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2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
14,674	13,831	13,398	13,410	11,548	Crash History
1,311	1,254	1,715	1,123	1,023	Alcohol Related/Suspected
206	198	151	123	113	Fatality History
73	79	62	31	47	Alcohol Related/Suspected Fatality
31	34	18	23	19	Motorcycle Fatality
1,236	1,021	870	882	628	Commerical Motor Vehicle
27	20	12	11	11	Commerical Motor Vehicle Fatality

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Thank you for your interest in the 2011 Florida Traffic Crash Statistics Report. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is committed to providing the safest possible driving environment for the millions of residents and visitors that travel in our beautiful state each year.

This report is compiled from long form traffic crash reports submitted by state and local law enforcement agencies. This year's report is a condensed version due to several factors including the change in the crash form. We are currently working on a dynamic web portal that will have all the information usually contained in the Traffic Crash Statistics Report in real time, available 24 hours a day for you to query in the spring of 2013. Therefore, this will be the last static report the Department will publish.

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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.

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President's Message "Nighthawk"

Wow! What a month December has been! It's been a very busy time for the chapter. Between our event, toy runs, bike nights and meetings it's been a lot of work and fun times! When you add that to all the holiday shopping, getting ready for family visitors coming from out of town or you heading out of town along with the regular job. it makes things pretty hectic! I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our Annual Freedom Rights Rally held at Renegades was an awesome success! I'd like to thank all the members that worked the event; it's the members that help out that make things run smooth. The turnout was outstanding and it was a fun party! I have to give a HUGE thanks to all the MC's that showed up and gave their support to our chapter, there were at least 14 MC's that came out to party with us. I haven't seen the chapter get that kind of support from the MC community in a long time. Like I've been saying, you give respect and support, and you get respect and support! This is why it's important to keep up and attend the group fun rides to show our respect and support to the local motorcycle community. This is what helps our goals of promoting biker rights, safety and awareness.

Speaking of our goals as a chapter, our biggest goal is always supporting ABATE at the state level. Recently Charlie Wenger our Safety Director was appointed to the State Safety Director position. This is a good thing for the chapter and the State. I have a lot of confidence in Charlie's abilities and he will be a major asset. My thanks to Charlie and best wishes in accepting this job. Another way we can help the State is financially. As you all know Governor Scott cut ABATEs grant from the Florida State budget, a loss of \$250,000! This by the way comes from a portion of motorcycle registration fees! That's a huge hit for our organization. In light of the fact that our chapter in the best financial shape it's ever been in, and then a financially successful event, I thought we should help. I proposed to the board that we donate \$1000. to the state. At that time Slo Mo was quick to point out that other chapters have been doing the same. The board was all on board for it! We proposed a motion to do this at the last meeting. And will vote on it in January's meeting. If passed we will present a check at Februarys State meeting.

Another way the State generates money is from the campground for Daytona Bike Week. This is another opportunity to help the State financial while having an awesome time! This year we want to encourage all the members to come up and make a big showing and have a kick ass party at the campground! I've been staying there for years and have always had a great time regardless of weather conditions! Please start making your plans on attending.

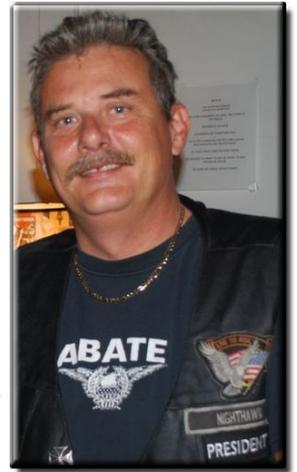
Starting January we will be following the new United Bikers Council of the Palm Beaches calendar. It's basically a spin-off of the South Florida Presidents Council with the focus on Palm Beach County. We will still be involved with the SFPC but the UBCPB schedule will be our top priority when it comes to the group rides. These will be much fewer than the SFPC schedule which is difficult and covers too large an area. This will give us a less hectic schedule with the ability to have some chapter chosen fun rides and hopefully get some rides to the local open houses.

Also don't forget raffle tickets are still available for the 10 grand cash drawing at Bike Week! Well until next month, ride safe and watch your asses out there.

Ed "Nighthawk" Lattari

President ABATE Palm Beach

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UPCOMING Group Fun Rides/Event Schedule

January 12 GROUP FUN RIDE Blessing of the Bikes AOA Clubhouse Meet Spot is Iron Cross at 2:15 KU 2:30

January 20 GROUP FUN RIDE ABATE SE Chapter Event after our regular meeting

January 24 GROUP FUN RIDE BIKE NIGHT AT THE SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR

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Florida Crash Report continued from cover page

The 2011 crash statistics show a positive trend in decreases in fatalities on our roadways and in some instances to historic lows.

Fatalities as a result of traffic crashes on Florida roadways decreased between 2010 and 2011 by almost 2% going from 2,444 to 2,400 respectively.

Over the past six years, fatalities have dropped every year from 2005 with 3,533 to 2011 with 2,400, which is a 32% reduction.

State Mileage Death Rate (the number of deaths per 100 million miles traveled) is 1.25 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in 2011, which is the same as last year and is the lowest since the rate has been calculated.

Motorcyclist and passenger fatalities increased between 2010 and 2011 by approximately 18% from 383 to 451 respectively.

Bicyclist fatalities increased between 2010 and 2011 by almost 58% from 76 to 120 respectively.

Fatalities of teen drivers and passengers decreased between 2010 and 2011 by 10% from 155 to 139 respectively.

As stated previously, we had a new crash form and many data elements changed. This change is for the better, as we are now capturing more, detailed data than in years past. This has caused a change in several definitions of data collected. Therefore, there may be significant increases/decreases in certain data elements, including alcohol related and drug related fields.

While we are encouraged that total crashes and total fatalities are down, there are other categories that have increased and there is still much to be done to change that. Traffic crashes are largely avoidable, and those that result in personal injury or loss of life are too often the unacceptable result of poor preparation and decision making. We are focused on utilizing partnerships in enforcement and education to change driving behaviors and save lives. Should you need additional information or assistance with this report, please contact us at crashfacts@flhsmv.gov.


Julie L. Jones
Executive Director

On the cover I did a summary for Palm Beach County. And the Statistics on next page. For the full report I scanned from what I got at state meeting go to <http://www.abatepalmbeach.com/images/2011crashreport.pdf> Also there are reports of a Governors group crash statistics but their data has been questioned you can read that with a grain of salt at <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/2012/11/28/AUTO01/211280322#ixzz2Drvhgo8>

2011 Florida Traffic Crash Statistics			
	2010	2011	% Change
Traffic crashes	235,461	227,998	-3.17%
Drivers involved	338,112	334,809	-0.98%
Average crashes per day	645	625	-3.17%
Mileage Death Rate (per 100 million VMT)	1.25	1.25	0.00%
Fatal crashes	2,261	2,214	-2.08%
Fatalities	2,444	2,400	-1.80%
Injury crashes	124,847	117,903	-5.56%
Injuries	195,104	181,654	-6.89%
Property damage only crashes	108,353	107,883	-0.43%
Alcohol Related/Suspected crashes	17,748	17,067	-3.84%
Alcohol Related/Suspected fatal crashes	746	828	10.99%
Alcohol Related/Suspected fatalities	794	920	15.87%
Alcohol Related/Suspected injury crashes	7,825	8,262	5.58%
Alcohol Related/Suspected injuries	12,168	11,816	-2.89%
Alcohol Confirmed Crashes		10,008	
Alcohol Suspected Crashes		7,059	
Drug-related/Suspected crashes	1,236	1,995	61.41%
Drug-related/Suspected fatalities	106	190	79.25%
Drug-related/Suspected injuries	957	1,556	62.59%
Pedestrian crashes	7,894	7,039	-10.83%
Pedestrians killed	499	497	-0.40%
Pedestrians injured	7,290	6,194	-15.03%
Bicycle crashes	4,925	5,013	1.79%
Bicycle riders killed	76	120	57.89%
Bicycle riders injured	4,600	4,632	0.70%
Other non-motorist Crashes		1,886	
Other non-motorist killed		7	
Other non-motorist injured		357	
Motorcycle crashes	7,484	8,621	15.19%
Motorcyclists killed	350	413	18.00%
Motorcycle passengers killed	33	38	15.15%
Motorcyclists injured	6,686	7,194	7.60%
Motorcycle passengers injured	725	776	7.03%
Teen crashes	26,848	28,176	4.95%
Teen Drivers Killed	80	91	13.75%
Teen Passengers Killed	64	63	-1.56%
Teen Drivers injured	10,563	8,842	-16.29%
Teen Passengers Injured	7,980	6,968	-12.68%

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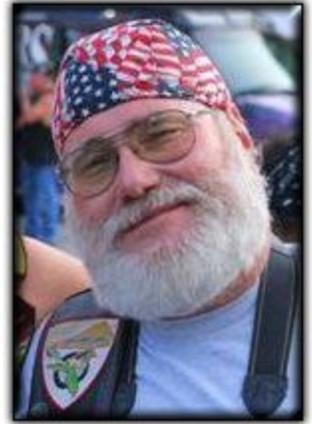
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Check out this motorcycle This motorcycle has a BMW chassis, three 17-inch alloy wheels, but no seat. Why, you ask? The seat moves with the rider. The Conquest motorcycle, which has a 1,200 cubic centimeter engine, redlines at 8,000 RPM and has a speedometer that reaches 150 miles per hour, is made for those who are disabled. It has a locking mechanism for someone in a wheelchair to drive it. There is one in San Diego, and it's on display at the auto show, said Sean Petersen, sales and marketing director of Poway's Golden Boy Mobility. Petersen said the bike goes for \$50,000, and that it is considered a luxury item. The motorcycle costs about the same as a van or other vehicle that is adapted to transport those who are disabled. Of course, the vans can take multiple people, and the bike can only transport one. Video and photos at <http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/dec/27/check-out-motorcycle/>

Vice President's Message - Slo Motion

Well the end of the world did not happen so here we are in 2013. Traditionally this is the time to review the past year and make New Year's resolutions. It has been a good year for our chapter. Members have been stepping up for rides and working events. We are involved in more local events. We are welcome in clubhouses. It may not always be easy to know who is a member since no requirements to wear patches or be identified. But we have gained support of the clubs. Even in this time of lesser bike hangouts, bike nights and events our numbers have grown. A trend I hope continues as more realize what we do for the biker community. I had joined for the cause as I had been in a serious accident years ago. The membership form has that spot "What can you do for ABATE?" I put in web design as something I do including my own BikerOnlineGuide.com. I attended a state meeting and enjoyed the information and the socialization so I become a delegate. When no one else would do the Legislative, I stood up as part of the website and meetings. After breaking my shoulder and not being able to ride, I did the safety-membership table at events. Boy was I glad when Charlie took that over so could ride to them and do my photography. At the last election I was voted Vice President and Newsletter. I did newsletters before for my old computer club and I'm getting it down and streamlined. Now I'm not the only one doing so much as all board members are busy. I would love some help with Legislative as don't feel I've done it justice and it helps to have those who vote help with the legislators. As we enter 2013 the Board's term is half over—we will be starting nominations soon. It would be a great help for more members to get involved, I'm sure Debbie would like some with membership and Charlie as we try to get the Safety program going. Assist us and learn—it really isn't difficult to time consuming if we share the load. The February state meeting is close, about 2 hours away. It would be great to have a good turnout, cheap to stay over and party. There are a lot of great people in other chapters to make friends—I have them all over. Let's get a big group and party at the Bikeweek campgrounds. After the February Chapter meeting I plan on riding to Vero for the Fiasco Brothers MC Annual to see an old riding buddy, glad to have some company. Do something and we can all make a difference for the good.



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Motorcycle museum has plans to expand www.sturgismuseum.com



Friday, 30 November 2012

The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame says they are on the path to expansion and say they are excited about growing the museum into an iconic structure that draws visitors to the City of Sturgis year-round.

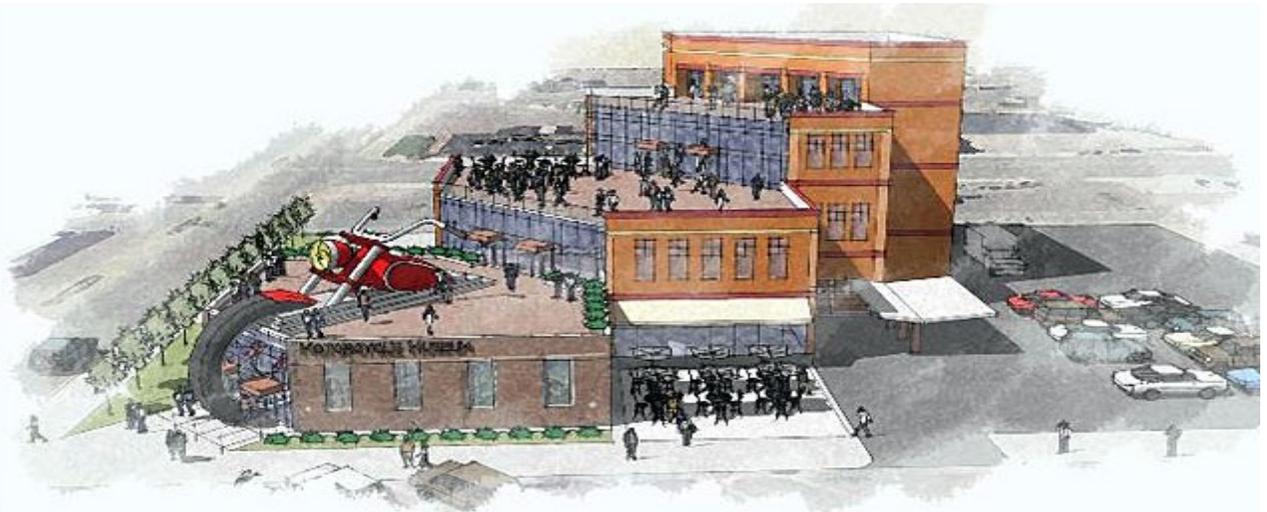
Their main goal is to make Downtown Sturgis a "roadmap" to success by adding some flavor to Sturgis' Main Street, to make it a

bigger part of the community year round. The Sturgis Downtown Taskforce and Fourfront Design have been working to make Downtown Sturgis more exciting for those who live there and for those who visit.

The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame is a part of that downtown revitalization effort, where one idea includes adding three or four stories, as well as a 40 foot tall motorcycle in front of the building. The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame Executive Director Christine Paige Diers says, "When people are coming from wherever it is they're coming from and they come down Junction or they come down Main Street, they say 'wow that's a motorcycle museum,' there will be no question about where the museum is located, so having some sort of big iconic structure to do that is one of the things that the board is very interested in doing."

Christine says they are already in the process of expanding the museum and have already purchased the property next door. She says this is just one idea of what might become of the museum, but says more room is definitely needed. Paige Diers says, "We're about as crowded as we can get in the building that we currently have and we'd be able to acquire more motorcycles, we'd be able to borrow more motorcycles from owners who are interested in putting them into the museum, we could maybe have more themed exhibits then we're able to do in our current location, so there's lots of possibilities."

Christine says the project would not only be good for the museum but for the City of Sturgis as well. Paige Diers says, "Well I think we're already an anchor for the City of Sturgis. We bring lots of tourist dollars into the city and I



think that with an expanded museum that would just increase. I think it would be very exciting to have the museum sort of at one end of the Main Street and to have maybe the plaza for events in another part of downtown, so that lots of walking traffic would happen when events were held. I think there's just a lot of exciting things that could happen to Downtown Sturgis, both with the expansion of the museum and the whole project."

Tessa Thomas <http://www.blackhillsfox.com/2012/11/30/Motorcycle-museum-has-plans-to-expand>

More at <http://www.motorcycle-usa.com/653/15006/Motorcycle-Article/Sturgis-HoF-Museum-Concept-Gets-Thumbs-Up.aspx>

Motorcycle thefts continue in Fort Lauderdale

December 12, 2012|By Linda Trischitta, Sun Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE — Motorcycles are sexy, fast and lately, thieves like them, too. In Fort Lauderdale, one burglary case is partially solved and police are asking the public for help with another.

Surveillance video released Wednesday shows two bikes — a 2004 black Honda CBR 1000 and an orange 2007 Suzuki GSZR 1000 — being stolen at 4 a.m. from the Berkley South Condominium at 3015 N. Ocean Blvd. on Nov. 14. http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2012-12-12/news/fl-lauderdale-motorcycle-thefts-20121212_1_motorcycle-thefts-broward-motorsports-honda-cbr

Still an open case is the Oct. 29 break-in at Broward Motorsports on West Sunrise Boulevard that also happened around 4 a.m. Three Hondas and a Kawasaki were stolen after pickup trucks were used to smash service bay doors. An hour earlier, the same crew was suspected of taking two motocross dirt bikes from Dos Reis Motorsports in Miami.

There have been some arrests and some property returned, Fort Lauderdale Detective DeAnna Garcia said. Broward Motorsports general manager Phil Bohi believes the suspects had previously visited the dealership. "They were incredibly efficient and you can't be that tactical without planning it," said Bohi, who said customers and other dealers have called to commiserate about their stolen bikes.

"It's relatively easy," Bohi said about why thieves like to steal motorcycles, "and it's an impersonal crime." He's selling GPS alarm systems that send a text alert whenever a vehicle moves.

"It gives us a bread crumb trail of where the bike is going," Mohi said.

North Miami Beach police agree, and announced Wednesday that stolen, used motorcycle parts stacked floor to ceiling, perhaps from 100 bikes, were recovered Nov. 30 from a "chop shop" inside a North Miami Beach home.

Officials called it one of the largest such illicit businesses ever found in South Florida and said a GPS device led cops to the chop shop, where two men were arrested.

Fort Lauderdale Police Detective Anna Diaz asks anyone with information about motorcycle burglaries to call 954-828-5574. Ltrischitta@Tribune.com, 954-356-4233 or Twitter [@LindaTrischitta](https://twitter.com/LindaTrischitta)

Motorcyclists looking for law change

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RICHLAND, Wash. - The time it takes to get from point A to point B should be the same whether you're in a car or on a motorcycle. But oftentimes, the sensors at stop lights don't recognize the lighter weight of motorcycles. Making their trip much longer than it should be.

You've likely heard of 'stop and go traffic.' Well, for motorcycles it's often more stop than go. Some intersections aren't equipped to sense the lighter weight of bikes, leaving riders with few options.

"If you want to proceed, yeah, you have no choice but to break the law," said motorcyclist Donnie Breeze.

While 13 states have laws that allow motorcycle riders to go through the light after a certain number of cycles or if the coast is clear, Washington State has yet to pass any law like that.

The motorcycle group, ABATE of Washington, is working on it, though, for the upcoming legislative session. "I think that its good legislation but its going to obviously go through the legislation process and you never know what you're going to come up with by the end of the session," said State Representative Larry Haler.

There are an estimated 20,000 endorsed motorcycles in the Tri-Cities area.

"I've actually sat during the Hanford rush hour traffic for over 15 minutes at a single light," Breeze said.

The only way some lights turn is if a car pulls up behind the motorcycle rider.

A bill that did pass back in 2009 says if detection equipment needs an upgrade or replacement, the new or improved equipment must then detect motorcycles and bicycles. But, that's still subject to available funding.

"That has yet to happen. We've got lights right here in the Tri-Cities, several within a few miles of where we're at, that will not detect a motorcycle. 2013 will be the seventh year ABATE will present motorcycle legislation before lawmakers. Full article with TV News video and comments at

[at http://www.kndo.com/story/20232614/motorcyclists-looking-for-law-change](http://www.kndo.com/story/20232614/motorcyclists-looking-for-law-change)

Motorcycle Recalls

Tom Wera 12/22/2012

BMW Recalls S1000RR 2012-2013

BMW Motorrad has recalled 2,385 of its S 1000 RR superbikes due to kickstand issues.

BMW says due to a manufacturing fault, the S1000RR motorcycles, which were manufactured from September 2011 through December 2012, the side-stand attachment bolts can loosen. The loosening of the side-stand bolts could cause the stand to separate from the frame of the motorcycle, increasing the risk of crash.

BMW will notify owners, and dealers will clean the side-stand mounting plate threads and replace the side-stand mounting plate bolts, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in January 2013. Owners may call BMW at 1-800-525-7417 or email BMW at CustomerRelations@bmwusa.com.

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or visit safercar.gov.

NHTSA Campaign ID Number: 12V585000

<http://www.ultimatemotorcycling.com/2012-2013-bmw-s1000rr-motorcycle-recall>

Triumph Recalls 2013 Trophy

Triumph has recalled 244 of its Trophy sport-touring motorcycles due to incorrect tire-pressure label information. Triumph says the affected motorcycles, which were manufactured from Sept. 5 through Nov. 29, 2012, were produced with a label bearing incorrect tire data. This label fails to conform to the labeling requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 120, "Tire Selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles Other Than Passenger Cars," and they fail to comply with the certification requirements of 49 CFR Part 567, "Certification."

Triumph says owners relying on the information contained in the label may install incorrect replacement tires, increasing the risk of personal injury.

None of the affected motorcycles have been sold to consumers and they will be repaired prior to sale. Therefore, an owner notification letter will not be issued for this campaign. Owners may contact Triumph at 1-678-854-2010 for more information. Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to safercar.gov. NHTSA Campaign ID Number: 12V592000

<http://www.ultimatemotorcycling.com/2013-triumph-trophy-motorcycle-recall>

MOTORCYCLES IN MOVIES - *Slo Motion*

Many of you know I combined these two of my passions into research on a book about them. If you are interested too, check out these stories online. The first one is a great one with video.

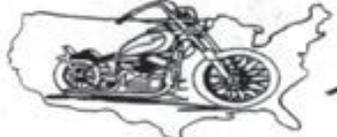
Motorcycle man Justin Kell's film work is a joy ride

Working Hollywood: Providing, building and transforming bikes for productions such as 'Gangster Squad' and 'Oblivion' provides the owner with the kind of stress he savors. With video <http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/envelope/cotown/la-et-ct-justin-kell-glory-motor-works-20121223.0,6466829.story>

Meet Remake Robocop's Goofy New Motorcycle

<http://jalopnik.com/5952058/meet-remake-robocops-goofy-new-motorcycle>

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Fisherman nets antique motorcycle

<http://www.nujournal.com/page/content.detail/id/532644/Fisherman-nets-antique-motorcycle.html?nav=5009>

[A sunk ride rises: Motorcycle lost to lake in 1956 resurfaces](http://mankatofreepress.com/local/x2056565621/A-sunk-ride-rises-Motorcycle-lost-to-lake-in-1956-resurfaces) <http://mankatofreepress.com/local/x2056565621/A-sunk-ride-rises-Motorcycle-lost-to-lake-in-1956-resurfaces>

The Next Big Thing in Motorcycles: Going Small

<http://wheels.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/12/10/the-next-big-thing-in-motorcycles-going-small/>

Indian Motorcycle Moving Forward With Polaris video <http://www.motorcycle-usa.com/321/15155/Motorcycle-Article/Indian-Motorcycle-Moving-Forward-With-Polaris.aspx>

View 141 Florida Specialty license plates

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/entertainment/funstuff/orl-special-floridaplates-gallery,0,6992193.photogallery>

Not official site but can order <http://myfloridaspecialtyplate.com/index.html>

<http://myfloridaspecialtyplate.com/motorcycle.html>

Safer roads and stronger bonds

http://www.hidesertstar.com/observation_post/news/article_1f4872ae-4c74-11e2-9022-001a4bcf887a.html

Motorcycle Club Gives Back To Oak Grove Community <http://www.wdef.com/news/story/Motorcycle-Club-Gives-Back-To-Oak-Grove-Community/1FtybjSZa0mZaphnbpvQ1Q.csp>

Photo Mask Cover - those are illegal or should be <http://shopping.photomaskcover.com>

[Play Fantasy SX 2013 at Motorcycle USA](#)

Oklahoma's lack of helmet laws debate. Story and video at http://newsok.com/oklahomas-lack-of-helmet-laws-for-adult-motorcyclists-still-gets-debate/article/3738195?custom_click=pod_headline_usnational-news

Motorcycle deaths climbing in Tenn. <http://www.jacksonsun.com/viewart/20121209/NEWS01/312090012/Motorcycle-deaths-climbing-Tenn>

<http://www.wate.com/story/20294253/motorcycle-deaths-climbing-in-tenn>

[Judge sends inmate back to prison for 12 years in motorcycle wheelie case](#) Orlando Sentinel

[Police: East Brunswick driver flees crash, drags motorcycle for 2 miles](#)

FLORIDA ACCIDENTS

Odessa woman dies in Tarpon Springs motorcycle crash

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/odessa-woman-dies-in-tarpon-springs-motorcycle-crash/1266524>

1 biker killed, another critical in Port Orange crash <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/os-motorcycle-crash-port-orange-20121208,0,7464180.story>

Victims of two Friday night motorcycle crashes in stable condition

<http://www.news-journalonline.com/article/20121209/NEWS/121209752/1040?Title=Victims-of-two-Friday-night-motorcycle-crashes-in-stable-condition>

Bradenton motorcycle rider critically injured in crash <http://www.bradenton.com/2012/12/23/4327725/bradenton-motorcycle-rider-critically.html>

Deadly run of motorcycle crashes continues Orlando Sentinel <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/os-volusia-motorcyclist-killed-20121223,0,3743635.story>

Critically injured officer goes home for the holidays Hollywood FL Video <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/broward/hollywood/fl-motorcycle-cop-checks-out-folo-20121221,0,4019328.story>

Motorcycle crash on Okeechobee Road in Hialeah sends 2 to hospital Miami Herald

SFPC EVENTS

JANUARY 2013

06 States MC Blessing of the Bikes
 13 Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day
 19 Wheels of Man MC Indian River Party
 20 Southeast ABATE Event
27 Der Kreiger MC Annual

FEBRUARY

02 Alternative MC Ft. Laud. Annual
03 Third Tradition Annual
 09 USMV MC Homestead party
10 AOA Ft. Laud. Valentines Day Annual
17 States MC Lake Worth Annual
23 Wheels of Man MC DB Annual
24 Keltics MC Broward Annual

MARCH

03 Hermandad MC Annual
 8-17 Daytona Bikeweek
24 Fiasco Brothers MC Annual
30 Black Pistons MC Annual
 31 CMA Easter Service

APRIL

06 USMV MC Martin Co. party
07 States MC Pompano Annual
 13 Mystic 7 MC party
20 Outcast MC Annual
 21 AOA WPB party
 26-28 Leesburg Bikefest

MAY

05 Southern MC Annual
 11 Wings of Gold PSL Chili Cook OFF
18 USMV MC PB Annual
18 Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual
 Southeast ABATE Memorial Day Event

JUNE

02 AOA MC Teasure Coast Party
08 New Attitudes MC Annual
09 Wings of Gold MC PB Annual
 15 AOA Jerry & Roger 1%er Memorial
 22 ABATE Palm Beach party
23 Wings of Gold MC Ft. Laud Annual
 30 USMV MC Broward party

JULY

06 Wheels of Man MC IRC Annual
07 AOA MC WPB Annual
 14 States MC Lake Worth party
 20 Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook Off
28 Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual

AUGUST

03 Wings of Gold MC Miami party
 8-18 Sturgis Bikeweek
 9-11 South Florida Tattoo Expo
 11 AOA MC 45th Anniversary party
25 Wings of Gold MC PSL Annual

SEPTEMBER

07 Outcast MC party
 08 States Pompano MC Key West Party
 19-22 Peterson's Key West Poker Run
 22 Southern MC Teddyy Bear Run & party
 29 Keltics MC party

OCTOBER

02 Mystic 7 MC Annual
06 Rough Riders MC Annual
 12 New Attitudes Party
 13 ABATE Southeast party
 18-20 Biketoberfest
 26 Wheels of Man Deerfield Halloween party
17 Alternative MC PB Annual

NOVEMBER

03 AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual
09 USMV MC CH 1 Annual
 09 CMA Memorial Event
 16 Soldiers for Jesus MC party
 17 Wings of Gold MC PB party
 24 USMV MC Martin Co. Toy Run

DECEMBER

01 ABATE Palm Beach party
08 SFPC Toys in the Sun Run
 14 Toy Run Bike Drawing Peterson's HD
 14 Hermandad MC Alfredo Pena Memorial Run
 14 Wings of Gold MC WPB Toy Run
 15 Wings of Gold MC Miami Wild Santa Toy Run
 21 SFLCOC Christmas party
 22 Calvary Chapel Christmas Service

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mon Jam Nite at Turn 3 with Stet & T3JB
1st Tues Iron Cross Bike Night
2nd Tues Boonies Bike Night
Tues Lone Legion MC Brotherhood Open House
Tues BBRA Bike Nite Bru's Room Hillsboro
Wed Island Jack's Bike Nite
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 Nite 5-10PM
Every Thursday Mickey's Jam Nite 9-1
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
1st Sat Wings of Gold MC West Palm open house
Sat Fly-In Wheels MC WPB open house
Sat FREE hot dogs & soda's H-D Palm Bch, 10-2
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3rd Sun USMVMC Palm Bch Open House 561-715-2570

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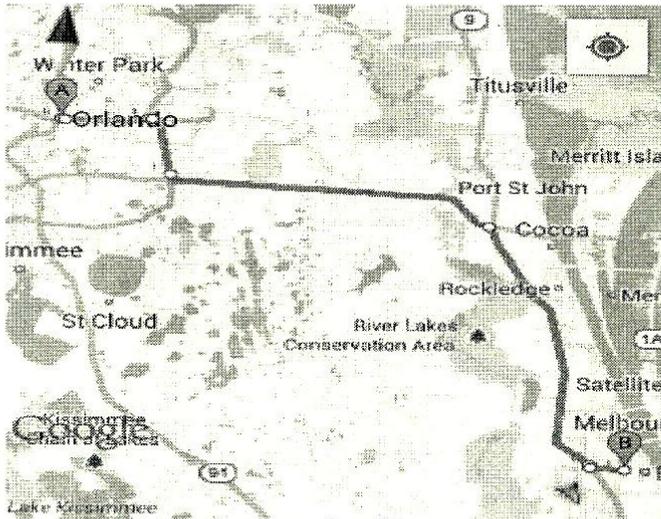
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Radical new motorcycle helmet hitting the road next year

Published December 11, 2012 FoxNews.com

It's a dirty little secret: motorcycle helmets can sometimes do more harm than good.

Optimized for high velocity impacts, when faced with low speed crashes their stiff energy absorbing EPS lining doesn't deform and can transfer too much energy to the wearer's skull.

It's a compromise that saves lives, but leads to many minor concussions that could add up to major health problems down the road, especially among off-road riders who take a lot of low speed spills.

But now a small California startup company thinks it has the solution.

[6D Helmets](#)  has developed a brain bucket that incorporates what it calls an Omni-Directional Suspension (ODS) system between the outer shell and EPS core.

Twenty-seven hourglass-shaped dampers, each comprised of two circular cups on either side of a rubber core, are positioned around the helmet and designed to provide a cushioning barrier against low speed impacts.

According to 6D, during a 4.5 mph impact the head of someone wearing one of its helmets experiences just 48 g of acceleration compared to 78 g for an average DOT or Snell-approved helmet. The threshold for a concussion in an adult male is around 60 g. At 9 mph, the point where conventional helmets typically start dissipating energy efficiently, the difference is still 97 g vs. 127 g.

Company founder Bob Weber, a lifelong racer and motorcycle industry professional, says the ability of the ODS dampers to move in three dimensions (giving them six degrees of freedom, hence the 6D name) also provides added protection during oblique impacts by reducing the angular acceleration energy that can lead to rotational brain injuries, something that current helmets are not required to address in certification tests. [Read: Doctor develops safer 'skin' covered helmet](#)

Although slightly heavier than a conventional helmet, the extensive use of carbon fiber and Kevlar in the 6D design helps keep any weight penalty to a minimum. Weber plans to start selling off road versions of the helmets in February for about \$750 a pop, so to speak.

As with all helmets, by law they're intended for single-impact use, even though their unique design could likely survive multiple low speed events.

A street legal version is also in the works, as is a bicycle helmet. Weber thinks the ODS technology is well suited to skate and snowboarding applications, and says there's been interest in tapping it for military and football applications.

In the meantime, the 6D helmet will be on the track next year on the head of Honda AMA Supercross rider Eli Tomac. Of course, if he's as good as he probably thinks he is, 6D may never find out how well its invention actually works.

<http://www.foxnews.com/leisure/2012/12/11/radical-new-motorcycle-helmet-hitting-road-next-year>

Read more: <http://www.wired.com/autopia/2012/12/6d-helmet/>

Michigan's new helmet-choice law, [click here](http://blog.mlive.com/citpat/news_impact/print.html?) http://blog.mlive.com/citpat/news_impact/print.html?

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6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •States MC Blessing of the Bikes 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Lugnut's Bike Night at Boonies •Lone Legion MC Open House 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •States Lake Worth MC Open House •Island Jack's Bike Night 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mickey's JAM with Hat Trick •Black Pistons MC WPB Open House 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Outlaws MC WPB Open House 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
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FEBRUARY 2013

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3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Third Tradition Annual 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Iron Cross Bike Night •Lone Legion MC Open House 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •States Lake Worth MC Open House •Island Jack's Bike Night 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Mickey's JAM with Hat Trick •Black Pistons MC WPB Open House •Renegades Bike Night 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Outlaws MC WPB Open House 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Fly-In Wheels MC Open House •USMVMC Homestead Party •Lugnuts Swap Meet
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FROM ABATE of Florida, Inc. State Legislative Trustee, Darrin "Scribe" Brooks,**All-Electronic Tolling Update**

More All-Electronic Tolling is coming to South Florida. Construction of a new Golden Glades all-electronic gantry on Florida's Turnpike in northern Miami-Dade County is underway. The new gantry will replace the Golden Glades toll plaza, and is anticipated to be operational in late 2013. Once all-electronic toll collection begins at the gantry, the existing toll plaza will be demolished over a period of several months.

As part of the project, a new SunPass-only ramp will be constructed for southbound Turnpike traffic exiting at Hollywood/Pines Boulevard (Exit 49) and heading west. It is estimated that 5,200 vehicles per day will use the new ramp, reducing backups at the existing ramp toll plaza. In addition, the ramp connecting northbound traffic on the Turnpike's Homestead Extension to the Turnpike Mainline will be widened from one to two lanes.

While construction is underway, motorists will encounter nighttime lane closures, generally between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., at the three work zones. [Click here](#) to read more about construction along Florida's Turnpike.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency may no longer require minimum gas purchase at certain pumps

December 19, 2012 PICKERINGTON, Ohio -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is apparently scrapping its requirement that all consumers buy at least four gallons of gasoline from certain gas pumps that dispense the new E15 ethanol-gasoline blend, the American Motorcyclist Association reports.

The EPA first revealed its minimum-purchase requirement to the AMA in a letter dated Aug. 1, responding to AMA concerns that E15 -- a gasoline formulation that contains up to 15 percent ethanol by volume -- could be put in motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle gas tanks inadvertently when consumers used blender pumps. A blender pump dispenses different fuel blends through the same hose, and the vast majority of motorcycles and ATVs in use today aren't designed to operate on E15 fuel.

The EPA had said that the minimum purchase requirement was meant to dilute any residual E15 fuel left in the hose. On Dec. 17, in response to ongoing AMA concerns, the EPA indicated to the AMA that it would no longer require a minimum purchase of four gallons. Instead, the EPA will now likely require a label on blender pumps that dispense E10 and E15 through the same hose that state the pump is solely for passenger cars and trucks.

In addition, the EPA indicated it will require stations that sell E15 to also have a pump with a dedicated E10 hose for use by motorcycles and other vehicles the EPA hasn't approved for E15 use.

"With E15 gasoline, our members who make a concerted effort to fuel their motorcycles or ATVs with E10-or-less gasoline may be unknowingly refueling with residual fuel left in the hose," Wayne Allard, AMA vice president for government relations, had said to the EPA before the agency's Dec. 17 comments.

"Unlike an automobile or SUV that has a large fuel tank, the residual fuel left in a fueling hose could be detrimental to the performance of motorcycle or ATV engines due to the small size of their fuel tanks and the higher concentration of ethanol that would, therefore, be present in the fuel," Allard had said. "In addition, the use of E15 will lower fuel efficiency and possibly cause premature engine failure. Use of E15 fuel voids many manufacturer warranties. In off-road engines, the effects can even be dangerous for users."

The AMA has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal lawmakers about possible damage to motorcycle and ATV engines caused by the inadvertent use of E15 when the new fuel becomes widely available, and has asked that motorcycles and ATVs be part of any scientific study into the effects of E15.

Ethanol is essentially grain alcohol produced from crops such as corn that is mixed with gasoline to produce an ethanol-gasoline blend motor fuel. In October 2010, the EPA approved the use of E15 in model year 2007 and newer light-duty vehicles (cars, light-duty trucks and medium-duty passenger vehicles). Then, in January 2011, the EPA added model year 2001-06 light-duty vehicles to the approved list.

No motorcycles or ATVs are currently on the list.**SCOTT DECLINES TO ANSWER GUN CONTROL QUESTION, WANTS TO STUDY**

Gov. Rick Scott said Wednesday that he isn't ready to say what changes, if any, to the state's gun laws might need to be considered in the wake of the Connecticut school shooting, insisting in an interview on CNN that the time for that investigation can come later after mourning the deaths. Scott said he didn't want to start the conversation about guns yet out of respect for the families, frustrating CNN's Soledad O'Brien. She asked the question several times, saying that she hopes politicians will have the discussion about whether changes are needed before another school shooting. "

There will be plenty of time," Scott said. "I support the Second Amendment, I believe in the Second Amendment," Scott said. "What I want to focus on right now is the families, and to make sure our schools are safe." Scott has requested school districts to examine safety procedures. "I think right now is let's talk about those issues and let's think about what we can do to improve it," Scott said, adding that he wants to hear from Floridians about how to respond to school violence.

Bill Prohibiting Motorcycle-Only Traffic Checkpoints Advances

Press Release TRENTON – Legislation sponsored by Senators Jeff Van Drew and Donald Norcross to prohibit vehicle checkpoints that are limited to motorcycles was approved Dec. 17 by the Senate Transportation Committee.

The bill (S-1685) is in response to a program states are being encouraged to implement which would establish checkpoints where motorcycle drivers are subject to an equipment and paperwork check. The measure would prohibit law enforcement agencies from conducting a roadside checkpoint or other systematic inspection of vehicles along public roads, streets, and highways if it is established for the sole purpose of inspecting vehicles. Those conducted for legitimate public safety reasons would not be restricted.

"Stopping a driver strictly because of the type of vehicle they are operating is unfair to motorists, plain and simple," said Senator Van Drew (D-Cape May/Cumberland/Atlantic). "Banning these discriminatory checkpoints will ensure that those traveling our roadways are not targeted by law enforcement simply because they are operating a motorcycle."

"Motorcyclists should not be singled out at a checkpoint merely because they are driving a certain kind of vehicle," said Senator Norcross (D-Camden/Gloucester). "This bill will ensure that our motor vehicle rules are carried out in an evenhanded manner and that drivers are treated fairly under our laws."

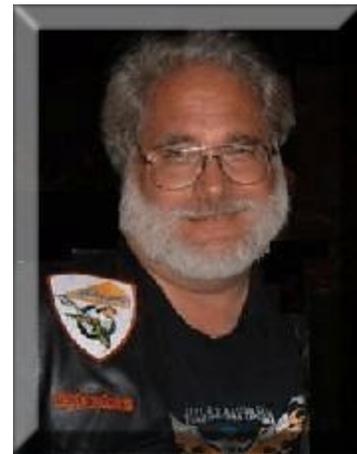
Three states – New Hampshire, North Carolina and Washington – recently enacted similar legislation in response to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's ("NHTSA") funding of motorcycle-only checkpoints to stop motorcyclists to check equipment and vehicle paperwork. The NHTSA program, which began in New York State, encourages states to establish checkpoints where only motorcycles are pulled over.

According to the American Motorcyclist Association, the state of Georgia conducted roadside motorcycle-only checkpoints with NHTSA funding as thousands of motorcyclists rode through the state on their way to Daytona Beach, Fla., for Bike Week, March 4-13, 2011. Another motorcycle-only checkpoint was conducted in northern Virginia during one of the nation's most visible motorcycle rallies -- Rolling Thunder -- over the 2011 Memorial Day weekend, according to the AMA. Last year, legislation was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives to bar the U.S. Transportation Secretary from providing federal money for motorcycle checkpoints. At least 50 members of the House of Representatives have signed onto the legislation, the AMA reported.

The Transportation Committee approved the senators' bill by a vote of 4-0. It now heads to the full Senate for a vote.

LEGISLATIVE & DELEGATE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON



As always you can read the official State Meeting minutes in the next *MasterLink* ABATE newsletter. I bring back a bunch from the state meeting and have them at our chapter meeting and leave some at Palm Beach Harley in case you are not receiving yours. They are also available online at <http://abateflorida.com/masterlink> so you can opt out of mailing to save the State postage. So here are my notes from the meeting.

President Danny "Doc" Fish said members will be receiving an insurance offer from Richard Lester, the AIM and NCOM lawyer. The mailing, like that for our ADD Insurance, is done by our state ABATE office, your information is NEVER given out to anyone. They just wanted to share these offers to members if you are interested. Doc spoke of events and said it is important for the board never to drink at own events as need to be sharp and responsible to members and guests for smooth operation. It is good policy for members working the event also to abstain while working. We need to respect each other and any internal problems should be deal with face to face. Keep things positive always especially on the Internet and in public - keep it positive. Doc told us we would never willingly lie to any member and that we should all do the same. He had a Christmas card in the packet. Vice President Jim Gladstone added how important it is to be accurate - in our reports (yes the delegates especially) and with facts when dealing with the public, press and government officials. He also said to keep ABATE business ABATE meaning all meetings should be about ABATE matters. No corrections were submitted from the October minutes, accepted and passed.

The Treasurer's as always was included for our chapter Treasurer. This month a breakdown of what the State does - Bikeweek costs, incomes, expenses, etc as seems some chapters were concerned about the finances. This is for members' eyes only and our treasurer will have it. Good news - it looks like ABATE of Florida will be now able to accept credit cards for payment. They are okaying the use of the cell phone devices, Square, to use by chapter board dealing with money. Since these do charge a small fee .3% they are looking to see how can add a "convenience fee" like ATMS do. I know this is something our "Foxybabe" Debbie has been looking into so we are in good shape there - might even have influenced the state. Again to help the State funding they need our support. If just our members bought the Bikeweek cash drawing tickets we could sell out. Actually the State has almost all of them out to the chapters - we have done a good job with what I got in October and we will get no more so sell them out! Another way to support the State coffers is to attend events - let's push for a great turnout for Bikeweek at the ABATE campground in Deland. I hope a lot of members go and get their friends and fellow riders to go. Great deal with the prices, facilities, the onsite "Freedom Fighters" bar and looking like will have bands there too! I will be going, hope to see you there. I think I will be volunteering as bartender with my special drink concoctions Mudder, State Sergeant -at - Arms reported that the inventory reports are overdue - hope ours is in. He warns that now with this cooler weather, quite misty there in Jacksonville, to watch for hypothermia - rest often, avoid getting tired, watch liquids especially alcohol. BE careful out there. Also there will be a list in the *MasterLink* for items that are needed for Bikeweek campground and donations would be helpful - especially in items (alcohol) for the bar.

It is that time of year again when the \$4000 ADD insurance beneficiary cards are mailed out. THIS IS DONE BY OUR STATE OFFICE - the mailing list is NEVER given out of the organization. This year the beneficiary cards are blue. The representative of American Income Life company, Roseanna, spoke on this. She said do not - DO NOT - mail them in to the company. Their agents will use as a lead even if you put do not call - she stressed this. If you are interested in more insurance, like the AIM mailing, you can look into them. But we know how pushy insurance agents are and if they contact you unwanted, get their name and report to our State Office as the insurance company will take action on those over the bounds. So how do you handle this? Fill out the card, you can have multiple beneficiaries, even list ABATE. Put in your safe deposit box or with your other legal files like wills. Be sure your next of kin or whomever know to contact ABATE of Florida Inc state office with death certificate or paperwork. Another way is to the sent the completed card to the ABATE state office in a registered letter with note to open in case

of injury or death - then they have it ready when they are contacted. So fill out the card but DO NOT MAIL to American Income Life - they do pay for any accidental deaths and been good for our membership. Membership reports were included in packet or trustee. We got James Bell's life card/patch finally as I know he has been waiting. They have reworked the State membership database and the chapters need to help by checking their membership roles. Like we had realized, one of the biggest expenses is the newsletter so the State is following us (I like to think so) of going green, you can get the MasterLink online and opt not to have it mailed. Since I bring back and often as fast or missing mailing, it saves cost to state. I am redoing our membership forms online and in newsletter to include option for non-mailing. Also it was brought up that you CAN be member of several chapters, just need to have one selected as your HOME where you can vote. This is another way to support ABATE statewide, but I was surprised that the updated database included only 57 multiple members. I thought was higher. Life members who have died remain on the membership list. Even yearly members, who pass away while membership active, remain on list in honor. However they will not show as active in chapter report we were told.

Rhonda is the state PR/Communications and spoke of their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/abate.florida> and how it is updated regularly. If you are on Facebook add it to your likes and help spread the word, especially about Bikeweek campground to help promote it. All posting should be informational and nothing personal posted even in the weekly Wednesday What's up. Chapter Facebook sites never should have open postings. If anyone knew Brenda Heck who was a chapter, and then state safety director, you can contact state VP Gladstone to order memory patches. All press releases need to go through the State Office first. Rhonda sent us a lead for a lawyer to advertise or sponsor. I did find the email from Nighthawk forwarding that to me and I am working on that.

There is a new State Safety Director - our own Charlie Wenger. He spoke of his plans and about the Bikers for Bikers organization. Good luck Charlie. No new products from state. Seems many suppliers had stopped making some of our products so he is looking for new items and suppliers.

The legislative sessions have started with committee meetings. They should be home for the holidays until the March sessions start and we should attempt to meet them before then. Be on the lookout for local open forum Delegation Sessions where we can stress on highway safety concerns. I hope I can get more members to join me in these meetings. Send them positive and polite emails. Now is the time for us to start planning to go to Tallahassee for the Rally Ride to the Capital in April. It is great to be on that escorted ride up the hill and park on the Capital steps – let's try to get a group going. Darrin "Scribe" represents us on the national Motorcycle Safety Collation. A update is now highway engineers need to examine bike crash sites for highway design – this should benefit us. He spoke of several design flaws especially bad for motorcycles: decreasing radius curves where the curve increases in the turn and curves embedded in bridges that cause bikes to go over the railings. The 2011 DHSMV crash stats have been released. They show an increase in motorcycle crashes/deaths over the past few years including trend for this year. However the number of registered riders has not increased as in past so that argument we have used in past no longer is as valid. But we talked about how scooter sales have increased due to gas price increases. There is often no distinction made between scooter and motorcycle in crash report and we should work to have that listed in the accident reports. In fact it was discussed how important we should be working on educating the police on doing a good report job. Anyone want to help me with that and visit Sherriff Bradshaw? Back to the crash stats, I have seen a report by a Governor committee on them but Scribe reported that their stats were questionable. Both of these, the Governor's report and the official stats will be in the newsletter someday – maybe a summary and links to the online stories. While our Lobbyist Doc Reichenbach was excused, he send a report. With so many new legislatures where will not be a veto override vote on our safety money but he has not yet given up hope. We do have sponsors lined up for our stiffer penalties bill and Driver's Ed Bill may be entered. We discussed the stiffer penalties and it was a consensus and a name change to some more positive might really be needed to help it get passed. Other items are being looked at.

Legal Counsel reported on the discussion of a SOP on auction of firearms, any drawing for such much bee from a licensed dealer, never personal owned. NCOM next national meeting is Mother's Day weekend in Reno. I enjoyed the one in Orlando two years ago but the cost of this one prevents me from going. Some of our ABATE state officers will attend at their own expense to represent ABATE of Florida. Speaking of this the MRF gave us a State Legislative

Daytona Bike week 2013 campground is processing. Sponsors are being lined up. We should be having bands from 7pm to 10pm with no permits needed unless we get a big name band. If you need RV space, reserve with the state office. There will be a bike show in another part of the fairgrounds. There was talk of regional bike rodeos as one chapter had a successful event with theirs. The April Tallahassee state meeting and Freedom Rally Ride to the Capital plans are going well. The campsite is set at the KOA in Monticello - if you are going with RV arrange with the KOA campground. Tent camping is free and cabins through the ABATE state office and local motels are available.

While the agenda and the meeting had no Old Business there should have been some. Checking the October meeting Old Business "Alachua tabling the bylaw change till the next meeting pending more research" should have been brought up as well as new business brought up by myself "TJ will research putting magnetic signs on the rest stops at the turnpike and interstate". Nothing under New business but I can't remember if was mentioned under that or Good of the Order about something that was said at the Board Good of the Order. Seminole chapter has been listed some insurance offers that the chapter gets funding for by referrals. The state was going to look into that. During the meeting several chapters made cash/check donations to the State office to help with expenses. One major thing I do remember is that Estero River chapter is organizing a state get together around Lake Okeechobee - this got to me and Steve President of Treasure Coast chapter as something we have been trying to do for a while. Guess this was another email that never got to me. We spoke to Estero too get involved in that, another multiple chapter function like those on the west coast.

It was a good meeting and thanks to Duval chapter for hosting and providing the best meal I can remember at a state meeting.

My report has been submitted to my fellow delegate Kenny "Snooze" for his input, any corrections or additions. Also reviewed by Charlie and Debbie who attended the state meeting in Jacksonville-Neptune Beach. February 9 meeting is just up the road two hours in Melbourne so we should get a bunch to attend, hotel room are under \$45 for those that want to stay and party.

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GAO: Give states more flexibility to reduce motorcycle deaths

By David Shepardson Detroit News Washington Bureau

Washington — The Government Accountability Office says Congress should give federal regulators more flexibility in using state grants to combat motorcycle deaths.

About 4,500 people died in motorcycle crashes in the U.S. last year, accounting for one in seven people killed on the nation's roads.

Motorcycle deaths more than doubled from 1997 to 2008, and in 2010 rose slightly, to 4,502. During that period, passenger vehicle fatalities decreased by 5 percent. According to NHTSA, motorcyclists are about 30 times more likely, per vehicle mile traveled, to die in a traffic crash than people are to perish in passenger cars.

Helmets prevent more than a third of motorcyclist fatal injuries, and 41 percent of passenger deaths, according to a report by a safety association representing the states.

The GAO estimates the societal costs of motorcycle crashes were \$16 billion in 2010.

Laws requiring motorcyclists to wear helmets are the only strategy proven to be effective in reducing fatalities; 19 states have such laws, NHTSA said.

According to NHTSA, approaches used effectively in some other highway safety efforts, such as strong enforcement combined with public education, may improve motorcycle safety.

NHTSA helps states develop and implement motorcycle safety strategies.

From 2006 to 2012, NHTSA awarded \$45.9 million in motorcyclist safety grants to states. In the face of lobbying by anti-helmet advocates, Congress has allowed these funds to only be used for motorcyclist training and motorist awareness.

Major studies, however, have recommended new ideas to reduce motorcycle crashes and fatalities, and they have found favor at NHTSA. They include increasing helmet use and safety awareness among motorcyclists and heightened police enforcement.

In Michigan, motorcycle fatalities dropped 13 percent from 125 in 2010, to 109 in 2011. The state speculated poor riding weather last year — and a slow economy — may account for some of the decrease. After a campaign to lift the helmet requirement, Gov. Rick Snyder signed a law in April allowing riders to doff their helmets if they are older than 21 and have additional insurance coverage.

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From The Detroit News: <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20121128/AUTO01/211280322#ixzz2Drvvhgo8>

[GHSA Praises Motorcycle Safety Changes](#)

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) praised the efforts of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) after it released an evaluation of motorcycle safety practices. The GAO recommends that the federal government allow states to use federal funds to support motorcycle safety efforts while also providing states with better information regarding road safety and crash prevention.

According to The Detroit News, motorcycle deaths have increased 12 out of the past 13 years and currently account for one-seventh of people killed on U.S. roads. In an effort to reduce these numbers, the GHSA recommends allowing states the freedom to pursue new studies while also raising awareness of issues and supporting stricter safety legislation.

“States should be able to use their federal funds to support motorcycle advisory committees, [the] development of motorcycle safety strategic plans, enforcement of helmet and other motorcycle safety laws, programs to prevent impaired motorcycling and speeding, licensing improvements, and programs to encourage voluntary helmet usage and greater rider conspicuity,” said Barbara Harsha, an executive director at the GHSA.

Specifically, the organization wants to encourage riders to wear [Hi-Viz motorcycle apparel](#) that increases their visibility to other drivers. They also wants revamped licensing options for bike owners.

<http://www.twowheelmania.com/2012/11/30/ghsa-praises-motorcycle-safety/>

This is the report with the questionable statistics mentioned at the state meeting

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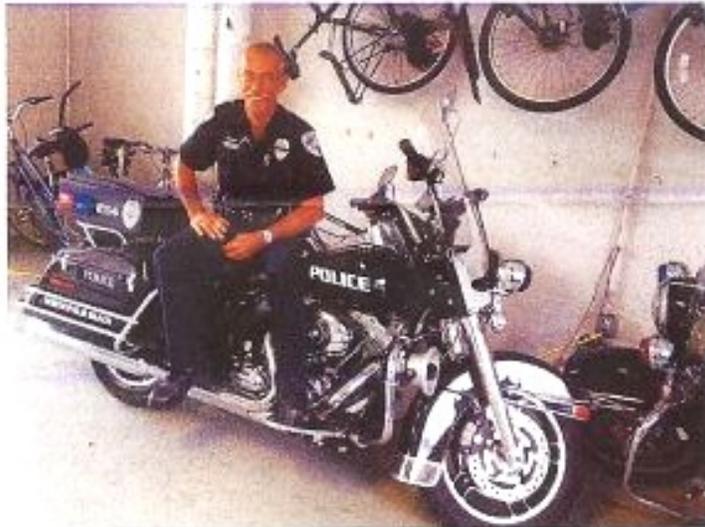
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SUPREME COURT STRIKES DOWN LAW AGAINST FILMING POLICE

The U.S. Supreme Court has rejected an Illinois prosecutor's appeal to allow enforcement of a state law barring ordinary citizens from recording police officers as they do their jobs. A lower federal court had found that Illinois' anti-eavesdropping law violates free speech rights because it was being used by police and prosecutors against people who tape law enforcement officers.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) had filed a lawsuit against Cook County in 2010 to halt prosecution of ACLU staffers for recording cops in public spaces, an activity promoted by the ACLU all over the country, but when Chicago officials objected the legislature passed a law outlawing the filming of them. The so-called "anti-eavesdropping" measure was designed to prevent covert recordings without consent, but the State of Illinois has applied that statute to mean any photography in a public zone; meaning no photographing or recording a cop on a public street while he/she is making a traffic stop, arrest, or for any other reason. Most other states don't have laws prohibiting the filming of anyone or anything in public places, and the Illinois law had some serious teeth, carrying a 15-year prison term.

But the High Court has sided with a lower court decision protecting the rights of Americans when it comes to privacy under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and they refused to take action on the appeal. In rejecting the state's plea to criminalize videotaping police, the Supreme Court apparently agrees with the lower court, and police officers have no more expectation to privacy in public than any other person in America.

Harvey Grossman, legal director of the Illinois ACLU, was "pleased" with the result; "The ACLU of Illinois continues to believe that in order to make the rights of free expression and petition effective, individuals and organizations must be able to freely gather and record information about the conduct of government and their agents -- especially the police."

The National Coalition of Motorcyclists has presented various seminars during past NCOM Conventions on proper procedures for recording law enforcement officers in the performance of their duty, and although the Supreme Court has now given their blessing to such exercises of our civil rights under the United States Constitution, be aware not to interfere with, disrupt, or cause delays for police officers in their official duty while doing so.

VIRGINIA BIKERS SCORE HELMET VICTORY IN COURT

A dozen motorcyclists convicted of violating Virginia's mandatory helmet law have had their convictions reversed by the state Court of Appeals, while three others had their helmet convictions affirmed by the court. All 15 defendants were wearing headgear of some kind when they attended the 2011 Virginia Beach Bike Classic, but police claimed the riders' helmets failed to meet the state's standards. Each of them was convicted in general district court and in circuit court, but on appeal the state acknowledged the lower courts were in error in 12 of those 15 cases.

Virginia's helmet law, Code §46.2-910, requires helmets to meet any of three published standards but does

not require any marks or labels to show compliance. Ten of the convictions addressed in *Bennett v. Commonwealth* were based solely on a lack of labeling, so those convictions were reversed.

One rider wore what a trooper described as a “toy” helmet with a plastic chin strap held together with a key ring. The state argued the key ring flunked one published standard, but the court of appeals panel said the state failed to rule out compliance with the other standards, so that conviction also was reversed.

In three cases, the motorcyclists admitted to a trooper that they knew their headgear was not the real deal. One helmet even had a label identifying it as a “novelty helmet,” not for road use. For those three riders, the trip to the Court of Appeals proved fruitless. Convictions affirmed.

An admission of guilt, while always ill-advised, doesn’t always equate to a conviction, however, as the 3-judge panel drew a fine line with one remaining defendant who told the trooper he knew he was wearing a novelty helmet -- but that statement alone was not enough to establish it failed to meet any of the safety standards, the court held. That biker’s conviction was reversed, as reported in *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES LOWEST EVER

Deaths of bicyclists rose 8.7% and fatalities of occupants of large trucks swelled 20% last year even as total traffic fatalities dropped to their lowest level since 1949, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recently reported in an analysis of 2011 traffic deaths.

Overall traffic fatalities dropped 1.9% to 32,367. The decline came as the number of miles driven by motorists dropped by 1.2%.

Last year also saw the lowest fatality rate ever recorded, with 1.10 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in 2011, down from 1.11 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in 2010.

The increase in bicycle deaths likely reflects more people riding bicycles to work and for pleasure as our culture begins moving toward healthier and greener modes of transportations, but the increase in deaths of large-truck occupants is more puzzling though it may be due to more trucks returning to the road as the economy improves.

Motorcycle deaths also rose 2.1%, marking the 13th time in the last 14 years that motorcycle rider fatalities have risen, reflecting more than a decade of record sales levels and escalating registrations nationwide.

NEED FOR SPEED

Florida #1 for Speeding Tickets, Wyoming #1 for Speed Deaths. As you may know, Texas drivers can now legally outrun the rest of the U.S. with a new 85 MPH speed limit posted between Austin and San Antonio, now the fastest stretch in the country. But it’s in Florida that you run the greatest risk of getting slapped with a speeding ticket. Georgia, Nevada, Texas and Alabama follow Florida as the Top 5 states for speeding (Texas ranks a mere #4).

Wyoming drivers, meanwhile, have the highest rate of speeding-related deaths in the nation. 25 million speeding tickets are issued nationwide each year, and drivers pay an average of \$150 per ticket. These findings are part of newly-released data just published in the “Need for Speed” infographic on Bankrate’s Insurance Quotes website. These statistics are for all vehicles.

TEXAS JUSTICE: WOMAN JAILED FOR WARNING OF SPEED TRAP

A woman in Houston was arrested and jailed for 12 hours after she held up a make-shift sign to warn drivers about a speed trap. Natalie Plummer was officially charged with walking in the roadway -- jaywalking, essentially -- though she says the police officers who arrested her were just angry that she had tipped off

speeders.

Plummer was riding her bicycle along a road near downtown when she spotted police officers pulling drivers over. She told KTRK News that it looked like the officers were targeting cars at random, so she recorded some of the activity on her cell phone. Then, she said, she turned around and wrote "Speed Trap!!" in large letters on a piece of grocery bag to warn oncoming traffic. "I was simply warning citizens of a situation ahead," she told the TV station.

The officers didn't see it that way. Shortly after she took up her post, a squad car pulled up to Miss Plummer and an officer grabbed her backpack off her shoulder and began rifling through it. Then, he handcuffed her and told her she was under arrested for felony obstruction of justice and that she would spend three to five years in jail, at minimum.

She ended up being charged with misdemeanor "walking in the road where a sidewalk is present," though she was in jail 12 hours before she was able to bail out.

Plummer said she wasn't obstructing justice, and she wasn't in the roadway, either -- she was on the sidewalk. "He couldn't take me to jail for holding up this sign or he would have. So all he could do was make up something fake about it," she said.

A KTRK legal analyst says Plummer should not have been arrested, but the Houston Police Department stood by the officer's report that she was walking in the road and a danger to herself and others.

ANGRY BIKERS WARN TRAFFIC OF APPROACHING SPEED CAMERAS

A group of cheesed-off French bikers have taken to painting their own road markings warning motorists about upcoming speed cameras. The Federation Francaise des Motards en Colere (FFMC), literally the French Federation of Angry Bikers, angered by a particular speed camera, decided to take direct action.

About thirty "Angry" bikers took to the streets of Toulon, brazenly taking matters into their own hands with a pot of paint. And these aren't just crude daubings either - these Gallic agitators have made their new markings look like a pro job, effectively communicating to drivers of speed cameras ahead; at least until local law enforcement catches on.

LANE SPLITTING SUPPORTED BY LANDMARK REPORT

Motorcyclists should be allowed to weave their way to the front of stationary traffic and car drivers should have to study up on motorcycle safety, according to a "landmark" parliamentary report recently released by Australian lawmakers.

It is currently an offense there, and in most developed countries, for motorcycles to "filter" (lane split) between cars at red lights and in slow traffic, but the report by the Road Safety Committee said that behavior could cut commuting times, slash congestion and should be legalized.

The report, applauded by the motorcycling community but given a mixed reception by other road users, also recommended questions about safety around motorcycles be included in future car license tests.

Rob Smith, of Motorcycles Australia, told the Herald Sun newspaper that the report was a big win for motorcyclists but it might be some time before new laws are introduced. He said he understood concerns from other motorists about safety, but agreed with the government officials that filtering through traffic could be a solution to congestion. "Filtering motorcycles benefits every road user by saving travel time," Smith said. "People should be concerned about road safety, but there is no evidence anywhere in the world that lane filtering is actually dangerous."

Victoria Motorcycle Council deputy chairman of data and research Rob Salvatore said the report was a landmark recognition of motorcyclists as legitimate road users. Committee chairman Murray Thompson MP said there has been a 66% increase in registrations of motorcycles in the past decade and passenger vehicle drivers needed to be more aware of them.

“GANG LAW” CHALLENGED DOWN UNDER The Finks MC in Australia is challenging the constitutionality of a law that would make it easier to declare them a criminal gang, and have asked Australia's highest court to overturn laws they say are draconian and threaten civil freedoms.

Under the laws, police in Queensland state have sought to have the Finks declared a “criminal gang”. Similar laws have been used elsewhere in Australia, and have been met with similar resistance from organized biker clubs.

"This legislation can be used against any organization which the police or the government may target to say they are criminal in nature," Finks lawyer Bill Potts told reporters ahead of the High Court challenge. "We say it's a law too far, it's a law that's unnecessary. We say that in total that large sections of it are in fact unconstitutional," he told Reuters.

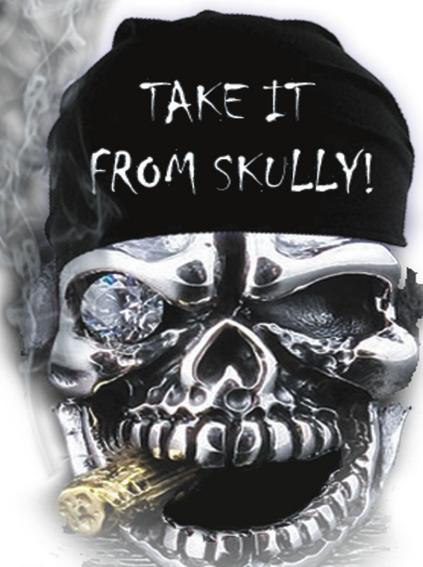
The laws have been successfully challenged by other so-called “gangs”, including the Hells Angels, in two other states; New South Wales and South Australia, “frustrating governments who have tried to link rival gangs to the illicit drugs trade, trafficking of illegal firearms, robbery, murder, extortion and prostitution,” the news agency reported.

New South Wales and South Australia subsequently recast their laws after the High Court of Australia decided that new powers allowing lower court judges to hear evidence in secret and to prevent legal appeals went too far under the Australian Constitution.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "America is at that awkward stage. It's too late to work within the system, but too early to shoot the bastards."

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SAFETY TRUSTEE

Let me introduce myself my name is **Charlie Wenger**. I am the Safety Director for the Palm Beach Chapter of ABATE. A couple of weeks ago I took on the job as State Safety Director for ABATE of Florida Inc. Did all of you have a good Holiday? If any of you have been to the ABATE of Palm Beach's Board Meeting's you will hear me harp on how important it is to take Pictures at any Accident Scene. Sometimes the Police will ask you to stop taking



those Pictures do not argue with them. If you watch any of the Attorney's commercials on Television they tell you take these pictures because once these vehicles are moved the scene is lost forever. As an Ex -Professional Truck Driver you are asked to take pictures, this protects you and the Company from lawsuits that may be filed weather it is your fault or not and it may save your job! These pictures may help you get some or all of your medical expenses paid for if any, depending on Insurances. You say you don't have a camera if you have a Smart Phones this technology should be already installed .As I said earlier if asked by the police to stop taking these pictures stop what you are doing! Move to another location these Pictures when downloaded into a Computer they can be blowup. From a distant you are out of site and out of mind type deal. Make sure you get a picture of all vehicles involved and there License Plate numbers also if possible get a picture of the vehicle I. D. Number/Serial Number take pictures of the whole scene. The family or your family that are the loved ones involved may need these. If you do not know the family write down the location, time and date of accident because this will become public record in a couple of days or months depending on the seriousness of the accident and the family may need them! Remember we live in Florida we have illegals, drivers with suspended license, vacationers that do not know where they are going and those that think it is more important to Text or talk on the phone when driving and not paying attention to the task at hand. I am not saying that there are no other States in the Union that don't have the same problems what I am saying is protecting yourself is very important.

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Thanks;

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ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2012

The President's gavel was struck at 11:40am, and the meeting was brought to order with Chapter's recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of reverent silence. There were twenty one members present, in addition to two guests.

President Ed “Nighthawk” Lattari – Nighthawk expressed his profound thanks for all those who gave of themselves to make the Chapter's December 2nd rally a success, noting that the rally was well attended by M/C's and independent riders alike. Nighthawk reported that Presidents of M/C's gave favorable feedback as well. “Grease monkey” Joe Poignant has had his Chapter membership rescinded, due to his status as a registered sex offender with the State of Florida. Nighthawk explained that Chapter members actions can have a direct result on entire ABATE of Florida, Inc. organization, including local Chapters, and that ABATE's image to the public must be a positive one. Procedures for dealing with regular attendees of venues where Chapter events are held were re-stated for the Chapter's benefit. Nighthawk announced that Chapter Safety Trustee, Charlie “Niblick” Wenger has accepted a position on the ABATE State Board of Directors, as the Safety Program (MSAP) Director. A proposition was announced, in which the Chapter would donate one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) from the Chapter treasury to ABATE of Florida, Inc., to help with State level finances. In January 2013, the United Bikers Council of Palm Beach County will be officially recognized by the South Florida President's Council.

Vice President Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson – The insurance provided as part of ABATE membership was discussed, with a warning to individuals stating that if they returned the AIM paperwork, it would result in sales calls. Nominations for the Chapter Executive Board of Directors and Trustees will be accepted at Chapter meetings, from March thru May, 2013. The state of Florida is analyzing accident report statistics and will be revising how statistics are collected. Slo Motion will be contacting the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office to propose offering help for deputies regarding accident form training and statistical information collection. President Nighthawk cited the Dec 2, 2012. Sun-Sentinel article regarding motorcycle accidents, in which it states that accidents among older riders are on the increase.

Secretary Charles “CB” Barcellona - No additional report

Treasurer Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger – Foxybabe presented a detailed and complete report on the financial status of the Chapter. The Chapter is financially sound. Foxybabe continued, with a summary financial report of the Chapter's December 2nd rally, which was a financial success. Tickets are still available for the ABATE of Florida, Inc., drawing for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Discussion of ticket sales and distribution followed.

Membership Trustee Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger – Foxybabe presented a detailed membership report, citing 230 current members, current and past renewals, and attrition. Additionally, James Bell was presented with his Life Membership credentials. Nighthawk added, that the Chapter's membership form should be revised, changing the response time from “two weeks” to “within thirty (30) days”.

Sgt-at-Arms Pete “Petee” Carroll – Petee discussed distribution of The Chrome Chronicles and reported that Artmann is no longer the President of ABATE of Florida, Inc., Lighthouse Chapter.

State Delegate Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson – The previous ABATE State Meeting was discussed. Slo Motion highlighted the recent State Treasurer's report, which was presented, in detail, at the State meeting. ABATE will be accepting credit cards at the State level, and Chapters will soon also be able to accept credit cards. There may be a small convenience fee associated with credit card use. State cash drawing ticket spiffs were discussed, with spiffs going to the Chapter, and Chapter member, who sells the winning ticket. The ABATE campground during bike week was also discussed, with the consensus being that as many Chapter members as possible should stay at the ABATE

campground. Slo Motion reminded members that drinking of alcoholic beverages should be avoided whenever working at Chapter or ABATE events. The next ABATE State Meeting is in February, 2013.

Legislative Trustee Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson – Slo Motion asked to be informed if any Chapter member knew of a legislators local open forum. A new bill for the restriction of use of cell phones and text messaging was recently introduced by State Senator Sachs. The “Stiffer Penalties” bill needs a new name, in order to downplay the motorcycle aspect of the bill, and help with its passage in legislature.

Safety Trustee Charlie “Niblick” Wenger – Niblick thanked everyone for their help at the Chapter Safety Table during the December 2nd Chapter rally, and also reminded the Chapter that photographs are essential if anyone is involved in an accident. Niblick also stressed that the proper completion of police reports is vital when involved in an accident. There will be an effort by ABATE State President “Doc” Fish, and Niblick to try to restore funding by the state of Florida for the ABATE Safety Program. CB stressed the importance of photographs in the event of an accident, and shared his recent success with countering an accident party's claims with the use of photographs he had taken.

Product Trustee Pro Tem Lisa “Pookie” Miller – Absent, excused. Foxybabe reported that product sales were good during the Chapter's rally.

Newsletter Trustee Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson – Potential additional advertising revenue was discussed. Free mailing will be discontinued in January, 2013. Nighthawk added that he is receiving good reports regarding the larger size and easier to read format of The Chrome Chronicles.

Old Business – The following motion was voted on: “The Palm Beach Chapter should financially support any Palm Beach Chapter member who also serves on the ABATE State Board of Directors, in the same manner as the Palm Beach Chapter financially supports its own State Delegates”. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business – The following motion was proposed and seconded by several Chapter members: “The Palm Beach Chapter should donate one thousand dollars (\$1000.00), from its own treasury, to ABATE of Florida, Inc.”. The motion will be brought up for vote during the January 2013 Chapter meeting.

Good of the Order – Local, and other events were discussed. Nighthawk displayed a Christmas card from Wings of Gold, to ABATE Palm Beach Chapter. Daytona Bike Week and Leesburg Bikefest were also discussed. Slo Motion will head the committee to coordinate a multi-Chapter group meet up event.

At 1:15PM, the President's gavel sounded, and the meeting was adjourned.

This concludes the minutes of the December 16th, 2012 meeting of ABATE Palm Beach Chapter.

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