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Motorcycle-riding Easter Bunny encounters CHP on the freeway

LA MESA, Calif. -- And there he was: the Easter Bunny riding a shiny red motorcycle westbound on Interstate 8 along this San Diego suburb. California Highway Patrol Officer Adam Griffiths spotted the bunny on Saturday.

White furry suit: good. Pink ears: good. Floppy white feet: good. White gloves: good. No helmet: not good.

Griffiths flicked on his red light and ordered the motorcycle rider to pull over. The bunny had an explanation: I'm on my way to an Easter charitable event and this is my costume, he said.

Griffiths nodded. Charitable event? OK. A warning this time, no ticket. But next time, wear a helmet and make sure your vision is not obstructed by your costume. Obstructed vision is dangerous on a freeway.

"If you ride a motorcycle, you have to be aware of your total surroundings," explained CHP spokesman Brian Pennings.

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-easter-bunny-meets-chp-20130331,0,3526360.story>

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OUR GOALS

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

To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms.

To motivate the bikers to write letters to legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.

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

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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.

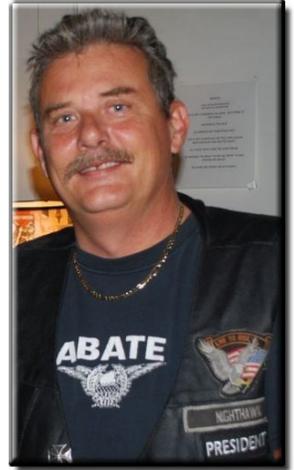
At the state level we have a paid registered lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital in Tallahassee to lobby our legislators on the issues concerning the motorcycling public in Florida. He also finds reliable House and Senate sponsors for the bills we support. On the national level we are aligned 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"

Well another Leesburg Bikefest has come and gone. Once again a fun time was had by all that stayed and partied at the Lake County chapter ABATE campground. Each year it seems to get a little better. If you missed out this year, start planning on attending next year! Once again I got to say, Leesburg was more fun than Daytona! There's a better party at the campground with a great Tiki bar with live bands playing each night. The city of Leesburg is much more biker friendly and welcoming. You don't see the cops in Leesburg on every corner of Main Street doling out tickets to raise revenue like you see in Daytona. I hope we can get an even bigger group to camp together. The bigger the group the more fun we have. We made a group ride around the Ocala National Forest Saturday. It's one of the most scenic places in Florida to ride. I'd like to thank C.B. for leading the ride up to Leesburg, Elizabeth, Zim, Rory, Snooze, Phil, Data, Wildman and Cici, Okee Rich to name a few, for coming out.



On Saturday May 11th we will be making a group ride to the Bok Tower and Gardens. Truly one of Florida's treasures. This will be a one day event leaving in the morning and returning that evening. If you've been there before, I know you'll make the ride. If you've never been there or heard of it you will find it to be a very unique experience.

In last month's Presidents message I announced our Freedom Rights Rally to be held in June at Renegades. Due to a date conflict our event will be held on **JUNE 29th** so make sure you plan to attend and helping out if you can.

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

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

May 11 Saturday GROUP FUN RIDE Bok Tower and Gardens Lake Wales. This is one's just for fun

May 18 Saturday GROUP FUN RIDE US Military Vets MC PB Annual

May 19 Sunday Chapter Meeting ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting 11:30 AM

May 19 GROUP FUN RIDE Rock and Roll Sunday presented by Nam Knights MC (following our regular chapter meeting)

May 26 Sunday GROUP FUN RIDE ABATE SE Chapter Memorial Day Event

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This month the column features a conversation that Charlie W. had with someone, reprinted as he sent to me. Also I included a letter to an article online from Georgia ABATE to see what they have been doing. *Slo Motion*

Dear Mr Wenger

I was reading your web site Abate interesting how you want car drivers to be careful regarding motor bikes say how about the motor bikes being just as careful around cars.

For instance this has happened to me on Florida 95 & Turnpike. Cars in left lane and center or center and right lane motorcycles ride in between the lanes all the time and they want beat the traffic not a safe way to ride. Next one they do is ride in the HOV lane on 95, that is meant for cars not motor bikes where is the respect form your motor bike riders?.

You say helmets do not have to be worn if 21 and you have \$10k insurance? Don't you think safety is more important than \$\$\$ and the age. The last one is talking on the cell phones forget about the autos, trucks and others but one handed motorcycles wow what a trick.

It's bad enough the Florida MV laws are horrible but now you advocate we should watch out for motorcycle we should watch out for all cars and motorcycles as well. Oh one other I know cars never signal to change a lane or make a turn how about the motorcycle rider who cuts in and out of traffic he can't signal to busy maneuvering his bike in and out to get around traffic.
Sincerely, A.L.

Mr L:

You do not have to tell me what is going on in the streets I also own several cars as I was a professional Driver for 36 yrs with No Accident (CDL-class A) the last ticket I did get was back in 1995 in a 4 wheeler. My life changed forever back in 2008, a Car ran a Red Light, the driver was either on the cell phone or looking for it. I was the 3rd or 4th vehicle through the intersection on a green arrow on my bike in broad day light. I was broad sided, injuries include loss of leg, fracture back as well as other and I had a helmet on as well. Let's put it this way The Doctors who put me back together said I should have never made it but I fooled them I am still here. What protection does a motorcyclist have against Car, Truck, guard rails, roadway? The skin that you and I are born with I am not trying to be a smart a*^ about it but it is the truth.

When a Biker rides between lanes I agree with you it should not happen this is a death wish. I am betting that they were Sport bikes I have seen it also and 95% of the time it is our young riders. That is why ABATE is about Biker Safety which teaches the new rider that he has to be more aware of their surroundings.

HOV lanes- Motorcycles are permitted by federal law to use HOV lanes, even with only one passenger. The rationale behind allowing motorcycles to use HOV lanes is that it is safer to keep two-wheeled vehicles moving than to have them traveling in start-and-stop traffic

conditions. States can choose to override this provision of federal law, if they determine that overall auto and motorcycle safety is at greater risk.

Helmets- My wife and I wear them at all times this is where ABATE comes in, we do not tell you have to wear or not helmets if you are 21 and have 10k in insurance the Law states you do not have to wear a helmet. We are about Biker Rights and Biker Safety - it is not up to the Government to tell you what to do it is about a matter of choice as you may know we the People are the Government at all levels.

Cell phones- A law was passed this week for all texting and reading text while driving is now a secondary offense and a \$30.00 fine. This is how the seatbelt Law came about. It was a Secondary offence first. I have seen this also a biker using a cell phone while riding this does not make any safety sense at all and does not make any safe rider happy. A truck Driver or Bus driver if caught on the cell while driving is a \$2,700 dollar fine plus points on license

Yes I advocate for you to watch out for Motorcycles, Mopeds and Motorized Scooters. An average price of a new car is \$31,00 dollars plus insurance . Most of our kids that are in the work force cannot afford a car unless the parents can afford to buy them one. So what is happening is that these kids are going out and buying Motorcycles, Mopeds and Motorized Scooters to get from point A to point B. This is due to the cost of the owning a vehicle and operation with payments, gas and insurance if they have any at all. The State of Florida has Driver education as an elective and it is up to each school to decide if they want Driver Education in the Schools. This is where we should be teaching the Safety and Awareness of all vehicle around them and it is not being done along with the Parents.

Signals- I use both and now you are asking what is Both the turn signals on the bike and hand signals. Hand signal I have seen are used more in the North 48 then here what these guys or gals are doing is putting their own life in there own hand by not using signals of any kind , again Education is need.

How would you feel if you were not paying attention to your driving and you ran over a motorcyclist maiming or killing them who may be a friend, neighbor or a family member. I have yet to see that a biker ran over a car, truck etc and the Biker survived and the driver of the vehicle died. It may have happen but to my knowledge at this time I have not heard of it.

Thanks

Charlie Wenger

Safety Director ABATE of Florida Inc.

Dear Mr Wenger

I certainly agree with you on most of these points safety is the issue for all. But come on not to wear a helmet because you have the INSURANCE & your 21 or older what a law to me it means your old enough not to wear protection and you have the money to put your head back.

Your correct mostly young people ride in between cars but there hair is very grey and the beards are also grey so they must be overly aged?.

You talk about the protection the motorcycle driver has only skin so he or she should have as much protection they can wear like long pants and boots, that's what is worn in most states certainly helmets all the time ask the actor Gary Busey.

I was not aware the HOV was ok for the bikers as well thanks for the info. But they certainly ride quite fast and cut in and out and it's not only young ones but the older riders as well.

When I see a bunch of bikers on the Fla roads they will ride 2 -3 abreast & if slower you can't pass because there are more in front or in the back of them. So I agree it's mostly the younger ones on these fancy racing bikes the older people do the same but not as much.

To me safety is for all cell phone talking while drive should not be allowed at all that goes for all drivers and believe me the truckers are always on as well as the car drivers but what gets me is the Law Enforcement does the same and they speed as much.

Well appreciate your reply be safe and have fun but not at someone else's expense.

Sincerely

A.L.

Motorcycle letter was alarming

April 03, 2013 I recently came across a letter to the editor you posted on your website (“Chief open to motorcycle noise concerns,” by Don Scott, March 21). The tone of this letter is quite frankly dangerous, and I question your journalistic integrity for printing something so blatantly biased and quite frankly divisive. While I am sure the Prius-driving wine crowd must find motorcycle exhaust terribly disturbing when taking in their morning rituals, I strongly suggest that they pause in their insult for a second and consider that motorcycles have exhaust which are by default louder than that of a car for a very valid reason. Car drivers routinely prove themselves time and time again to be so self absorbed in their cell phones, in car entertainment systems, coffee cups and of course who can forget children in the back seat, that they are very often blind to the motorcycles around them on the road. It is for this reason that most motorcyclists choose a motorcycle with an exhaust note that asks for the attention of the automobile drivers around them.

Furthermore, while I am not certain about your local wildlife, I invite yourselves to come visit Georgia sometime where I welcome you to join me for an evening ride on any of our lovely two-lane roads that border either our hallmark river, the Chattahoochee, or Lake Lanier. These bodies of water both have one thing in common: an over-abundance of deer that love to do nothing more than stand in or cross at a moment’s notice the road occupied usually by motorcyclists in these uniquely dangerous moments. In these cases that very same exhaust which your readers claim is “loud for no reason other than to disturb the peace,” an idea you appear to promote, is literally the ONLY thing that often saves that motorcyclist’s life.

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. I pray you choose to show a little more deference to those on two wheels around you than you did this case.

Ned Williams

State Director, ABATE of Georgia

Editor’s note: Of course, letters to the editor don’t necessarily reflect the opinion of The Weekly Calistogan. While Williams’ characterization of Scott’s letter as “dangerous” and “divisive” is debatable, it’s perfectly acceptable for letters to the editor and other items appearing on the opinion page to be “biased.”

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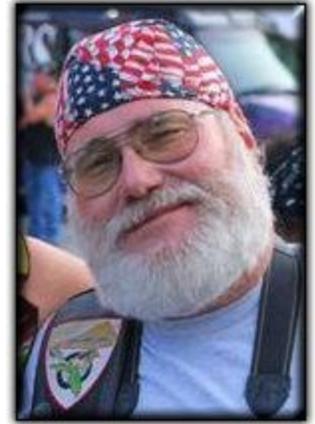
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Vice President's Message - Slo Motion



I want to thank Foxybabe Debbie for covering as delegate at State meeting since my work would not let me go to Tallahassee. Charlie and Debbie Wenger joined Snooze in the visits to our representative and meeting their assistants. While Charlie gone someone had to man the booth at Palm Beach Harley's Chili Cook Off. =CB= and I arrived about the same time and set up the booth. While I was old get photos and visited everyone =CB= manned the booth. I spent several short periods there too. Tomcat, Nighthawk and Wildman took turns. Petee was there with us to help break down..

This gave me the theme of this month's message—TEAMWORK! It is so great that we do have people to help step up when there is need like these cases. I know that so many members have full plates but it is great to see them give a hand when they can. I really do appreciate when Data submits a article, always well done. With elections nominations keeping the same board it was good that after the meeting several people came forward to put their hats in the running for the one open trustee of PR/ Communications. Regardless of who may win the elections it would be great for those people to work together as a team to do the job. All board positions would benefit with a team approach to help prevent burn-out and prepare for the future. I know Charlie would welcome help with the safety program and booths while I do need help with legislative matters. All members should be helping membership, newsletter advertisements, and promoting our cause to the public.

The June meeting is in Cape Coral, a short 3 hour ride that would be a great ride event for our chapter to have a good showing. State meeting are always fun and great t meet members form other chapters.

Another great event for us to attend as a chapter would be the Polk County Chapter's Rodeo May 25. I know we have the Southeast Chapter Rally on the 26th down at Café 27. What I am thinking is riding up to Lakeland on Saturday, 3 hour ride from Delray in time for the start. After it ends I think about riding back and stopping in Sebring at the Sunrise Motel that is a decent price. Sunday would ride the rest of 3 hours down to Café 27 in time for that. One of one newest members, Herb "Metalflake" is up to attend the Rodeo. Maybe if we can get Bears Brad to go to with some others we can have a Chapter Team showing how things are done in Palm Beach County. Any interest?

Now on a personal note, many of you know that I have lost my condo, not breaking my heart., luckily my Mother's house has sold so as soon as I get the money I will be moving a short distance in Delray to a villa so Smiley will have a garage! I thank many of you for offering to help me move with trucks and man power. If I do not have your number call or text me 561-702-9929, leave name so I can reach you when have a firm date - especially Brit Bike Mike. I will need some muscle. There is some work to be done and I would rather hire my brothers for it. I know I will have to replace the garage door and opener. Might need a little electrical work and have someone in mind to build some custom DVD shelves. I have sold the appliances but will have some furniture that will need a new home as much is included plus some I have might not need—some will be free for the taking. See next page for some of the furniture that will be available and thanks to my brothers and sisters for their aid with all this move and settlement.

Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson


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FURNITURE MUST GO, NEEDS HOME

I was able to sell my appliances. With some items included in my new house and some from the old condo not needed I have the following that need a home.



I will not be needing this bed room set as similar to what I have. Keeping mattress but rest for sale unless my unit



doesn't fit then it will be for sale. But that is a great wood piece I hope to keep as really do like it better.



To left is a a futon for sale as I like the living room furniture left there.



The chair to right is very comfortable but don't think have room for it The love seat is nice but could use covering so free if anyone can use it. Same with

the table and chairs and the entertainment center.

I hope to keep the day bed in the second bedroom as my office but if not enough room.....

Call Dan if interest in anything 561-702-9929

The Cat is NOT available!!!



MAY IS MOTORCYCLE MONTH



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Florida's growing population and popularity with motorcycle enthusiasts make motorcycle safety an important issue; and

WHEREAS, May 2013 is being commemorated as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an important form of transportation for commuting, touring, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, more than a million drivers in Florida have a motorcycle endorsement on their drivers license; and

WHEREAS, 451 motorcyclists and their passengers lost their lives in fatal crashes on Florida's roadways in 2011; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles can easily be hidden in traffic, therefore it is important to search the traffic around you and always expect to see motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, to prevent injuries and deaths on Florida's roadways, motorcyclists and motorists must be vigilant in their efforts to share the road and ensure the safety of everyone;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2013 as *Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 22nd day of April, in the year two thousand thirteen.

Governor



DELEGATE REPORT

“Snooze” Ken Gerecke

Due to FCAT testing at my school was not able to go to Tallahassee this year. Thanks to Charlie and Debbie Wenger for covering. I'm sure Debbie had to nudge Snooze to keep him awake. Debbie and Ken both said they were really touched by the Ride to the Capital, this is an event I believe EVERY member should experience. I had emailed all Palm Beach senators and representatives that we were coming and they got to visit with the assistants which is a great benefit for us. I hope to follow up locally after the sessions are over. The next state meeting is in June in Cape Coral, a nice ride across state. If you want to join us we welcome you, let us know.

Slo Motion is reporting what Ken and Deb told at BOD and Chapter meetings. Ken and Debbie reported that the State meeting was heavy about the Legislative sessions and I hope to have that covered in my legislative report. Two items I had not found data on until now are the bills of most concern to us. As of April 16 status of the Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving bills are: the Senate passed 36 to 0 while the House faintly passed in May 1 with amendments. While our Traffic Offenses bill SB1648 and HB1335, 03/08/2013 has been held in committees, Transportation and Highway Safety Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee, in both House and Senate by my research. So hope is faded for that again.

Other business discussed was the continued ways to get the sport bikers involved with ABATE and how can we get better involvement of our present members. Any suggestion or ideas can be taken to the next State meeting.



Ken wrote: The state meeting was held April 14 and hosted by the state office at Tallahassee. President Doc Fish announced the resignation of Jim Gladstone as the state vice president and appointed Emery Griffis as the interim V.P. There have also been a couple of chapter closings. The Big Bend and the Caloosahatchee chapters have closed due to problems within their chapters. Although the state lost money on the ABATE campground at Bikeweek in Daytona—just a few dollars—they did make money on the raffle tickets. The next state meeting will be held in Cape Coral Saturday June 8 and will be hosted by the Southwest chapter. ABATE of

Florida now has a full page ads in *Full Throttle* and in *Born to Ride* magazines. For those of you that missed out on the ride to the capital it was awesome! I highly recommend it to anyone who has not done this before so try to make it next year. By Ken “Snooze” Gerecke



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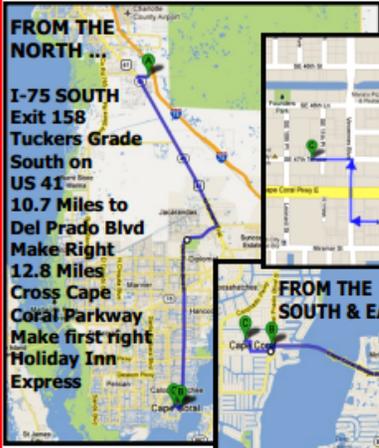
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FROM THE AMA.....

On May 6, U.S. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) will introduce the Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act. The bill will protect motorcyclists' rights and promote crash prevention as the most effective use of taxpayer money to save motorcyclists' lives. Sensenbrenner is currently seeking to add original cosponsors before the introduction of the bill.

The bill incorporates Sensenbrenner's legislation (H.R. 904) introduced in the previous Congress. H.R. 904 would prohibit the U.S. Department of Transportation from providing funds to state and local authorities for the purpose of creating motorcycle-only checkpoints.

However, this bill also contains language to force the DOT to focus motorcycle safety efforts on crash prevention programs.

The Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act amends Section 153 of Title 23, United States Code, by removing "motorcycle helmets." This change will prohibit the DOT from providing grants to a state to enforce helmet laws. It will also prohibit the DOT from interfering in state matters with federal funds.

For many years, the American Motorcyclist Association has strongly encouraged the voluntary use by adult riders of helmets certified by their manufacturers to meet the DOT standard as part of a comprehensive motorcycle safety program to help reduce injuries and fatalities in the event of a motorcycle crash.

However, helmet mandates do not prevent crashes. The AMA believes that comprehensive motorcycle safety programs must promote strategies that are designed to prevent motorcycle crashes from occurring in the first place. Current law states highway safety plans must prevent crashes and reduce injuries. The Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act would require highway safety plans to include programs that "prevent accidents in order to reduce injuries and deaths resulting from accidents involving motor vehicles and motorcycles" by amending Section 402 of Title 23, United States Code.

Historically, the enforcement of helmet mandates has siphoned away scarce funds from effective crash prevention programs such as rider education and motorist awareness.

This bill is critical to ending the discriminatory practice of MOCs and saving motorcyclists' lives. The motorcycling community needs you to contact your representative now to ask them to become an original cosponsor. Just follow the "Take Action" option to send a pre-written email directly to your representative.

To view the AMA's efforts to end motorcycle-only checkpoints, go to <http://capwiz.com/amacycle/utr/1/EYQGSZAJUK/AEQYSZAJZW/9479071421>.

Please join the AMA to help us fight to end motorcycle-only checkpoints. More members means more clout against our opponents, and your support will help the AMA fight for your rights – on the road, trail, racetrack, and in the halls of government.

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Protecting Legs and Feet When Motorcycle Riding is Critical, But Too Often Ignored

Surgical Advances Can Save Limbs, but Simple Preventive Steps to Protect Vulnerable Body Parts is Key

TARRYTOWN, N.Y., April 18, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Motorcycle ridership for both recreation and commuting has increased dramatically over the past couple of decades, bringing a corresponding upswing in accidents and injuries. Motorcycle-related injuries often involve the body's lower extremities, particularly the legs and feet, which are common and vulnerable points of impact.

An estimated 1,222,000 people were treated in U.S. emergency rooms for non-fatal motorcycle-related injuries between 2001 and 2008; 30 percent of these injuries affected the leg and foot. Lower extremity injuries are most often nonfatal, but can lead to lengthy and costly medical treatment and permanent disability.

"Motorcyclists in a single vehicle crash often skid or slam into a roadside guardrail with a direct leg impact that shatters bones, while collisions with other vehicles can throw a rider to the ground with the motorcycle crushing their leg," said R. Michael Koch, M.D., assistant professor of Surgery at New York Medical College, Chief of the Microsurgery and Replantation service at the Westchester Medical Center, and a surgeon with the New York Group for Plastic Surgery. "Helmets are critical to protect riders' heads, but legs and feet are also extremely vulnerable and require protective clothing to help reduce the severity of injury in an accident."

Advances in microsurgery enable surgeons to repair legs and feet injured in motorcycle accidents that would otherwise require amputation. Motorcycle rider April Curry experienced this situation when a car hit her sidelong on a local highway, sending her flying 15 feet through the air to land on a nearby lawn with a severely injured lower leg and foot. The surgical team was able to save her leg and foot: orthopedic surgeons replaced her shattered bones with hardware and Dr. Koch's team used a complex microsurgical procedure to transfer muscle, fat, skin and even an arterial blood supply from healthy areas of her body to rebuild and repair the injured limb.

"I underwent months of pain and hospitalizations, but I chose to try microsurgery because I wanted a chance at keeping my leg," said April. "I was incredibly fortunate that I not only have my leg but I'm walking again. I was wearing protective clothing, including long pants and boots, at the time of my motorcycle accident, so I hate to imagine an even worse outcome if my legs and feet weren't protected at all."

"The public health message that motorcyclists should wear helmets to protect against head injury is clearly out there, although it cannot be said often enough," said Dr. Koch. "But there is much less awareness for the need to wear long pants and knee-high boots that are durable enough to offer protection to bones and soft tissue like skin and muscle in a motorcycle accident. It's just as important for a passenger to be wearing the same protective gear as the motorcycle driver, since both are very exposed to the surrounding environment."

Dr. Koch offers tips to help motorcycle riders protect themselves on the road:

-- Wear long pants as the most effective way to shield legs, which are vulnerable in a motorcycle collision. Abrasion-resistant materials like leather or ballistic nylon are most effective. While denim is preferable to no coverage, the fabric is easily ripped and can actually get lodged in a wound.

-- Wear high, sturdy motorcycle boots to support ankles and give extra protection to your lower leg and foot.

-- Be sure your passenger is as well protected as you are with a helmet that meets safety standards, long pants and boots. Both driver and passenger should also wear a jacket made of leather or other protective fabric. Wearing just shorts, a tank top and sandals or sneakers is not safe for anyone on a motorcycle!

-- Many motorcycle enthusiasts prefer to wear black clothes, but black or camouflaged tones can make you much less visible to other drivers on the road. If you wear these colors, use a reflector strip to make yourself more noticeable.

-- Don't drink alcohol before or while riding a motorcycle. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2011, 29% of motorcycle drivers involved in fatal crashes had a blood alcohol level of .08 or above, a rate higher than for either passenger cars or trucks. As the driver of the most vulnerable vehicle on the road, a motorcyclist needs to keep his or her senses clear and alert to drive defensively.

-- Treatment at a medical center that has significant experience with severe motorcycle injuries is critical to better outcomes.

A patient or their family should feel comfortable asking the surgeons how many of these types of injuries they treat annually -- if the answer is in the single digits, ask to be transferred!

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Tips for motorcycle riders: Hit the road and ride responsibly

By (BPT) April 3, 2013

(BPT) - Freedom. The open road. There's nothing quite like the big sky ahead of you and feeling the rumble of your motorcycle. It's motorcycle season across the United States and Canada. Warm weather accompanied by clear roads means it's time to seek adventure, even if that means ditching your car for your daily commute to and from work.

But before heading out, motorcyclists should take heed, because in our automobile and truck-dominated society the odds are not on the side of motorcyclists, according to FindLaw.com, the nation's leading website for free legal information. Motorcycle operators account for about 2 percent of the vehicles on the road, but account for 14 percent of all road traffic deaths, according to the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety.

"For freedom of the road, motorcyclists take on greater risks," says Timothy D. McMahon, a personal injury attorney who specializes in motorcycle cases for the San Jose law firm, Corsiglia McMahon & Allard.

"But you can reduce your risks by doing four simple things," says McMahon. "Make sure you're properly insured, wear a helmet, make sure your bike is in good working condition and keep learning, so you are always improving your riding skills."

Here are some additional tips for motorcycle operators and their passengers from FindLaw.com:

Drive defensively: Regardless of how long you've been riding, always ride defensively, especially when approaching intersections, where, according to Allstate Insurance, 46 percent of all motorcycle crashes occur. On the highway or in the city, avoid an automobile or truck's blind spot. Ride with your lights on. Use hand signals in addition to your lights. Avoid swerving in and out of traffic, and put some space between you and other riders on group rides.

Wear your helmet: If you want to enjoy riding for a very long time, wear a U.S. Department of Transportation-certified helmet. Next to your bike, your helmet is a rider's most important piece of equipment. Know the helmet laws in your state and the states to which you're traveling. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 19 states and the District of Columbia require helmets to be worn by the motorcycle operator and his or her passengers at all times. The laws in other states vary, such as requiring helmets to be worn by minors.

Check your insurance: All but three states, Washington, Montana and Florida, require motorcycle insurance (typically liability). Don't assume your auto insurance covers your use of a motorcycle, scooter or moped. McMahon says to review your auto insurance carefully. And always have proof of insurance on you in the event that you're involved in a crash.

Check your bike: Conduct a quick inspection before you head out. Check tire conditions, lights, controls, the oil level and the kickstand. If your bike has been stored for the winter, make sure it's tuned up and in good working condition. Upgrade to anti-lock brakes: Consider upgrading your next motorcycle purchase with a bike equipped with anti-lock brakes. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, "motorcycles with anti-lock brakes have a 37 percent lower rate of fatal crashes than the same models not equipped with anti-lock brakes."

Strap on some leather: Leather jackets and leather pants or chaps offer excellent protection for riders and their passengers. Pair your leather with tough, leather boots that go over your ankles and have a thick rubber, grooved sole for better traction. And don't forget to wear proper eyewear and gloves.

Watch the road: Look down the road to anticipate changes in the road surface. For motorcyclists who live in the northern half of the continent, take extra care in the spring when roads may have patches of sand and gravel, and potholes are common.

Be seen: Black may be cool, but bright colored outer clothing increases your chance of being seen by other drivers. In addition, position your bike on the road to make sure you're seen. Make eye contact with car and truck drivers, especially at intersections, to make sure they see you. Motorcyclists in the northern part of the country should take extra care in the spring – after a long winter, other drivers are not used to seeing motorcycles on the road.

Know your bike: Every bike is different. Take the time to get to know your bike before you head out on the road. If you've just purchased a new bike, practice with it so you understand how it reacts, such as in an emergency stop situation. Study your owner's manual and don't be afraid to improve your skills with a refresher course.

Ride straight: Don't mix riding with alcoholic beverages or other substances that could impair your ability to operate your motorcycle, put your passenger at risk and put you at risk for a DUI.

To learn more about your legal rights and responsibilities of operating a motorcycle, visit FindLaw.com.

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Motorcycles offer an exhilarating riding experience and can deliver impressive fuel savings. If you're thinking about getting one, Consumer Reports National Research Center surveyed more than 4,000 motorcycle owners to find some of the most reliable ones.

It turns out Harley-Davidson and BMW were more repair-prone than Japanese brands Yamaha, Kawasaki, and Honda. But the survey showed owners of Harleys and BMWs were among the most satisfied with their motorcycles.

No matter which brand you buy, basic maintenance will help avoid costly repairs. For instance, replacing \$50 brake pads before they're worn down can save you hundreds on damaged rotors and other parts.

Keeping tires properly inflated will prevent premature tire wear and give you much better handling. If your motorcycle calls for premium gas, use it.

And it's best to store your bike in a protected area or cover it to prevent unnecessary wear. And if it's going to sit for any period of time, be sure to add fuel stabilizer to a full tank of gas.

All that can help keep repair costs down and your motorcycle cruising down the road. Consumer Report says it's a good idea to get in the habit of doing a quick visual check before getting on your motorcycle. Look for any leaks or cracks in hoses or tires.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

I've been following the bills process via the Online Tracker system and from what ABATE State Legislative Darrin Brooks has been emailing.

MENTAL HEALTH GUN BILL GOES TO SCOTT

A bill is headed to Gov. Rick Scott that would block firearms purchases by some people who voluntarily admit themselves for mental-health treatment. The Senate on Tuesday voted 38-0 to approve the measure (HB 1355), which also has been approved by the House. The National Rifle Association and United Sportsmen of Florida have backed the bill. Senate sponsor Audrey Gibson, D-Jacksonville, said the bill closes a legal gap, as state law already bars firearms purchases by people who are involuntarily committed under the Baker Act. The bill focuses on people who are found to be an "imminent danger" and face the possibility of being involuntarily committed if they do not admit themselves

THURSTON ON SLOW DOWN

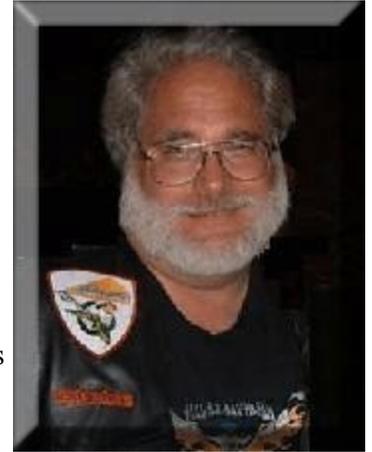
House Democratic Leader Perry Thurston on Tuesday explained in a statement why House members were making motions to have bills read in full on the House floor, a move that slowed House proceedings to a crawl and threatened all bills that haven't yet passed in the session, which is scheduled to end Friday. "By purposefully slowing deliberations at this critical juncture, I and other House Democratic Caucus members seek to bring greater public attention to our desire for legislative passage of the health coverage expansion plan that the Florida Senate approved earlier today," said Thurston, D-Plantation. The Senate passed a measure (HB 7169) Tuesday to expand health care coverage using federal dollars, but the House has signaled a lack of interest in passing the Senate bill. "In addition to the procedural moves that we are taking in the Florida House to draw public attention to the plight of Floridians needing health coverage, I have also urged Gov. Rick Scott to be prepared to call a special session for passage of a health coverage expansion plan and to consider vetoing the state budget," Thurston said.

MAY 1 SENATE TRIES AGAIN FOR VEHICLE FEE CUT

The Senate on Wednesday tried to resurrect a plan that would eliminate an insurance-industry tax break to allow the state to cut vehicle-registration fees. A House committee this week declined to go along with eliminating the decades-old tax credit, which insurers receive on part of the salaries of their Florida employees. Senators, however, approved an amendment Wednesday that tacked the plan onto a broader insurance bill (HB 635). They then voted 39-0 to approve the overall bill and send it back to the House. Senate leaders want to give motorists a \$12 per vehicle reduction in registration fees, partially reversing fee increases that were approved in 2009.

SENATE ADVANCES RESTRICTIONS ON SLOW MOTORISTS FROM THE FAST LANE

Motorists in Florida raging over slow moving vehicles in the "fast lane" may soon have some law enforcement backing. The Senate advanced a measure on Wednesday that requires vehicles traveling 10 mph below the posted speed limit to be in the right-hand lane if possible when there are two or more lanes in the same direction. Faster moving vehicles must still travel within legal limits. The proposal is packed into a wide-ranging transportation bill (HB 7125) that will require further approval from the House as numerous amendments were tacked onto the proposal. The bill also imposes new restrictions on red light traffic cameras, and establishes new specialty license plates, among other provisions. Violators of the left-lane rule could be charged with non-criminal traffic infractions under the proposal. Slow motorists wouldn't get a ticket when using the left lanes prior to making left turns or when directed by traffic control devices to shift to the left. The left lane proposal, backed by the House 117-1 on April 25, has been proposed for years as a "road rage reduction" effort.



TEXTING WHILE DRIVING BAN PASSES HOUSE RETURNS TO SENATE

A bill to ban texting while driving passed 110-6 in the House on Wednesday but must return to the Senate with an amendment that makes its passage there uncertain. The bill outlaws texting while driving if the car is moving, though drivers would still be able to read and send texts or emails while stopped, such as at a red light. The bill (SB 52) makes the infraction a secondary offense, meaning police could only ticket a driver for texting if they've pulled them over for something else. Also, if someone were to challenge the charge, the prosecution would not be able to get the driver's cell phone records unless there had been an injury or death, under the amendment added to the bill in the House this week. Florida is one of just a few states that doesn't already outlaw texting while driving in at least some cases.

HOUSE GAMESMANSHIP CONTINUES ON WEDS May 1

Maneuvering by Democrats as a protest against the GOP majority's insistence against using federal money to expand health care coverage to more people continued Wednesday in the House. The Democrats, as they did on Tuesday, moved to have bills read in their entirety, slowing down the movement of legislation through the chamber. In response, the Republicans used a procedural maneuver known as moving the previous question to limit debate to 3 minutes per side. In response to that, Democrats began taking up their full 3 minutes by reading from the state Constitution.

LOUD STEREOS

In December, the **Florida Supreme Court** threw out a noise law that made it a misdemeanor to operate a car with its stereo blasting at high volume. The justices ruled that the state could not have "content-based" censorship. The old law made exemptions for political speech -- such as candidates in a motorcade, drawing crowds to a rally -- or commercial speech, such as a company advertising a grand opening by sending a car with loudspeakers through town.

Two Pinellas County men, **Richard Catalano** and **Alexander Schermerhorn**, appealed \$73 tickets in 2007 and won in circuit court -- arguing that the noise ordinance was unconstitutionally vague in outlawing any sounds "clearly audible" 25 feet away from a vehicle. The Supreme Court rejected that argument, saying the law was clear enough, but that not applying it to political or commercial content made it unconstitutional.

Sen. Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, and **Rep. Kevin Rader**, D-Boca Raton, introduced bills (**SB 634** and **HB 1019**) to repair the statute by eliminating the exemptions for political speech and commercial advertising. Candidates seldom use loudspeakers in motorcades to draw a crowd, anyway.

The Senate almost amended Simpson's bill to make the radius 100 feet, with a vote of 20-17. But the amendment by **Sen. Audrey Gibson**, D-Jacksonville, required a two-thirds vote on third reading, so it failed. **UPDATE April 26, 2013:** The Senate voted 19-19 to kill Simpson's bill.

MILITARY HOUSING TAX BREAK PASSES HOUSE

A bill that keeps developers of housing intended for military personnel from having to pay certain taxes passed the House Wednesday over the objection of critics who said it was a giveaway to developers. But supporters of the bill (SB 354) said it was needed to send the message to the military, and federal base closure and realignment officials that the state is military friendly. "If we do not pass this bill we're sending them a message that they're not welcome in some way in Florida," said Rep. Doug Broxson, R-Gulf Breeze. The bill passed the House 87-29. The measure had passed the Senate unanimously earlier in the session, but the House amended the bill, sending it back to the Senate Wednesday for approval of the changes.

Gov. Rick Scott has signed SB 92 restrict the use of drone aircraft by local and state law enforcement agencies.

Modern technology has made it possible for police agencies to use unmanned aerial surveillance to search wide areas quickly. Drones are available to even private purchasers who can afford them, with no current state laws restricting their use. **Sen. Joe Negron**, R-Stuart, introduced a "**Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act**" (**SB 92**) that forbids law-enforcement agencies to use drones to track suspects, without a search warrant. The bill would not apply to federal agencies or to state, county or city law enforcement officers who are working with the federal government in anti-terror investigations or other operations authorized by the **Department of Homeland Security**. Residents could obtain civil court orders to stop drone intrusion into their property and any evidence gathered by such surveillance without a warrant would be inadmissible in court.

CS/SB 320: Florida Renewable Fuel Standard Act by Evers. Repealing ss. 526.201-526.207, to remove the requirement that all gasoline offered for sale in this state include a percentage of ethanol, subject to specified exemptions, waivers, suspensions, extensions, enforcement, and reporting, etc. 04/24/2013 Laid on Table, refer to **HB 4001: Florida Renewable Fuel Standard Act 4/12/13 passed in House 77 to 39 4/24/13 passed in Senate 33 to 1.** The Florida Senate passed SB 320 sponsored by Senator Evers. This language is equivalent to the House bill that was passed two weeks ago and repeals the ethanol mandate in the state of Florida. This legislation will now be sent to Governor Rick Scott. Following two years of fighting for this repeal, there is only one step is left before it will officially become law.

SCOTT SIGNS FUNERAL PROTEST BAN April 11

Gov. Rick Scott's office said Thursday that earlier in the week he signed several pieces of legislation, including a ban on protesting within a certain distance of a funeral (HB 15). That measure creates a 500-foot no protest zone around any funeral, and had passed both the Senate and House unanimously. Most of the bills Scott signed Wednesday were minor or technical measures, many of them reauthorizing various trust funds and state compacts or adopting the current version of the statutes, for example. Scott on Wednesday publicly signed one bill (HB 155) that outlaws the gaming machines used at internet cafes, effectively shutting down the industry.

INTERNET CAFE BAN APPROVED BY FINAL COMMITTEE 4-2-2013

Legislation that would shutter Internet cafes and possibly senior arcades passed the Senate Rules Committee unanimously Tuesday, and the sponsor said he would push for a vote by the full Senate as soon as Thursday. Sen. John Thrasher, R-St. Augustine, said he would speak to Senate President Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, about voting on the bill (SB 1030) during its first day of consideration, expected Thursday. "I think we've heard enough about it, and I think we're in a position to vote on it," said Thrasher, who chairs the Rules Committee. The legislation on Internet cafes has moved quickly since Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll resigned last month because of her past consulting work for an Internet café group at the center of a multi-state racketeering investigation.

OH CANADIANS, DRIVE AWAY:

Gov. Rick Scott will sign a bill repealing an international driving permit requirement for foreign drivers today during a visit to the Florida Chamber of Commerce's International Days. The law, passed last year, was meant to help police be able to understand drivers' documents, but Canadian snowbirds were caught off guard by the new requirement, and there were fears many wouldn't come to Florida. The repeal bill (HB 7059) was rushed through this year's legislative session.

OUT-OF-STATE DISABLED VETS WELCOME:

Disabled military veterans would no longer have to have been a Florida resident prior to joining the service to be eligible for a discount on property taxes under a committee bill (SPB 7032) before the Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee on Tuesday.

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Florida motorcycle crashes increase

April 24, 2013 Kathryn Varn, Alligator Staff Writer

Michael Terry clearly remembers the hours before his friends died in the early morning of October 16, 2011. They were at Froggy's Saloon in Daytona during Biketober Fest. Terry's friends Javier Remonsanzol and fiancée Allison Sellers were getting ready to leave at about 1 a.m. Terry tried to get them to stay the night, but Remonsanzol wanted to sleep in his own bed at home in Sanford. Then they said their goodbyes.

At about 2:30 a.m., Terry received a call from Remonsanzol. The couple were at Denny's eating breakfast. They were safe, Remonsanzol said over the phone.

Terry didn't know that was the last time he would talk to his friend. He didn't know that about two hours later, an SUV would drive up behind the couple riding on Remonsanzol's motorcycle on Interstate 4 and hit them. He didn't know that Sellers, 32, would hit the shoulder, dying on impact, and that Remonsanzol, 34, would fly into the road and get run over over by multiple cars before he died.

"I really couldn't comprehend it that well," Terry, 45, said, "that it happened to my friends of all of the people out there." Remonsanzol and Sellers were part of 8,621 people involved in motorcycle crashes in 2011 in Florida, an increase of 15 percent from 2010, according to the most recent data from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

From 2000 to 2010, the number of motorcycle crashes and injuries increased overall, according to a study from the Florida Department of Transportation and the University of South Florida Center for Urban Transportation Research.

Chanyoung Lee, a senior researcher at the USF center, said this spike could be the product of a few reasons. Motorcycle registration has more than doubled in the 10-year period, he said. And in 2000, Florida passed a law that allowed motorcyclists over the age of 21 to ride without a helmet if they had at least a \$10,000 insurance policy, he said.

Motorcyclists have a much higher risk of crashing on their own as well, Lee said. About 30 percent of motorcycle crashes do not involve a second vehicle.

However, in cases of two-vehicle crashes like Remonsanzol's and Sellers', automobile drivers were found to be at fault about 60 percent of the time.

Lee said car drivers don't expect to see a motorcycle and underestimate how much space it takes up on the road. "People have a tendency to make a judgment based on the size of the object," he said.

Back at the scene of the crash, Florida Highway Patrol troopers could not find the car believed to have hit Remonsanzol and Sellers.

Meanwhile, a police officer traveling to the accident recognized a 2007 Ford Explorer that matched the description of the vehicle involved in the crash pulled over on the side of a road off Interstate 4 not far from the accident. The car was driven by UF student Rita Laurie Carter, then 19, who troopers now believe is responsible.

Officials tested her blood alcohol content level, and it was reported to be .043 about three hours after the crash. Using a mathematical process called retrograde extrapolation, officials found that her BAC level at the time of the crash was .095. The legal limit is .08, according to Florida Highway Patrol.

After a year-and-a-half-long FHP investigation, officials connected Carter to the crash. She now faces two counts of DUI manslaughter and two counts of leaving the scene of a fatal crash, among other charges.

And after a year and a half, Remonsanzol's and Sellers' family and friends are still reeling.

"It was so painful I still can't even believe it," said Sellers' best friend of 26 years, Samantha Schmidt, who vacationed with Sellers just two weeks before her death.

She won't even touch a motorcycle.

Schmidt's father, Greg Bush, 64, and Terry were in the process of building a bike for Sellers. Now, it won't be ridden, he said.

Bush still rides his own motorcycle but looks behind him more often after the accident.

Since the crash, Terry remembers the hours before he lost his friends.

He wonders, too, about what would've happened if he left with Sellers and Remonsanzol that night.

"Maybe if I could've been there, I could've helped out," he said. "Maybe I would've died. You just never know."

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Barber's museum is a mecca for motorcycle, car enthusiasts

By TOM STRONGMAN

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Tucked into the hills a few miles east of Birmingham near Leeds is one of the world's most impressive motorcycle collections, the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum.

Set among the perfectly manicured grounds of the 740-acre Barber Motorsports Park, the purpose-built museum houses 1,200 motorcycles, John Surtees' world-championship-winning 1964 Ferrari 158 and 43 Lotus cars that range from a replica of the very first Lotus Mark I to the last Lotus Formula One racer, the Type 109.

About 600 motorcycles are on display at any given time, and they range from turn-of-the-century models to contemporary street bikes, racing bikes and anything in between.

The museum was started by George H. Barber, a Birmingham native, whose family owned Barber Dairy, founded in 1921. In 1997, Barber Dairy was purchased by Dean Foods. Barber, who raced Porsche sports cars in the 1960s, had been collecting cars and motorcycles since 1989, but after the sale of the company he decided to focus on building a museum for motorcycles. He wanted to build a world-class facility, in part to reinforce a positive image of Birmingham, a city in which four schoolgirls were killed in a bomb blast at a Baptist Church in 1963.

Barber's museum and motorsports park are truly gems carved from the beautiful countryside. The motorsports park consists of a road-racing track that is home to several professional sports-car and motorcycle events each year. As beautifully maintained as the finest golf course, the grounds are dotted with giant sculptures and planted carefully with flowers, shrubs and trees. Barber once said he wanted to create the "Augusta" of racetracks.

The museum building that sits adjacent to the track is designed for ease of viewing. A central elevator takes visitors to the top, and they can then walk down a spiral walkway that takes them from floor to floor. Motorcycles are mounted on wooden crates, in wall-mounted boxes and dangled from the ceiling by wires. There is something for everyone, from historic bikes from 1902 to state-of-the-art racers.

Barber has also collected a few dozen automobiles. The most impressive group is the 43 Lotus cars, but he also has several renowned racing machines such as the 1964 Ferrari Formula One car that John Surtees drove to a world championship. Barber also has several of Surtees' motorcycles. Surtees is one of the few people to win a World Championship on a motorcycle and in a car.

One of the museum's most visually arresting items is an oversized outdoor sculpture called The Chase. Created by Theodore Gall of Ojai, Calif., it consists of three figures riding single wheels, and it sets a perfect tone for the appreciation of motorcycling.

The museum is open seven days a week. Each October, the museum hosts a Vintage Festival, featuring vintage motorcycle racing, seminars, an airshow and a race for motorcycles that are 100 years old.

Whether you like motorcycles or cars, Barber's museum is a must-see for any enthusiast, and certainly worth a special trip.

<http://www.kansascity.com/2013/04/01/4155411/barbers-museum-is-a-mecca-for.html>

EDITOR NOTE: I have been there and it is unbelievable! This is a MUST see for any biker, need to be added to bucket list. Check the photo section of my site BikerOnlineGuide.com for photos when I was there a couple of years ago. Another cool spot to visit is the Art in Motion Museum in Warm Springs GA. While it is not at that level it is worth a visit. I always have photos from there when I was on that summer road trip. I only got to see a part of it as had to arrange to see it when there since open weekends only. They have the most interesting site and motorcycle related collection. I still need to get to Maggie Valley for the Wheels Through Time museum.

Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

Motorcycle buddies: Bad to the bone, dog approved

Apr 15, 2013 Written by M. Scott Morris Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal



BLUE SPRINGS, MISS. (AP) — Bervia Hooghouse knows he’s not the easiest person in the world to approach. He wears an earring and puts his scruffy, gray goatee in a braid. He’ll often be found astride a Triumph motorcycle. “I know I’m not pretty,” he said. “Even if I’m not wearing a bandana on my head, you can tell I’m a cyclist. It’s in my DNA.”

Hooghouse, a 53-year-old Blue Springs resident by way of Michigan, won’t be changing his signature style anytime soon, and he doesn’t have to. He hangs out with a good buddy who draws enough attention for both of them.

“Blue’s been a star from the get-go,” Hooghouse said. “He loves me to death, and I love him, too.”

Blue is a 6-year-old blue heeler. If you’ve ever seen a dog riding in a sidecar in Northeast Mississippi, that’s Blue. “I’ve had state troopers pull me over just to get pictures with him,” Hooghouse said.

The pair is used to turning heads, like the time they drove up on a school bus filled with kids.

“They were on a field trip or whatever,” Hooghouse said. “I watched as the whole bus leaned to the side. The kids were out the windows, hooting and hollering. He loved it. He just loves kids.”

Hooghouse wasn’t looking for a dog when someone brought a puppy to work and said the pooch would go to the pound if he didn’t find a home.

“I didn’t need another dog. I didn’t want another dog, but it’s the best decision I ever made,” Hooghouse said. “You could say he’s a rescue dog because he rescued me.”

Two other dogs, Misty Blue and Betty Boo, also rode with Hooghouse, but there’s something about Blue’s effect on people.

“I’ve had many good dogs, but he’s special,” Hooghouse said.

When the pair hit the road, they like to ride for distance. It’s not unusual for them to join with other riders and end up three or four states away from home.

“When we’re traveling, we like to go,” Hooghouse said.

He’s learned not to visit rest stops when he’d rather be on the road because carloads of people come by for photographs. But Hooghouse is more than willing to stop when he has the time.

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FEDERAL BILL INTENDS TO STOP MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINTS

On April 15, Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) circulated a "Dear Colleague" letter to fellow members of Congress to garner sponsors for legislation he intends to introduce on May 6, 2013 "To stop motorcycle checkpoint funding."

"In the 112th Congress, I introduced H.R. 904, a bill to prohibit the Department of Transportation (DOT) from providing funds to state and local authorities for the purpose of creating motorcycle only checkpoints," wrote Rep. Sensenbrenner to his peers. "Section 1 of the Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act contains the same language as H.R. 904. However, this bill also contains language to force the DOT to focus motorcycle safety efforts on crash prevention programs, not national helmet mandates."

Under GRANT RESTRICTION, Section 2 reads; "The Secretary of Transportation may not provide a grant or any funds to a State, county, town, or township, Indian tribe, municipal or other local government to be used for any program to check helmet usage or create checkpoints for an operator of motorcycle or passenger on a motorcycle."

In addition, the new legislation amends Section 153 of Title 23 USC by removing "motorcycle helmets" from the title. "This change will prohibit the DOT from providing grants to a State to enforce helmet laws," according to Sensenbrenner. "This will stop the DOT from manipulating State policies with federal money."

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE APPROVES E15 PROHIBITION

The U.S. House Committee on Science, Space and Technology approved H.R. 875 by a vote of 18-17 on April 11, which would revoke the Environmental Protection Agency's approval of E15 alcohol-laden gasoline for sale to the public.

U.S. Representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) introduced H.R. 875 on February 28, which would require the federal EPA to stop the use of gasoline containing 15% ethanol (E15) until its harmful effects are investigated further.

NHTSA SEEKS TO SUBVERT PUBLIC SCRUTINY

The US Department of Transportation is looking to fast track adoption of rules, bypassing the public comment process and adopting rules directly. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has proposed to give itself "direct final rulemaking" authority which would allow the agency to declare a regulatory proposal, which carries the force of law, to be non-controversial and rush it into effect.

"NHTSA believes this procedural option would expedite the issuance of, and thereby save time and agency resources on, rules that are not controversial," the agency's proposed rule states.

NHTSA is responsible for a number of major rules, including the corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) mandates that direct automobile manufacturers to meet certain mileage requirements. It also plays a major role in the design of vehicles by mandating various "safety" features such as rear-view cameras, "trunk entrapment" rules to foil kidnappers, and "quiet car" rules to require electric vehicles to make noise to alert blind pedestrians – Such rules cost the automobile industry billions of dollars in compliance costs, but could arguably be "noncontroversial."

Under procedures that allow a measure to take effect within sixty days of its publication in the Federal Register as a final rule, the public would have just thirty days to file an adverse comment to slow

the process down, otherwise the final rule would automatically become effective.

NEVADA CONSIDERS LANE-SPLITTING, FASTER SPEED LIMITS

The Silver State may soon adopt the Golden State's rule on lane sharing, as AB 236 has passed Assembly Committee on Transportation with only two committee members opposing the measure to allow motorcyclists to filter between lanes of slow-moving traffic. California is currently the only U.S. state that allows the practice, though "lane filtering" is commonplace throughout many other parts of the world.

Committee Chair and bill co-sponsor Richard Carrillo (D-Clark Co), a long-time rider, laid out one of the best reasons to split lanes -- avoiding a rear end collision -- saying "at the end of the day, I want to know that I'm going to come home and not be a part of the pavement or the back of somebody's truck or car. To me, this really resonates."

Next step – the bill goes before the full Assembly and the Senate.

In the meantime, the Nevada State Legislature may raise the maximum speed limit from 75 mph to 85 mph has passed the State Senate 15-6 on April 3 and the measure now goes over to the State Assembly for consideration. Introduced by Senator Don Gustavson (R-Sparks), a longtime advocate of bikers' rights who was awarded the NCOM Silver Spoke Award for Government, SB 191 would fast track NDOT to up the speed limit to 85 mph some open stretches of freeways, matching some 85mph speed limits posted in Texas .

MOTORCYCLE LICENSE NOT REQUIRED IN ALABAMA , UNLESS BILL PASSES

Every state but one requires a motorcycle license or endorsement to operate a motorcycle, but in Alabama anyone 16 and older with a regular driver's license can also drive a motorcycle in the state.

An oversight in the 1990s led to the gap in the law and now DPS is supporting legislation to fix the mistake. The state Senate in February passed a bill to require motorcycle drivers to have a Class M endorsement on their license. The bill is pending in the House of Representatives.

Under current law, drivers can ask to take the knowledge test to get the Class M endorsement on their license, but the law does not require the endorsement to operate a motorcycle. Those who don't have the Class M endorsement are only legal driving a motorcycle as long as they are riding in Alabama .

Rep. Allen Farley (R-McCalla), House sponsor of the bill, said he would also eventually like to see a skills test. Forty states require a skills test for a motorcycle license, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

ABATE RECOGNIZED BY ARKANSAS LAWMAKERS

ABATE members from around the state gathered in Little Rock at the Arkansas House of Representatives on April 4, 2013 for the reading and vote on HR1040, which reads in part:

"The House of Representatives commends ABATE, the Arkansas Bikers Aiming Towards Education organization, for raising awareness of motorcycle safety issues; for promoting goodwill and mutual understanding among motorcyclists, law enforcement personnel, and the general public; for being an information resource for its members; and for working to benefit the less fortunate through various events."

OREGON PROPOSAL WOULD MAKE IT A CRIME TO BE LINKED TO A "GANG"

In an attempt to crack down on violent criminal activity, Oregon lawmakers are considering a bill that would make it a crime just being linked to what it defines as a "gang".

The big question is how would authorities decide who's a gang member and who's not, and the bill says any group of three or more people whose main purpose is criminal activity, has a commonly known name or symbol and regularly engages in criminal acts would be considered a "criminal street gang."

Police currently track gang members, but there's no law against belonging to any particular organization even if that group is repeatedly tied to criminal activity, but House Bill 2679 and its companion, House Bill 2851, would give authorities another tool for cracking down on gang members because under the proposed law, just being a member would be a felony and subject to stiffer sentences.

The Oregon American Civil Liberties Union told lawmakers it is concerned that the definition of a "criminal street gang" is too vague. "The breadth of the bill and the confusion that will result from its definitions, or lack thereof, risks violating a defendant's due process rights because that defendant is not on notice of what activity is criminal," said the ACLU, adding that current laws are strong enough and urged lawmakers to not advance the bills.

MOTORCYCLE CLUB PUBLICATIONS BARRED BEHIND BARS

Last month we reported that the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars monthly newsletter was being banned from prisons in Australia, but now word comes from one of our own New England states that biker-related printed materials are being systematically rejected.

Referring to a note received from a Connecticut inmate, The Aging Rebel quoted on his website www.agingrebel.com; "Here at our prison, last year they began to bar books about or by motorcycle club members. This includes the book "The Aging Rebel: Dispatches From The Motorcycle Outlaw Frontier" by Donald Charles Davis. These books are purely being banned because their subject matter includes motorcycle clubs. They use the 'catch-all' 'promotes criminal activity' while still allowing books on the Mafia, murder, kidnapping and corruption of government officials, all of which apparently promote NO criminal activity."

Some people may be surprised to learn that among the other rights prisoners forfeit is the right to read what they want, but as TAR expresses; "The high court began to back track in 1987, in a decision called *Turner v. Salley*. After that case, the First Amendment right to read could be 'reasonably regulated' if prison officials asserted a 'legitimate neutral interest' and the Supreme Court ruling established something called the "Turner Test."

In a letter from the Connecticut Dept of Correction, the Media Review Board determined that "The aforementioned publication was originally rejected in its entirety on November 9, 2012 under Section 6: It encourages or instructs in the commission of criminal activity. This publication was thoroughly reviewed and is determined to have met the criteria for rejection. The publication will not be allowed inside a correctional facility."

WEIRD NEWS: ILLEGAL ALIEN RULED INCOMPETENT FOR TRIAL

An illegal alien in Massachusetts who was drunk driving when he hit and dragged a Mass. motorcyclist to his death has been ruled incompetent to stand trial. Insane? No. Mentally handicapped? Nope... "Unique cultural background"? YES!

Despite numerous previous run-ins with the law, Judge Janet Kinton-Walker ruled that Nicolas Guaman's "unique cultural background" prohibits him from understanding the U.S. legal process. The judge also ruled that Guaman lacks the ability to effectively consult with his attorney, according to FOX 25 in Boston that broke the story.

Defense attorneys across the nation will undoubtedly be watching this case very closely, and if Guaman somehow avoids justice you can count on this defense coming to a courthouse near you – "¿me entiendes?"

MORE WEIRDNESS: SMART APPS

What do Lady Antebellum, Harley-Davidson motorcycles, the beauty store Sephora and the Facebook page "I Love Being a Mom" all have in common? Well, researchers at the University of Cambridge are claiming that "liking" those things on Facebook may be a sign of a low IQ.

According to www.radio.com, researchers in the U.K. took a close look at 58,000 Facebook users between 2007 and 2012, and correlated their "likes" with the strength of their IQ's. If you're wondering what "likes" translated to a high IQ, the items include curly fries and thunderstorms, so this is one study nobody is taking too seriously.

NCOM CONVENTION HONORS FALLEN RIDERS; INVITES NAMES FOR TRIBUTE

With the 28th Annual NCOM Convention in Reno just weeks away, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have died since May 2012, so that we may honor their memories during the traditional "Ringing of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board, or e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at NCOMBish@aol.com.

Attendees are also encouraged to bring an item on behalf of their organization for the Freedom Fund Auction, with proceeds benefiting the motorcyclists' rights movement nationwide through Getting Our People Elected donations, NCOM Speaker Program, lobbying activities and other pro-motorcycling projects as determined by the NCOM Board of Directors.

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 , so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$95 by calling (800) 687-8733.

This annual gathering will draw bikers' rights activists from across the country to discuss topics of concern to all riders, and 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 or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest." - Elie Wiesel (b. 1928 in Romania) Nobel Prize laureate

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From: Motorcyclebasics.com Editor Marlon Pollock

Group Riding 101

When riding in a group the riders should ride in what is called “Staggered Formation”, **diagram 5.1** depicts this staggered formation in action. As we can see the leader is in the left portion of the lane (blocking position). The next rider is 1 second behind the leader, in the right portion of the lane. The third rider is in the left portion of the lane, 2 seconds behind the leader and 1 second behind the second rider. And the fourth rider is 2 seconds behind the second rider.

The easiest way to judge following distance is by using time. While following a vehicle, choose a stationary object up ahead (a tree, sign, light standard, etc). As the vehicle in front of you passes the object, start counting until you pass the same object. Ideally you want a minimum of two seconds between you and the rider directly in front of you.

Note: The lead rider should always assume the blocking position for the lane that the group is riding in, when the group changes lanes then the leader should again assume the blocking position and the other riders stagger themselves accordingly.

This “Staggered Formation” provides safety for a group in two ways:

Size – the group is more compact, you can imagine how long this group of 4 riders would be if they were riding single file. The last rider would be off the diagram. Also the more spread out a group is the more it invites car drivers to attempt to merge between riders

Space – every rider in the group has a safety cushion around him/ her, 2 seconds in front and behind as well as room to manoeuvre from side to side to avoid debris, potholes etc.

Note: There will be situations when it will be safer for the group to use the single file formation. These would include:

- * Turns
- * On/Off Ramps
- * Streetcar tracks
- * Passing slower vehicles
- * Construction Zones
- * Narrow Bridges
- * Roads with parked cars

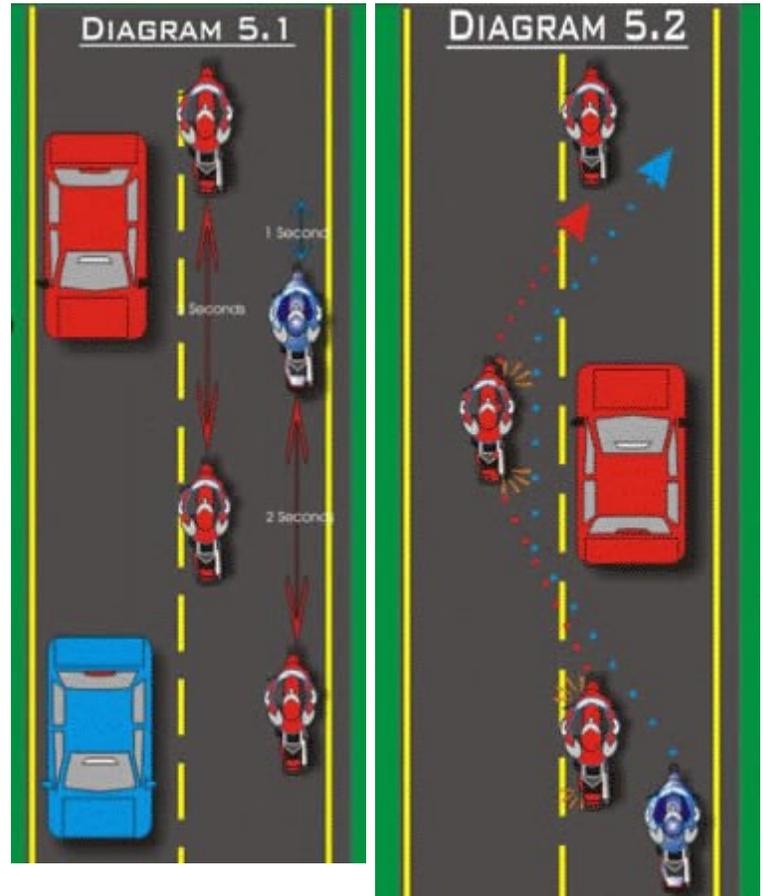
When passing slower vehicles (**diagram 5.2**), each rider should spend as little time as possible in “no man’s land”.

The group should not try to pass together. If something were to happen some riders could be caught on the wrong side of the yellow line, with on-coming traffic rapidly approaching.

The Leader In every group there is a leader, but what makes a good leader? Does the rider with the most experience make the best leader? Not necessarily! Just because a rider has a high level of skill doesn’t mean that he/ she will make a good leader. “Good skills are irrelevant in the absence of good judgment!” To be a leader a rider must be able to set a pace that everyone in the group can follow safely. He or she must also be able to plan ahead and communicate to the other members of the group. Making last minute turns, stops, lane changes, etc. will catch other riders off guard and can lead to disaster.

If you are a leader who constantly loses slower riders in the group, you are not doing a good job of leading. A good leader also has to be able to follow others as well. “If you cannot follow others, how do you expect others to follow you?”

Chase Rider As well as having a leader, a group should also have a chase rider, the last rider in the group. This rider’s duty is to keep an eye on the riders in front of him/ her. This should also be a rider with a fair amount of experience. If something were to happen (a fall, mechanical failure, etc) to a rider near the back of the group, the chase rider will be there to deal with the situation.



One of the biggest problems with riding in a group is that speeds can get out of hand quickly. Normally the ride starts off at legal speeds, then one rider ups the pace a little, and then the next rider will up the ante. Before you know it the group is doing speeds well above the legal limit. How do you keep this from happening? The best way to that I can suggest to keep this from happening is to ride with people that you know and trust. Personally if I ride with someone for the first time and they do something that put others at risk I will not ride with that person again period! I have better things to do than scrape someone off the road.

In Addition to the above from the desk of Charlie "Niblick" Wenger

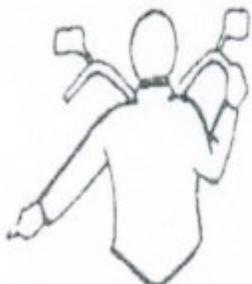
I would like to add to this is that when your group is going to switch lanes the hand signal to which lane you are moving into comes from the Lead Rider and is passed back through the pack to the Tail Gunner or Tail Rider. Once the Tail Rider/ Gunner gets this information of the lane change he or she when clear will move into that lane to secure it then and only then should the rest of the group move into that lane in a serpentine motion. Please remember even when this happens another vehicle may have moved in front of the group behind you use your mirrors and or turn your head and visible look at the lane you are moving into.

Ride Safe

Charlie "Niblick"
Wenger

Safety Director
ABATE of Florida
Inc.

DO YOU KNOW THESE HAND SIGNALS

 <p>START YOUR ENGINE - Left arm extended, move your index finger in a circular motion.</p>	 <p>STOP - Arm extended straight down, palm facing back</p>	 <p>GO AHEAD AND PASS ME - Left arm extended and rotate in forward circular motion.</p>
 <p>HAZARD IN ROADWAY - On the left, point with left hand; on the right, point with right foot</p>	 <p>SINGLE FILE - Arm and index finger extended over head</p>	 <p>LEFT TURN - Left arm extended straight out</p>
 <p>SLOW DOWN - Arm extended straight out, palm facing down, move arm up and down.</p>	 <p>STAGGERED RIDING - Arm with index and middle finger extended straight up</p>	 <p>RIGHT TURN - Left arm out and elbow bent, hand straight up, palm flat, fingers together</p>
 <p>SPEED UP - Arm extended straight out, palm up, move up and down.</p>	<p>ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. PALM BEACH CHAPTER</p> <p>"SAFETY FIRST"</p>	

ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2012

The President brought the meeting to order with a resounding strike of the gavel, and the Chapter recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, then followed with a moment of reverent silence. There were thirty one members present, in addition to one guest.

President Ed “Nighthawk” Lattari – Nighthawk informed the Chapter that the band had been hired for the Chapter's June rally. Additionally, the rally has been scheduled for June 22 at Renegades in West Palm Beach. Brief discussion of several local events followed. Nighthawk reminded the Chapter to sign up for email and text alerts. There will be a group fun ride to Bok Tower and Gardens on May 11. Patches for United Bikers Council were discussed, and many Chapter members pledged to purchase a patch.

Vice President Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson – Slo Motion thanked Deb "Foxybabe" Wenger for taking his place at the rally in Tallahassee. Slo Motion also thanked Charles "CB" Barcellona for setting up and manning the safety table at the Palm Beach Harley Davidson Chili Cookoff. New members were recognized. An announcement was made for the July leadership seminars.

Secretary Charles “CB” Barcellona - Nomination will continue for Chapter Board elections

Treasurer Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger – Foxybabe presented a financial report indicating that the Chapter is solvent. Additionally a report of the ABATE State proceeds from the BikeWeek campground were presented.

Membership Trustee Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger – Foxybabe cited 220 members. Additionally there were approximately 9 new members since the date of the reports compilation. New life member Rachael Wood was recognized. A renewal report was presented.

Sgt-at-Arms Pete “Petee” Carroll – Petee was absent (excused)

Legislative Trustee Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson – Slo Motion announced a full legislative update would be included in the next Chrome Chronicles. The "no texting" bill passed a vote in the Florida Senate. There is a mandatory "non-ethanol pump" bill currently working its way through the legislative process.

Safety Trustee Charlie “Niblick” Wenger – Niblick informed the Chapter that Danny "Doc" Fish took over a recent safety class. The Chapter approved a seven dollar and fifty cents charge for the transportation of safety products. The two hundred fifty thousand dollar State of Florida funding for ABATE safety and awareness programs is being worked on for restoration. A new specialized licence plate is in the process of being established. There will be a safety meeting in Orlando in October, with more information given as it becomes available. A group riding demonstration is was given. RFID enabled credit card protection was discussed.

State Delegate Ken "Snooze" Gerecke - The next ABATE State meeting will be in Cape Coral in June 2013

Newsletter Trustee Dan “Slo Motion Henderson – Slo Motion reported that ads are doing well.

Product Trustee Pro Tem Lisa “Pookie” Miller – The five dollar Chapter support shirts are available in very limited quantities, and will be sold only at Chapter meetings.

Old Business – Nomination for Chapter Board elections continued with no additional persons being nominated. All previously nominated persons have accepted their nomination.

New Business – no new business

Good of the Order – Foxybabe thanked Nighthawk and Mysti for the impromptu birthday celebration at the last BOD meeting. May is Motorcycle Month. Octavia, VFW Post 4143, made several announcements. Nighthawk won the 50/50.

At 1:05PM, the President's gavel sounded, and the meeting was adjourned. This concludes the minutes of the April 21, 2013 meeting of ABATE Palm Beach Chapter.

Geico Chooses Song By Rock Star Killed In Motorcycle Accident To Promote Motorcycle Insurance

The Allman Brothers song Midnight Rider is basically the perfect motorcycle song. It was written by Duane Allman, who was ironically killed in a motorcycle accident. Geico is now using the song in an ad to promote motorcycle insurance.

The new ad has the song playing while a man made of money rides a motorcycle around some lovely roads. Buzzfeed has pointed out that Duane Allman and the band's bassist, Berry Oakley, both perished in motorcycle accidents.

So is the song a bad choice? I tend to think it isn't. It's a motorcycle cruising song if I've ever heard one, and the song wasn't written about dying on the roads. It was just about riding, specifically midnight riding.

It's a coinky dink that Allman died in a bike accident. Maybe Geico knew, maybe they didn't. Either way, I don't see it as a bad or insensitive choice.

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FELLOWSHIP While not a club and nothing is mandated, we do have a good group of people to have as friends and companions. We hope to be able to do more fun things together like camping at Daytona Bike Week, Leesburg Bikefest, Spooks N Scoots and other events.

CLASSIFIEDS

“Big Bad Fred” has a seat, fits soft tails and fat boys, for sale \$50 photo right 723-3712



Anybody a card collector of motorcycle sets?

Slo Motion as sets to sell. Complete set plus of Harley-Davidson series 2, InLine Classic Motorcycle Cards series 1, and Champs American Vintage Cycles Series 2. Bargain prices. I got extra sets when in Daytona at the Eustis International Vintage Bike show.



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EDITOR'S FINAL WORDS

Get the word out that our June event has been rescheduled to June 29, especially to the vendors we passed out the first flyer to at events like Palm Beach Harley Chili Cook Off and Treasure Coast Harley Biker Appreciation. IF you see any of the older flyers toss them out. I had left some at Horsefeathers and Ralph's.

Well another issue is in the can and more changes. I decide this last half page was wasted space and only mailing a couple of newsletters. So for now on will host flyers for upcoming month events, more photos, ads and or any final messages or short articles.

I just had to put the Easter bunny story on front page. Just too funny to pass by as it did get a lot of coverage, even UTube movie. Figured different than the standard shot of Tallahassee or un coming events.

I was really sorry I had to miss Leesburg Bikefest this year, but work, dealing with getting the house and doing this newsletter had to take priority.

I imagine I will have the next two months full with the move and settling in before my life returns to normal, whatever that is! I really do appreciate all the offers and hopefully the help during this time.

Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting

VFW POST 4143

3RD SUNDAY May 19, 2013 11:30 am

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

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.

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