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**NEXT  
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MEETING  
11:30 AM  
4th  
Sunday**

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**Dec. 22  
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WHO RIDE  
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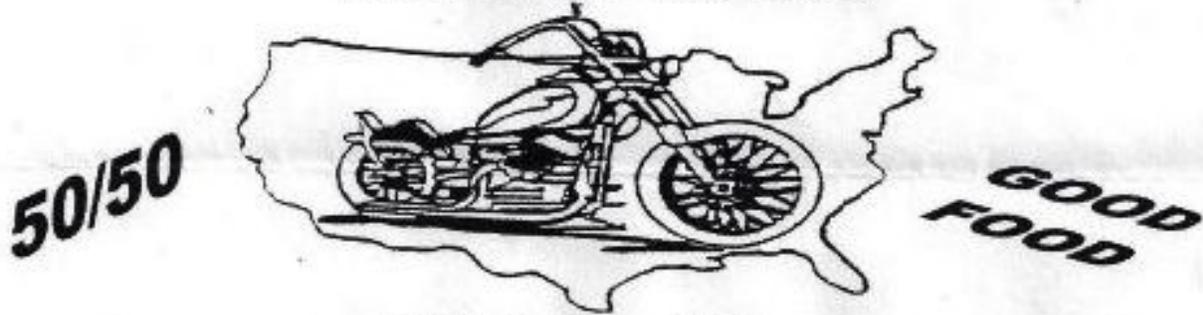
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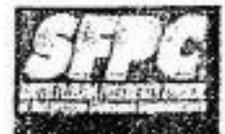
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# ABATE of Florida, Inc Mission Statement

## WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. We ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG. We fund our work through events, toy runs, poker runs, campouts, and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors & friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community. We serve and support our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others. We are Pro-choice NOT anti-helmet

## OUR GOALS

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.  
To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms.  
To motivate the bikers to write letters to legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.  
To furnish a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to upcoming legislation.

## MEMBERSHIP

When you become a member of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. you are helping make a difference in the ongoing mission to protect your right to ride and enjoy the motorcycle of your choice, your choice of riding apparel, and when and where you can ride a motorcycle. These are issues that are real and present in today's "protect yourself from yourself" political environment. This holds true for all levels of government. There will always be those who see our love for motorcycling as a negative and will try any means to control and if possible prohibit motorcycle use.

On the local level our members get out the vote and support candidates who are sympathetic to our issues. We also will endeavor to lobby local governments whenever there are issues that need to be addressed, affecting local motorcycle use, ownership, and any discrimination that may result from said use of ownership.

At the state level we have a paid registered lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital in Tallahassee to lobby our legislators on the issues concerning the motorcycling public in Florida. He also finds reliable House and Senate sponsors for the bills we support. On the national level we are aligned with Motorcycle Riders Foundations (MRF), and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), along with several other international motorcycle rights organizations (MRO's).

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

What else do you get with your membership? All members receive with their paid membership, the every other month state *MasterLink* Newsletter, Membership Card, Event Discounts and Updates, Voting Privileges, Free *MasterLink* Classified Advertisements, a Chapter Newsletter, and a free \$4,000 Accidental Death or Dismemberment Insurance Policy from the American Income Life Insurance Company. Chapter newsletter is provided online for faster delivery plus in color with active Internet links. It does save chapter mailing costs. Black and white printed copies are in various locations to pick up. If unable to get their newsletter either of these two ways, members may request them to be mailed, aware of postal time delay and cost. Donations are appreciated to counter this expense.

Memberships are open to anyone 18 years of age or older, no matter what type of motorcycle you ride, if any at all! We welcome all riders—in clubs, associations, independents, and sport riders to join us.

**MEETINGS** The Palm Beach Chapter will meet every third Sunday of the month, except for when other big bike events are scheduled, at 11:30 AM at the V.F.W. Post 4143 located at 2404 Broadway (US-1) Riviera Bch. one block south of Blue Heron Blvd. on the east side. Usually Sept. and Oct. meeting dates are moved due to big events.

# President's Message "Nighthawk"

Well December is here and it's going to be plenty busy! This is a big month with a lot of visibility to the motorcycle community and public in general, so I hope to see big turnouts by the chapter members. This is looking like it's going to be the party month of the year! Lots of parties going on and we got Group Fun Rides going to all of them. Not to mention toy runs and bike nights and as always the open house nights if you still need more biker fun.

First off we have the world's largest toy run. The 26<sup>TH</sup> Annual Toys in the Sun Run on December 8. This is the best one day event here in Florida. There are usually hundreds of vendors. Headline entertainment and Tens of thousands of bikes! If you've never been to this event I'm sure you won't be disappointed.

Next on December 10<sup>th</sup> we have the United Bikers Council of Palm Beach County Christmas Party. Following that a Doubleheader on the 14<sup>TH</sup>, when we ride up to Vero Beach for the ABATE State Meeting and return for the Sportsbike Black and White party. This party is put together by the sportsbike riding groups in the UBCPBC. The next day, Sunday is the Bill's Bikes Memorial Toy Run. Followed by our ABATE PBC Freedom Rights Rally at Renegades! It starts at 2pm and goes until 7pm with the Mighty Quinn Band! This event is usually a great time with a big turnout. We will need as many chapter members as possible to show. Invite all your friends and family. I've heard that the band has a big following on its own and may add an extra 200 people or so. We're planning on having a few contests for door prizes to make things even more interesting! Last year's ladies tattoo contest and piercings contest were a big hit, so I believe a repeat is in order! Your participation is important, and if you can help out, it is appreciated. Even if just to give someone working a table a bathroom break!

Saturday night the 21<sup>st</sup> will be the Confederation of Clubs Christmas Party being held at the Outcast MC clubhouse. This should be another good time. Outcast MC is hosting the party so I'm betting that means good BBQ chicken along with a good time. I even heard that they now have A/C in their house! Our meeting is the next day.

On New Year's Eve it's another Group Fun Party! The ABATE PBC New Year's Party at Debbie and Charlie's place in the acreage. As usual it's BYOB and Pot Luck Snacks. They have plenty of property so bring a tent and stay overnight if you like. Please don't drink and ride or drive, especially on that night!

Also don't forget your participation on the rides supporting others in our community shows respect and helps in earning their support and respect in return. In the ABATE PBC Road Dog Competition, Snooze is in the lead with Hamish in second. As always, make sure you're on the email and text alert systems to know what's happening. Well until next month, ride safe and watch your asses out there.

Ed "Nighthawk" Lattari, President ABATE Palm Beach  
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## ABATE ROAD DOG COMPETITION 8/17-12/14/13 (as of 11/21/13)

Snooze 17pts!, Hamish 11pt, Ladyhawk 8 1/2pt, Treva 4pts, Sarge 2pts, Cary 3pt, Charlie (Mrs. Hamish) 3 1/2pt, Phil M. 3pt, Laura J. 1pt, Bill 1 pt, Go T Dan 1pt, Joe N 3pt, Quiet Dan 3, Tippy 2, Kruzen 1. Zim 2, Brit Bike Mike 3pt, Sylvan 1pt, Ed 1pt, Burger 1pt, Scott 1. Jason 1, Chuck 1, Icery 1/2

You get 1 point for Riding your bike, 1/2 point for Caging or Riding back seat. 2 points for riding in the rain. Designated Group Fun Rides only and you must wear an ABATE patch or shirt. If your name is not on this list and you're not a board member YOU need to make some rides and show you care about your chapter!

# UPCOMING Group Fun Rides/Event Schedule

**December 8 Sunday** Group Fun Ride **Toys in the Sun Run** Worlds Largest Toy Run! Meet spot is Dunkin Donuts 441 1/2 block North of Sandlefoot Blvd in West Boca 8:15 am KU 8:30 am

**December 10 Tuesday** Group Fun Ride **UBCPB CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!** Meet spot is Shell Gas Station Lantana Road just East of I-95 7:30pm KU 7:45

**December 14 Saturday** Group Fun Ride Double Header! **State Meeting** in Vero Beach Then going to: **Annual Sportsbike End of Year Black and White Party** with Uncaged Ryderz, Zero Tolerance MC, Ruff Ryderz, Ghost Face Ryders, Latin Ryders MC. Starts 8pm 1520 Latham Rd. WPB. Meet at event if you can't make ride to Vero!

**December 15 Sunday** **Bill's Bikes Memorial Toy Run** starts at the South Florida Fairgrounds. We will need volunteers there 10am to help pass out flyers for our event later that day.

**December 15 Sunday** **ABATE PALM BEACH FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY** at Renegades 2-7pm with the MIGHTY QUINN!.

**December 20 Friday** **ABATE PBC BOD** Meeting and Christmas celebration! At the Hawks Nest. 8pm all members are encouraged to attend. BYOB Christmas party

**December 21 Saturday** Group Fun Ride **Confederation of Clubs Christmas Party!** Being held at Outcast MC Clubhouse. Meet spot is Shell Gas Station Lantana Road just East of I-95 7:00pm KU 7:15

**December 22 Sunday** **ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting** 11:30 AM

**December 31 Tuesday** **ABATE PBC New Years Party!** To be held at the Wenger's 11385 57th Road WPB 33411. All members are welcome to attend. Starts at 8pm. Pot Luck Snacks and BYOB!

**January 11 Saturday** Group Fun Ride **Soldiers for Jesus MC Biker Blessing.** Being held at AOA WPB. ABATE PBC Safety and Info Table. Meet Spot and time TBA.

**January 19 Sunday** **Chapter Meeting** and Group Fun Ride **ABATE SE Chapter Event**

**January 19 Sunday** **Third Tradition Annual**

## REMINDER: EVERY

Monday Night is MOB OF BROTHERS MC OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday Night is LONE LEGION MC OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday Night is STATES MC OPEN HOUSE

Thursday Night is BLACK PISTONS MC OPEN HOUSE

Friday Night is AOA MC OPEN HOUSE

Saturday Night is FLY-IN WHEELS MC OPEN HOUSE



PLEASE ATTEND THE OPEN HOUSES FOR A GOOD TIME AND SHOW OF SUPPORT WHEN POSSIBLE.

CHECK CALENDAR FOR ALL EVENTS GOING ON

Schedule subject to change. Stay up date with the text alert system! Get meeting spots and last minute updates! Text "Name and "add me" and your name to 561-309-5412 now!

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Gator Alley Chapter

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LINE UP AT:  
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Naples, FL 34103  
START TIME: 9:30am  
PARADE LEAVES: 10am

PARADE ENDS:  
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Naples, FL 34102  
EVENT ENDS: 11:00am

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ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. Brevard County Chapter

# 32nd TOY RUN

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND!



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LINE UP STARTS @ 8AM • EVENT ENDS @ 5PM  
RUN BEGINS @ NOON

GRAND MARSHAL GEOFF BODINE

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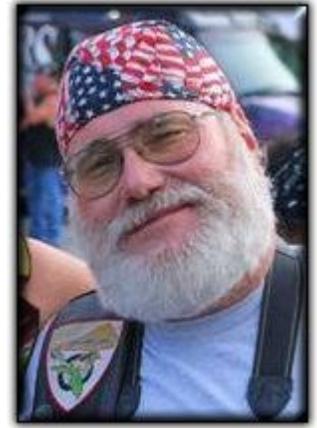
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Sat, Dec 21 - 8-5 / Sun, Dec 22 - 10-5  
**WE WILL OPEN MON, DEC 23 - 9-6**  
Christmas Eve 9-3 / Closed Christmas Day  
New Years Eve 9-4 / Closed New Years Day

fa la la la laa... la la la la

# Vice President's Message - Slo Motion

One of the benefits of ABATE of FL, Inc. membership is the \$4,000 AD&D Insurance. And it does not even have to be motorcycle accident!. It is also one of the best reasons to keep your membership up to date so you are always covered heaven forbid. I recently got mine in the mail so you should too. Remember the ABATE State sends these out so the Insurance company does NOT have you address. If you return the card with it and phone I'm sure an agent will call, okay if you need more insurance but a nuance if don't. So I would return with just my name, State, DOB and beneficiary info. Or return filled out to state office for them to hold. Be sure your next of kin are aware of this insurance and to contact the state office in case of need. Make copies for your records.



Now to health - I'm better but had a vertigo scare due to drinking diet soda. Doctor told me t drink tonic water with quinine for my leg cramps. I bought diet tonic and mixed with everything (adds a kick) but then I could room spins when in bed or getting up. Learned was the artificial sweeteners in the DIET soda - so stay away so don't poison yourself as I did..

Now more of members sending photos to me - Thank you Hamish for those on next page. So for those who want some more babe fluff, here are some photos from Palm Beach Harley's Anniversary Party. Smiley got Hog Swiped. So those that rode to Pt. St. Luce here is what you missed. After all I am your VICE President.



# WHAT IS THE MAIN REASON FOR MOTORBIKE ACCIDENTS IN JAMAICA? CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING PICTURES FOR WHY



**Did you see it?**  
**Nobody is wearing a helmet!**

Thanks to Bill "Hamish for the Jamaica photos and Cary for the other rider.

## CHECK OUT THIS RIDER'S KNEES >>>>

Not sure how much protection knee pads provide in an accident....



# DELEGATE REPORT



Ken "Snooze"  
Gerecke

## STATE MEETINGS

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Dec. 14 Treasure Coast in Vero Beach

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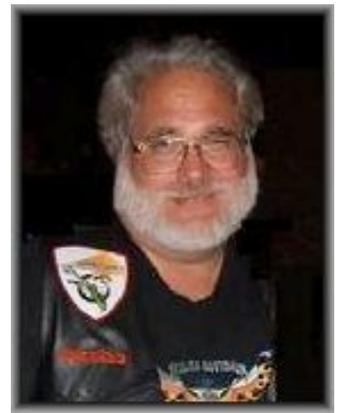
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Oct. 11 Hillsborough in Brooksville Spooks n Scoots

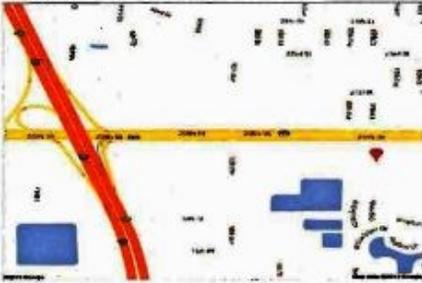
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**Saturday, December 14th, 2013**



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This December state meeting is close, about a 2 hour trip to Vero Beach. But our event is the next day so would be up and back on the Saturday. See their flyer at [State Events page](#) Since it will be a one day trip and if weather might be question, I will probably drive but sure Ken would like to ride if anyone else would. Nighthawk stated at the meeting he was going to have a Group ride for those that want to attend a meeting and get more aware of what ABATE does.

**December 14 Saturday**  
**Group Fun Ride Double Header! State Meeting in Vero Beach, meet spot and time to TBA Then going to: Annual Sportsbike End of Year Black and White Party with Uncaged Ryderz, Zero Tolerance MC, Ruff Ryderz, Ghost Face Ryders, Latin Ryders MC.**  
**Starts 8pm 1520 Latham Rd. WPB. Meet at event if you can't make ride to Vero!**

## Senate Watch List 2014 Legislative Bills

### **SCR 68 - Equal Rights for Men and Women** Concurrent Resolution by Joyner

Equal Rights for Men and Women: Ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to equal rights for men and women, etc. Last Event: 08/27/13 S Referred to Judiciary; Commerce and Tourism; Rules on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 3:11 PM

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=51088>

### **SB 72 - Legislature** General Bill by Flores

Legislature: Fixing the date for convening the regular session of the Legislature in even-numbered years, etc.

Last Event: 08/27/13 S Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Rules on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 3:11 PM

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=51091>

### **SB 74 - Daylight Saving Time** General Bill by Soto

Daylight Saving Time: Citing this act as the "Sunshine Protection Act"; requiring that the State of Florida and its political subdivisions observe daylight saving time year-round, etc. Last Event: 08/27/13 S Referred to Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; Education; Governmental Oversight and Accountability on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 3:11 PM

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=51092>

### **SB 102 - Drivers Leaving the Scene of a Crash** General Bill by Diaz de la Portilla (CO-SPONSORS) Garcia

Drivers Leaving the Scene of a Crash: Creating the "Aaron Cohen Life Protection Act"; requiring the driver of a vehicle involved in a crash that results in serious bodily injury to a person to immediately stop the vehicle and remain at the scene of the crash; providing that a person commits a felony of the second degree if he or she fails to stop the vehicle and remain at the scene of the crash; requiring the court to revoke for at least 3 years the driver license of a person convicted of leaving the scene of a crash involving injury, serious bodily injury, or death, etc.

Last Event: 08/19/13 S Filed on Monday, August 19, 2013 2:44 PM

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=51113>

### **SB 112 - Possession or Discharge of a Firearm or Destructive Device During the Commission of Specified Offenses** General Bill by Joyner.

Possession or Discharge of a Firearm or Destructive Device During the Commission of Specified Offenses: Providing that a sentencing court may elect not to impose the minimum term of imprisonment for a person convicted of certain offenses during which the person actually possessed or discharged a firearm or destructive device if the court finds that certain specified criteria are met; requiring a sentencing court that elects not to impose the mandatory minimum sentence for the relevant offense to make specific findings to support its decision to impose a lesser term, etc. Last Event: 09/11/13 S Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 1:57 PM

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=51118>

### **SB 116 - Use of Deadly Force in Defense of a Person** General Bill by Thompson

Use of Deadly Force in Defense of a Person: Repealing a provision relating to home protection and the use of deadly force, which created a presumption of fear of death or great bodily harm in certain circumstances and provided that a person has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground and meet force with force in certain circumstances, etc. <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=51120>

### **SB 122 - Self-defense** General Bill by Smith

Self-defense: Requiring the county sheriff or municipal police to issue reasonable guidelines for the operation of a neighborhood crime watch program; authorizing a person to use force, except deadly force in the defense of property; providing that a person who uses force is immune from civil action brought by the person or persons against whom the force is used; providing that a law enforcement agency's right and duty to fully investigate the use of force upon Last Event: 11/07/13 S Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Judiciary on Thursday, November 07, 2013 8:40 AM

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=51374>

## **U.S. lawmaker: Is Centers for Disease Control trying to reduce motorcycle use?**

U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg (R-Mich.) is asking the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention whether it is trying to reduce motorcycle ridership by pursuing a federal mandatory motorcycle helmet law, the American Motorcyclist Association reports.

The congressman also is questioning the economic impacts the CDC cited to support mandatory motorcycle helmet laws.

In a letter to CDC Director Thomas Frieden (enclosures included) dated Nov. 21, Walberg, who is a lifelong motorcyclist, an AMA life member and a member of the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus, asked "...is it the goal or strategy of the CDC to reduce the use of motorcycles -- a legal mode of transportation -- by recommending and pursuing a federal helmet law?"

"If so, how would this strategy be implemented and by what authority would it be instituted?" Walberg asked. He also questioned whether Frieden believes the CDC is the federal agency best suited to research and make recommendations related to transportation safety.

The CDC, which is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is headquartered in Atlanta.

Walberg sent the letter after analyzing a presentation titled "Economic Impact of Motorcycle Helmet Law: A Systematic Review." The presentation was made by the Helmet Law Review Team of the Community Preventive Services Task Force on Oct. 23. The 15-member task force, each of whom is appointed by the CDC director, makes recommendations to the CDC and reports to the U.S. Congress about community preventive services, programs and policies to improve health.

The task force is preparing to recommend that all states have universal helmet laws, which means that all riders, regardless of age, would be required to wear helmets.

In his letter, Walberg strongly opposed its findings and conclusions. One part of the presentation, in particular, "infers a positive awareness of helmet laws with the potential for reduced motorcycle use," Walberg said. "The presentation goes on to conclude that 'economic evidence shows that universal motorcycle helmet laws produce substantial economic benefits, and these benefits greatly exceed expected costs,' however, there is no reference whatsoever to the significant economic costs anticipated by reducing motorcycle use.

"In fact, the only costs identified by the Task Force on slide 37 are the costs of purchasing a motorcycle helmet and the enactment and enforcement costs of helmet laws, which are concluded to be negligible," Walberg said. "Not only does this contradict the earlier findings about how imposing motorcycle laws would discourage motorcycle use, but it ignores the positive economic impact motorcyclists provide.

"Motorcyclists not only enjoy riding on American roads, they also spend billions of dollars touring and attending rallies," he said. "Reducing motorcycle use would have a detrimental effect on the motorcycle-industry, dealer sales, tourism, associated employment and related tax revenues. As an avid and experienced motorcycle rider, I believe government should be in the business of promoting the recreational, economic and environmental benefits of responsible motorcycle riding – not discouraging it."

Wayne Allard, AMA vice president for government relations and a former U.S. representative and U.S. senator representing Colorado, praised Walberg for "asking some tough questions that need to be asked.

"The AMA doesn't understand why the Centers for Disease Control is involving itself in motorcycling when it is supposed to be protecting Americans from diseases," Allard said.

"Motorcycling is not a disease that needs to be eradicated," he said. "It's a legal form of transportation and a source of responsible recreation for millions of Americans nationwide.

"We anxiously await the CDC's answers to Rep. Walberg's questions," Allard said.

The AMA strongly advocates helmet use but believes adult helmet use should be voluntary. Simply put, mandatory helmet laws do nothing to prevent crashes. The AMA supports actions that help riders avoid a crash from occurring, including voluntary rider education, improved licensing and testing, and expanded motorist awareness programs.

To read the AMA position on voluntary helmet use, go to

[www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Rights/PositionStatements/VoluntaryHelmetUse.aspx](http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Rights/PositionStatements/VoluntaryHelmetUse.aspx).



## SAFETY REPORT submitted Charles "Niblick" Wenger

### Distracted Driving

Driver distraction is a leading factor in many crashes, and cell phone use and texting are two of the most common distractions. Many states and local jurisdictions are passing laws that address these behaviors. GHSA's message to all drivers remains: don't use cell phones or other

electronic devices while driving, regardless of the current law.

In 2012, GHSA broadened its distracted driving policy to include a recommendation for states to ban hand-held cell phone use for all drivers. (Previously, GHSA's policy supported only text messaging bans for all drivers). GHSA continues to support restrictions of all electronic device use by novice drivers and school bus drivers.

While texting and hand-held bans are both critical, texting bans by themselves can be difficult to enforce. In states with texting but not hand-held bans, a driver may claim they were dialing a phone number when stopped by a police officer. Recent enforcement projects in specific New York and Connecticut localities have shown that hand-held cell phone bans can be enforced effectively and can reduce driver use of a cell phone. See below for the specific policy language.

In 2011, GHSA released *Distracted Driving: What Research Shows and What States Can Do*. The report summarizes what distracted driving is, how often drivers are distracted, how distraction impacts driver performance and what countermeasures may be most effective as well as what states can do to reduce distracted driving.

Among the findings:

- Distractions affect driving performance.

- Drivers frequently are distracted, perhaps as much as half the time.

- Distractions are estimated to be associated with 15 to 25 percent of crashes at all levels.

- Texting likely increases crash risk more than cell phone use.

Based on the existing research, the report urges states to:

- Use low-cost engineering solutions such as edgeline and centerline rumble stripes to alert motorists who may drift.

- Record distracted driving in crash reports.

- Evaluate other distracted driving laws and programs.

In 2009, GHSA joined a coalition of safety and transportation groups in writing letters to key members of the U.S. House and Senate advocating a broad approach to distracted driving and supporting a strong federal role.

<http://www.ghsa.org/html/issues/distraction/index.html>

## Nov 25, 2013 Hit-and-run victim's brother finds suspect's car at body shop

Danielle Fawcett accused of fleeing crash that injured Art Skinner

Hit-and-run victim's brother finds car across street from where he works

ROYAL PALM BEACH, Fla. —In a stroke of sheer luck, a hit-and-run victim's brother tracked down the suspect's vehicle right across the street from where he works.

Art Skinner was nearly killed on a motorcycle when a silver sedan collided with him and launched him into a ditch Nov. 8. More than two weeks later, with Skinner still in dire shape in an intensive care unit, his brother decided to hand out fliers with the vehicle's description.

Skinner's brother works at Aqua Soft on Business Park Way, which also has a number of auto collision repair centers. "We went across the street to Schmidt's Auto Body to give them a flier and there was the (suspect's) car right in front of our eyes," Skinner's brother told WPBF 25 News' John Dzenitis.

The manager of Schmidt's Auto Body said Skinner's brother got there 20 minutes before the car's owner, Danielle Fawcett, 21, came to pick it up. Manager Shaun Kelly said Fawcett didn't go through insurance and paid \$3,000 in cash for the repairs. "I've never been involved in anything that involves this much luck," Kelly said.

Fawcett was still allowed to take her car home, Kelly said, but the auto repair shop had her contact information, as well as parts of the vehicle.

"She left with the car and then the police showed up afterwards," Kelly said.

According to an arrest affidavit, Florida Highway Patrol investigators made a positive match between evidence left at the scene and Fawcett's vehicle. The affidavit said Fawcett confessed to detectives, and she was arrested on a charge of leaving the scene of an accident with serious bodily injury.

Read more and see Newscast video: <http://www.wpbfl.com/news/south-florida/palm-beach-county-news/hitandrunk-victims-brother-finds-suspects-car-at-body-shop/-/8815578/23151286/-/r9hcinz/-/index.html#ixzz2lo0jwqtu>

**SB 130 - Use of Deadly Force** General Bill by Simmons

Use of Deadly Force: Requiring the county sheriff or municipal police department to issue reasonable guidelines for the operation of neighborhood crime watch programs; providing that the guidelines are subject to reasonable exceptions; providing that a person who is justified in using force is immune from criminal prosecution and civil action initiated by the person against whom the force was used; providing that any reason, including immunity, used by an aggressor to justify the use of force is not available to the aggressor under specified circumstances, etc. Last Event: 08/27/13 S Filed on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 12:30 PM <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=51129>

**SB 144 - Traffic Infraction Detectors** General Bill by Brandes

Traffic Infraction Detectors: Repealing provisions relating to the installation and use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal; amending provisions relating to distribution of proceeds, enforcement by traffic infraction enforcement officers using such detectors, procedures for disposition of citations, compliance, registration and renewal of license plates, and penalties, etc. Last Event: 09/04/13 S Filed on Wednesday, September 04, 2013 10:05 AM <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=51147>

**SB 270 - Use of Deadly Force** General Bill by Bullard

Use of Deadly Force: Limiting the application of the stand your ground law to instances in which the attacker commits an overt act that leads the person who is attacked to believe that it is necessary to meet force with force; providing that immunity from civil and criminal liability for certain uses of deadly force does not apply if the person injures a child or bystander who is not affiliated with the overt act, etc. Last Event: 11/04/13 S Referred to Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations on Monday, November 04, 2013 11:56 AM <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=51291>

**SB 296 - Carrying a Concealed Weapon or a Concealed Firearm** General Bill by Brandes

Carrying a Concealed Weapon or a Concealed Firearm: Providing an exemption from criminal penalties for carrying a concealed weapon or a concealed firearm when complying with a mandatory evacuation order during a declared state of emergency, etc. Last Event: 11/04/13 S Referred to Criminal Justice; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Community Affairs on Monday, November 04, 2013 11:56 AM

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=51312>

**SB 322 - Use of Wireless Communications Devices while Driving** General Bill by Sachs (CO-SPONSORS) Bradley

Use of Wireless Communications Devices while Driving: Removing provisions that limit law enforcement of the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law to a secondary action, etc. Last Event: 11/07/13 S Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Judiciary on Thursday, November 07, 2013 8:40 AM

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=51341>

**SB 352 - Use of Wireless Communications Devices** General Bill by Abruzzo

Use of Wireless Communications Devices: Prohibiting a person younger than 18 years of age from operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device; defining the term “wireless communications device” and including cellular telephones within that definition for purposes of the act, etc. Last Event: 11/07/13 S Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Judiciary on Thursday, November 07, 2013 8:40 AM

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=51374>

**SB 392 - State Speed Zones** General Bill by Brandes and Clemens

State Speed Zones: Raising the maximum allowable speed limit on certain highways; increasing the maximum allowable speed limit on roadways under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation, etc. Last Event: 11/12/13 S Filed on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 10:08 AM

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=51417>

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# WEEKLY EVENTS

- Mon** Jam Night at Turn 3 with Stet & T3JB
- Mon** Mob of Brothers MC Open House
- Tues** Lone Legion MC Brotherhood Open House
- Wed** Island Jack's Bike Night
- Wed** States MC Lake Worth Open House 8pm
- Wed** Chit Chat's Bike Nite 7pm Free BBQ, music
- 1st Thurs** Renegades Bike Night
- 3rd Thurs** H-D Palm Bch Bike Night 5-10PM
- Thurs** Dinner 6:30 States MC Pompano Clubhouse
- Thurs** Black Pistons MC WPB Open House
- Fri** Outlaws MC WPB Open House at 7PM
- 1st Fri** Soldiers for Jesus Open House 7-10PM
- 1st Fri** Enforcers MC Party
- Sat** Fly-In Wheels MC WPB open house
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## United Bikers Council of Palm Beach Co. Events

### DECEMBER

- 15 ABATE of FL Palm Beach Party at Renegades
- 22 ABATE of FL Palm Beach Meeting



# December 2013

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	Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB Mob of Brothers MC Open House	Lone Legion MC Open House	Island Jack's Bike Night States LW MC Open House	Renegades Bike Night Black Pistons MC Open House Dinner States MC Pompano	AOA WPB MC Open House Soldiers for Jesus Open House Pizza States MC Pompano	Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
8 SFPC Toys in the Sun Run	9 Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB Mob of Brothers MC Open House	10 Lone Legion MC Open House UBCPB Christmas Party	11 Island Jack's Bike Night States LW MC Open House	12 Black Pistons MC Open House Dinner States MC Pompano	13 AOA WPB MC Open House Pizza States MC Pompano	14 <b>ABATE of FL State Meeting</b> Fly-In Wheels MC Open House Sportsbike End of Year B&W Party
15 Bill's Bikes Toy Run <b>ABATE Palm Beach Event</b> Wings of Gold MC Toy Run	16 Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB Mob of Brothers MC Open House	17 Lone Legion MC Open House	18 Island Jack's Bike Night States LW MC Open House	19 Palm Bch Harley Bike Night Black Pistons MC Open House Dinner States MC Pompano	20 AOA WPB MC Open House Pizza States MC Pompano	21 SFLCOC Xmas Party Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
22 <b>ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting</b> Calvary Chapel Christmas Service	23 Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB Mob of Brothers MC Open House	24 Lone Legion MC Open House <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	25 <b>CHRISTMAS</b> Island Jack's Bike Night States LW MC Open House	26 Turboz/Ralphs Bike Night Black Pistons MC Open House Dinner States MC Pompano	27 AOA WPB MC Open House Pizza States MC Pompano	28 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
29	30 Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB Mob of Brothers MC Open House	31 Lone Legion MC Open House New Year's Eve ABATE PB Party	<p><b>Go to the Events page of ABATEpalmbeach.com and use the calendar towards the bottom to get more information on these events and you can download the event to your own calendar .</b></p>			

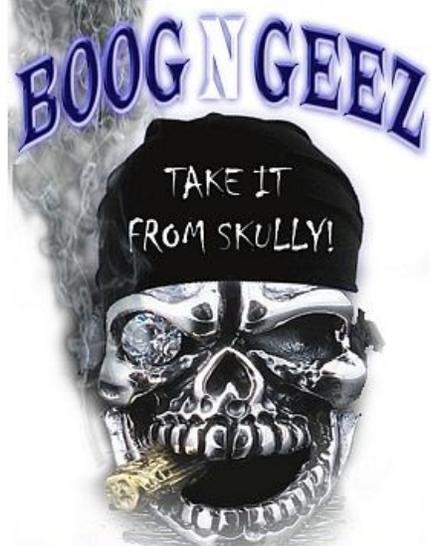
# January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Jan 9-12 Thunder by the Bay Sarasota</b> <b>Jan 16-19 Gibtown BikeWeek</b> <b>Jan 24-26 Full Throttle Expo and Bike Builder Invitational</b>			<b>1</b> Island Jack's Bike Night States LW MC Open	<b>2</b> Renegades Bike Night Black Pistons MC Open House	<b>3</b> AOA WPB Open House Soldiers for Jesus Open House	<b>4</b> Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
<b>5</b> States MC Pompano Blessing of Bikes	<b>6</b> Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB Mob of Brothers MC Open House	<b>7</b> Lone Legion MC Open House	<b>8</b> Island Jack's Bike Night States LW MC Open House	<b>9</b> Black Pistons MC Open House Dinner States Pompano	<b>10</b> AOA WPB MC Open House Pizza States Pompano	<b>11</b> OH Fly-In Wheels MC Soldiers fir Jesus MC Bless Bikes B4BC Two Wheels One Cause Event
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB Mob of Brothers MC	<b>14</b> Lone Legion MC Open House	<b>15</b> Island Jack's Bike Night States LW MC Open	<b>16</b> Palm Bch Harley Bike Night Black Pistons MC	<b>17</b> AOA WPB MC Open House Pizza States Pompano	<b>18</b> Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
<b>19</b> <b>ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting</b> Third Tradition Annual ABATE SE Event	<b>20</b> Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB Mob of Brothers MC Open House	<b>21</b> Lone Legion MC Open House	<b>22</b> Island Jack's Bike Night States LW MC Open House	<b>23</b> Black Pistons MC Open House Dinner States Pompano	<b>24</b> AOA WPB MC Open House Pizza States Pompano	<b>25</b> Fly-In Wheels MC Open House Dania Bch Vintage Bike Show
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## SB 418 - Fee Waivers for Military Veterans General Bill by Sachs

Fee Waivers for Military Veterans: Increasing the amount of time available for a military veteran to apply to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation for certain licenses without paying initial fees, etc. Last Event: 11/19/13 S Filed on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 12:52 PM

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=51442>

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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

The DHSMV 2012 Traffic Crash Facts are on their website, here is the link  
<http://www.flhsmv.gov/html/safety.html>

It is 116 pages instead of last year's 10 pages and the statistics still support freedom of choice. The DHSMV has made this clarification:

While the 2012 crash data may appear to reflect an increase in crashes, the statutory change resulted in more crash reports being received for inclusion in this publication. These changes have resulted in an increase in the number of reported crashes, vehicles involved and persons involved and should not be taken as an indicator of a significant increase in crashes statewide compared to previous years.

The 9384 2012 reported Motorcycle crashes went up 8.85% from 2011, with a 2.91 % increase of motorcyclist (not passenger) fatalities of 425 and an 8.55% increase of motorcyclist's injuries of 7809.

The numbers do not quite match on page 12 with the breakdown of injuries and fatalities as per helmet usage 7818 motorcyclist injured and or the number of reported accidents of 9267

However using just the numbers on page 12 the fatality per accident ratio for DOT approved helmeted motorcyclists is 4.2% (200/4731) while the ratio for un-helmeted motorcyclists 5.2% (209/3963).

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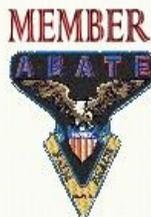
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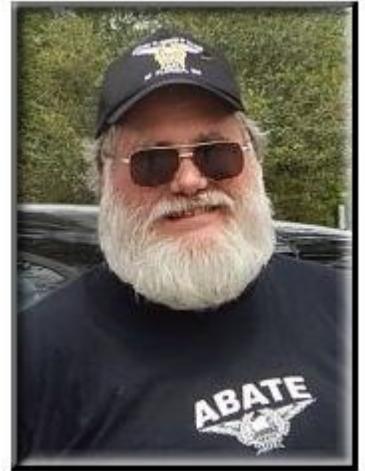
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# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

## DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON



. We all have been hearing about the dangers of E15 gas from the AMA, now Miami Mike for Wheels on the Road joins in with this email he sent: "You have to watch this video!!! This stuff will destroy your car and your bike! Thank you once again Obama Administration for shoving another poison pill down our throat!!! These people want to destroy everything we have. We can start pushing back tomorrow at the election booth. If the person running has a D after his name, vote for the person opposing him. We have to go back to sanity!!

New gas coming to your gas station, so pay attention. Watch video about E15 gas if you have a car older than 2012 OR WATCH ON YOUTUBE (recommended) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceW9Nc1hVHU> DON'T KEEP THIS - SEND IT OUT TO YOUR LIST. Let's circulate this to as many as possible." This FOX News reports the dangers and car industry warnings NOT to use E15 with the damage and warranty voidances.

Now Mike might be going a bit over with the R over the D but raised important issue to ask in this election year - where do the candidates stand on the E15 issue and the EPA being above all other government control? Time to get a political movement going on this and see who REALLY cares about the common man and his worries. Now this is mainly a Federal issue so target US Senators and congressman. But our Florida Legislators should also be contacted. Saying we are aware that State Laws might not be able to ban this fuel, at least need for a law to educate and warn consumers. Put big warning labels on gas pumps, like on cigarettes, that this can harm your vehicle and void manufactures' warranties, especially on all motorcycles and pre-2012 cars. Let us contact the government to do something.

11-13-13 Darrin "Scribe" Brooks (State Leg. ABATE of FL) - I have received this email from several people and would like to give my two cents on this story...

It is reportedly about The Community Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force) that is an independent, non-Federal, uncompensated panel of public health and prevention experts appointed by the head of the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) that makes various recommendations through out the year. This story has made a big splash in the motorcycle world because it triggers the words "Mandatory Helmet Law" So every motorcycle blog cuts and paste it on their website and soon people are saying "The Feds are going to make us wear helmets".

I am grateful to all of those that read and sent this to me and all others. If nothing else the motorcycle community has a good network to get information out. I would just caution everyone to that it is an Independent, non-Federal, uncompensated panel (see below) that reportedly is "poised" to recommend all States have mandatory helmet laws. There is a long list of groups, panels, organizations, foundations, etc. THAT recommend mandatory helmet laws each year.

One thing that ABATE of Florida, Inc. tries very hard to do is educate our members and the public. We do not sensationalize stories and try to scare people about what might happen. We give you the information in a fair and unbiased format so that you can decide for yourself. Now.... for those of you that know me from my talks at the State Delegate meetings, I will give you MY opinion about issues and they are far from unbiased.. But, you

will always know when it is MY opinion, not ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s opinion. So my two cents.... We will keep an eye on this and all the other people that desperately want to put a lid back on us. I am not overly concerned about this Task Force at this point. We have much stronger enemies aligned against us when it comes to helmets and believe me that ABATE of Florida, Inc. will take a strong role in that fight when it comes and we will need your help. Until then keep your eyes and ears open and pass anything you hear, see or read to me. Our combined 7000 pairs of eyes and ears really make ABATE of Florida, Inc. strong.

Here is a little more information about the Task Force..

The Task Force is an **independent, non-Federal, uncompensated panel** of public health and prevention experts appointed by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Its members represent a broad range of research, practice, and policy expertise in community preventive services, public health, health promotion, and disease prevention. (this was taken directly from their 2013 Annual report to Congress)

<http://www.thecommunityguide.org/annualreport/2013-congress-report-full.pdf>

For 2012 they made some of the following recommendations:

### **Topic Area**

#### **New Reviews                      Recommendations**

Alcohol: Preventing Excessive Alcohol Consumption

1. Electronic Screening and Brief Interventions (e-SBI) Recommended (Strong Evidence)

Cardiovascular Disease Prevention and Control

2. Reduced Out-of-Pocket Cost for Cardiovascular Disease Preventive Services Among Patients with High Blood Pressure and High Cholesterol Recommended (Strong Evidence)

#### **Updates to Existing Reviews**

Cancer Prevention & Control— Preventing Skin Cancer

4. Primary and Middle School Interventions to Increase UV Protective Behaviors Recommended (Strong Evidence)

Motor Vehicle-Related Injury Prevention

5. Publicized Sobriety Checkpoint Programs Recommended (Strong Evidence)

Improving Oral Health

6. Statewide or Community-wide Sealant Promotion Insufficient Evidence
7. Community Water Fluoridation Recommended (Strong Evidence)
8. School-based or –Linked Sealant Delivery Programs Recommended (Strong Evidence)

Tobacco: Reducing Tobacco Use & Secondhand Smoke Exposure

9. Smoke-Free Policies to Reduce Tobacco Use Recommended (Strong Evidence)
10. Mass Reach Campaigns When Combined with Other Interventions Recommended (Strong Evidence)
11. Increasing the Unit Price of Tobacco Products Recommended (Strong Evidence)

### **And now from Scribe's Mailings.....**

#### **BILL AIMED AT GUN REGULATIONS ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY**

A South Florida lawmaker filed a bill this week that would give cities and counties more power to regulate guns on property they own. Rep. Jim Waldman, D-Coconut Creek, filed the proposal (HB 305) on Tuesday. It would change a law that has left regulation of firearms and ammunition to the Legislature. The bill says there are "municipalities and counties that seek to exercise their home rule powers in the field of regulation of firearms and ammunition upon property owned by such municipality or county with the same freedom that they have in other fields to consider and account for local conditions and sensibilities." It appears highly unlikely, however, that the bill will pass during the 2014 legislative session. Both chambers of the Republican-controlled Legislature have been staunch supporters of gun rights.

**HOUSE MEASURE WOULD PUT OUT SMOKING ON PLAYGROUNDS**

Rep. Katie Edwards, D-Plantation, on Wednesday filed the House version of a measure (HB 309) that would give local governments the ability to prohibit smoking on playgrounds. The proposal would allow municipalities and counties to restrict smoking in local government-owned playground areas as an expansion of the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act. The act, approved by voters in 2002, prohibits smoking in most enclosed indoor workplaces. The Senate version (SB 342) was filed last week by Sen. Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island. Bradley tried to pass a broader bill (SB 258) during the 2013 legislative session that would have allowed restrictions on smoking on municipal or county properties, but it died in the Community Affairs Committee.

**HOUSE CONSIDERS SKIPPING DECEMBER COMMITTEE WEEK**

The House might not hold many, or any, pre-session meetings during the scheduled Dec. 9 committee week. Rep. Rob Schenck, R-Spring Hill, continues to await word from committee chairmen about the need for members to travel to Tallahassee for the scheduled week of meetings. A legislative assistant for Schenck, who is the House Rules and Calendar Committee chairman, said Wednesday they are not sure if meetings will be held. In October, Schenck noted that members had been asking about the December calendar. "Because of the close proximity to the holidays, we have decided to give chairs the option to decide if their workloads necessitate meeting time in December," Schenck advised members on Oct. 10. Even if the House doesn't meet the second week of December, there are five other pre-session committee weeks on the calendar: the weeks of Jan. 6; Jan. 13; Feb. 3; Feb. 10; and Feb. 17. The 2014 legislative session runs from March 4 to May 2.

**NELSON STILL CONSIDERING BID FOR GOVERNOR**

By DARA KAM and BRANDON LARRABEE THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

Fanning the flames of uncertainty about former Gov. Charlie Crist's viability as a gubernatorial candidate, Democrats close to U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson are letting potential supporters know the three-term senator is waiting in the wings if Crist's campaign stumbles. Nelson's chief of staff, Pete Mitchell, called some prominent Democrats recently and told them the 71-year-old Nelson, who has been coy about his interest in the governor's race, is considering a bid, according to sources who spoke on background. Crist, who served as a Republican governor from 2007 to 2011, is attempting a political comeback after leaving the GOP in 2010 and joining the Democratic Party late last year. Polls have consistently shown Crist would handily defeat incumbent Gov. Rick Scott, a Republican who reportedly plans to spend \$100 million in his re-election effort. Crist has staffed up with prominent figures from President Barack Obama's two successful campaigns in Florida, including Democratic strategist Steve Schale, and is expected to raise as much as \$2 million in his first month as a candidate. But some Democrats remain skeptical that Crist can overcome what is expected to be a brutal campaign that could cripple his favorability. Any sign that Crist's could fumble the chance to defeat the unpopular Scott could increase calls for Nelson to enter the race.

**11-5 News from the AMA**

Washington D.C.: A recent survey found that more than three-fourths of Americans fear that E15 fuel may damage car engines and fuel system components. E15 is a fuel blend of up to 15 percent ethanol and 85 percent gasoline that the federal Environmental Protection Agency has approved for use in 2001-and-newer passenger vehicles. Ethanol is grain alcohol produced from crops such as corn that is mixed with gasoline to produce an ethanol-gasoline blend motor fuel.

E15 is not approved for use in any motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, boats, lawn mowers and other small engines. Since 2011, the AMA has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal lawmakers about possible damage to the estimated 22 million motorcycles and ATVs currently in use by the inadvertent use of E15, which is now becoming available at retail fueling stations.

The survey findings were released on Oct. 2 by the American Petroleum Institute, which sponsored the poll. The API is a national trade association that represents America's oil and natural gas industry. Some 77 percent of registered voters are concerned that ethanol blends above a 10 percent level can cause severe damage to car engines and fuel system components, according to the poll. Also, 69 percent of those surveyed said that using more corn for ethanol production could increase consumer prices for groceries due to a reduction in the corn supply for food, food products and animal feed.

Research results released by the Coordinating Research Council indicate that E15 would damage millions of post-2001 model-year vehicles even though the EPA has approved the use of E15 in those vehicles. The study concluded that E15 would result in fuel-system failures in cars and other approved vehicles.

Moreover, the California Air Resources Board has told the AMA that even if it approves the sale of the new E15 ethanol-gasoline blend in California, the blend wouldn't appear in the market for several years. Specifically, CARB wanted time to complete the necessary vehicle testing and rule development in order to introduce a new transportation fuel into California's market. CARB made the comment in response to a letter from Wayne Allard, AMA vice president for government relations, who expressed concern about potential misfueling of E15 into motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles.

## HOUSE, SENATE LOOK AT DITCHING 'NO-FAULT' AUTO INSURANCE

By JIM TURNER THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

A House Republican is driving forward with plans to replace the state's "no-fault" auto insurance coverage, two years after lawmakers passed reforms to try to rid the system of fraud. However, the proposal continues to be reviewed in a "deliberative and thoughtful manner" in the Senate as a number of insurance officials have tempered their call for a change after a constitutional challenge to the 2012 reform law was recently sidetracked. Rep. Carlos Trujillo, R-Miami, on Tuesday filed two measures (HB 267 and HB 269) directed at making bodily injury coverage, which a vast majority of motorists in Florida already purchase, the replacement for no-fault. The measures replicate a draft being put together by Senate Banking and Insurance Chairman David Simmons, R-Altamonte Springs. Simmons said he will continue to gather input on the proposal after his committee reviewed the potential change on Tuesday. Simmons had been advancing the measure at the request of some insurance officials who said they didn't expect reforms to the decades-old Personal Injury Protection (PIP) auto insurance system --- also known as no-fault --- to fully take hold.

## BILL WOULD BAR INSURERS FROM CONSIDERING GUN OWNERSHIP

State Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fort Walton Beach, filed a bill this week that would prevent property and auto insurers from refusing to issue or renew policies based on customers' legal use, possession or ownership of firearms. The proposal (HB 255), filed Monday, also would bar insurers from charging a "discriminatory" rate because of guns. The proposal, which will be considered during the spring legislative session, would take effect July 1, 2014, if passed.

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~ Thomas Jefferson



# Friday Nov. 22 Breaking Tally News Capsule

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From the News Service of Florida

## **VOTERS BACK 'STAND YOUR GROUND'**

After months of controversy about Florida's "stand your ground" law, voters continue to strongly support the self-defense measure, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released Thursday. The poll shows that 60 percent of voters support the premise of the law, which is that people can fight back with deadly force if they feel threatened, even if they have opportunities to retreat. That is up slightly from 57 percent support in a June poll. Overall, 34 percent of voters opposed "stand your ground" in the new poll, down slightly from 36 percent in June. Independent voters support the law by a margin of 63 percent to 33 percent, while Republicans support it by a margin of 83 percent to 11 percent. Democrats oppose it by a margin of 58 percent to 36 percent. Quinnipiac surveyed 1,646 registered voters from Nov. 12 to Nov. 17, and the poll has a margin of error of 2.4 percentage points.

## **BILL WOULD DOUBLE FINES FOR TEXTING WHILE DRIVING IN SCHOOL ZONES**

Rep. Richard Stark, D-Weston, wants to increase the penalty for motorists who text while behind the wheel in school zones. Stark on Wednesday proposed a measure (HB 333) that would double fines for texting while driving in legally posted school zones or designated school crossings. The state's new texting-while-driving ban went into effect Oct. 1 and carries a penalty of \$30 and court costs for first-time offenders. The law only allows enforcement as what is known as a "secondary offense." That means motorists can only be cited for texting while driving if they are pulled over for other reasons. Last month, Sen. Maria Sachs, D-Delray Beach, filed a measure (SB 322) that would allow police to stop motorists for texting while driving.

## **LEE FILES BILL TO BAR INSURERS FROM CONSIDERING GUN OWNERSHIP**

Sen. Tom Lee, R-Brandon, filed a measure (SB 424) this week that would prohibit property and auto insurers from canceling policies or refusing to issue coverage because of customers' legal ownership of firearms. The proposal would also prohibit insurers from imposing an "unfairly discriminatory rate" due to gun ownership. The measure, a companion to a proposal (HB 255) filed Nov. 4 by Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fort Walton Beach, also prohibits insurers from disclosing to other parties the lawful ownership or possession of a firearm by an applicant or policyholder.

## **HOUSE MEASURE WOULD BAN SMOKING IN CARS WITH KIDS**

Smoking would be prohibited inside a motor vehicle if a minor is along for the ride, under a measure (HB 341) filed Friday by Rep. Charles McBurney, R-Jacksonville. The proposal, which currently has no Senate companion, would make smoking a tobacco product in a car or truck with a minor present a "nonmoving violation." The measure, if approved during the 2014 legislative session and signed by Gov. Rick Scott, would have the violation considered a secondary action. That means a person could only be cited after a driver has been pulled over for another reason. It would take effect Oct. 1, 2014. For the past decade Florida has banned smoking in enclosed workplaces, with exemptions that include private residences and bars where no more than 10 percent of the revenue is from food sales.

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## NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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### CDC TASK FORCE CALLS FOR HELMET LAWS

A task force operating under the auspices of the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is recommending that all states have a mandatory helmet law in place to require motorcycle riders of all ages to wear a helmet.

Citing reduced injuries and fatalities, as well as economic benefits, the Community Preventive Services Task Force, appointed by the director of the CDC, will make its recommendations to the federal agency and report its findings to the U.S. Congress in early December.

The CDC, whose primary mission is to fight disease, issued a report last summer recommending that all 50 states enact universal helmet laws in response to a sharp increase in motorcyclist fatalities; but ignoring the fact that the number of motorcycles in use nationwide has increased substantially over the past decade, and that costs associated with un-helmeted cyclists involved in fatal accidents represent a tiny fraction of overall U.S. healthcare expenditures.

In the meantime, U.S. Representative Tom Petri (R-WI) has authored a joint letter from members of Congress calling for the CDC to stop investigating motorcycling issues such as helmet laws, which they have no experience or expertise with, and "...to direct your attention and resources to areas that are not currently already being addressed elsewhere in the government."

### URGE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO BAR E15 GAS

The US Defenders ([www.usdefenders.org](http://www.usdefenders.org)) issued a Call To Action on October 26, 2013 calling for support of House Resolution 1462 "to Stop the Sale of Ethanol 15 (E15)."

The bipartisan RFS Reform Act would "eliminate the corn-based ethanol mandate currently required by the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), reduce the overall requirements of cellulosic ethanol not filled by other advanced bio-fuels, and rescind the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) waivers allowing gasoline blends containing up to 15-percent of ethanol."

Introduced by Reps. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), Jim Costa (D-CA), Steve Womack (R-AR), and Peter Welch (D-VT), H.R. 1462 would effectively overhaul the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) which mandates that 36 billion gallons of renewable fuels be part of our nation's fuel supply by 2022, almost all of which being fulfilled by corn ethanol which in turn diverts nearly 40% of our nation's corn crop from food and feed.

Congress created the RFS program in 2005 to promote the ethanol industry by setting the minimum amount of renewable fuel that must be blended into motor fuels annually. E10 (10% ethanol blend) has become widely accepted and helped kickstart the ethanol industry, but in 2010 the EPA approved E15 for use in newer vehicles even though many automobile manufacturers claim its use can damage engines and void warranties, and no motorcycles or ATVs are currently approved to use the alcohol-laden fuel.

Rep. Goodlatte has also introduced the RFS Elimination Act (H.R. 1461), "which eliminates the RFS altogether and makes ethanol compete in a free market." Both the RFS Elimination Act and the RFS Reform Act have been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Meanwhile, on November 15, the EPA recommended reducing the total amount of ethanol required by the RFS to be blended into U.S. transportation fuel nationwide in 2014 from 18.15 billion gallons down to 15.21 bg, though the move to reduce the minimum volume of renewable fuel next year does not provide a permanent solution to the inflexible short-term mandates nor the long-term diversion of feed stocks to fuel.

## **ROCHESTER, MINN ACCUSED OF DISCRIMINATING AGAINST BIKERS**

An attorney representing the Confederation of Clubs of Minnesota claims that Rochester bars and restaurants illegally deny access to people wearing clothing that displays affiliations to certain motorcycle clubs and that the Rochester Police Department advises the establishments to do so.

In a letter dated October 31, 2013 to Rochester Police Chief Roger Peterson and City Attorney Terry Adkins, A.I.M. Attorney Michael M. Bader of St. Paul, MN states that by denying access to people displaying affiliations to these clubs, the establishments are violating Minnesota Statute 604.12. The statute, the first and only biker anti-discrimination law in the country, says that access cannot be denied to "a person who operates a motorcycle or is wearing clothing that displays the name of an organization or association," unless the person's behavior is endangering other people or property, or the person's clothing "is obscene or includes the name or symbol of a criminal gang."

Bader's letter states that he has been provided "irrefutable evidence" that Rochester restaurants and bars violate the law by practicing "discrimination" against members of motorcycle clubs, and told the Post-Bulletin newspaper that the evidence includes taped recordings of conversations with bar owners who say police advised them to deny access to people wearing jackets or other clothing with certain motorcycle club colors and insignias. "The reason given by police, as evidenced in recordings, is: 'that these groups have a history of violence,'" but Minnesota Statute 609.229, which pertains to gang crime, requires a gang or club to have a "pattern of criminal activity" before establishments can deny access to its members.

"Our suggestion would be for Chief Peterson to send a memo to all licensed clubs and restaurants in Rochester with a copy of Minn. Stat. 604.12, advising the license holders that discrimination upon dress alone violates the statute and makes each establishment liable for damages and attorney fees for each person who suffers the discrimination," Bader wrote in his letter.

Peterson told the paper he has no plans to send the type of memo Bader suggested because the police department is not violating any statute, saying it is well-known and well-established that the motorcycle clubs Bader represents have histories of violence in the Rochester area and the police department has advised bars and restaurants to deny access to people wearing any kind of gang colors or insignias, and that includes those of motorcycle clubs with violent histories.

If Peterson refuses to do so, "the next step is litigation," Bader said in a recent interview. "And then it would be incumbent upon the city to prove this pattern of criminal activity." According to Minnesota Statute 609.902, it requires at least three separate criminal acts within 10 years of the beginning of the criminal proceeding.

## **THREE-WHEELERS EXEMPTED FROM MOTORCYCLE LICENSING & HELMET LAWS**

The Michigan legislature has approved a bill to change the state's motorcycle laws to allow Elio Motors to sell a three-wheeled car in the state without buyers being required to get a motorcycle endorsement.

The "Elio" (pronounced EE-lee-oh) is considered a "motorcycle" under federal and state safety regulations because it has three wheels and weighs less than 1,600 pounds. Nonetheless, it handles like a car according to inventor Paul Elio, who says Michigan's old law would have required buyers of the Elio to take a motorcycle safety test that teaches things like, "the throttle is on the right handlebar" and you should "lean into a curve."

The company is banking on other states with similar laws to have them modified by the time Elio Motors plans to start production of the Elio in late 2014, but their main concern is the five states that require drivers of three-wheeled vehicles to wear a helmet.

Joel Sheltroun of Elio Motors says those laws must be changed by the time the Elio is for sale, because wearing a helmet in a car obscures the person's vision and hearing, and the weight of the helmet also has the potential to cause severe neck damage in an accident.

Such laws could also hinder sales of the three-wheeler, which will be manufactured in Shreveport, Louisiana, where the state recently amended their laws to allow Elio occupants to ride without a helmet and operators won't have to get a special "M" endorsement on their driver's license as required of motorcyclists.

## **GLOBAL TIRE MARKET PROJECTED TO GROW, DRIVEN BY MOTORCYCLES**

The worldwide market for tires is projected to grow at a 5% annual rate for the period 2014-2015, and motorcycles will be a key driver.

According to an industry report, the increasing demand for motorcycles positively influences the demand for tires and hence leads to the growth of the Global Tire market. The demand for motorcycles comes from developing and under-developed countries where the penetration rate of cars is low.

Also, it is expected that the adoption of tubeless tires in the Global Motorcycle market will increase and will have a positive impact on the Global Tire market.

## **1 IN 4 DRIVERS ADMIT SURFING THE WEB WHILE BEHIND THE WHEEL**

Texting while driving used to be an offense identified with younger vehicle operators, but a new poll shows how it has spread to older drivers as well. The poll also found that one in four drivers are now accessing the Web while driving, yet another dangerous distraction, and the increase is driven by older drivers using smartphones.

The number of drivers who report using their cell phones to access the Internet while behind the wheel continues to rise, to a point where nearly one of four drivers are going online while driving, according to a national survey that has tracked the potentially deadly practice over the past five years. There were also jumps in the percentages of people who read or respond to e-mail, and who read or update social media networks while driving, according to an article appearing on the front page of USA TODAY on Tuesday, November 12th.

Insurer State Farm began asking drivers in 2009 whether they went online while driving. The percentage of drivers who said they do so has nearly doubled, from 13% in 2009 to 24% this year. Among drivers ages 18-29, that number rose from 29% to 49%.

Most research on distracted driving -- and most laws against it -- has focused on texting while driving, which creates a crash risk 23 times greater than not doing so, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. But the rise in ownership of smartphones, which allow users to surf the Web, access social media and send and receive e-mail, means there are more opportunities than ever for driver distraction, and over the past three years the sharpest increases in smartphone ownership were among drivers 40 and over. For drivers ages 40-49, the percentage that owns smartphones rose from 47% in 2011 to 82% in 2013; for those 50-64, it went from 44% to 64%, and for those 65 and older, from 23% to 39%.

Perhaps reflecting the nation's sustained campaign against texting while driving, that problem is growing much more slowly than surfing the Web. The percentage of people who report texting while driving rose slightly over the past five years, from 31% to 35% of all drivers. Among those 18-29, the number who report doing so has actually decreased, from 71% to 69%.

Chris Mullen, State Farm's director of technology research says, "We need to keep an eye on social media, reading e-mail, all these other functions folks can use. ... That could be legislation, it could be enforcement, it could be education and awareness."

## **DRIVERS WOULD OPT TO LOSE CONTROL**

A new survey finds that one in five Americans would never take the wheel again if a self-driving, or autonomous, car were available. CarInsurance.com asked 2,000 drivers whether they would buy an autonomous car if it meant they never had to drive again, and 20% of them said yes. That number soars if cheaper car insurance is part of the deal.

While 1 in 5 licensed drivers surveyed said they would gladly turn over the keys and let computers do the driving, more than a third of those surveyed said an 80% discount on car insurance rates would make purchase of an autonomous vehicle "very likely," and 90% of respondents said they would at least consider the idea.

Cars that park themselves, navigate stop-and-go-traffic or avert an impending collision are already on U.S. roads today, and Nissan has promised to deliver a fully autonomous vehicle -- one that allows a computer to assume control under the right conditions -- to showrooms by 2020. A fully automated vehicle that doesn't need a human operator could someday follow.

“Our survey shows cheaper insurance will greatly influence consumer acceptance,” said CarInsurance.com managing editor Des Toups. “Some of the liability of operating a car will doubtless be assumed by the manufacturer,” Toups said. “But a lot of the decrease in rates could come simply because there would be many fewer accidents.”

Trust will be a big hurdle, the survey results show, as 64% said computers were not capable of the same quality of decision-making that human drivers exhibit, and 75% said they can drive a car better than a computer could. Asked what they would do with their additional free time, 26% responded that they'd text/talk with friends, 21% would read, while 10% would sleep and 7% would work.

### **SPORTBIKERS ATTACK SUV IN NYC**

Headlines across America shrieked in condemnation over a road rage incident involving a swarm of sportbike riders in New York who were caught on tape viciously attacking a family in an SUV, but according to high-profile civil rights attorney Gloria Allred we haven't heard the whole story.

Everything started when a driver bumped a biker on the Henry Hudson Parkway in NYC and took off, sparking the chase and vicious assault that followed. After the initial contact, the now-famous helmet cam footage that captivated the country shows a rider cutting in front of a Range Rover, slowing down and gesturing at the driver just before the SUV driver clipped his back tire. Following a brief exchange on the side of the road, the SUV driver is seen hitting the gas and speeding off recklessly through the crowd of bikers, running over one of them. A group of riders pursued the vehicle and miles later when it was forced to a halt in heavy traffic, several of the bikers bashed in the windows and dragged the driver out and beat him in front of his wife and infant child.

Allred is representing rider Edwin “Jay” Mieses, the 33-year old father of two from Massachusetts who was ran over and left permanently paralyzed by the SUV driver during his “escape”, and she told FOX News during an October 8th interview on “Hannity” that; “First of all, what’s not being talked about is what happened several miles before Edwin was run over, and we have evidence of this and police are aware, that the SUV was in the right lane several miles before and decided to move over into the center lane, HIT a bike and kept going and then several miles later hit a second rider and then ran over Edwin, crushing him under the SUV without any warning as he was standing there trying to get everyone to move on.”

“Ticked off” by the media’s unfair portrayal of the events, Allred said there’s no evidence of intimidation on the part of the bikers prior to the accident and the subsequent attack, and riders insist that the SUV driver was the aggressor. “He drove erratically and bumped the bike on the side,” one rider told WABC TV, corroborating that the driver had already hit one motorcycle prior to the confrontation. “When he bumped that bike on the side, that biker became aggressive because his life was in danger.”

Three bikers have thus far been arrested for gang assault and other crimes, but the SUV driver has not been charged as the case continues under investigation, so stay tuned.

### **POSITIONING PLATES TO PERMIT LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) wants to change the angle of motorcycle license plates and has requested comments on a proposed amendment to a safety standard on “lamps, reflective devices and associated equipment to allow the license plate mounting surface on motorcycles to be at an angle of up to 30 degrees beyond vertical” (on horizontal installed plates).

According to the agency, the change would bring the U.S. rule more in line with European regulations, increase design flexibility without compromising safety or increasing costs, and allow license plate recognition technology used by law enforcement organizations to continue reading license plate characters.

### **CDC ASKED TO BACK OFF MOTORCYCLE ISSUES**

Congressman Tom Petri (R-WI) has authored a letter to the Centers for Disease Control requesting that the CDC stop investigating motorcycling issues such as helmet laws.

“Given the demands on your budget and the unique ability of the CDC to address such pressing issues as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, Alzheimer’s and a host of other conditions, and issues which afflict millions of Americans and others around the globe, we encourage you to direct your attention and resources to areas that are not currently already being addressed elsewhere in the government,” wrote Petri in the letter he is requesting fellow members of

Congress to co-sign.

With the government shutdown ending, now is the time to contact your Congressional Representatives and ask them to sign onto Rep. Petri's letter to the CDC.

### **NEW NEVADA LAW ALLOWS MOTORCYCLISTS TO GO ON RED**

Under a new law, motorcyclists will be allowed to go through red lights. Starting October 1, if a motorcyclist comes to a red light at a signal that doesn't seem to be working or has failed to detect the motorcycle, the rider will be allowed to go through. Assembly Bill 117 enables motorcyclists, moped, trimobile and bike riders to go through red lights after waiting for two rounds of the signal without getting a green light.

The Nevada Highway Patrol said signals use sensors to detect metal, which may make it more difficult to detect motorcycles than vehicles.

The new law still requires motorcycles to stop at a light, and only proceed through a red if it's safe. The state has launched a website to educate people on the new law.

Nevada joins a dozen other states that allow riders to proceed through malfunctioning red lights. Similar "dead red" laws have previously been enacted in Minnesota (2002), Tennessee (2003), Arkansas (2005), Idaho (2006), Wisconsin (2006), North Carolina (2007), South Carolina (2008), Missouri (2008), Oklahoma (2010), Kansas (2011), Virginia (2011) and Illinois (except Chicago - 2012). In Texas and California, state law requires stoplights to be fitted with sensors that detect motorcycles.

### **TEXAS BIKERS AND TRIKERS CELEBRATE A SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Previously in Texas, three-wheeled motorcycle training courses were costly and not widely available, due to mandated motorcycle training curricula from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation that limited the flexibility of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) in approving otherwise appropriate curricula.

This was limiting for motorcyclists who do not wish to or cannot drive a two-wheeled motorcycle (perhaps due to a physical disability) but want to drive a three-wheeled cycle.

S.B. 763, "AN ACT relating to motorcycle training, the enforcement of certification standards for motorcycles, and the license requirements for a three-wheeled motorcycle," changes from mandatory to optional whether curricula includes the curricula developed by a particular foundation, giving DPS the flexibility to authorize other curricula that meet the statutory and regulatory requirements of Texas.

The new law also adds a three-wheeled restriction to the Class M license of those Texans who take only a three-wheeled training course. Currently, a motorcyclist who has only taken a three-wheeled training course can obtain a Class M license which permits them to legally operate a two-wheeled motorcycle.

"Another successful Legislative session for Texas Bikers, and Texas Trikes too!," announced Paul Landers, TMRAII Legislative Liaison and National Lt. Commander of the US Defenders/C.O.I.R. "For the first time, a new classification for this group of three wheeled BIKERS. Personally, I feel this builds unity and gives more support to our political initiatives, trike owners can now be a part of what we do and feel good about it!"

### **MOTORCYCLISTS HOPE TO CHANGE NEW ILLINOIS POKER RUN LAW**

A new law meant to protect poker runs is creating frustration. House Bill 2520, the "Poker Run Act", was drawn up earlier this year because of concerns that poker runs were a type of illegal gambling. The bill to legalize poker runs for charities and Not For Profit organizations was passed with overwhelming support and was signed into law in August, moving the fundraisers under the Illinois Charitable Games Act.

However, the regulations means charities and poker run stops all need to pay for a license. All locations involved are now required to pay a fee of \$50 a year. The non-profit behind the event must have a permit that costs \$200. Any funds raised will be taxed at 3%.

Motorcycle groups are now looking for a new solution. Poker runs bring out bikers and bring in big dollars for charity causes, but many fear the new law will put an end to many of the events.

The push for change came when the motorcycle advocacy group, ABATE of Illinois, wanted to protect poker runs, which some states are cracking down on as illegal gaming. According to WSIL TV (ABC), the Illinois Department of Revenue says lawmakers didn't ask for their help in drafting the legislation so now the agency is enforcing those taxes and fees, but they're also talking with bill sponsors about finding a new category for poker runs.

Representative Rich Brauer has already drawn up a bill that would put poker runs under the jurisdiction of the county where they're being held.

### **BIKER DISCRIMINATION AT OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR**

On the 15th of September 2013, two members of The Horsemen MC out of Moore, OK went the State Fair of Oklahoma, walking past four Oklahoma City police officers at the gates who watched the two of them buy tickets and enter the fair. They entered with club colors on and the Police made eye contact but let them in.

About an hour into being there, a Sergeant of the OKC P.D. pulled them aside and told them to remove their cuts or colors, whereupon the two Horsemen refused. The Police then told the two riders they had one chance to leave and if they didn't, they would be arrested. The riders then agreed and started heading toward the gate.

They told them they would like their ticket money back since there are no signs posted informing motorcyclists they were not allowed to wear Colors in the fair. They did get their ticket money back but had to give their personal information to the police so they could run their identity through to see if they had any warrants. They took pictures of their vests and insignia, wanted to list their tattoos and informed them that they were a "gang".

"The Horsemen walked away without being arrested but hopefully our Riding Community can understand there is a serious problem with this," said Tiger Mike Revere in his report in the ABATE of Oklahoma newsletter. "In the meantime, club members who have been mistreated at this point will be interacting with attorneys for possible litigation."

Tiger Mike, who is the ABATE Liaison for the OK Confederation of Clubs and also serves on the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) board of directors, encourages any biker who experiences discriminatory treatment to go to the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs website at: [www.okcoc.net](http://www.okcoc.net) to download, print and submit a Discrimination Complaint to NCOM, and advises that this issue will be discussed further during the NCOM Region 2 Conference scheduled for November 22-23 at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City.

### **GITMO FOR BIKIES**

Bikers going to jail in Queensland will now be sent to a "bikie-only prison" at the ultra-secure Woodford Correctional Centre as part of the Australian government's push against "bikies". The biker gang-only facility, which critics have compared with Guantánamo Bay, will form a core part of the Newman Govt's attempt to drive outlaw bikie gangs from Queensland.

Convicted outlaw motorcycle gang members will be kept in their cells for 23 hours a day at the centre, denied access to gym equipment, televisions and be subject to a more stringent regime of drug testing and searches. All calls unrelated to their legal representation will be monitored and their mail opened and censored while visitor contact will be restricted to one hour a week. Bikie members already in Queensland prisons will also be transferred to the new facility, which is aimed at denying them the ability to use prison time to recruit new members and widen their drug distribution networks says government sources.

Premier Campbell Newman told The Courier-Mail that the facility will be an integral part of sweeping legislation to be introduced and passed through State Parliament, adding that the new laws will also automatically ban bikies from accessing bail and hand greater investigative powers to the Crime and Misconduct Commission. In addition to mandatory enhanced prison sentences of up to 25 additional years for gang members, the government is also considering tougher penalties for crimes committed in prison, including weapon offenses, assaults and drug use, as well as stiffer penalties for prison staff caught colluding with gang members.

Civil libertarians and members of the legal fraternity have condemned the proposed bikie crackdown as unnecessary, ill-conceived and arrogant.

Thanks to Mike Davis of the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars (BBB) outreach for sharing this information.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal."  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-68) American clergyman and civil rights lead

# ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

## November 17, 2013

The President's gavel sounded the meetings call to order at 11:40am, and the twenty-four Chapter Members and three guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Following the recitation, a moment of reverent silence was observed.

**President** Ed "Nighthawk" Lattari – Sgt. at Arms Petee is not present, and excused. Asst. Sgt. at Arms, Zim, will substitute. Nighthawk alerted the Chapter to be on the lookout for a car involved in a local hit and run motorcycle accident. The Chapter Rally is Dec. 15th, and there is a planning meeting Dec. 5th at Renegades. Nighthawk's Annual Pot Luck Dinner and Social was announced. Other local events were announced and briefly discussed. Membership is reminded to sign up for the text alert system, if they want to receive text alerts. Products Trustee Pookie has stepped down, and a replacement Products Trustee is being sought.

**Vice President** Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson – Dan recounted his recent illnesses in detail to the Chapter and made a few announcements regarding local events and the upcoming State Meeting.

**Secretary** Charles "CB" Barcellona - Charles shared his recent eyewitness of a motorcycle accident on I-95. The upcoming State Meeting was discussed briefly. Nighthawk reminded the Chapter to be careful as tourist season gets under way.

**Treasurer** Debbie "Foxybabe" Wenger – Debbie presented a report regarding the Chapter's financial status. The Chapter is solvent.

**Membership** Trustee Debbie "Foxybabe" Wenger – Foxybabe presented a summary membership report, citing 234 members.

**Asst. Sgt-at-Arms** Mike "Zim" Zimmerman – Planning for the Chapter Rally, and the need for volunteers were discussed.

**Safety Trustee** Charlie "Niblick" Wenger – Several instances of local motorcycle accidents were discussed. The contact information for the State Trooper taking witness information was given out, for the recent hit and run motorcycle accident. Special thanks to Bill for his excellent work manning the safety booth recently.

**State Delegates** Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson and Ken "Snooze" Gerecke – Snooze informed the Chapter that the next ABATE of Florida state meeting will be in Vero Beach, Florida, on Dec. 14th, 2013. Dan gave a report regarding E15 fuel, and its danger to pre-2012 vehicles.

**Product** - Pookie Miller has stepped down as Products Trustee and a replacement for the position is being sought.

**Newsletter Trustee** Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson – Dan announced a new phone app and announced a new submission deadline for the Chrome Chronicles, which will now be the 21st of the month. Nighthawk stated his desire for more organized newsletter distribution, and commented that the Chrome Chronicles were becoming a valuable source of information to the local motorcycling community.

**Old Business** – Hamish has a contact for inexpensive trailers, and will get more information. Burger asked about the ABATE State tax exemption reorganization. Nighthawk responded: No status change to report.

**New Business** – South Florida Confederation of Clubs stickers are available for purchase. United Bikers Council of Palm Beach County patches are also available. Slo Motion made announcements about local events.

**Good of the Order** –

ALR Post 47 announced an upcoming fund raising event. VFW Post 4143 announced their Angel Tree fund and/or toy raising program. The Mob of Brothers is holding open house on Mondays at their Clubhouse. There is a group fun ride to the A.O.A. Birthday Bash after today's meeting.

At 12:40pm Nighthawk brought the gavel down upon its strike plate, and the meeting was adjourned.

This concludes the minutes of the November 17th, 2013 meeting of ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter.

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**REQUIREMENTS**—must be at least 18 years of age. It does not matter what you or even if you ride. You can be an independent or member of a club or association. All are welcome at meetings.

**Join for the cause.** Everything is voluntary, we understand work and family comes first. We hope you can help in any small way, vote and spread the word. \$20 for Year or \$150 Life which is split between chapter and state.

**BENEFITS** Your money is used to provide a lobbyist to the state and federal government to watch for our rights and freedom. You get a State *MasterLink* newsletter every 2 months. The chapter newsletter is available online [abatepalmbeach.com](http://abatepalmbeach.com) so is in color and with Internet links. We print black and white copies for the general public to be informed available at many various establishments. Members get free classified and reduced ad rates.

**INSURANCE** As an active member in good standing you have a \$4,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy from American Income Life. You will get a card in the mail from state office to register your beneficiary for ADD insurance. Do NOT mail it, just be sure your family knows about the policy. If you send it in and they try to meet to sell you more, contact State Office to have it stopped. You can mail to the office as Registered letter to have it done when you family notifies. So be sure to renew in time so are always covered! It does not have to be a motorcycle accident,.

**PRIVACY** Your email, address and phone are never given out to anyone except State and Chapter executive members. You We have stopped listing the expiring members in newsletter, you do get letters letting you know. No full names will appear in newsletter nor website without your permission. Photos are included to help promote Brotherhood.

**CLASSIFIEDS** These ads are free to members to sell or find items.



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# ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



**Membership Dues: \$20 per person for 1 year or \$150 for Life Membership**

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

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Registered Voter? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ State House: \_\_\_\_ State Senate: \_\_\_\_ US Dist: \_\_\_\_

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State newsletter, *MasterLink* Mailed every other month \_\_\_ or online \_\_\_ [abateflorida.com](http://abateflorida.com)  
 Chapter newsletter *The Chrome Chronicles* is online at start of month in color with active Links. If you do not have Internet, printed copies can be gotten at the meeting or various distribution points. If you need mailed check here \_\_\_. It costs over \$18 to mail, so donations are appreciated \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 You may also order Patches at this time **MEMBERSHIPS FEE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
     Large Chapter Patch 10" by 10.5" \$35 each # \_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
     Small Chapter Patch 5" by 5.5" \$10 each # \_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Total of membership, patches, etc. Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP CARD / PATCHES CAN BE GOTTEN AT CHAPTER MEETING (on the third Sunday of Month) OR MAILED WITHIN 30 DAYS . LIFE CARD MAY TAKE LONGER AS PICKED UP AT STATE MEETINGS EVERY OTHER MONTH

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## HOUSE SCRAPS DECEMBER MEETINGS

After giving the option to committee chairmen, the Florida House will not hold committee meetings in December, according to a schedule released Tuesday. The House and Senate initially had planned to meet the week of Dec. 9 to Dec. 13. A schedule posted online indicates the Senate will have a full slate of meetings that week. House Rules and Calendar Chairman Rob Schenck, R-Spring Hill, signaled in October that the House might not hold its meetings. "Because of the close proximity to the holidays, we have decided to give chairs the option to decide if their workloads necessitate meeting time in December," Schenck advised members on Oct. 10. Lawmakers hold committee meetings in advance of the annual legislative session, which starts in March.

*So maybe now we can get change to talk to them — Slo Mo*

## WARNING SHOT MEASURE INTRODUCED IN SENATE

A measure (SB 438) has been filed in the Senate that would grant immunity to people who show guns or fire warning shots in self-defense. The "Defense of Life, Home, or Property" bill, which has been called the "warning shot" bill, was filed Monday by Sen. Thad Altman, R-Viera. The measure is a companion to a proposal (HB 89) by Rep. Neil Combee, R-Polk City, and would amend the "stand your ground" self-defense law. The Senate bill says, in part, that it is the "intent of the Legislature that a person be immunized from prosecution if he or she acts in such a manner as to protect life, home, or property from an imminent or actual unlawful activity." Combee's proposal has already been backed by the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee. A similar measure by Combee failed to advance during the 2013 legislative session. The prior attempt sought to amend the state's 10-20-Life sentencing law. Under the 10-20-Life law, possessing a gun while committing certain crimes is punishable by at least 10 years in prison, discharging a gun while committing those crimes is punishable by at least 20 years in prison, and hurting or killing someone during those crimes is punishable by 25 years to life in prison.

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

## Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting VFW POST 4143

**Due to our Event - 4th SUNDAY December 22, 2013 11:30 am**

**Directions:** 2404 Broadway (US1), Riviera Beach - Exit I-95 at Blue Heron Blvd, go east to Broadway (US1) turn south and is 1 block on east side. **Bike Parking is on south side of building.**

Come early, enjoy a good breakfast deal and socialize with other members.

## GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

**To** print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

**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.