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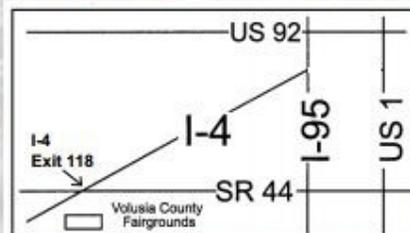
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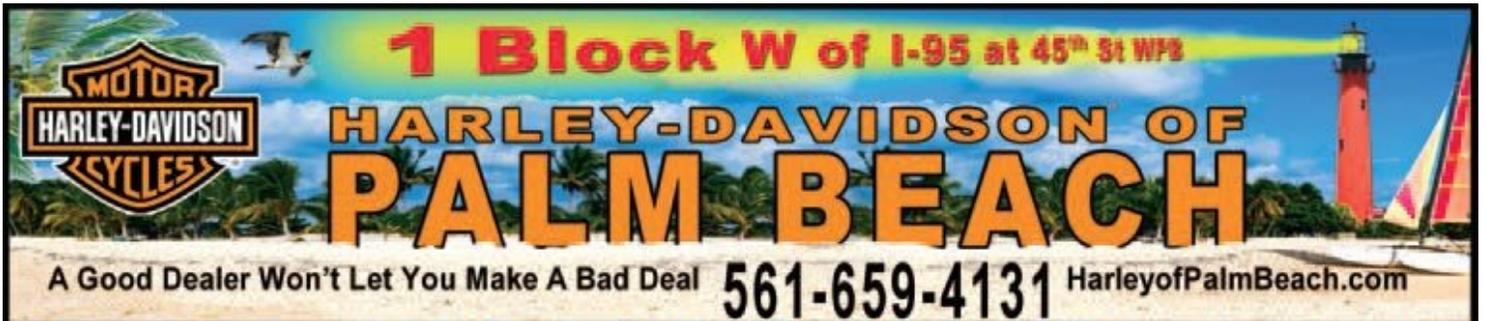
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To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.

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.

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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"

January has been an interesting month, with both its ups and downs. The upside has been some awesome riding weather, but the downside has been a flurry of motorcycle accidents. I am aware of six accidents in the past month here in Palm Beach and Broward County. Two of these accidents were fatal while the other 4 had serious injuries. One of the accidents was one of our very own, our ABATE sister Lena. She broke her leg and wrist and is currently in physical rehab after a couple of surgeries. I brought this up at the last meeting. As expected, the members stepped up and the hat was passed around. Also, the proceeds from the 50/50 drawing, including Quiet Dan's winning share, was donated to help her out during a very difficult time. I'd like to thank all those that helped out. Special thanks go to Quiet Dan. It is times like these where we need to be there for our Brothers and Sisters. We will keep an eye on her and try to help her get through this anyway we can.



The month of January also had some good rides. Bike Night at the South Florida Fair was once again a big hit. We had 28 bikes meet up to ride in together. An awesome ABATE showing. Although we've been getting good participation in the rides, I'd like to see that many bikes at all of them! We had a fun ride to the Third Tradition event followed by a ride to J and S Fish Camp to party with the Lighthouse Chapter. I'd like to thank those who attend the group rides. Not only do we have a fun time, but it raises our visibility in the motorcycle community.

February 9th there will be a State meeting in Palm Bay. There will be a group ride going up to the meeting. We will be presenting the State with a \$1000. donation and I'd like to see as many of our members show up as possible. This is our chapter's way of trying to help after ABATE got a funding cut thanks to Governor Scott. As members, we need to help out all we can.

Speaking of helping out, there's a way to help out ABATE while having a great time. That is by staying at the ABATE campground for Bike Week in Daytona! It's almost that time! Hope you've been making your plans to attend. The ABATE campground offers everything you'll need, except for your tent and sleeping bag. I've stayed there for many years now, and it's always a good time. I hope you plan to come and party with us for Bike Week. The ABATE campground is inexpensive and open to everyone so bring your friends!

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Ed "Nighthawk" Lattari
President ABATE Palm Beach

UPCOMING Group Fun Rides/Event Schedule

February 2 Saturday GROUP FUN RIDE

BCB4 "Two Wheels One Cause" Event supporting the fight against breast cancer. States MC Lake Worth

February 9 Saturday GROUP FUN RIDE

ABATE STATE MEETING Palm Bay

February 17 Sunday

Chapter Meeting GROUP FUN RIDE following meeting to States MC Annual

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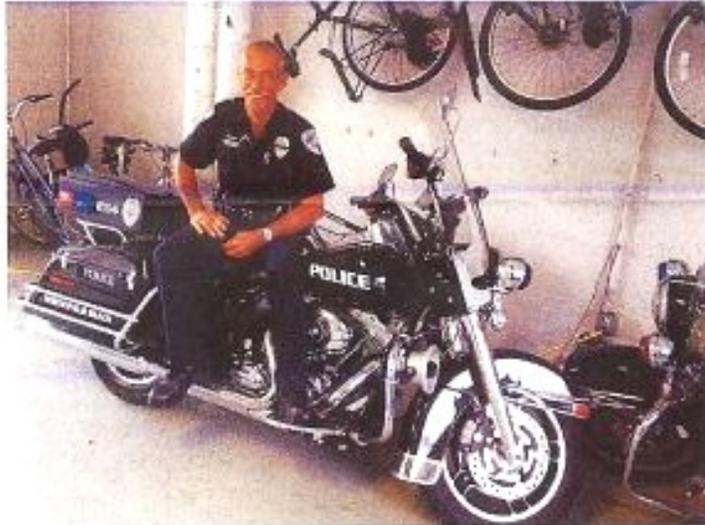
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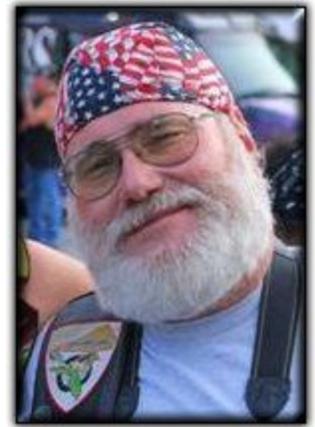
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Vice President's Message

Recently someone said to me, "You are member of ABATE and wear a helmet?" ABATE is NOT anti-helmet, ABATE is for personal choice on the wearing of a helmet. While helmets can save lives, a mandatory helmet law is not the magic solution to prevent motorcycle deaths. Charlie "Niblick" Wenger, the ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Safety Director, provided me with the NHTSA Traffic Facts for Palm Beach County 2007-2011.

Motorcyclist Fatalities by Helmet Use

Helmet Use	Fatalities					Fatalities Per 100,000 Population				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Helmet Used	11	19	11	14	9	0.85	1.47	0.84	1.06	0.67
No Helmet Used	19	16	6	14	9	1.48	1.24	0.46	1.06	0.67
Unknown Helmet Use	4	2	1	0	2	0.31	0.15	0.08	0.00	0.15
Total	34	37	18	28	20	2.64	2.86	1.38	2.12	1.50



Dan Slo Motion Henderson

The trend in these statistics would indicate that the odds are even, or better, if you don't wear a helmet. But, we know statistics do not tell the truth. With motorcycle fatalities we are not provided the Cause of Death. Was it head trauma or something else? In reality, motorcycle crashes are caused by the big four dangers: Alcohol, speed, highway conditions (including weather) and drivers of other vehicles. Often, it is reported that the motorcyclist was at fault, and sometimes we are. Not riding safely, drinking, and speeding, can be controlled by bikers themselves, but we have less control over the other drivers on the road. The recklessness of youth is a major problem with riders. ABATE

attempts to educate all that use the roads to the dangers especially for motorcycles. That is why our safety program is so important to educate drivers and riders. The most common accident statement, from other vehicle drivers, is "I didn't see the motorcycle". This makes our awareness program, with bumper stickers, paramount. Please sign Safety Director Charlie Wenger's petition to reinstate our safety funds, which came from our bike registrations and license endorsements. Talk with your legislators to insure we get it back this year. It is necessary to find out how last year's funds have been spend, since Governor Scott's vetoed giving it to ABATE. Perhaps the new Attorney General Dave Aronberg can answer that question.

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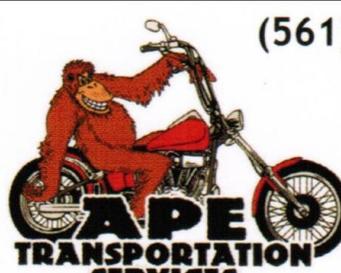



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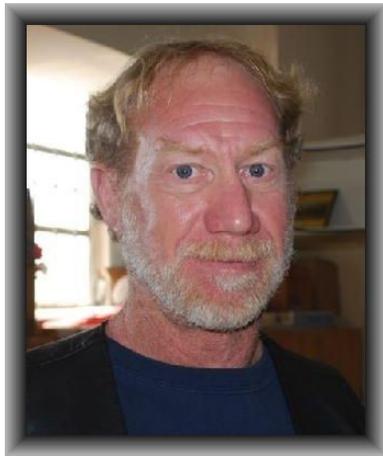
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Quiet Dan Speaks Out

You hear a lot about how a helmet will break your neck and are bad to wear. I disagree.

I used to have a Kawasaki KZ 750. I was riding in town one day, about 40 MPH or so. A car made a left turn right in front of me. I hit the brakes and steered away from the car. I thought I was going to make it, but I caught the back bumper. The bike and I went airborne. My head hit the pavement hard enough to crack my helmet. My bike was totaled and I walked away with some scrapes and a couple of bruises. If it wasn't for my helmet, it would have been "game over".

I used to have a Suzuki 250. When you ride a dirt bike, you **will** crash it. When you do your head hits the ground. I never once hurt my neck and the helmet always did its' job.

My neighbor was hit by a truck at an intersection on his bike. He landed face first on the pavement. He said it weren't for his full face helmet, instead of getting away with a fractured in his arm, he would have been going to a closed casket funeral.

A rider told me he and his girlfriend were out for a ride when a car pulled out in front of them. The left lane was occupied so all he could do was hit his brakes. He and his girlfriend went over the car. He slid on the side of his helmet until he came to a stop. He walked away with some scrapes. She walked away with a few tears in her leather jacket. He said the helmets definitely did their jobs.

I've had three friends get in motorcycle accidents. Two wore helmets, one didn't. Two got away with minor injuries. One had major swelling to his head. His injuries to his body healed long before his head injuries..

We are demanding a no texting while driving law, but what are we offering in return? If a helmet law is all that is stopping it from happening, it should be done. A helmet is not going to break your neck It will save your life.

By Dan Shawback

EDITOR'S NOTE: We all have our accident stories. I believe that is why most of us have joined ABATE. I noticed how these stories have accidents due to the 4 wheel drivers' fault. That has been a major focus of ABATE, to educate them to be aware of us.

Dan mentions the danger of a helmet breaking your neck. I agree that it may be a minor issue as we have little hard data on the accident reports. More dangerous may be secondary concussions due to the helmet. Again the facts are inconclusive. My problem with helmets has been one that fits properly and comfortably. A bad fitting helmet can be as bad as no helmet. When I first rode 30 years ago I had a great full face but that company, Nava, is no more. With the many article that I've seen of late, regarding helmet recalls, I think the real problem is a well designed helmet has not been made since. I know, I would never buy one made in China! So the choice should be the individual, not a government mandate. What's next, bight clothing, paint jobs and running lights? That is happening in Europe but I doubt that will solve the problem of them not seeing us. Drivers need to learn to be better drivers and more aware on the road. Again another strong argument for mandatory drivers education.

– Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

President's note: Those are the views of one member. ABATE stands for freedom. Freedom of choice. Anyone who is willing to trade freedom for security deserves neither. I believe it was Ben Franklin that said words to those effects. To be willing to force everyone to wear a helmet in order to get texting and driving banned is a slippery slope. If you want to wear a helmet it's your choice, but do not infringe upon the rights of others. Accident prevention is better than accident protection in my opinion. A helmet can hinder your visibility and hearing. This is one of the things that ABATE has worked hard for.

-Ed "Nighthawk" Lattari President ABATE Palm Beach Chapter

Drivers: Watch that Blind Spot

I recently found an video how to properly adjust your car side mirrors to see blind spots, not the way I was trained. Lean against your left pylon and adjust the mirror just past the side of your car. Lean to center of car and do to right side. Now you fully see the blind spots. I did it and it works. That was how I used to set them, without moving to the sides. Please, see the image from *Car and Driver* online article. I doubt many have been taught how to set their mirrors correctly.

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Washington, D.C.: Danielle Fowles is the newest member of the AMA Government Relations Department. Fowles, most recently from San Diego, Calif., is based in the AMA's Washington, D.C., office, where she is working on legislative and grassroots initiatives. A graduate of the University of Utah, Fowles holds a bachelor's in political science. She has worked as a legal assistant, fundraiser, and has served as an intern on Capitol Hill.

Cypress, Calif.: Yamaha Motor Corp., U.S.A.'s OHV Access Initiative approved \$75,000 in funding in October to help seven different organizations in six states. The groups that received funding are the Border Riders Sportsman Club in Jackson, Maine; Great Lot Sportsman's ATV Club in Booneville, N.Y.; MTN Trail Riders in Jonesborough, Tenn.; North Country ATV in North Stratford, N.H.; Northeast ATV Association in Troy, N.Y.; Thunder Mountain Wheelers in Delta, Colo.; and Snow Shoes Rails to Trails in Clarence, Pa.

These organizations are helping to implement Yamaha's mission of supporting safe, responsible riding and open, sustainable riding areas through a variety of projects on the ground level. Since its inception in 2008, the Yamaha OHV Access Initiative has funded nearly 200 such projects across the country. [Yamaha](#) is actively seeking qualified projects at local, state and federal levels. The current OHV Access Initiative GRANT application form and guidelines are available at www.yamahaohvaccess.com.

Twentynine Palms, Calif.: Riders who use the popular Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Riding Area in California may not lose most of the area to a Marine base expansion after all. Under language currently included in the National Defense

Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (H.R. 4310), which was offered by Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-Md.) with support from Sens. Diane Feinstein (D-Calif.) and Mark Udall (D-Colo.), the military is barred from spending money to expand the military base into [Johnson Valley](#) until it completes a report on how the expansion would affect off-highway riding in this important area. The report is expected to be completed in 90 days.

In July, the Department of the Navy released a final environmental impact statement for the expansion of the Marine base. The preferred alternative would allow public use of only 40,000 acres of the 190,000-acre Johnson Valley OHV area, and for only 10 months a year. It's all part of an effort by the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms to expand its land holdings to allow for more live-fire training. The Marine Corps is part of the Navy.

Several years ago, the Navy began the formal process to take over some 365,906 acres of public land near San Bernardino to use for live-fire training for the Marines. At that time, the Navy filed an application with the U.S. Interior Department seeking control of the public land, which is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The Navy also wants priority on some 72,186 acres of non-federal land in case the federal government acquires it.

Although the military had hoped to begin training on the land in 2014, the proposed expansion still needs congressional approval.

Jefferson City, Mo.: Senate Bill 73, sponsored by Sen. Kurt Schaefer (R-Columbia), would prohibit roadside checkpoints or roadblocks based upon a particular vehicle type, such as motorcycle-only checkpoints. The bill does not prohibit any other type of checkpoint or roadblock established and operated in accordance with the provisions of the U.S. Constitution and the Missouri

Constitution.

Also Senate Bill 72, sponsored by Sen. Kurt Schaefer (R-Columbia), would designate the month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the Show Me state.

Albuquerque, N.M.: The New Mexico Off Highway Vehicle Alliance filed a lawsuit against the Santa Fe National Forest in federal district court on Dec. 11, 2012. The lawsuit contests the forest's travel management decision that was signed by Forest Supervisor Maria T. Garcia on June 12, 2012 and upheld by the USFS Region 3 on Oct. 2.

NMOHVA contends the decision and environmental impact statement are illegal because they violate NEPA requirements for analysis and proper science. "The studies from the agency's own scientists concluded that decades of motorized use have not had significant impacts on the land or animals" said Joanne Spivack, NMOHVA Special Projects Coordinator. "But the environmental analysis ignored those facts. They ignored our comments, which identified these errors in the EIS, and rejected our formal appeal. This lawsuit is the only option left. NEPA is not just a minor inconvenience the agency can evade."

Lake George, N.Y.: For the first time ever in its 30-year history, Americade's largest tradeshow location, TourExpo Beach, will open three days early in 2013. TourExpo Beach will now be open June 1-8, from Saturday through the following Saturday. Although TourExpo Beach will open three days early, TourExpo Forum will continue to open on the Tuesday of Americade Week. "The vast majority of our vendors are able to arrive three days earlier, but some weren't," said Debbie Beaudette, TourExpo's manager. "So, they'll be open for business on what has been historically the opening day, Tuesday."

TourExpo also plans on introducing additional entertainment within the tradeshow, including stunt shows and musical entertainment, though details have yet to be announced.

The rest of Americade Week will proceed on the traditional schedule with demo rides, minitours, boat cruises, bike judging, seminars and all the other dozens of Americade activities starting on Tuesday and ending Saturday afternoon.

Pickerington, Ohio: The AMA recently announced its 2012 AMA Motorcyclist of the Year: AMA member and president of KTM North America Jon-Erik Bursleson. Awarded annually, the AMA Motorcyclist of the Year recognizes the person or persons who had the most profound impact within the motorcycling community in the previous 12 months.

Bursleson was brought to the company by former KTM North America President Rod Bush. Bush, who passed away in 2005 and was recently inducted into the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame, laid the foundation for much of KTM's growth in recent years. It was Bursleson who took the reins in 2005 and led [KTM](#) away from its reputation as an obscure European motorcycle company with moderate penetration in the off-road market to a premium brand under the tagline "Ready to Race."

Indeed, from 2009 to 2012, KTM sales bucked the declining trend in the industry, increasing almost 20 percent. Much of that growth occurred in the last year, when industry-wide motorcycle sales were essentially flat. In addition, the company won its first AMA Pro Racing National Motocross Championship in 2012 when Ryan Dungey claimed the AMA No. 1 plate in the 450 class.

The story of Bursleson's history with KTM and his contributions to the world of motorcycling are featured in the January 2013 issue of American Motorcyclist.

Pickerington, Ohio: The AMA is pleased to announce the 2013 dates for the country's premier annual celebration of vintage motorcycling. [AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days](#) will take place on July 19-21 at the world-class Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio.

A fundraiser for the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame, AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days features classic motorcycles of all makes and styles, and honors the riders who made them famous. Activities include the AMA Racing Vintage Grand Championships, which feature road racing, motocross, hare scrambles, trials and dirt-track; North America's largest motorcycle swap meet; bike shows and awards; stunt shows; demo rides of current production bikes; and seminars on a number of topics by noted motorcycling experts.

All proceeds from AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days benefit the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame. The goal of the Hall of Fame, located on the AMA campus in Pickerington, Ohio, is to tell the stories and preserve the history of motorcycling's legends and heroes. For more information, call (614) 856-2222, or visit the Hall of Fame's [website](#).

Oklahoma City: The Oklahoma Highway Safety Office recently launched a new Oklahoma Motorcycle Safety & Education website. The site provides one convenient location for motorcyclists to find legislation, training opportunities, and other motorcycle safety information.

The new website offers educational videos featured on the homepage, as well as links to other websites that promote motorcycle safety. All content on the Oklahoma Motorcycle Safety & Education website is maintained by the Advisory Committee for Motorcycle Safety and Education, which was formed to address motorcycle safety issues in Oklahoma. The committee serves at the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Safety.

The Oklahoma Motorcycle Safety & Education website and services result from a partnership between the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and OK.gov. The new site can be accessed at www.ok.gov/okiemoto/.

Brussels, Belgium: The European Parliament has approved a proposal to require anti-lock braking systems on all new motorcycles and trikes with engines larger than 125cc beginning in 2016. The measure—adopted on Nov. 20 by a 643-to-16 vote with 18 abstentions—still needs to be adopted by each member nation of the European Union. If it is approved, ABS could become standard equipment on all motorcycles sold in the United States in the not-too-distant future.

The European Parliament's vote is a concern because manufacturers seek to build vehicles of all types, including motorcycles, to uniform standards worldwide. Called global harmonization, the process allows manufacturers to produce just one version of a model and sell it in every market with few—if any—variations. Global harmonization has the potential to make vehicle standards passed in other parts of the world—like the European Union—the de facto law of the land here in the United States. Although the AMA does not oppose ABS, the association has always maintained that ABS must be affordable, should be a rider's choice, and that riders must be able to switch ABS on and off on dual-sport machines. [Click here](#) to read the full news release.

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United Bikers Council of Palm Beach Co. Events

FEBRUARY

17 States MC Lake Worth Annual

23 Mobs of Brothers MC Annual

MARCH

03 Lone Legion MC Annual

8-17 Daytona Bikeweek

APRIL

06 Black Pistons MC Annual

21 AOA WPB party

26-28 Leesburg Bikefest

MAY

18 USMV MC PB Annual

JUNE

09 Wings of Gold MC PB Annual

JULY

07 AOA MC WPB Annual

14 States MC Lake Worth party

SEPTEMBER

21 Latin Ryderz MC Annual

OCTOBER

18-20 Biketoberfest

26 Alternatives MC Annual

SFPC BROWARD EVENTS

FEBRUARY

02 Alternative MC Ft. Laud. Annual

03 Third Tradition Annual

09 USMV MC Homestead party

10 AOA Ft. Laud. Valentines Day Annual

23 Wheels of Man MC DB Annual

24 Keltics MC Broward Annual

MARCH

03 Hermandad MC Annual

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

MAY

05 Southern MC Annual

11 Wings of Gold PSL Chili Cook OFF

18 Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual

26 Southeast ABATE Memorial Day Event

JUNE

02 AOA MC Teasure Coast Party

08 New Attitudes MC 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 Teddy 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 Night at Turn 3 with Stet & T3JB
3rd Mon UBCPB Johnny Q Bike Night
1st Tues Iron Cross Bike Night
2nd Tues Connolly's Bike Night
2nd Tues Lugnuts Bike Night at Boonies
Tues Lone Legion MC Brotherhood Open House
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
Sat Wings of Gold MC West Palm open house—
 1st Sat Open House Party
Sat Fly-In Wheels MC WPB open house
Sat FREE hot dogs & soda's H-D Palm Bch, 10-2
Sun Rack n Roll Top Hat Billiards Jupiter
Sun Bucket Specials, Free Food, music at Mickey's
Sun Flossie's Famous Tiki Hut Biker Sunday
3rd Sun USMVMC Palm Bch Open House

STATE MEETINGS

2013 - Host Chapter

February 9 Independence
 April 12 Tallahassee Capital Ride
 June 14 Southwest
 August 9 West Coast
 Oct. 11 Hillsborough Spooks n Scoots
 Dec. 13 Treasure Coast

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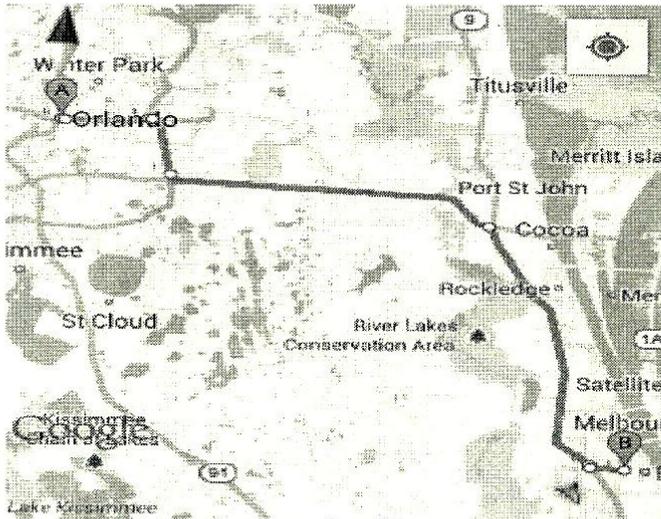
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Evasive Action STOP!

by Data

It seems like such a simple idea. To avoid an impending accident, hit the brakes.

For cagers, its a simple thing, but its not that simple for motorcycles. Braking has to be done correctly and its very easy to mess it up - especially in a panic situation. A biker can easily get himself killed on a clear dry road just

by applying the brakes incorrectly.

It takes a lot of practice to get it right. New riders have a tendency to favor the rear brakes too much. The problem is that the rear brakes have only very limited stopping power as compared to the front. The result is that they lock the rear brakes during a panic stop. That doesn't sound like much, but its actually a very dangerous thing.

Forget about hitting the cager. If your rear locks, it can cause you to high side if you don't handle it properly. The term "high side" means that you flip off the seat and land in front of your bike. So what happens is that you hit the cager first and then your bike comes along next and makes a biker sandwich out of you.

Locking your rear tire causes several bad things to happen all at once.

First off, the gyroscopic properties of spinning wheels are what hold the bike upright. Without it, the bike would simply fall over. When the rear tire stops spinning, its no longer holding the bike up. But chances are, the front tire is still spinning, so the front of the bike stays straight. So now you have a situation where the front tire wants to stay straight and the back tire wants to fall over. The result is a torquing effect on the back side of the steering pin.

Second, when you are simultaneously applying the front brake while the rear locks, the front tire is wanting to slow down and the rear tire is wanting to slide. This causes the rear tire to want to "catch up" to the front tire.

The net result is that when you lock the rear wheel, the bike will want to fishtail, or even start sliding sideways.

An inexperienced rider will think he can solve this problem by simply letting go of the rear brake. But if he does that, and the bike is off center, the rear will snap back and fling him off the bike. Hello biker sandwich.

I know of two ways to get out of this mess. The official way that is endorsed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation is to simply ride the bike to a stop - fishtailing sideways the whole way. This may not be the best way if not hitting a cager is the goal. The second way is to time the release of the rear brake so that its released exactly when the bike is straight. Obviously, this way will only work if the bike is fishtailing and not continuously riding sideways. Neither method is guaranteed to work and the second requires split second timing to avoid a high side.

The best solution is to not lock your rear wheel and get into that mess in the first place.

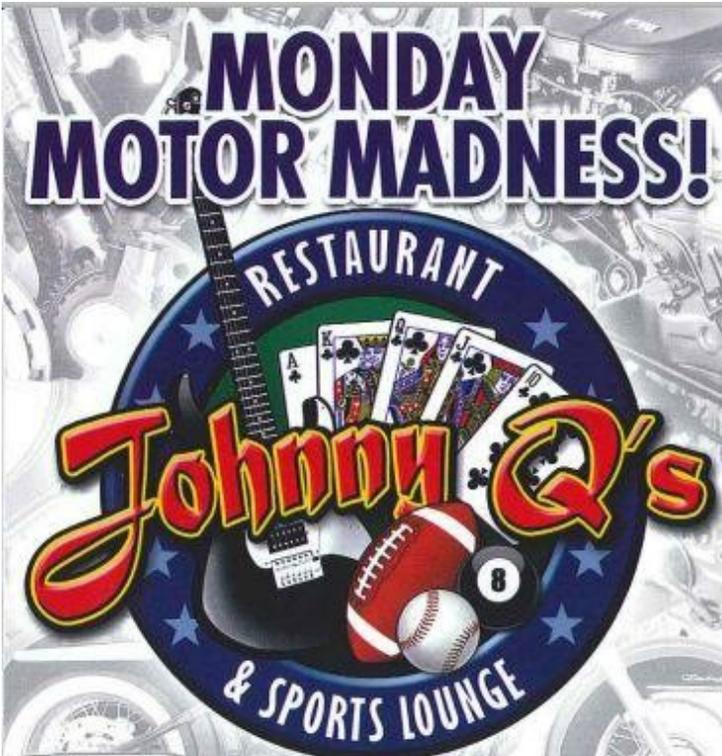
Locking the front brake is hard to do on dry pavement, but if it does lock, all you need to do is simply let go. Don't try to ride a locked front tire. If it stops spinning, you will go down in short order. Unlike the rear tire, just letting go of a locked front will not cause anything bad to happen other than just not letting you stop quick.

Hitting the front brake too hard on dry pavement is more likely to result in a stoppie. This is where the rear wheel comes off the ground during a stop. You've probably seen stunters doing this, and in most cases, they know exactly what they are doing. But if you do one in a panic stop, you may end up flipping over the handlebars and the bike comes down on top of you. This is another way to make a biker sandwich.

Now the proper way to stop a motorcycle is to first let off the throttle, apply the front brake, and then apply the rear brake to add to the stopping power of the front. Remember that most of the braking is on the front, but you don't want so much front brake that you end up with the rear tire off the ground. Only experience will let you know just how much to apply to each. So if you are a new rider, practice your quick stops somewhere safe so you'll be ready to stop when that cager pulls out in front of you.

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Dennis "Data" Hawkins



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DELEGATE REPORT

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This is one of the closest state meeting sites - about a 2 hour ride - so we should get a good group ride. The State board meeting is at noon open to all, and the general meeting at 2 pm. Sounds like another great (free) meal will be served, lasagna. So could be a one day trip, or stay over and party, rooms are only \$44.99 king for 2 queens - share and cut cost more. Then you can party, meet other chapters and not ride home in the dark. Ride up I95 and get off at the Palm Bay exit 176 - there is where the Space Coast Harley is and can stop at the new redesigned store. Travel east approx. 2.7 miles. Quality In will be on your left or the north side of Palm Bay Road. Coming back on Sunday it would be great to stop in Stuart for the Treasure Coast Bike Fest at Flagler Park, 201 SW Flagler Rd. Stuart FL. Be sure you check the text messages for ride plans

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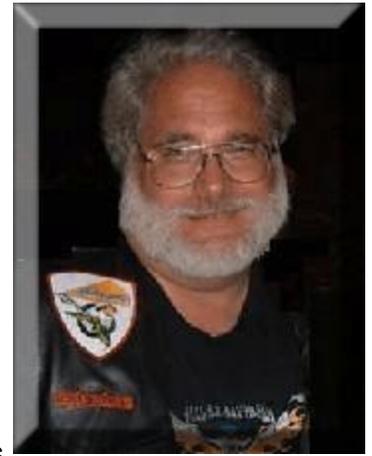
DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

I saw a morning news report about some highway safety report that was to be announced but never have found the report. The teaser listed three main items 1) Motorcycle helmets 2) child safety seats and 3) Cell phone use while driving. I personally think those are in reserve order that would really save lives. Darrin "Scribe" Books, ABATE of FL State Legislative Trustee sent -

"DEPERT: IT COULD BE THE YEAR FOR DRIVING WHILE TEXTING BAN.

Sen. Nancy Detert predicts 2013 will be the year her no-texting-while-driving bill (**SB 52 Sue of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving**) passes on its

fourth try. The bill bans drivers from sending or receiving messages while operating a vehicle. Drivers could still read navigational devices, weather alerts or other safety-related information. Texting while driving would be punishable by a \$30 fine. "It sounds like it's simple, and it should have been a five-minute bill, but instead it's the four-year bill," said Detert, R-Venice. "The House didn't like it, we passed it out of the Senate, I think, twice, and it was never heard in a committee in the House. But this year is going to be our year. We have a good House sponsor. We have a good speaker of the House, a good Senate president, so the no-texting-while-driving bill, I hope, will pass this year." The House version (HB 13) is sponsored by Reps. Doug Holder, R-Venice, and Ray Pilon, R-Sarasota. The measure faces three committees of reference in each chamber. Detert, chair of the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee, said it's her top legislative priority." LEGISLATIVE UPDATE—1/28/2013 Senate—On Committee agenda—Transportation for 2/6/13 3 pm 37 Senate Office Building. Citations—Statutes: 316.305 and 322.27 authority of department to suspend or revoke driver license or identification card.



Our Palm Beach Senator Maria Sachs (D District 34) has filed **SB 74: Use of Hand-held Wireless Communications Devices While Driving** which was referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Judiciary committees 12-5-2012. It is worded as "Use of Hand-held Wireless Communications Devices While Driving; Creating the "Florida Ban on Communicating While Driving Law"; defining the term "hand-held wireless communications device"; prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while using a hand-held wireless communications device for certain purposes; providing for points to be assessed against a driver license for the unlawful use of a hand-held wireless communications device within a school safety zone or unlawful use resulting in a crash, etc.". This is the strongest cell phone bill. Citations—Statutes: 316.305 and 322.27 authority of department to suspend or revoke driver license or identification card

Other Senators have introduced cell phone similar bills - **S152** by Senator Thad Altman (R District 16

Brevard and Indian River) as the "**Minor Traffic Safety Act**," prohibiting a person younger than 18 years of age from operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device or telephone; requiring that the course content of driver improvement schools include awareness training about using certain electronic devices while driving; providing for a voluntary check-off on motor vehicle registration forms to make a contribution to the Auto Club South Traffic Safety Foundation; requiring traffic law and substance abuse education program content to include awareness of using certain electronic devices while driving; restricting the number of passengers under the age of 18 permitted in a vehicle operated by a person under the age of 18 unless accompanied by a driver at least 21 years of age, etc. Last action was 1/11/13 as referred to Senate Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; and Rules committees. Citations - Statutes • 316.3035 • 318.14 - Noncriminal traffic infractions; exception; procedures. • 318.1451 - Driver improvement schools. • 320.02 - Registration required; application for registration; forms. • 322.0261 - Driver improvement course; requirement to maintain driving privileges; failure to complete; department approval of course. • 322.08 - Application for license; requirements for license and identification card forms. • 322.095 - Traffic law and substance abuse education program for driver's license applicants. • 322.16 - License restrictions.

S396 by Palm Beach's Joseph Abruzzo (D District 25) also is like above going for the younger than 18 ban. Last action 1/24/13 referred to Senate committees Senate Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; and Judiciary. Statutes: 316.305

The House has **HB13 "Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving**; Creates "Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law"; prohibits operation of motor vehicle while using wireless communications device for certain purposes." Filed by Doug Holder and Ray Pilon (both R Sarasota) and co-Introduced by Palm Beach's Dave Kerner (D 87) and others. Statutes 316.305 and 322.27 authority of department to suspend or revoke driver license or identification card.

HB 61 Stark Traffic Safety: Creates Minor Traffic Safety Act; by Irving Slosberg (D 91) and Palm Beach co-sponsors Lori Berman (D 90) and Mark Pafford (D 86); prohibits use of electronic communications devices by drivers younger than 18 years of age; provides for voluntary contributions to AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety on driver license applications. Now in Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee

Senator Jeff Clemens (D District 27 Palm Beach Co.): **S 408 Motor Vehicles** Requiring that an operator of a motor vehicle yield the furthestmost left-hand lane when being overtaken on a multilane highway; requiring that the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provide information about the act in driver license educational materials that are newly published on or after a specified date, etc. Last Action: 01/24/2013 S Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; and Appropriations

Another bill of interest is **HB 4015 Motorcycle Equipment** by Rich Workman (R Brevard). Removes provision that limits height of motorcycle handlebars or handgrips.

Hoping we have better luck with this years Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee with Chair Daniel Davis (R Duval) and Vice Chair Lake Ray. Palm Beach has representation on this committee: Irv Slosberg Democratic Ranking Member District 91, and freshman Bobby Powell (D 88). Check our chapter web site for a list what bills our legislators are working on and other bills as I keep it up to date.

Last year when Ellyn Bogdanoff was in office she could not back a texting/cell phone as she said there was already a distracted driver law. I could find so such law so I spoke with an ABATE member from another chapter who has access to a college Law database and he could not find one either. See his message on next page along with article I also had found. . . . - Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

There's nothing in the laws about distracted driving. However, the US Secretary of Transportation held the first "Distracted Driving Summit" on 14 November this year in Tampa. Here's some state and national sites with distracted driving info. - Jim ABATE member Alachua Chapter

LaHood: Florida needs distracted driving law

Local student's story shared during victim panel at summit

By Andy Fillmore Correspondent

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TAMPA - Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood told attendees Tuesday at the first Florida Distracted Driving summit that Florida needs to pass a distracted driving law.

“Three thousand people were killed and 416,000 injured due to distracted driving car crashes last year, and people are still stupid enough use cellphones while driving,” LaHood said. “I am on a mission to get all 50 states to pass legislation to end the dreaded epidemic of distracted driving.”

Thirty-eight states have some form of laws now in an initiative started four years ago, he said.

“Twenty years ago, nobody buckled up, but with state laws, the Click It or Ticket campaign and enforcement, now 86 percent of drivers use seat belts. Think of the lives saved,” LaHood said.

The summit was held at the Tampa Convention Center and was sponsored by USAA Property and Casualty Insurance, the Florida Department of Transportation, Shriners' Hospitals and the Distraction Advocate Network.

State Rep. Irving Slosberg, D-District 91, the prime mover behind the Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti Safety Belt law in Florida, signed into law by Gov. Charlie Crist in May 2009, attended. His daughter Dori, 14, was killed in a car crash in 1996. The law made seat belt use a primary stop offense.

Florida is waiting for a response about passing a distracted driving law, Slosberg said.

Incoming Speaker of the House Will Weatherford (R-District 38) said in a written statement: “Florida's elected officials have a responsibility to consider the safety of Floridians and also ensure drivers are safe on the roadways. Equally as important as our safety are our individual rights, and in the case of texting while driving, there should be no exception. Any legislation that addresses distracted driving must strike the right balance between promoting safe driving practices while also protecting our individual rights.”

When asked to clarify the last sentence, Weatherford's response through his office was, “Individual rights is exactly what it means: the rights of an individual (in this case while driving).”

His office indicated he “would be happy to discuss (a particular proposal) when one is proposed.”

In his remarks, LaHood referred to the recent MAP-21 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century federal transportation bill signed by President Obama. In an August 2012 description of Federal DOT funds available under the Distracted Driving Grant, LaHood said up to \$17.5 million to provide “incentive grants” to states in FY 2013 “for enacting and enforcing distracted driving laws” are part of the overall funding under the bill.

LaHood cited three major areas of action: taking personal responsibly to not use handheld devices while driving and avoid calling those known to be driving; enacting “good laws,” which drew a strong response from the audience; and mobilizing “like MADD.”

Distraction Advocate Network president and co-founder Jennifer Smith was pleased with the response at the summit. She hosted similar events in Illinois and Texas, and worked with Oprah Winfrey on a No Phone Zone Campaign. Smith lost her mother in a 2008 crash involving a driver talking on a cellphone.

Former Marion County resident Elissa Schee, whose daughter Margay, 13, died in 2008 when a semi hit the back of her school bus, spoke as part of a victim panel that included Naples resident Kristin Murphy, who lost her pregnant

daughter in an accident where the driver of the other car was on a cellphone “with a friend who heard the impact” according to a booklet distributed at the event

In the FHP accident report about the bus crash, the driver stated he “was on the phone just prior to the crash” when he “put the phone in the cup holder and looked up (the school bus) was stopped in front of him.” The report also states the semi driver “did not (appear) to have sufficient rest” based on records over a 42.5 hour period.

“The (1991 Freightliner) that man (Reinaldo Andujar Gonzalez) drove became an 80,000 pound killing machine,” Schee said. “No one could understand how he could miss a yellow school bus with red lights flashing on a bright sunny day. It has been called ‘attention blindness.’”

“We don't need any more studies,” Murphy said. “Our children died preventable deaths.”

Russell Hurd's daughter, Heather, died in January 2008 when a driver texting slammed into her car from behind on U.S. 27 near Disney World. He and his wife, Kim, of Maryland, have been instrumental in passing Heather's Law in their home state, which prohibits texting and driving. “We have the power,” Hurd said. “We must have a ban on texting while driving.”

Twelve students from the Drive for Life student group at North Marion High School, where Margay would have graduated in 2013, participated in the summit. Most were her classmates in earlier years.

“(From 2005 to 2010) our school lost 10 current or former students to car crashes involving cellphone use, drinking or speeding,” Wesley Sapp told the assembly. “We were fed up with poor decisions by drivers.”

Victoria Alvarez described a student-staged mock car crash due to distracted driving and mock funeral as “reason for an Emmy award” to the teen actors.

As part of the presentation, the homecoming queen was “left out of social media” and treated as absent for several days prior to her staged “closed casket funeral,” Wesley said.

The group's effort was recognized by state Student Government groups and Florida lawmakers may consider making annual student awareness days mandatory statewide.

Tyler Kraus, 20, now attending Stetson University in Deland, and founder of Reynolds Right Hands, a student-based anti-distracted driving group, applauded the NMHS group as “peer to peer pressure,” which nets results.

LaHood said the North Marion group was a good example of “what it would take to make a change” in distracted driving.

Schee said after the summit she “was pleased with the discussions” and goals of the meeting. She said LaHood was “right-on with his remarks.”

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Other Bills of Interest Florida House 2013 Session

HB 3 - Child Safety Devices in Motor Vehicles by Slosberg (CO-SPONSORS) Berman; Cruz; Edwards; Pafford; Raschein. Provides child restraint requirements for children of specified ages who are less than specified height.

HB 15 - Protest Activities by Rooney (CO-SPONSORS) Edwards; Stewart. Prohibits engaging in protest activities within specified distance of property line of location of funeral, burial, or memorial service; provides criminal penalties.

HB 97 - Concealed Weapons and Firearms by Powell (CO-SPONSORS) Pafford; Schwartz. Creates exception to preemption of regulation of firearms to Legislature to allow state agency or local government to prohibit possession of concealed firearms & ammunition at specified publicly sanctioned or sponsored events conducted in public buildings or at government-sponsored outdoor public venues.

HB 115 - Professional Licensure of Military Veterans by Department of Health by Santiago. Requires DOH to waive specified fees related to licensure of professions within jurisdiction of DOH for honorably discharged military veterans; provides procedure for application for waiver.

HB 119 - Searches and Seizures by Workman. Prohibits law enforcement agency from using drone to gather evidence or other information; provides exception; authorizes aggrieved party to initiate civil action in order to prevent or remedy violation; prohibits use of evidence obtained or collected in violation of act in criminal prosecution.

HB 123 - Use of Deadly Force by Stafford. Requires overt act to support belief that use of deadly force for specified purposes is necessary; defines "unlawful activity" for specified purposes; provides that immunity from civil & criminal liability for certain uses of deadly force does not apply to injuries to children & bystanders not affiliated with overt act.

HB 185 - Funerals, Burials, and Memorial Services by Eagle. Prohibits picketing or engaging in other protest activities within specified distance of property line of location of funeral, burial, or memorial service for certain persons; provides criminal penalties for violation; defines "other protest activities."

HB 323 - Flag Etiquette by Moskowitz. Requires that Governor adopt protocol on flag display; requires protocol to have guidelines for proper flag display & for lowering state flag to half-staff on certain occasions; authorizes Governor to adopt, repeal, or modify any rule or custom as Governor deems appropriate which pertains to display of state flag.

HB 331 - Self-Defense by Antone. Authorizes person to use force, except deadly force, in defense of property; provides that person does not have duty to retreat if person is in certain place; requires, rather than authorizes, law enforcement agency to investigate use of force; deletes provision that prohibits law enforcement agency from arresting person for using force; authorizes, rather than requires, court to award attorney fees & other expenses to defendant who used force; deletes provisions that make justifiable use of force available to aggressor who initially provokes use of force; provides additional circumstances in which justifiable use of force is not available; directs FDLE to collect data on incidents concerning alleged justifiable use of force; requires law enforcement agencies to report incidents & cases in which justifiable use of force claimed.

HB 4009 - Use of Deadly Force in Defense of a Person by Williams, A. Repeals provisions relating to home protection & use of deadly force, which created presumption of fear of death or great bodily harm in certain circumstances & provided that there is no duty to retreat & has the right to stand one's ground & meet force with force in certain circumstances; conforms provisions.

HB 4011 - Traffic Infraction Detectors by Campbell. Removes provisions relating to installation & use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when driver fails to stop at traffic signal; removes provisions that authorize DHSMV, county, or municipality to use such detectors. Replaces Campbell's same HB 91 of withdrawn prior to introduction 1/11/13

HB 4017 - Privacy of Firearm Owners by Campbell. Repeals provisions relating to medical privacy concerning firearms & prohibited acts by health care practitioners, health care facilities, & insurers related to collection & use of certain information concerning patient's ownership of firearms; conforms provisions

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COULD WE HAVE FULL-TIME LEGISLATURE?

Florida would abandon its part-time "citizens" Legislature and instead hire lawmakers on a full-time basis, under a proposed constitutional change filed Tuesday that would need voter approval to succeed.

Saying it makes no sense for the nation's fourth largest state to be run by "part-time employees," Sen. Jeff Clemens, D-Lake Worth, has proposed a constitutional amendment that would replace the state's part-time body with a full-time Legislature that would convene shortly after the general election and meet off and on over the next two years.

Florida's Constitution restricts a Legislative session to 60 days or less, but lawmakers already spend at least two additional months attending committee meetings in Tallahassee. Frequent special sessions and obligations back home add additional work, making the notion of a part-time lawmaker wrong anyway, Clemens argues.

Clemens acknowledges that critics will immediately object if lawmakers raise their salaries from the \$30,000 a year they now receive. But he countered that the costs would be minimal because legislative staff members already work on a full-time basis.

Raising the salaries of 160 lawmakers would be tiny in comparison to the state's budget as a whole.

Clemens is only the latest lawmaker over the course of several years to advocate for a full-time Legislature.

"I didn't get into this job for the money," Clemens said "But it just doesn't make sense that a state with a \$70 billion budget should be run by part-time employees."

Instead, Clemens said that lawmakers now have little if any time to honestly debate complex policy issues. Budgetary matters receive an even more cursory review by rank and file members.

"I think we shortchange Floridians by rushing through legislation and accelerating the budget process with a proper vetting," Clemens said. "

Part-time lawmakers are also saddled with the dilemma of voting on issues that may affect their full-time jobs back in the "real world." Clemens said there is an inherent conflict of interest that would be alleviated if lawmakers worked year round.

"You can't serve two masters," Clemens said.

The proposal would have to be approved by 60 percent of voters, if it ever passes in the Legislature. But so far, there is no House sponsor and Clemens, as a member of the minority party, has little political muscle to push bills through.

But he has hope. Two of his bills have already been placed on the calendar to be work-shopped in committee next week. Ironically one proposal, SJR 254, would limit the number of constitutional amendments the Legislature can propose.

Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, State Legislative Trustee,
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"Educate and inform the whole mass of the people... They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty." ~ Thomas Jefferson



Baby Boomers' Last Wishes: Motorcycle Hearses And Facebook Obits

by PETER GRAY January 04, 2013

Old Aristocracy Hill isn't a part of Springfield, Ill., that draws a lot of attention. The quiet neighborhood dates back to before the Civil War, its historic homes now carefully preserved by proud business owners.

But outside a stately funeral home, a large black-and-chrome Harley Davidson motorcycle trike pulls out of the parking lot, towing a matching casket in its glass-sided trailer.

It's not something you would expect to see, but it's exactly what 67-year-old Lew Bird says his friend Dave Rondelli wanted: one last ride.

"Our generation, the baby boomers, have really taken to motorcycles. We're retiring, and we can afford to do that kind of thing," Bird says. "He loved it. He retired, and he rode his bike a lot. You know, guess if you're going to go out, go out the way you like to go."

Chris Butler, director of Butler Funeral Home, says he bought the motorcycle funeral coach because his customers are increasingly seeking a highly personal and unique experience. Funeral customs and rituals, he adds, tend to evolve with time and reflect the culture in which they're practiced.

"Today people are wanting very much [for] their ceremonies to reflect their life, the meaning of their life," Butler explains. "So we can offer families the traditional as well as unique options for remembering their loved one."

He also says posting an obituary on his company's Facebook page is another option to get funeral information out to the community quickly. But not everyone in the business agrees it's a good idea.

Randall Earl, former president of The National Funeral Directors Association, which tracks trends in the industry, has been in the business for 40 years and holds concerns about some of the innovations, including utilizing social media in the funeral planning and grieving process.

"It can be very harmful if you have family members who are angry with other family members and they have a death," Earl says.

He maintains that it's just too difficult to control what's said and done by mourners on social media platforms.

"I would say we're just trying to protect our business as well as the families we serve, and I do not have a Twitter or Facebook for those reasons," Earl explains.

Others, like Greg Young, argue that protecting families and social media don't have to be mutually exclusive. The 32-year-old entrepreneur, who left his job at IBM five years ago to launch funeralinnovations.com, maintains that careful use of social media can vastly improve a memorial experience, while upholding an appropriate level of privacy.

"Every funeral home needs to have their own strategy; there's no cookie-cutter approach," Young says. "There may be some times that you do not want to post the obituary, and we do have those cases that we work with."

Young's company sells Web, mobile and social media marketing, and believes that, like so many other things, the future of funeral planning will rely on tablets and smartphones. As families scatter across the globe, he says that often the best way for his clients to connect with mourners may well indeed be online. "We're really starting to push webcasting, which has been out there for years, but funeral homes typically have not accepted it," Young explains. "We think it's very important to preserve that moment, so that generations to come can easily come back and access that information and learn more about their ancestors."

All of the recent innovations — webcasting for genealogy, Facebook pages for grieving families, mobile devices to plan a funeral or find an obituary, even a motorcycle hearse — may or may not stand the test of time. But what's clear is that whatever changes endure will likely be those sought by baby boomers, who continue to drive consumer trends in life and in death.

<http://www.npr.org/2013/01/04/168631924/baby-boomers-last-wishes-motorcycle-hearses-and-facebook-obits>



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CONGRESS GIVES TAX BREAK TO ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE BUYERS

Tax hikes and spending cuts dominated holiday headlines as the federal government teetered on the edge of the Fiscal Cliff, but the legislative package passed on New Year's Day to resolve the issue, dubbed the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, included several tax credit extensions that didn't generate as much media interest – including one for electric motorcycles.

Oregon Senator Ron Wyden (D) sponsored the amendment extending the EV tax credit, which covers 10% of the cost of a qualified electric vehicle, up to \$2,500. Vehicles must be a two- or three-wheeled plug-in electric designed “primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways” and “capable of achieving a speed of 45 miles per hour or greater.”

Electric-powered two wheelers have been without a federal purchase incentive since the end of 2011, when the original tax break expired that was part of the \$800 billion stimulus package passed in 2009.

A coalition of EV motorcycle companies, through Plug-In America, lobbied Congress to extend the tax credits, which are also retroactive and apply for electric motorcycles or EV chargers purchased in 2012 as well.

Wyden argues that extending the tax credit will help generate jobs in the growing electric motorcycle industry. “The electric motorcycle industry is poised to create tens of thousands of U.S. jobs over the next five years, led by companies like Oregon's Brammo,” said Wyden. “This amendment helps promote the development of a promising U.S. industry and support the transition to a low-carbon American economy.”

E-CYCLES PROJECTED TO OUTSELL PLUG-IN CARS

According to two new Pike Research reports, electric scooters and motorcycle sales are going to eclipse that of plug-in vehicles by the end of this decade.

In one report from Pike Research which looks at electric motorcycles and scooters, the study predicts that “annual sales of e-motorcycles and e-scooters will reach 18.6 million by 2018.”

Pike Research points primarily to industries such as delivery companies, police and security forces, and even taxi services in some locations as the prime mover for the increase in sales of electric motorcycles and scooters.

Another recently released Pike Research report predicted that annual worldwide sales of electric vehicles will reach 3.8 million by 2020. This includes plug-in electric vehicles and hybrid electric vehicles selling in the Asia Pacific, North America, and Western Europe .

“Sales of EVs have not lived up to automakers' expectations and politicians' proclamations, but the market is expanding steadily as fuel prices remain high and consumers increasingly seek alternatives to internal combustion engines,” says senior research analyst Dave Hurst. “Indeed, sales of plug-in EVs will grow at a compound annual growth rate of nearly 40% over the remainder of the decade, while the overall auto market will expand by only two percent a year.”

Taken together, the two Pike Research reports indicate that two-wheel EV sales will outperform electric four-wheelers by a margin of 5-1 by the end of the decade. Currently, China is the biggest market for the sale of these electric vehicles, accounting for 81% of the global electric motorcycle and scooter market.

EPA TO DROP FOUR GALLON MINIMUM GAS PURCHASES

Ethanol-laden gasoline is known to cause engine damage, and many manufacturers warn that using the product will invalidate warranties, so when the EPA approved E15 (fuel blend containing 15% ethanol) it

raised concerns amongst motorcyclists, off-roaders, snowmobilers, boaters and others who use vehicles and equipment driven by small gas-powered motors...none of which are approved for its use.

The EPA's response was to require a minimum four gallon purchase, the misguided rationale being that it would dilute any residual E15 remaining in a gas pump's lines. Again, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency came under fire, with powersports and automotive groups pushing back against the federal agency's push for the grain alcohol-blended biofuel.

Apparently realizing that a viable solution to the problem needs to be conceived, the EPA is abandoning its four-gallon minimum on blender pumps that dispense both E10 and E15 from the same pump, and instead the government body says it will likely require gas stations to label shared pumps, as well as offer a dedicated E10 pump/hose for non-approved vehicles.

In the meantime, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia has denied a rehearing on the EPA decision to put E15 on the market. The federal appellate court decision is a setback for the oil-and-gas industry, which opposes the use of E15 and a federal biofuel blending mandate that requires refiners to blend 36 billion gallons of biofuels into traditional transportation fuels by 2022.

NEW YEAR, NEW LAWS

The new year puts new laws on the books across the country, with state and local governments ringing in 2013 with a mix of new laws ranging from the innovative to the odd; one in Kansas City says households can't have more than four cats, while a town in Massachusetts is banning businesses from selling plastic bottles. In Florida, drivers can once again flash their headlights to warn others of upcoming speed traps, which was previously outlawed. Meanwhile, driverless cars in California got the green light to hit the public roads, but one of Illinois' 150 new laws prohibits motorcycle riders from popping wheelies -- Public Act 97-743 imposes a fine of \$1,000 on anyone who pops a wheelie on a motorcycle while speeding.

WOMAN FIRED OVER HUSBAND BEING IN A MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Her husband's membership in a motorcycle club has cost the job of a human resources technician with the city of Kingman in northwest Arizona, according to a Phoenix lawyer who is representing the woman in her bid for reinstatement.

The city served 11-year employee Melissa Summerson a notice of intent the day after Christmas and terminated her employment Dec. 28, attorney David Kresin told the Las Vegas Review-Journal. "She was terminated for the stated reason of her husband's membership in a family motorcycle club - the Desert Roadriders," he said, adding that the dismissal violates her constitutional right to freedom of association. "There's no allegation that Ms. Summerson personally did anything wrong in her job or engaged in any conduct personally that violated any of the city's rules, and we believe there's no cause for termination as she's been an outstanding employee with a great record for her entire employment."

CRIMINALS MORE PRONE TO CRASH THEIR MOTORCYCLES

Motorcyclists who have criminal records are twice as likely to get into accidents on the road than their law-abiding peers, a new Swedish study has found.

The findings come from an examination of more than 5,000 motorcycle accidents carried out by Karolinska Institute epidemiologist Michael Fored.

He went through statistics and looked at motorcycle riders who have a license and then cross-referenced the names with the criminal register.

"If you've been convicted of a crime before, we see at least double the risk that you'll get into a serious accident," Fored told the TT news agency.

Among non-offenders, there are 4.1 accidents per 1,000 license-holders annually. However, that figure jumped up to 27.7 when looking at drivers who had at least two criminal convictions.

Fored shared his findings at the Transportforum conference in Linköping, Sweden. "Maybe we should educate people who break the traffic laws," suggests Fored.

EUROPE SET TO MANDATE ABS FOR MOTORCYCLES

A Europe-wide proposal to mandate anti-lock braking systems (ABS) for motorcycles bigger than 125cc manufactured from 2016 onwards was overwhelmingly approved by the European Parliament by a vote of 643-16. Although the measure is still working its way through the EU legislative process and must still be adopted by individual member nations of the European Union, it is expected to be adopted soon.

A European Union Commission presented the ABS requirement for new framework regulation for motorcycles, and calculates that the proposal would reduce the number of fatal motorcycle accidents by more than 5,000 over a 10-year period.

Although the first anti-lock braking system was installed on a motorcycle in 1988, only 16% of all newly manufactured motorcycles in Europe were equipped with ABS, and by comparison car manufacturers have made ABS standard equipment since 2004 which has contributed to an estimated 49% overall decline in fatal car accidents in the EU. Experts regard anti-lock braking as a huge boost to safety, pointing to a Swedish highway study that showed that 38% of all motorcycle accidents involve personal injury and 48% of all serious and fatal accidents could have been prevented with ABS.

In the U.S. , the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has considered requiring ABS on new motorcycles sold in America , and will likely take up the issue in the near future.

INDONESIAN WOMEN BANNED FROM STRADDLING MOTORCYCLES

In an effort to establish Sharia law, Indonesia 's northwestern province Aceh has enacted a controversial new law banning women from sitting on motorcycles with their legs apart. Aiming "to save people's morals & behaviors," under the new regulation "women are allowed to sit 'side-saddle' because passengers who sit side-saddle rarely fell off while when you see a woman straddle a motorcycle she looks like a man..."

Despite opposition from human rights activists who are calling for a reversal of the Sharia-type law; "We're going ahead with the ban. There's no resistance here," said Dasni Yuzar, secretary of the city administration.

"The government is only preserving morals. Women must not straddle motorbikes because it provokes the male drivers," declared Aceh Mayor Suaidi Yahya, who proposed the law. However, he also added that women were allowed to straddle motorbikes if they were driving, as long as they were dressed in a "Muslim way."

Al Yasa' Abubakar, a professor at the State Islamic Institute Ar-Raniry in Banda Aceh, explained that no such prohibition exists in Islam. While Yuzar agreed it was "not explicitly" written in the Koran that women should not straddle bikes, he said "by sitting astride, women dishonor themselves. They show their body curves almost transparently. They're riding with men who are not related by blood or marriage. Their front body part is in contact with the men's back. This is forbidden in Islam."

According to Tunggal Prawestri, a women's activist based in Jakarta , "Almost every bylaw that was based on Sharia law targets the female body as a political battle ground in Aceh. Women become the easiest target, because as soon as women rights activists protest we are deemed anti-Muslim or anti-Sharia."

Spread across a chain of thousands of islands between Asia and Australia , Indonesia has the world's largest Muslim population and Southeast Asia 's biggest economy, a huge market that all motorcycle manufacturers, including Harley-Davidson, dream to dominate one day.

AUSTRALIAN TOP COP VOWS TO BAN BIKIES FROM PUBS

Declaring that outlaw bikies "...are not the type of people who should be running licensed premises," Chief Commissioner Ken Lay has vowed to ban bikers from pubs and clubs across Victoria . "The legislation is designed to ensure that doesn't occur," he told the Herald Sun newspaper of his plan to move "bikies" out of venue ownership, operation and security.

Earlier this year, police swooped on bikies in a series of raids and seized 120 guns after ruling them not fit people to have the weapons under the Firearms Act.

Meanwhile, police are telling licensees not to allow patched-up bikies entry, so some Melbourne strip clubs, bars and nightclubs are refusing entry based on a "dress code standard," and some have even banned motorcycles from parking outside.

Inspector Paul Ross, of licensing enforcement, said police "advised" licensees "it's probably better if they don't allow outlaw motorcycle gang members inside ... wearing colors."

One operator, who is enforcing the ban, said police asked him and others to sign an agreement that the dress code standard relating to bikies was upheld.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "When two opposite points of view are expressed with equal intensity, the truth does not necessarily lie exactly halfway between them. It is possible for one side to be simply wrong."
~ Richard Dawkins (b. 1941), English biologist and author

Easy, Rider: Causes Of Motorcycle Accidents

1/8/13 by Samster, Konkel & Safran, S.C.

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- **Speeding:** Speeding in any vehicle is dangerous. But speeding on a motorcycle significantly increases your chances of sustaining serious injury or death. Slow down and enjoy the ride.
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We at the NCOM would also like to request each motorcycle group attending *to bring an item to be auctioned* at the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet to benefit the *Freedom Fund*. The Freedom Fund is used by NCOM to send representatives into states, at their request, to help lobby for pro-motorcycle legislation or against detrimental laws. The Freedom Fund is also used to send representatives from NCOM Member Groups to Washington, D.C. to lobby on the federal front,

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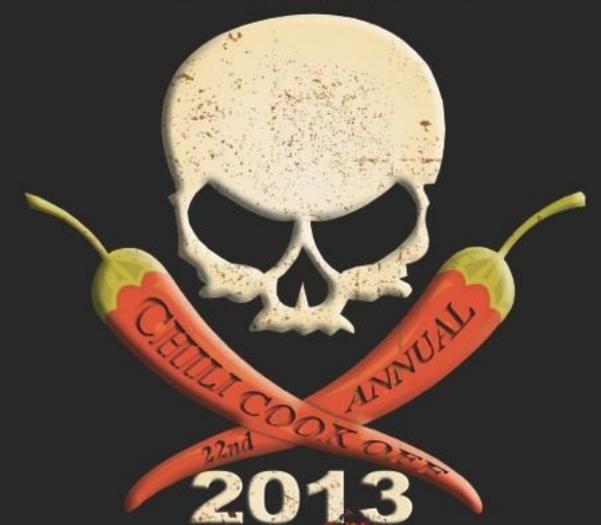


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ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

January 20th, 2013

The President's gavel sounded three times, and the meeting was brought to order at 11:45am. The Chapter recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and then stood for a moment of reverent silence. There were thirty four members present, in addition to three guests.

President Ed “Nighthawk” Lattari – The President reminded the Chapter about the group fun ride to ABATE Southeast chapter's event, which will begin at the conclusion of this meeting. Nighthawk informed the Chapter that member Lena Saldano was in rehab, following surgery for the injuries she sustained in a recent motorcycle accident. Nighthawk proposed the following motion: ABATE Palm Beach Chapter give its share of today's 50/50 drawing to Lena Saldano, to help with her expenses. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. The Chapter was urged to stay at the ABATE campground during Bike Week in March as a way of helping the ABATE State organization financially. There are still a few tickets for the ABATE State cash drawing.

Vice President Dan “Slo-Motion” Henderson – Slo-Motion spoke to the Chapter about a recent encounter, where another motorcyclist was curious about Slo-Motion being part of ABATE yet also wearing a helmet while riding. Slo-Motion reminded that person, and the Chapter today, that ABATE is not anti-helmet, but pro-choice, “letting those who ride decide” (to wear a helmet or not). Slo-Motion also reminded everyone present that eye protection is a must, and that the use of a helmet is not a substitute for safe riding.

Secretary Charles “CB” Barcellona - The Chapter was reminded about the upcoming ABATE State meeting in February, and a sign up sheet was distributed. Nighthawk added that he plans a day trip to that meeting, in Palm Bay, but others may wish to spend the night.

Treasurer Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger – Foxybabe presented a summary report on the financial status of the Chapter. The Chapter is financially sound. A brief report regarding the ABATE State cash drawing ticket availability was given.

Membership Trustee Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger – Foxybabe presented a detailed membership report, citing 236 current members, current and past renewals, and attrition. The Chapter has gained six new members since the previous meeting.

Sgt-at-Arms Pete “Petee” Carroll – Petee discussed various upcoming local events, and cited a favorable article, in “Wheels on the Road” magazine, about the Chapter's December rally. Petee also asked for participation in the group fun ride after today's meeting. Group riding safety was also discussed.

Safety Trustee Charlie “Niblick” Wenger – Niblick discussed the lack of adequate media coverage regarding recent motorcycle accidents, and reminded the Chapter that January is “move over month”. Law enforcement will be giving special attention to those who fail to “move over” for police and safety vehicles. Niblick informed the Chapter about a White House petition to cease funding for motorcycle only road checkpoints.

Product Trustee Pro Tem Lisa “Pookie” Miller – Gave a brief report on present product inventory. Chapter member Mark asked about chapter specific “doo-rags”.

State Delegate Dan “Slo-Motion” Henderson – Slo-Motion reported that co-delegate Ken “Snooze” Gerecke will be taking over the writing and presentation of the State Delegate's reports.

Legislative Trustee Dan “Slo-Motion” Henderson – Slo-Motion informed the Chapter that not much was happening legislatively, as there was no current active legislative session.

Newsletter Trustee Dan “Slo-Motion Henderson – Slo-Motion reminded the Chapter that the mailed copies of “The Chrome Chronicles” would have an eighteen dollar annual postage expense. The next issue of “The Chrome Chronicles” will most likely fill the entire 40 page format. Potential new advertisers were discussed. The ABATE State “Master Link” is also reducing circulation redundancy.

Old Business – The Chapter voted on the following motion: The Palm Beach Chapter should donate one thousand dollars (\$1000.00), from its own treasury, to ABATE of Florida, Inc. Chapter member Bwana asked for, and received, clarification on the donation of the one thousand dollars. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business – Niblick announced that the petition to reinstate the safety program funding, by the State of Florida, will be at the Chapter safety booth and at meetings.

Good of the Order – The United Bikers Council of Palm Beach County event schedule was discussed. The Chapter received a plaque for its participation in the Toys in the Sun Run. Upcoming local events were further discussed. The Chapter donated \$44.00 to Lena Saldano, and Chapter member Dan donated his equal share. Additionally, a hat was passed, and by the generosity of Chapter members, a total of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) was raised as a donation for Lena.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was passed, the President's gavel was struck, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:40PM.

This concludes the minutes of the January 20th, 2013 meeting of ABATE Palm Beach Chapter.

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