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Palm Beach Chapter Donates to ABATE of Fl. Inc.

Palm Bay, Florida, Feb. 9th Charles Barcellona, Staff writer

At the ABATE state meeting today, there were smiles on the faces of the State Board of Directors and many chapter delegates, as ABATE Palm Beach Chapter presented a check for one thousand dollars to ABATE of Florida, Inc., with hopes of helping to ease the current shortfall in the ABATE state organization's coffers.

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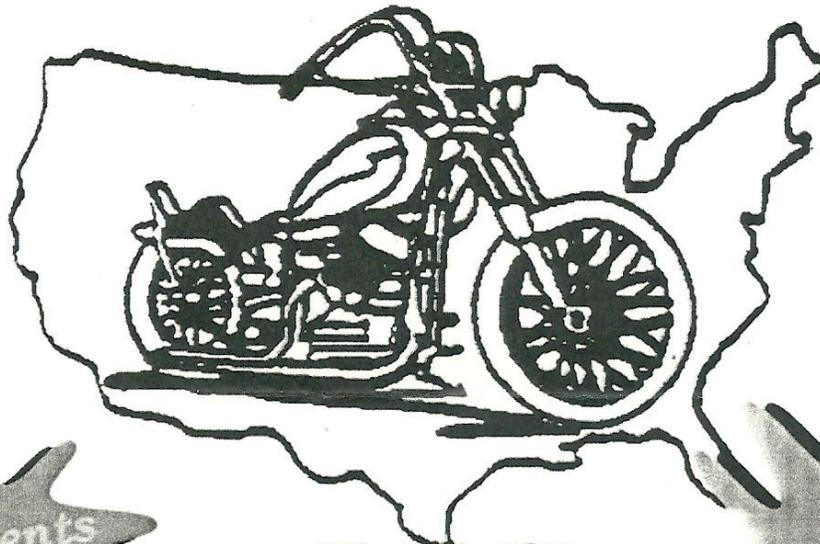
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To furnish a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to upcoming legislation.

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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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COVER STORY CONTINUED

Palm Beach Chapter Donates to ABATE of Fl. Inc.

Palm Bay, Florida, Feb. 9th Charles Barcellona, Staff writer

In 2012, two events caused the donation to become a reality. First, the annual funding, by the State of Florida to ABATE, was severely cut, as Florida Governor Rick Scott vetoed the two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ABATE was to receive. ABATE uses that funding to pay for its many rider safety and education programs. With a lack of a quarter million dollars, ABATE's programs faced severe financial strain. Also in 2012, Ed "Nighthawk" Lattari became the president of ABATE Palm Beach Chapter. Nighthawk took office with two goals. Those goals were to restore camaraderie and brotherhood to the chapter, and to cut the chapter's financial waste and excessive spending. Nighthawk quickly saw success with both of those goals.

Need met opportunity as the Palm Beach Chapter saw renewed success, while the ABATE State organization tried to cope with drastically reduced funding. Nighthawk proposed that the Palm Beach Chapter donate one thousand dollars to the state head offices during the chapter meeting at the close of 2012. That proposal was voted on and ratified by the chapter membership in January 2013, and it was planned that the donation would coincide with the ABATE State Meeting held on Feb. 9th.

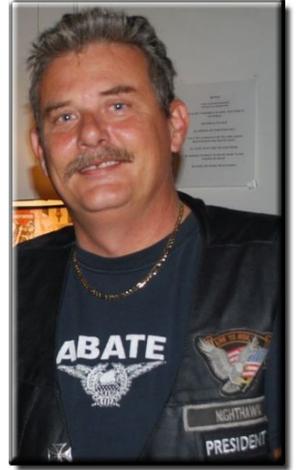
The financial success for the Palm Beach Chapter, that made the donation possible, was due in part to the increased support of the chapter by the local motorcycling community, and through the efforts and hard work of the chapter members, who volunteered their time and sweat toward the chapter's fund raising efforts.

During the State Meeting, Palm Beach Chapter President Nighthawk presented the one thousand dollar check to ABATE State President Dan "Doc" Fish, and received a standing ovation by the nearly one hundred visitors and chapter delegates present during the State Meeting. In attendance from the Palm Beach Chapter were delegates Ken "Snooze" Gerecke and Dan "Slo-Motion" Henderson, who also serves as the chapter Vice-President. Additionally, State Safety Director Charlie "Niblick" Wenger, Palm Beach Chapter Secretary Charles "CB" Barcellona, and Palm Beach Chapter Treasurer Debbie "Foxybabe" Wenger were on hand. Mysti, RG, Karen, Jan, and Quiet Dan, all made the run to Palm Bay, in order to show their support for the chapter.

The ABATE funding vetoed by Governor Rick Scott does not come from taxpayers pockets. Instead, the funding has been prepaid by motorcyclists through a portion of motorcycle registrations, and through motorcycle endorsements on Florida driver's licenses. Currently State President Dan "Doc" Fish and State Safety Director Charlie "Niblick" Wenger are working to have that funding restored. In the meantime, other ABATE chapters have also made sizable donations to ABATE of Florida, Inc.

President's Message "Nighthawk"

On February 9th the Chapter had a group ride to the ABATE State meeting being held in Palm Bay, Florida. I'd like to thank everyone who came out for the ride. We had a good showing. The weather was awesome and it was a good ride. We presented the State with our Chapter's donation of \$1000, to help out after the loss of some major funding. The Chapter received a standing ovation and big thanks from Doc Fish. The donation was possible due to the Chapter's hard work. Hopefully this will encourage more chapters to help out as well!



Speaking of helping out, it's time to help out while having a great time! That can only mean one thing in March! It's time for Bike Week, in Daytona, and staying at the ABATE Campground! The Chapter has got people going up both weekends, and I hope you're making your plans to join us! Check the flier, here in the newsletter, for all the details. If you have gear that doesn't fit on your bike, there are vehicles heading up that can carry your load. There are group rides going up both Fridays and coming back both Sundays. Watch the text alerts for meet spots and times, or otherwise, you can meet us at the campground.

Also coming up, in April, is Leesburg Bikefest and there will be another awesome time to be had at the Lake County Chapter's campground. I'm sure if you stayed there last year, you're making your plans to attend this year!

As always, I'd like to thank everyone who attends the group rides and who volunteer their time to help out. Participation is what makes this chapter function. The more people that show up for the rides, the more fun we have. So I hope you'll be there!

In other news, our ABATE brother Boo has started a bike detailing business! Boo has been a frequent ride participant, a stand-up guy and a good friend. So if you need your bike detailed, give our brother Boo a call. Also don't forget about our newsletter advertisers!

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

March 3 Sunday GROUP FUN RIDE Lone Legion Brotherhood MC Annual

March 8 Friday GROUP FUN RIDE Daytona Bike Week/ABATE Campground

March 15 Friday GROUP FUN RIDE Daytona Bike Week/ABATE Campground

March 24 Sunday Chapter Meeting

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Chrome Chronicles is becoming a REAL Newspaper. Minutes after posting the February issue online incoming email brought a Letter to the Editor from =CB= on Quiet Dan's helmet submission., proving this is still a hot topic. Nighthawk, as Chapter President, and , as Editor, put in comments. Dan's story was run with only edits for grammar and spelling. Being America he is welcome to his option and out to print it would be unfair. I have heard of others who also think we should support a helmet law for safety but our rights are more important I believe. I have been seeing many stories of other states and helmet law legislation - below I added a quote from one I think is a good statement and includes fact of states that have laws. - Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson, Editor, VP

"For years, motorcyclists have failed to persuade legislators to ax Washington's motorcycle helmet law, bucking a national trend that has states abandoning helmet mandates.

They will make another try today in the Senate Transportation Committee, which has scheduled a hearing on a bill repealing the helmet law for riders 18 or older.

Sen. Don Benton, R-Vancouver, is the prime sponsor of the bill and the vice co-chairman of the Transportation Committee. He said that while he personally used to wear a helmet when he rode a motorcycle, he agrees with anti-helmet lobbyists who argue helmet laws aren't necessary or even proper.

"It's not the government's job to protect us from ourselves, and it's not the fundamental purpose of government," Benton said. "People can get injured in all sorts of ways. Should we outlaw mountain climbing without a helmet, too?"

The Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center in Seattle conducted one of the more publicized studies. A 2002 study by the center found that helmets reduced the risk of a crash fatality by 39 percent.

Only 19 states and Washington, D.C., have a mandatory helmet law."

Read more here: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2013/01/31/2456172/motorcyclists-push-for-repeal.html#storylink=cpy>

Editor,

I read the submission by Quiet Dan in the February, 2013 edition of The Chrome Chronicles. In his description of the grave misfortune he and others suffered, I shared a large degree of his pain, as I've had my own share of mishaps in my youth.

However, I was somewhat repulsed by his last paragraph, and I quote:

"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."

I have several disagreements with what is being put forward there. First, we do demand the no-texting and driving law, not only for the safety and benefit of motorcyclists, but for all drivers, and even pedestrians. Distracted driving is a very serious problem. And therein is my second disagreement. Since distracted driving is a serious problem, why should motorcyclists have to give up any rights "in exchange" for fixing that problem? And, that's not to mention that I see no other group that benefits from the law giving up any of their rights! My view of what's being proposed clearly shows that motorcyclists would pay the price, and everyone else would get the benefit.

Let those who ride decide whether to wear a helmet, or not. Helmets can save lives. Helmets can also hinder movement of the head (to check blind spots), limit peripheral vision, and limit hearing. There are trade-offs to wearing, and not wearing a helmet. Those tradeoffs are exactly why we, who are on our own motorcycles, ought to decide for ourselves what head gear, if any, is appropriate for our own riding and our own heads.

Charles Barcellona
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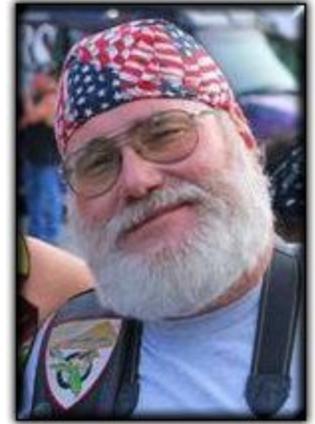
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Vice President's Message - Slo Motion

Chapter Meeting moved to the FOURTH Sunday due to Daytona Bike Week 2013



We are planning on attending the event at the ABATE campground in force!! Join us for either/both weekend(s) for FUN and save money, party and be safe staying at the campground. Showers, food, bar, music , RV and tent camping. There will be a band that first Friday and perhaps other nights. The last Sunday, the 17th, there

will be a biker rodeo. Also there are several swap meets and bike show local to campground. So hope to see you there for the Fun and to support ABATE.

In this past month researching stories, there have been several reports of older riders being in more accidents. Even found one where the rider was in his 80s and the driver was 19. Reverse of what we usually hear. This was even mentioned at the State meeting, but what does it mean? Does it mean elder riders more prone do to reduced reflexes, more newbie elder riders or what?

March 3 will mark the tenth anniversary of the day I rode my 2003 Harley Low Rider home from Palm Beach Harley Davidson located in Lake Park. A lot of changes since then. I finally got my fuel gauge working without a leak. But you can not really read the mileage as so faded. I thought I read 189,000 recently but I can't be sure. I do know I have ridden it so many places over the years. Having to keep it outside hasn't kept it in the best condition. So I think I will have to Challenge Boo's Bike Detailing to see how clean he can get it. I'd rather just ride.

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Oxford Dictionary Softens 'Biker' Definition Will Motorcyclists Like It?

By Jonathan Welsh

According to the Oxford English Dictionary the word "biker" started out in the 1880s as a way to identify people who rode bicycles. But by the 1950s the word had traveled downhill to the point where it often referred to members of motorcycle gangs, and the "OED" defined it that way.

But the folks at Oxford just gave motorcyclists a break, sort of.

The Oxford Dictionary Online, sometimes called ODO, has tweaked its definition of biker to the following: a motorcyclist, especially one who is a member of a gang or group.

Did you catch it? The change was the addition of the words "or group." It reflects a slight shift in the way people use the term today. It often identifies everyday motorcyclists who enjoy riding together and are not particularly menacing. This is a departure from associations with the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club or other motorcycle groups regarded as outlaws. Still, good-citizen motorcycle riders may be disappointed that "gang" remains in the definition.

"Our research suggests that 'biker' is now marginally more closely aligned with 'motorcyclist' ('a person who rides a motorcycle') than words such as 'hell's angel' ('a member of any of a number of gangs of male motorcycle enthusiasts, first formed in California in the 1950s and originally notorious for lawless behaviour')," the Oxford University Press said in a statement.

The dictionary's publisher also said it changed its usage example for the word to "a biker was involved in a collision with a car" from an example that mentioned "a long-haired biker in dirty denims."

A spokeswoman for the publisher said long hair and dirty denims never were part of the dictionary's definition. The definition changed in the online dictionary but not in the vast, historic Oxford English version.

<http://blogs.wsj.com/drivers-seat/2013/02/26/oxford-dictionary-softens-biker-definition-will-motorcyclists-like-it/>



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Congress to hold hearing on E15 AMA will be a witness!

On Feb. 26, at 2 p.m. (EST), the U.S. House Subcommittee on Environment, chaired by Rep. [Andy Harris](#) (R-Md.), will hold a [hearing](#) on "Mid-Level Ethanol Blends: Consumer and Technical Research Needs." Former U.S. Sen. [Wayne Allard](#), American Motorcyclist Association vice president for government relations, will be a witness at the hearing.

The AMA focus will be on the need for an independent and scientific study of the use of E15 -- a gasoline formulation that contains up to 15 percent ethanol by volume -- in motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle engines. Additionally, we will raise concerns of misfueling and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's mitigation plan, which initially included a senseless mandated four-gallon minimum fuel purchase.

Since it has passed you can read the hearing , [click here](#).

The AMA believes extensive independent testing needs to be done before E15 becomes more widely available. The key for the AMA and our members is that E15 must be proven safe for motorcycle and ATV engines. To the best of our knowledge, E15 isn't approved for use in any original-equipment motorcycles or ATVs. In fact, its use can void many manufacturers' warranties.

We applaud U.S. Rep. Harris for holding this hearing to help make our nation's fuel supply safer for all users.

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On Feb. 27, U.S. Rep. [Jim Sensenbrenner](#) (R-Wis.) introduced [H.R. 875](#). The bill would repeal the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's waiver decision related to E15 fuel, and the authority of the agency to grant further decisions in the matter, until the EPA seeks an independent scientific analysis of the effects of gasoline containing up to 15 percent ethanol (E15).

“In the two years since the EPA granted a waiver to the Clean Air Act for the use of E15, several tests have been released which highlight the harmful effects of E15 on engines and their components,” said Sensenbrenner. “However, these tests have been summarily dismissed by the EPA, which remains stubborn in its position that the fuel is safe for consumers.

“What has been troubling throughout the EPA's waiver decision process has been the agency's willingness to base it on a single study conducted by the Department of Energy,” said Sensenbrenner. “Pro-ethanol groups will continue to argue that the fuel has been sufficiently tested and is safe for use. But automakers, the companies that design and build the engines for which the EPA is approving the use of E15, have unanimously stated that use of this fuel will void warranties, damage engines and lower fuel efficiency. The fact that the experts who built the engines disagree with the EPA's decision shows that further testing is needed on this fuel.”

The U.S. House Subcommittee on Environment, chaired by Rep. [Chris Stewart](#) (R-Utah), held a legislative [hearing](#) on “Mid-Level Ethanol Blends: Consumer and Technical Research Needs.” Former U.S. Sen. [Wayne Allard](#), American Motorcyclist Association vice president for government relations, was a witness at the hearing. Besides discussing the need for more E15 testing, the AMA raised concerns related to misfueling and the EPA's mitigation plan, which initially included a senseless mandated four-gallon minimum fuel purchase.

The AMA has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal lawmakers about possible damage to motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle 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.

In October 2010, the EPA approved E15 for use in model year 2007 and newer light duty vehicles (cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty passenger vehicles). In January 2011, it added model year 2001-2006 light duty vehicles to the approved list.

Since the approved list includes many light-duty vehicles in use today, refineries, distributors, and fueling stations may choose to offer primarily E15 gasoline because of this action by the EPA. This concerns all motorcyclists and off-highway enthusiasts because this can affect the availability of gasoline with less or no ethanol (E10 or E0).

The new E15 gasoline formulation may appear at a nearby fueling station and motorcyclists need to be careful when using this new fuel blend in their motor vehicles. That is because no motorcycles or ATVs are currently on the approved EPA list and the use of E15 can void manufacturers' warranties.

We need your help to pass H.R. 875. You can send a prewritten email to your representative immediately by following the "Take Action" option and entering your information. The AMA encourages riders to personalize their message by drawing on their own personal riding experiences.

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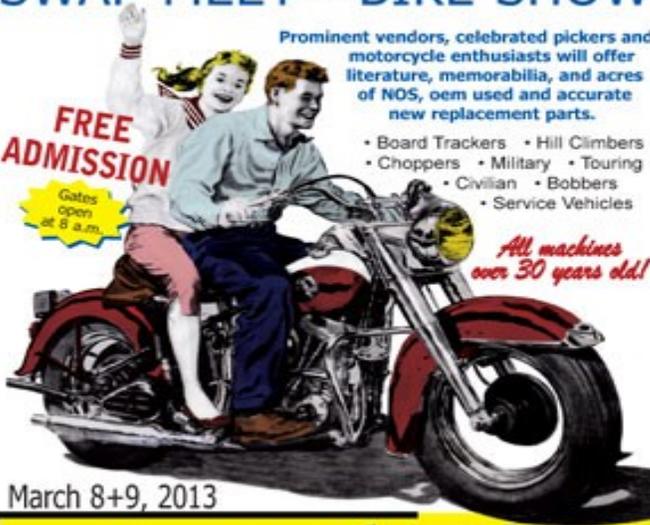
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8-17 Daytona Bikeweek

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

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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
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



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3rd Mon 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
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Wed Chit Chat's bike nite
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1st Thurs Renegades
Bike Night

3rd Thurs H-D Palm Bch
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Every Thursday Mickey's
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Thurs Dinner 6:30 States
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Thurs Black Pistons MC
WPB Open House

Fri Outlaws MC WPB Open
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1st Fri Soldiers for Jesus
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1st Fri Enforcers MC
Party

Sat Wings of Gold MC
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Sat Fly-In Wheels MC
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Sun Rack n Roll Top Hat
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Getting Noticed The Motorcycle Dance

by Data

A good many motorcycle accidents conclude with a police officer interviewing a cager who says something like "I never saw him" or "He came out of nowhere." This is because most cager brains are wired to see only other cagers. Its the same kind of phenomenon where you can be in a noisy crowd of people and still be able to pick out a single conversation and follow it. The brain filters out what it determines to be "unnecessary" information.

This month, I'm going to go over a few techniques to help get yourself noticed. In all cases, you need to start by noticing all vehicles even if they don't notice you.

1. Lets do the Motorcycle Dance. When you are riding alone, and you see a cager that looks like he might be thinking about turning across your path, nudge the bars back and forth a little. This causes the front headlight to sway back and forth when viewed from the front. Its very effective in waking up other drivers. You might want to practice this a little, but its not very difficult to master. If you do it right, your wheels shouldn't change their track by more than a foot each side. However, if the cager actually starts pulling in front of you, then the dance is over and evasive action is required.
2. Headlight modulators are a proven method of getting noticed. These are electronic modules that connect to the headlight and pulsate the high beam. Florida has laws that specifically allow the use of headlight modulators during daylight hours.
3. Using your high beams, not the low beams, in broad daylight cause your headlight to appear to flicker as you go over little bumps in the road. This helps cagers notice you better. This is not exactly legal, but as long as you only do it in daylight, I don't think anyone will bother you.
4. There are also tail light modulators. They modulate or flash the tail light after the brake has been continuously applied for a few seconds. The result is that when you are sitting at a light, the tail light is more noticeable. Too many bikers sitting at red lights have been rear ended by cagers who didn't see them. Even if you don't have one, you can manually flash the tail lights when you see a car approaching from the rear.
5. Following a close but safe distance from cagers is a good way to slip by before a turning cager has a chance to get you. That is, follow about three seconds behind a cager. This gives you plenty of time to

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stop quick if you need to and is close enough that even if other cagers don't see you, they probably will see the cager in front of you, thus allowing you to slip by right behind him. In short, by doing this, you are effectively using the cager in front of you as a bulldozer to carve a clean path. If you are too close, you run the risk of hitting the cager in the rear if he stops quick. If you are too far behind, another cager can pull in between the two of you and cause an accident.

Some cagers will see you and some wont. Assume they don't. Always look for potential trouble and try to figure out a way to avoid the accident before it happens. Constantly ask yourself, "What if that guy pulls out?" Have a plan in case he does.

Ride safe and ride smart.

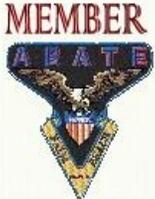
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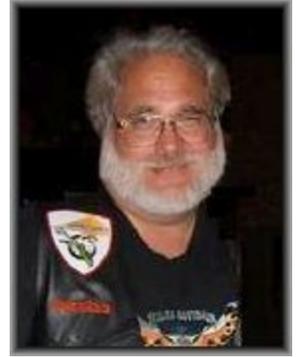
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DELEGATE REPORT

“Snooze” “Slo Motion”
Ken Gerecke Dan Henderson



The state meeting was held on February 9th by Independence chapter at Palm Bay. We had great turn out for the ride up. We delivered a check for \$1000.00 to the state it was much needed and well deserved. President Doc

Fish reminded us all that our web sites need to be accurate and up to date at all times. Vice President Jim Gladstone said it is very important that we conduct ourselves in a positive and professional manor and to let people know who we are and what we do. Bikeweek is coming up fast. I know I will be there. We had a great time last year and this year promises to be even better.

State Sergeant At Arms Mudder said if you report an accident to the state you must use the new forms they are available online at the state website. Takes LOTS of photos, use the whole camera. Also that all chapter equipment needs to be on file at the state level. The State needs donations for Bikeweek campground. **Cook Shack Items:** Coffee filters for Bunn machine – need approx 500, Plastic forks – need approx 4000, Plastic spoons – need approx 1200, Plastic knives – need approx 1200, Styrofoam plates 8.5 inches (or close to it) – need approx 3000 (not sectioned), 3 section compartment plates—need approx 1000, Foam take-out containers 3 compartment – need approx 1000, 55 gal drum liners, heavy duty – need approx 1500, Paper napkins – need approx 6000, Steam table pans (disposable)—need approx 50, Half steam table pans (disposable) – need approx 25, 16 oz solo cups – need approx 200, Portion cups with lids for jello shots – need approx 1000 **Security/General Items:** small propane tanks, Flashlights for night security / with batteries. Small zip ties 4”; Large zip ties 12”, Wooden stakes for fire lines. Wire flags for fire lines, Florescent paint for fire lines, Caution tape and orange ribbon tape for the front fencing. We are also accepting donations of beer, unopened bottles of liquor and wine. And don't forget the jello shots! The Freedom Fighters Bar & Grill was a big hit last year and it's success was from donations by our members like you. And volunteers are always welcome to help for relief in all areas. You can earn points for chapter and maybe earn self some camping discount. Slo Motion is going to do some bartending at the Freedom Fighters Bar & Grill. The campground will be having a Bike Rodeo that last Sunday of Bikeweek so spread the word. There was a discussion on allowing pets at the campground but voted down as not time to research the legal issues and fact that ads have been out for awhile with NO PETS posted on it.

Our own chapter elections are almost here again we need to make sure that the state office is informed of any changes to our board of directors.

Pr/Communications Rhonda said that if anyone was wanting to print up flyers for upcoming events that Richard Lester's law firm would reimburse them up to a certain amount. The flyer would include a bottom line ad for his law office. And she, as did Doc Fish, say it is important to have some media contacts to get out our message and for the image of bikers.

Also there is a petition going around to get the state funding back if you have not signed it yet please do. Our Charlie Wenger has been instrumental in this. The delegates voted to support this at this time to get it going without having to wait another 2 months to take it back to the chapters.

The next State Meeting is Sunday April 14 at the American Legion Hall • 1065 S. Water St. • Monticello, FL as part of the 18th Annual Freedom Rights Rally Tallahassee April 12-15. We plan on tailoring the bikes up on Saturday as it is a long drive. The Ride to the Capital is at 9 am Monday April 15. Slo Motion has done this once and found it fantastic to see the ride into the Capital and park on its steps for the celebration and then the visiting of our congress. We hope many members may be able to join us.

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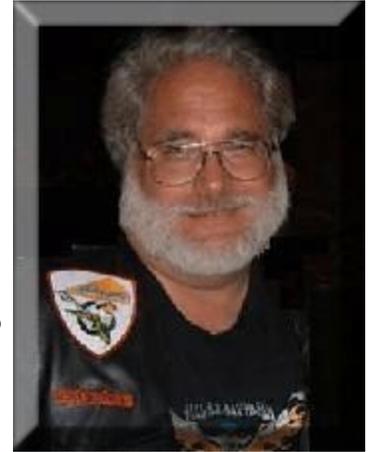
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON



FROM STATE MEETING. It looks like this could be the year we finally get some cell phone, distracted driving law passed. I think all the national attention has made it the cause of the day. There are several bills ranging from simple under 18, no texting to severe. Our lobbyist Doc Reichenbach has been on several committees on asked to be on the Distracted Driving Task Force. So we will be well informed. It appears destined to be a Primary Offense and there is even a new bill on making texting and accident a felony. I think I might have come up with that idea. With the stories on increased elder rider accidents and the data that 25% of deaths are of sport bikes might bring more bills. Most likely insurance requirements and the threat of helmet laws. Only 19 states require helmets and that number may be decreasing as bills are proposed in several of those states.

All bills are now done or in the final writing stage so now we follow and wait to see which will get life.

FROM ABATE of Florida, Inc. State Legislative Trustee

Hey Everyone,

Just wanted to touch base with you about our legislative agenda for the 2013 Legislative session. As of noon today (Feb. 21st) the "Enhanced Penalties" Bill has not emerged from Bill Drafting. Once it gets filed I will send out a notice. Use your connections that you have been making at your local level with your Legislators to let them know the Bill has been filed and that we would like their support. If the Legislator or their office needs more information about our Bill, contact Doc and myself, but be prepared to give a knowledgeable explanation of the Bill and why it is important.

Visit www.myfloridahouse.com and www.flsenate.gov to learn more about your legislators. On each legislators page you can see what committees they are on and what Bills they have introduced. Some of you will have your legislators that are sitting on very important committees that our Bill will have to travel through. Concentrate on getting their support and let them know our Bill is going to their committee.

We also need you to give your legislators good examples of how ABATE of Florida, Inc. has and will continue to use the Safety Awareness money in their district. We need to give it a personal meaning to the legislators about how the money is used to educate and save the lives of their friends, neighbors, and constituents. Let them know that since ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a volunteer organization that covers the whole State, the education and safety information reaches more people and makes a huge impact because it is our local Chapters members that are reaching out to their own community. So be ready with real examples of what your Chapter has done locally for safety awareness and education. Make it personal to the legislators!

Now is the time that your hard work of getting to know your legislators will pay off. We need you as leaders in your Chapter to focus your members on our legislative goals for this year.

Thank you for your help,

Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, State Legislative Trustee,
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Motorcycle Safety Foundation Compares Airplanes to Bikes [Video]

<http://www.autoevolution.com/news/motorcycle-safety-foundation-compares-airplanes-to-bikes-video-55732.html>

Riding a motorbike comes with some dangers, this goes without saying. A bike in good working condition, protective gear and proper training are however, some of the key elements which can reduce the risk of injuries or death.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) is an organization devoted to raising awareness among riders and which is deeply involved in safety training courses for all levels and categories of motorists.

Here's their latest video on motorcycle safety, a nifty comparison between airplanes and bikes, with fighter pilot and motorcyclist Major James Boddy of US Air Force. The parallel Major Boddy emphasizes is not at all an exaggeration, as both machines have their perks and dangers. By all means, it's far nicer to enjoy the first, while being smart enough to avoid the latter, ain't it so?



The HELP DESK with Uncle Grumpy

Dear Uncle Grumpy,
I've been dating a guy for a year, he comes for dinner every night, but we're not serious, now I think he's chasing other women. What should I do?

Annie E. - Lake Worth

Annie,
My dog's been chasing cars since he was a puppy, has never caught one, and wouldn't know what to do if ever did. And, like your guy, he's always home for dinner. Time to housebreak your man.

~

Dear Uncle Grumpy,
My pride and joy is a 1972 Shovel. We been everywhere together. I've replaced every gasket on her, but she still leaks oil. Any thoughts?

Frank M. - West Palm Beach

Frank,
Why did you waste all those new gaskets trying to "cure normal" ?

~

Dear Uncle Grumpy,
Based on your advice, my girlfriend went out and got her concealed weapons permit, and has found a new love for shooting. She's recently started to bring a loaded pistol to bed. Do you think there's a problem with that?

Jimbo D. - Greenacres

Jimbo,
It depends on which one of you falls asleep first.

Send your cards and letters to Uncle Grumpy in care of ABATE Palm Beach, or email Uncle Grumpy at writeunclegrumpy@gmail.com. If your question is selected, it will appear here with Uncle Grumpy valuable advice.

Sturgis Motorcycle Museum announces 2013 Hall of Fame inductees

February 28, 2013 News release

The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame is pleased to announce the 2013 inductees into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum Hall of Fame and the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame. The Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame is designed to recognize individuals or groups who have made a long term positive impact on the motorcycle community. The Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame recognizes the commitment and sacrifices individuals across the nation, and world, have made to protect the rights of motorcyclists. For 2013, the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame will honor one Freedom Fighter and induct five into the Sturgis Hall of Fame.

“Still” Ray Fitzgerald – Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame

“Still” Ray Fitzgerald first became involved in motorcyclist rights when he lived in Nevada. He was a charter member of the Nevada Association of Concerned Motorcyclists and worked through that organization to support candidates sympathetic to motorcycle causes. Later, when he moved to Arizona, Fitzgerald helped to successfully build a number of ABATE chapters in that state. He’s served as an officer of ABATE of Arizona, and was the Motorcycle Rights Foundation’s first Sustaining Motorcycle Club Representative. He has been awarded the MRF Presidents Silver Cup and the organization’s most prestigious award, the John “Farmer” Eggers award for efforts supporting the mission of the MRF. Ray serves as president of The Journeymen’s Motorcycle Club, and chairman of the Arizona Confederation of Clubs.

Russ Brown

Russ Brown has been involved in the motorcycle community for more than 35 years, championing motorcycle rights and serving as an attorney for motorcyclists. He created BAM, a free breakdown and legal assistance service for motorcyclists. BAM currently has close to two million members. The program is a volunteer effort in which members are available to assist each other in the event of a breakdown or other emergency roadside need. BAM is available to members and non-members 24-hours-a-day. Brown has spearheaded other efforts in the motorcycle world, too. His most recent effort is a new “Keep Me Alive, Don’t Text and Drive” campaign to encourage safe driving habits in an effort to keep motorcycle riders safe.

Rick Fairless

Rick spent 20 years in the paint industry working for the Glidden Paint Co. At 19 years old Rick started out in the downtown Dallas warehouse pulling paint orders. Through the years Rick worked his way up the ladder to store manager & then to the #1 sales rep in the country. But his real love was always riding & building custom motorcycles. So, he left a lucrative career and took a chance on opening his own motorcycle shop – an Easyriders franchise in Dallas. It was 1996, and Rick wanted his shop to be more than just a motorcycle shop – he wanted a destination for all motorcycle enthusiasts, regardless of what kind of motorcycle they rode or even if they rode a motorcycle at all, so he added Stokers Ice House Bar & Grill. In 2002, Easyriders ended its franchise program so Rick changed the name of his shop to Stokers Dallas. Since then, he’s added Stokers Ink, a tattoo and piercing parlor & RF Custom Parts. On weekends, Rick’s Stokers Dallas “Empire” will welcome between 1,000 and 2,000 people. Besides being a successful business owner, Rick is a master bike builder, columnist for two national magazines, hosts his own radio show, is a motivational speaker and a family man. Rick’s custom motorcycles have been featured in many magazines around the world & numerous television shows.

Bill Gikling (J.C. “Pappy” Hoel Outstanding Achievement Award)

Bill Gikling grew up in Rapid City and spent as much time as he could around motorcycles. He worked at

the local Honda dealership, and rode in all the local races, hill climbs and other events. In 1977, he scraped together enough money to purchase North West Sports – a Yamaha and Harley-Davidson dealership. For the next 20 years, he grew the dealership before splitting the Harley-Davidson and Yamaha Divisions into two separate dealerships. Over the years, Bill worked with Pappy Hoel to start the White Plate Flat Trackers and the original museum & Hall of Fame in Sturgis. He also worked with the Harley-Davidson Motor Company to get them more involved in the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Bill sold the Harley-Davidson stores in Rapid City and Sturgis in 2000, but still works with his son Todd at Black Hills Power Sports in Rapid City. He still loves to ride and participates in rides from Japan to Australia.

Marjoe Gortner

Marjoe Gortner probably did more than any other person in more than a decade to change the perception of motorcycling and to enhance the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally when he organized the 2000 television show called "Sturgis: The Great Ride." The show recorded a ride that began at Peter Fonda's ranch in Montana and ended at the Sturgis Buffalo Chip. It not only followed the ride, but also featured numerous other rally experiences including a one-of-a-kind daredevil jump by Robbie Knievel through the Chip's stage. The show was the very first motorcycle related show to be broadcast on a non-sports oriented channel when it debuted on the Travel Channel. It was broadcast repeatedly for three years and was the most watched show on the Travel Channel for more than two years. It was also only the beginning of television shows that brought the motorcycling experience to a wider audience than ever before. Marjoe has been involved in filmmaking, acting, television documentaries and charitable fundraising for many years.

Lonnie Isam, Sr.

Lonnie Isam, Sr. is a well-known expert in the history of antique American motorcycles and has bought, sold, collected and restored hundreds of them. His passion for performance Harley drag racing spans over 3 decades. He used his knowledge gained by racing to help bring the sport to what it is today. He started a motorcycle shop in Houston called Competition Motorcycles which became well known in the world of vintage motorcycles and performance drag racing. Lonnie traveled to the Black Hills and fell in love with the area, so he decided to move to Sturgis. He brought one of his manufacturing companies – Competition Distributing Inc. – specializing in design and manufacture of correct reproduction parts for pre-1936 Harley-Davidson and other early American motorcycles. This combination has resulted in thousands of customers all over the world. Lonnie has been committed to the growth of the community of Sturgis through his work with the Sturgis Economic Development Corporation, the Future Sturgis project and a downtown redevelopment committee.

The annual Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame Induction Breakfast is scheduled on Wednesday, August 7 at 9:00 a.m. at The Lodge at Deadwood in Deadwood, SD.

Breakfast tickets are available for a \$35.00 donation, tables of eight for \$300.00. Tickets can be purchased through the Museum at 605.347.2001 or on line at www.sturgismuseum.com/cart/

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Black Role in Motorcycle Culture Celebrated

Harley-Davidson's 110th Birthday by Alexis Taylor Special to the AFRO

In uniforms many thought them unfit to wear, some of the first men of color to bond over Harley-Davidson motorcycles were soldiers riding in the name of their country.

Some of the first Black bikers in post-war America were soldiers who were assigned to military police positions where they were responsible for monitoring the "colored" sections of segregated bases during World War II. They patrolled on bikes, officials said.

This year, as Harley-Davidson celebrates 110 years, the contributions of African Americans to biking culture are being recognized.

"Harley-Davidson has a shared history with African Americans in the motorcycling community and in American history, in general, that is really amazing," said John Commissiong, director of Harley-Davidson's marketing outreach. "We're seeing a lot more African Americans joining together and riding more bikes. We're also seeing more large-scale events targeted toward African-American bikers."

Founded in 1903 by William S. Harley, 23, and Arthur Davidson, 22, the first Harley-Davidson bike started as a detailed sketch of a bicycle frame with an engine. A few years later, Arthur Davidson's brother Walter joined the team. Within 20 years, the company that started in a Milwaukee, Wis., backyard shed grew to more than 2,000 dealers in 67 countries within 20 years, officials said.

One of those dealers was Baltimore resident William B. Johnson, who was also the first Black licensed racer. Though he would make a name for himself by winning "hill climb" races, because of racism in the early 1920s, Johnson was never publicly recognized.

Because African Americans were not allowed into the American Motorcyclist Association, the organization that hosted the events, Johnson was only allowed to join and enter the competitions after he and die-hard fans declared that he was an American Indian, according to Jim Babchak, who met Johnson in the late 1960s and honored his work in a 2009 edition of *American Iron Magazine*.

Tributes to Johnson, who died at age 95 in 1985, are displayed in Milwaukee at the Harley-Davidson Museum, where other notable African-American bikers are enshrined. One of the women who is recognized is Bessie Stringfield, who, in the 1930s and 1940s, made eight solo cross-country rides, choosing her destinations by tossing a penny onto a map.

In the 1950s, Stringfield became a nurse in Miami. She founded the Iron Horse Motorcycle Club, serving as the only female in a unit of civilian couriers carrying U.S. Army documents to military installations.

"She really put female riders on the map, especially for the time frame she was riding all across the country," said Sabrina Johnson, 48, a founding member of the Karamel Divaz Motorcycle Club, a Southern Maryland female biker group founded in 2005.

Johnson said she was introduced to motorcycles at a young age by her father, but was told it was too dangerous for a teenager. She didn't get involved in riding until the mid-1990s.

"You didn't see that many women riding in the early to mid-90s," she said. "You would see one or two, but it wasn't like it is now. In this area, there are a lot of female riders and more females are getting into Harley-Davidson motorcycles."

Today, the Karamel Divaz includes 16 active members aged 30 to 52, Johnson said.

“Half of us are married. We have a few who are single with no kids, and a couple of our ladies are grandmothers,” she said. “Milestones are a big deal to the club and we celebrate. We’re there for each other.”

Johnson said the best part of owning her Harley-Davidson Street Glide, which she purchased eight years ago, is the adrenaline rush she gets from the long-distance rides. Her longest jaunt was from Maryland to Florida.

“There was a time when only White people would have Harley motorcycles,” she said. “Blacks would have the Yamahas and the Suzukis. They weren’t into Harley-Davidson the way they are now. Now, everyone has them. It symbolizes the United States of America.”

The museum opened in 2008 and is home to 500 motorcycles from every decade since Harley-Davidson’s beginning, including early racing bikes, bikes used by U.S. Army mail couriers and police motorcycles.

In 1969, movie fanatics flocked to theatres to see Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper in the film “Easy Rider.” They meandered through the Southwest en route to Florida atop Harley-Davidson choppers known as “Captain America” and “Billy Bike,” respectively. Both bikes were designed by Blacks—Benjamin F. Hardy, Sr. and Cliff Vaughns, officials said.

“There’s a lot of history in Black motorcycle clubs,” said Robert Smith, 69, vice president of the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Maryland, named after the U.S. 10th Cavalry Regiment of Black soldiers that was formed after the Civil War.

“We ride in honor of the Buffalo Soldiers,” he said. “We keep their name alive and when we go to schools and churches and we give them the history.”

The Maryland section of the club began in 1995, an offshoot of the original Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Chicago, which began in 1993. The club continued to introduce new chapters across America until 1999, when the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers & Troopers Motorcycle Club was created with seven chapters from California to Virginia.

Smith, like many others, said that fellowship is the key reason he joined a motorcycle club.

“It has made me appreciate motorcycling a lot more,” he said. “We don’t portray that biker-gangster mentality. It has a lot of honor to it.”

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Two local ABATE Chapters have campgrounds for this event

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CONGRESS TO CONSIDER BARRING E15 ETHANOL GAS

Legislation has been introduced in the U.S. Senate to overturn EPA approval of the sale of E15 gasoline. Calling the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's actions to allow the 15% ethanol blend "irresponsible" and "unfair to consumers," U.S. Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS) and Sen. David Vitter (R-LA) filed a bill on Valentine's Day, February 14th that would reverse EPA waivers allowing E15 to be sold to the public for use in most modern cars and light-duty trucks.

"Whether you drive a car, truck, boat, or tractor, misfueling with E15 could result in engine failure, increased emissions, and the voiding of warranty coverage," Vitter said in announcing S. 344.

"EPA's flawed waivers allowing E15 amount to government bureaucrats issuing short-sighted regulations that negatively impact families and businesses across the country," added Wicker, a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

No motorcycles or ATVs are approved to use E15, and manufacturers warn that its use could damage engines and void warranties.

In related news, in an effort to prevent consumers from inadvertently misfueling non-approved vehicles with E15, the EPA has announced a new requirement for gas stations that sell E15 to provide a separate E10/E0 pump. Retailers would be required to have a label on pumps that dispense multiple fuel blends of E15-and-higher that reads: "Passenger Vehicles Only. Use in Other Vehicles, Engines and Equipment May Violate Federal Law," and to post signs that indicate the location of the dedicated E10-or-lower fuel pump.

MIC OPPOSES MINIMUM NOISE LEVELS FOR ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES

The Motorcycle Industry Council announced its opposition to a proposed rule by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that would require electric motorcycles to emit a minimum sound to protect pedestrians.

The MIC recently submitted comments opposing NHTSA's published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for FMVSS No. 141, Minimum Sound Requirements for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles, which would set minimum sound requirements for hybrid and electric vehicles, including but not limited to, motorcycles. Pursuant to the Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Act in 2010, FMVSS No. 141 is designed to ensure that blind, visually impaired and other pedestrians are able to detect nearby hybrid and electric vehicles in a range of ambient environments.

In the MIC's comments, the motorcycle industry group argued that because of the unique attributes of motorcycles, NHTSA should not need to require a minimum sound for them. The MIC says that motorcycle riders are better able to see and avoid pedestrians because their sight is unobstructed, and motorcyclists are more alert because of their vulnerability. The MIC also stated that electric motorcycles are not quiet, so they shouldn't need to be subject to minimum sound requirements.

The MIC stated further that adding a speaker system to electric motorcycles to emit sounds would be an issue because motorcycles have less space to add such a system, the weight of the system would have a large effect on the motorcycle's low-speed stability, energy consumption of the speaker system would have a greater impact on a motorcycle's range and the price of installing the system would be higher than with automobiles.

NHTSA is seeking comments on minimum sound requirements through March 15, and details can be found at www.federalregister.gov.

BIKERS PUSH FOR ANTI-PROFILING BILL IN ARIZONA

A hearing room filled with patch-wearing motorcycle club members broke out in cheers on February 6 as an Arizona Senate public safety committee voted to approve a bill requiring police to take training highlighting a ban on profiling of motorcyclists by law enforcement officers.

Senator Judy Burges (R-Sun City) sponsored the anti-profiling bill to address complaints from motorcycle club members who say they're frequently stopped by police for no legitimate reason.

The bill would require the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (known as AzPOST) to include courses emphasizing the prohibition against stopping a biker for riding or wearing club colors, or questioning or searching them based only on those factors.

Rick Rodriguez of Glendale, a member of the ALMA Motorcycle Club, said that harassment of patch-wearing bikers by police is rampant. "It's not illegal to be an Elk, it's not illegal to be an Eagle, it's not illegal to be a Shriner, a Knight of Columbus," he told the Associated Press. "We wear collective marks, we ride motorcycles, that's what we like to do. I understand the average Joe citizen doesn't feel our plight. But when they get done with bikers, who are they going to pick on next?"

Although the measure passed 4-0, with three Democratic members absent, committee chairman Sen. Chester Crandell cautioned the jubilant crowd that the bill still has a long way to go before it becomes law and needs major changes.

TEXAS BIKERS LOBBY FOR CRASH PREVENTION ACT

Suits and leather jackets rubbed shoulders in the Capitol's corridors in Austin, Texas on Monday, January 28, as the two disparate groups share a concern over education funding; while the state's universities lobbied lawmakers over the General Appropriations bill's impact on higher education, motorcycle associations are concerned that funds allocated last session to the Texas Department of Public Safety are not being used effectively to support road safety and thereby costing taxpayers.

More money is needed for motorcycle training and to educate the public about sharing the road with riders, said Terri Williams, a spokesperson for the Texas Motorcycle Rights Association (TMRA2) and on behalf of the Texas Confederation of Clubs and Independents. Texas' "Share the Road" campaign isn't long enough, only lasting the month of May, while states with yearlong programs have fewer accidents, which saves taxpayers money.

The motorcycle groups are asking state lawmakers to pass the Motorcycle Crash Prevention Act, a new bill aimed at lowering the number of motorcycle accidents across Texas by providing additional funding to expand Texas' "Share the Road" program -- a public service campaign intended to make drivers more aware of motorcycles on the road -- and if the proposed bill becomes law, it would also fund more training for riders.

OHIO MODIFIES HANDLEBAR HEIGHT LAW

Ohio has modified its handlebar height law using language amended into S.B. 114 to change the limit from 15 inches above the lowest point of the saddle to no higher than shoulder height of the operator when seated in the operator's seat or saddle.

The bill also changes the definition of a motorcycle by creating a "cab-enclosed motorcycle" classification for two- or three-wheeled vehicles having an occupant compartment top that is either permanent or removable. The bill was signed into law by Governor John Kasich on December 19, 2012 and changes take effect March 19, 2013.

CALIFORNIA OFFICIALS UNVEIL LANE-SHARING RULES

About 87% of California motorcycle riders reportedly slide between cars on crowded roadways -- while only half of car drivers know it's legal and 7% admit they've tried to block them -- which is why the California Highway Patrol is now providing guidance to safely maneuver the white lines.

California is the only state in the country where so-called "lane-splitting" or "lane-sharing" isn't illegal, but state authorities have never, until now, told motorcyclists how to weave between traffic safely.

The new rules, which the CHP posted on their website after consulting with other state agencies and motorcycle-rider groups as part of the California Motorcyclist Safety Program which trains new riders in the state, apply to city streets, highways and freeways across the Golden State.

"Basically, what we're most interested in is the speeds," said Sgt. Mark Pope, statewide motorcycle safety coordinator for the CHP. "You should lane-split no faster than 10 mph over the speed of traffic around you, and we recommend riders not split at all if the traffic is faster than 30 mph."

CHP officers have always had the legal authority to ticket motorcyclists who were driving dangerously fast, Pope said, but the new rules are designed to provide specifics.

The new written guidelines, which carry no legal weight, can be found at <http://bit.ly/XxlRjB>

NEW MOTORCYCLE SALES REV UP

Motorcycle sales in the United States revved up in 2012, rising a healthy 2.6% over 2011, according to a report released by the Motorcycle Industry Council. Better yet, the trade group said, retail activity was up in all four motorcycle "segments" -- the first time that has happened since 2002 -- with increases in scooter, dual-purpose, off-road and on-highway motorcycle sales.

Scooter sales rose the most, at 7.7%, with dual-purpose motorcycles following closely at 7.4%. Sales of dirt bikes rose 2.1%, while those of on-highway bikes, which make up by far the largest segment in terms of overall numbers, went up the least, at 1.8%.

The numbers were in line with expectations, as the MIC reported in December that for the first time since the market softened in 2006 and then crashed in 2008, it anticipated reporting an increase in sales figures.

Just over 1.1 million motorcycles were sold in 2006, and fewer than half that many in 2011 with 452,386 total new units sold in the U.S.

JAPANESE MOTORCYCLE EXPORTS TO U.S. FLATTEN FOLLOWING DRAMATIC RISE

Japanese manufacturers in 2012 exported 166,601 motorcycles to the United States, an increase of 1% compared to 2011, following a dramatic 87% increase in 2011 after the OEMs exported only 88,074 motorcycles to the country in 2010.

These figures come courtesy of the searchable database of the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association. They pertain to the Big Four: Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki and Yamaha.

JAMA reports that exports worldwide in 2012 decreased 5% to 479,163 after last year's upturn.

USED BIKE MARKET EXPERIENCES UPTURN

Used motorcycle sales have heated up, sparking optimism at dealerships where trade-ins have become more valuable.

As the economy has improved, even if it's been marginal, more people have decided to go ahead and buy a motorcycle. And if they can't afford a new bike, it could be a used one.

Used motorcycle prices have recovered meaningfully since 2008, rising to a level that supports a healthy demand for new bikes as well, according to a recent survey from Robert W. Baird & Co.

Used Harley prices were up 7% from a year ago and remain well above the low points found in the recession, said Baird analyst Craig Kennison who analyzed motorcycle sales data from the National Automobile Dealers Association. "If the demand for used motorcycles picks up, it usually suggests the demand for new bikes will go up as well," Kennison said.

2013 NCOM CONVENTION IN RENO

The 28th annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 9-12, 2013 at the Silver Legacy Resort-Casino located at 407 N. Virginia St. in Reno, Nevada.

This annual gathering will draw bikers' rights activists from across the country to discuss topics of concern to all riders, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$95 by calling [\(800\) 687-8733](tel:8006878733).

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$80 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$45 for the Convention only. All motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Meetings, seminars and group discussions will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and Freedom of the Road.

To pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at [\(800\) 525-5355](tel:8005255355) or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

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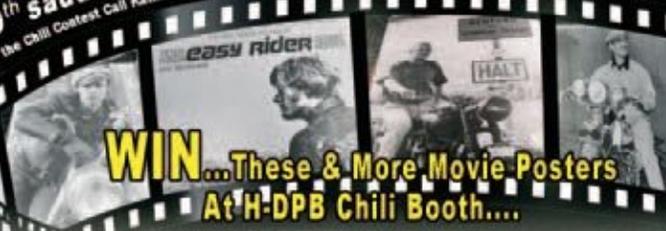
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4. Watch for minimum tread depth this can vary from manufacture to manufacture do not go below 1/32 in tread depth as per Dunlap tires. With the lower tire depth this will deteriorate handling in wet conditions.

5. New tires need to be broken in or scuffed to remove the nipples and the glazing of new rubber from manufacturing this will affect the handling and cornering. Do not entertain abrupt leaning or cornering until approximately 100 miles are on your new tires.

6. NEVER USE RECAP TIRES for obvious reasons.

7. Inspect all tires and rims: Tires for cuts, nails, screws etc. Rims that are bent and for broke or loose spokes and wheel alignment this will affect handling.

8. Whitewall bluing on new tires - get it off! When this gets wet it becomes slippery and this can come off in large pieces and get caught between the rotors and brake pads greatly reducing or eliminating braking altogether.

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Army National Guard Sponsors AMA Pro Racing

Courtesy of AMA Pro Racing Tuesday, February 05, 2013

AMA Pro Racing and the Army National Guard have extended their partnership through the 2013 season, officials announced today. The agreement marks the fifth consecutive year that the Army National Guard will hold exclusive category rights as the Official Department of Defense Branch of GEICO Motorcycle AMA Pro Road Racing and title sponsor of the Series' premier class, AMA Pro National Guard SuperBike.

"We are extremely proud of our relationship with the Army National Guard," said Michael Gentry, Chief Operating Officer of AMA Pro Racing. "The combination of our strong American brands gives AMA Pro Racing and our competitors the opportunity to proudly represent the red, white and blue and show our support for the men and women that serve our country. For that, we are very thankful."

From many standpoints, the partnership between the Army National Guard and AMA Pro Racing has been successful and endearing for both sides. Dating back to 2009, the two have maintained a steady increase in marketing and promotional activations in and around GEICO Motorcycle AMA Pro Road Racing events. Race fans in attendance are continuously exposed to the intense on-track action of motorcycle road racing alongside engaging outreach and recruitment efforts from the Army National Guard.

The 2012 GEICO Motorcycle AMA Pro Road Racing Season also proved to be successful for Roger Hayden and the National Guard/Michael Jordan Motorsports crew. At the season's penultimate round, fans witnessed Hayden clinch his first career AMA Pro National Guard SuperBike win in dramatic fashion aboard a National Guard-themed **Suzuki GSX-R1000** painted in beautiful red, white and blue. The Kentucky native capitalized on his pole-position start to run away from the field and win by over five seconds at **Homestead-Miami Speedway**.

Hayden and the rest of the GEICO Motorcycle AMA Pro Road Racing riders will be looking for glory again soon. The 2013 season will kick off next month with the historic Daytona 200 Week, scheduled for March 14-16, 2013 at Daytona International Speedway. Please visit www.nationalguard.com for more information on the National Guard

ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

February 17th, 2013

The Chapter President called the meeting 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 twenty five members in addition to fifteen guests present.

President Ed “Nighthawk” Lattari – The President thanked everyone who made the run to the State Meeting in Palm Bay, and also thanked the members of the LAMA M/C for attending the Chapter meeting. Nighthawk recounted the giving of the \$1000.00 check to ABATE of Florida, Inc. at the Palm Bay State Meeting. Bike Week camping at the ABATE campground was discussed.

Vice President Dan “Slo-Motion” Henderson – Slo-Motion also discussed Bike Week camping, and urged all in attendance at the meeting to stay at the ABATE campground. A short period of questions and answers followed. The Chapter received a plaque, from the United Bikers Council of Palm Beach County, for its efforts regarding the “Toys in the Sun” toy run. The April, 2013, ride to Tallahassee was outlined for the Chapter.

Secretary Charles “CB” Barcellona - CB thanked the Chapter for making the monies for the \$1000.00 donation to ABATE of Florida, Inc. possible, though all their hard work and dedication to ABATE.

Treasurer Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger – Foxybabe presented a report on the financial status of the Chapter. The Chapter is financially sound.

Membership Trustee Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger – no report given

Sgt-at-Arms Pete “Petee” Carroll – Petee informed the Chapter about upcoming local rides and events.

Safety Trustee Charlie “Niblick” Wenger – Niblick discussed the importance of tire safety, pictures in case of an accident, and reflective tape applied to the chapter patch on the back of vests.

Newsletter Trustee Dan “Slo-Motion Henderson – Slo-Motion announced that The Chrome Chronicles has met its limit of 40 pages. Several local advertisers were discussed, including the possibility of a legal firm advertising in The Chrome Chronicles. Slo-Motion reminded everyone that the mailing fee remained at \$18/annually, even though postage rates have gone up slightly.

Legislative Trustee Dan “Slo-Motion” Henderson – The “stiffer penalties” bill will probably be renamed as the “Distracted Driving” bill with hopes of passage in 2013. There is talk of renewing mandatory helmet use. There is also a bill to eliminate ape hanger size restrictions.

State Delegate Dan “Slo-Motion” Henderson – no further report

Product Trustee Pro Tem Lisa “Pookie” Miller – Pookie made an announcement about new shirts, and gave a brief product availability presentation.

Webmaster Dan “Slo-Motion” Henderson – the Chapter's website will have more updates coming, and additional pictures are also on the way

Old Business – The Chapter's June 22nd, 2013 event is being worked on, with various venues being explored

New Business – The procurement of a banner for identification of the Chapter at the Bike Week campground was discussed. Nighthawk informed the Chapter that nominations for Chapter Board of Directors will begin in March, 2013, and that elections are held in June, 2013. CB, acting as Elections Supervisor, further explained the nomination and election procedures. Slo-Motion asked the Chapter to inform him if they had any contacts with the press or other media. A motion to donate the Chapter's share of the Feb, 2012 meeting's 50/50 drawing to VFW Post 4143 was unanimously passed.

Good of the Order – Various local events and rides were presented and discussed. Several Celebrations of Life were announced. Niblick announced that there were petitions to sign on the ABATE State website. Chapter member Jan won the 50/50 and donated all but a small portion to the VFW Post 4143.

A motion to adjourn the meeting carried, the President's gavel was resoundingly struck, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:45PM.

This concludes the minutes of the February 17th, 2013 meeting of ABATE Palm Beach Chapter.



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- To** provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.
- To** promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.
- To** promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.
- To** educate the public about motorcycle awareness.