT SOON VIDEO GAMES AND FACEBOOK FRIENDS COULD BE WITHIN ARM'S REACH AS DRIVERS HURTLE DOWN THE HIGHWAY IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF CARS FROM DETROIT.

COMING DASHBOARD DEVICES WOULD DELIVER A WHOLE NEW LEVEL OF EYE CANDY AND BRAIN ENTRAPMENT, AS MORE THAN 90% OF CARS DEBUTING IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS ARE EXPECTED TO BE EQUIPPED WITH INTERNET-CONNECTED SCREENS AND OTHER CUTTING-EDGE WONDERS. AUTOMAKERS ARE RESPONDING TO SURVEYS THAT SHOW 75% OF YOUNG ADULTS WANT TOUCH-SCREEN TECHNOLOGY IN THEIR CARS.

BUT, NOT IF THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION CAN HIT THE "HOLD" BUTTON. THE AGENCY'S PROPOSED GUIDELINES -- WHICH DO NOT CARRY THE WEIGHT OF LAW -- CALL FOR AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS TO MAKE SOME DASHBOARD ELECTRONIC DEVICES AUTOMATICALLY SHUT DOWN ONCE A CAR STARTS MOVING, UNLESS THEY'RE FOR PASSENGERS AND CANNOT BE SEEN BY THE DRIVER.

THE GUIDELINES CITE SIX ACTIVITIES THAT SHOULD NOT OCCUR WHILE DRIVING: TEXT MESSAGING, INTERNET BROWSING, USING SOCIAL MEDIA, ENTERING ADDRESSES IN NAVIGATION SYSTEMS, DIALING PHONES AND READING DISPLAY SCREENS WITH MORE THAN 30 CHARACTERS OF TEXT.

STUDIES SHOW THAT DRIVERS DOUBLE THE RISK OF A CRASH IF THEY TAKE THEIR EYES OFF THE ROAD FOR MORE THAN TWO SECONDS, YET 41 STATES STILL ALLOW USING A CELLPHONE HAND-SET WHILE DRIVING AND FIFTEEN ALLOW TEXTING BEHIND THE WHEEL.

WEIRD NEWS: FEELING THE WIND IN YOUR EAR TODAY'S PHONES CAN DELIVER THE SOUND OF A HEARTBEAT, BUT SOON YOU'LL ACTUALLY FEEL THE THROBBING.

AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER ELECTRONICS SHOW IN LAS VEGAS, ARTIFICIAL MUSCLE INC. DEMONSTRATED HOW IT CAN MAKE MOBILE DEVICES SHAKE AND RATTLE WITH GREAT REALISM, EMPLOYING A TECHNOLOGY THAT USES PLASTICS THAT FUNCTION LIKE MUSCLES, ALLOWING YOU TO FEEL THE RUMBLE OF A HARLEY OR THE REVERBERATION OF A SHOTGUN BLAST.

THE COMPANY SHOWED OFF AN IPHONE IT HAD MODIFIED BY PLACING ONE OF ITS VIVITOUCH "MOTORS" INSIDE THAT SHOOK A MODIFIED XBOX CONTROLLER TO ALLOW THE USER TO FEEL

WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HOLD A BEATING HEART. IN ANOTHER INSTANCE, IT LET THE USER EXPERIENCE THE SIGNATURE RUMBLE OF A HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE STARTING UP.

CHOPPERS FACE EURO-SION OF RIGHTS THEY'RE LONG AND LEAN, AND EUROPE IS LOOKING TO BAN THEM. CUSTOM MOTORCYCLES ARE COMING UNDER FIRE ACROSS THE POND, ACCORDING TO MOTORCYCLES.ABOUT.COM. ALONG WITH PROPOSALS TO LIMIT MOTORCYCLE EMISSIONS, FORCE ANTI-LOCK BRAKE SYSTEMS ON ALL BIKES, AND PROHIBIT ENGINE TUNING FOR INCREASED POWER; EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IS CONSIDERING A BAN ON EXTENDED FORKS. THE ISSUE WILL BE VOTED ON IN APRIL AND THE LIMITS ON MODIFICATIONS COULD TAKE EFFECT BY 2014; ABS RULINGS AND STRICTER EMISSIONS COULD BE ENFORCED BY 2016.

"THE PROPOSED EU REGULATION ON TYPE APPROVAL AND MARKET SURVEILLANCE OF TWO AND THREE-WHEELED VEHICLES PASSED ITS FIRST READING, COMMITTEE STAGE, ON 5TH DECEMBER EVEN THOUGH AN IMPACT ASSESSMENT ON MANY ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSAL WAS ONGOING," WRITES MAG-UK (MOTORCYCLE ACTION GROUP), "AND THE DELEGATED ACTS APPEAR TO HAVE MOVED WELL OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE COMMISSION'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL."

2012 NCOM CONVENTION IN INDIANAPOLIS THE 27TH ANNUAL NCOM CONVENTION WILL BE HELD MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND, MAY 10-13, 2012 AT THE J W MARRIOTT LOCATED AT 10 S. WEST ST., INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204. THIS ANNUAL GATHERING WILL DRAW BIKERS' RIGHTS ACTIVISTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO DISCUSS TOPICS OF CONCERN TO ALL RIDERS, SO RESERVE YOUR ROOM NOW FOR THE SPECIAL NCOM RATE OF \$99.00 BY CALLING (800) 266-9432 OR (317) 860-5800. REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE NCOM CONVENTION ARE \$80 INCLUDING THE SILVER SPOKE AWARDS BANQUET ON SATURDAY NIGHT, OR \$45 FOR THE CONVENTION ONLY. ALL MOTORCYCLISTS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. MEETINGS, SEMINARS AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS WILL FOCUS ON LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS AND LITIGATION TECHNIQUES TO BENEFIT OUR RIGHT TO RIDE AND FREEDOM OF THE ROAD.

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- 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.