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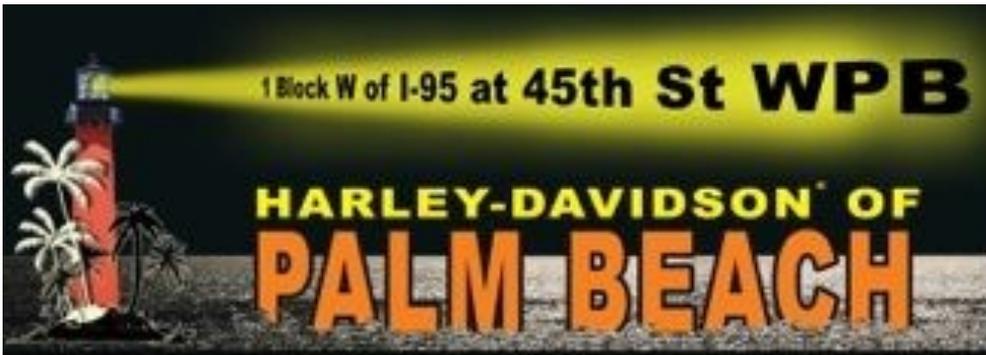
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To motivate the bikers to write letters to legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.

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

MEMBERSHIP

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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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President's Message "Nighthawk"

It's almost here! Our Freedom Rights Rally at Renegades on June 29th. As always chapter participation is crucial for a successful event. A little help from Mother Nature would also be welcome. Rain tends to be an issue in summer so let's hope for a sunny day! We have the band L3-16 providing the music and have always put on a good show. I hope by know you've put out the word to all your friends and family to come on down!

In this month's meeting we have our elections coming up. It seems like it won't be much of an election since it looks like there will be no changes in the Board of Directors, maybe some trustee additions. This chapter has come a long way in the last year due to a much needed changes. In all my years as a member, and last few as a Board member, I've never seen the chapter this successful. This is due to all the hard team work this board has put in. Making this work properly takes a lot of work by a bunch of people. It is important that we have more people willing to step up and help out, next year the chapter may not be as lucky if any current members decide to step down. There already are some that would like to, but fear the chapters collapse due to lack of committed members to take board positions. This has already recently happened with another formerly large chapter! There are many capable people, but so few willing to make a commitment to our cause. So while this chapter cruises past this election let's not forget that a year is short and next year the chapter may not be as lucky. July 13th and 14th will be the leadership seminars in Clermont. I encourage people to attend if you would like to learn more about the different chapter positions.



We recently had a ride to the Bok Tower and Gardens in Lake Wales. It was a scenic country ride, for just a good time. Those who participated I'd like to thank. For those that ask for a ride other than a bike event at some bar and didn't show, I'm a little disappointed the turnout wasn't bigger. Next time I won't waste my time putting together or leading the ride. As always I'd like to point out that ride participation and support of our local MC's and other motorcycle groups are critical to our job and success as a chapter.

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

June 1 Saturday Group Fun Ride Black Pistons MC 3rd Anniversary Annual.

June 8 Saturday Group Fun Ride State Meeting Cape Coral

June 9 Sunday Group Fun Ride Wings of Gold MC Annual

June 16 Sunday ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting 11:30 AM

June 17 Monday Group Fun Ride UBCPB Bike Night at Johnny Q's

June 22 Saturday Group Fun Ride Fly-In Wheels MC Event

June 29 Saturday ABATE PALM BEACH FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY AT RENEGADES!!

July 7 Group Fun Ride AOA MC WPB Annual

July 13 and 14 ABATE OF FLORIDA Seminars and Presidents meeting

July 14 States MC Lake Worth Party

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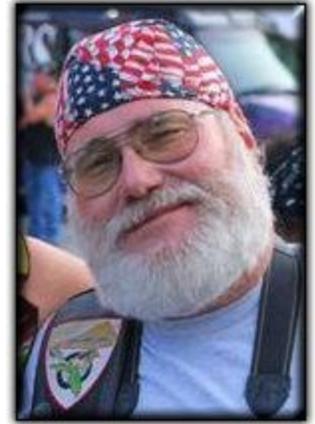
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Vice President's Message - Slo Motion



Well I have made the move into my new dwellings. I really appreciate and thank those that helped, even those that offered but could not at the times.. Big thanks go to "Wildman" Mark who was there for most of the moves and did many repairs. Davy Jones for his two days and putting my new office desk Together, and "Hamish" Bill for his help with the heavy stuff those two days. They were there during the week and on the Saturday move with additional thanks to "Snooze" Ken and =CB=.

All this help was especially great as my knee has started bothering me again the past two weeks. The sugar sand fall may have done more damage than thought as needing to see more doctors about the pain and problems with that knee. It sounds like I might need surgery so Petee has offered me the use of his birthday walker.

So June is looking like it is going to be a extremely busy month for me. Already the first weekend is for doing this newsletter as behind working on it and was without Internet. We have the ABATE State meeting over in Cape Coral June 8. Then at work I will be crazy as get school technology ready for the summer cleaning. Off on summer break starting June 12 so should help me in all the unpacking and settling into the new home. I probably will have to have any knee surgery done during my time off from school and I might have some summer work there. June 29 is our annual event at Renegades.

Well with all the things going on in May in my life I missed my first of the month deadline for the newsletter. At 5:30 am Monday morning I even missed getting it done to Nighthawk on Sunday as I had hoped to . I just could not think of what to do to fill this space.

With no NCOM News Bytes I had to fill that normal space and I had not gotten permission to use more that the two other articles that cleared. So no other story submissions had come it. Guess I will have to start working on some other ideas from the back of my brain. I was think of doing series of stories on different product comparisons. Like comparisons of the video cameras that can mount on motorcycles. Everyone has heard of the GoPro but I did find another. Having to back the bike out of my garage I began an idea of a motorcycle turntable to find there are others than had that idea and came up with that idea and products.

I hope I will get input and feedback from the readers on such ideas. They usually come to me while riding and with the rain and possible surgery, I might not be getting much riding in for awhile.



News: Motorcycle safety: Perspectives from an emergency room biker

Naval Hospital Pensacola Courtesy Story

Lt. Jonathan Levenson is an avid motorcycle rider and is also the department head for the emergency room at Naval Hospital Pensacola. He is passionate about motorcycle safety and regularly shares his riding experience with other riders.

PENSACOLA, Fla. - I think Robert Pirsig's attempt to address the question of "Why we ride?" was one of the best ever written when he wrote, "You see things [while] vacationing on a motorcycle in a way that is completely different from any other." "In a car you're always in a compartment and because you're used to it, you don't realize that through that car window everything you see is just more TV. You're a passive observer and it is all moving by you boringly in a frame. On a cycle, the frame is gone. You're completely in contact with it all. You're in the scene, not just watching it anymore, and the sense of presence is overwhelming. That concrete whizzing by five inches below your foot is the real thing, the same stuff you walk on, it's right there, so blurred you can't focus on it, yet you can put your foot down and touch it anytime, and the whole thing, the whole experience, is never removed from immediate consciousness."

This passage from *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* helps shed some light on why bikers, myself included, would expose ourselves to what is perceived as a great risk by the non-riding population. To us, it is not the danger that we see, but rather the freedom to explore the world from a very powerful and enlightening perspective. However, to say that this lifestyle is without risk is foolish and we in the Navy, like the other military services, are taught to mitigate our risk by understanding and managing it through our operational risk management (ORM) steps.

ORM teaches us to identify the hazards, assess those hazards, make risk decisions, implement controls and supervise or watch for changes. Though I am biker to the core, I am also a father, a husband, a sailor, a nurse and a department head of an emergency room. I have had to develop techniques and skills to make all these parts fit into the lifestyle of riding. I want to enjoy the ride and everything that goes with it, but at the end of the day, I want to go home in one piece and managing the risks effectively helps make that happen.

From 2001-2008, the Centers for Disease Control noted that motorcyclist death rates increased 55 percent (1.12 per 100,000 persons in 2001 to 1.74 per 100,000 persons in 2008). The highest death and injury rates were among 20- to



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24-year-olds, followed by 25- to 29-year-olds). For Florida, motorcycle fatalities accounted for 14.3 percent of all traffic fatalities in 2010, but motorcyclists make up only 7 percent of the motoring public. Many of these accidents involved either another vehicle or alcohol.

When it comes to other vehicles, the fact is that motorcyclists are not the majority out there on the roads. Mellissa Holbrook Pierson said it best in her book *The Perfect Vehicle*, “Seven million who ride stacked against 225 million who don’t.” “To get an idea of the minority status this number confirms, consider the fact that some 20 million Americans call themselves dedicated birdwatchers.”

In order to mitigate the risk of riding when it comes to others on the road, service members must take the required safety classes and always wear personal protection equipment (PPE). Like it or not, wearing a Department of Transportation approved helmet will help save your life. According to Ride Smart Florida, www.ridesmartflorida.com, motorcyclists not wearing a helmet are 40 percent more likely to die of a head injury than those who wear one. Not only will wearing the DOT helmet help keep you alive, if you are a Sailor or Marine and do not wear one, you are in violation of the Navy Safety Instruction and could face penalties under the UCMJ.

It should probably not need to be said, but drinking and riding is probably one of the dumbest things a biker can do. Ride Smart Florida notes that having any alcohol in one’s body increases the chance of crashing by five times. Having a blood alcohol content (BAC) greater than 0.05 percent increases the risk of crashing by about 40 times and one-fourth of all fatal alcohol-related motorcycle crashes involve motorcyclists running off the road, overturning or falling from the motorcycle rather than striking another object. In other words you essentially are your own worst enemy when you drink before you ride. In 2010, the percentage with BAC 0.08 or above was highest for fatally injured motorcycle riders among the 21- to 24-year-olds (34 percent), followed by 25- to 34-year-olds (30 percent). These are the bikers who help reinforce the Emergency Room’s stereotype of motorcycles being “Donor-Cycles.”

Pierson wrote in her book that, “Riding is something that hovers between you and the road.” “Or rather, it is about removing as much as possible between you and the road, about extending yourself past the very vehicle that enables you to feel the road in the first place. So in one sense, it’s about the way a road moves past you.”

Do not lessen that distance between you and the road to the point of injury. Enjoy the ride, live the lifestyle, manage your risks and ride safely!

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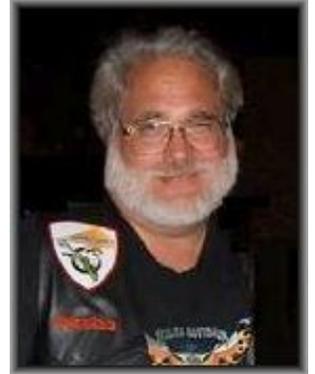
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DELEGATE REPORT

And now the news....No state meeting in May so report next meeting. The June meeting is close, around 140 miles less than 3 hour ride and we are planning a ride so hope to have more join us. It I looking like a day ride as Palm Beach Wings of Gold event is Sunday and Nighthawk wants a turnout for that. IF we ride, Ken and I might stay over then ride back in morning for the event. Weather will tell — *Slo Motion*



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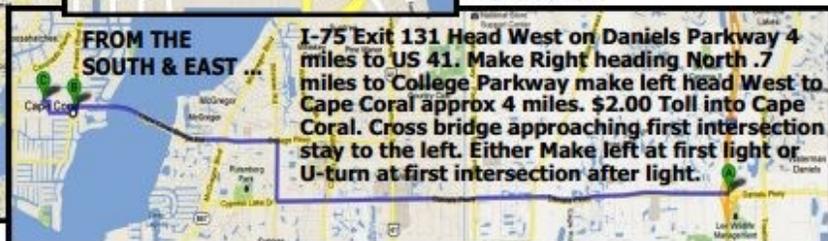
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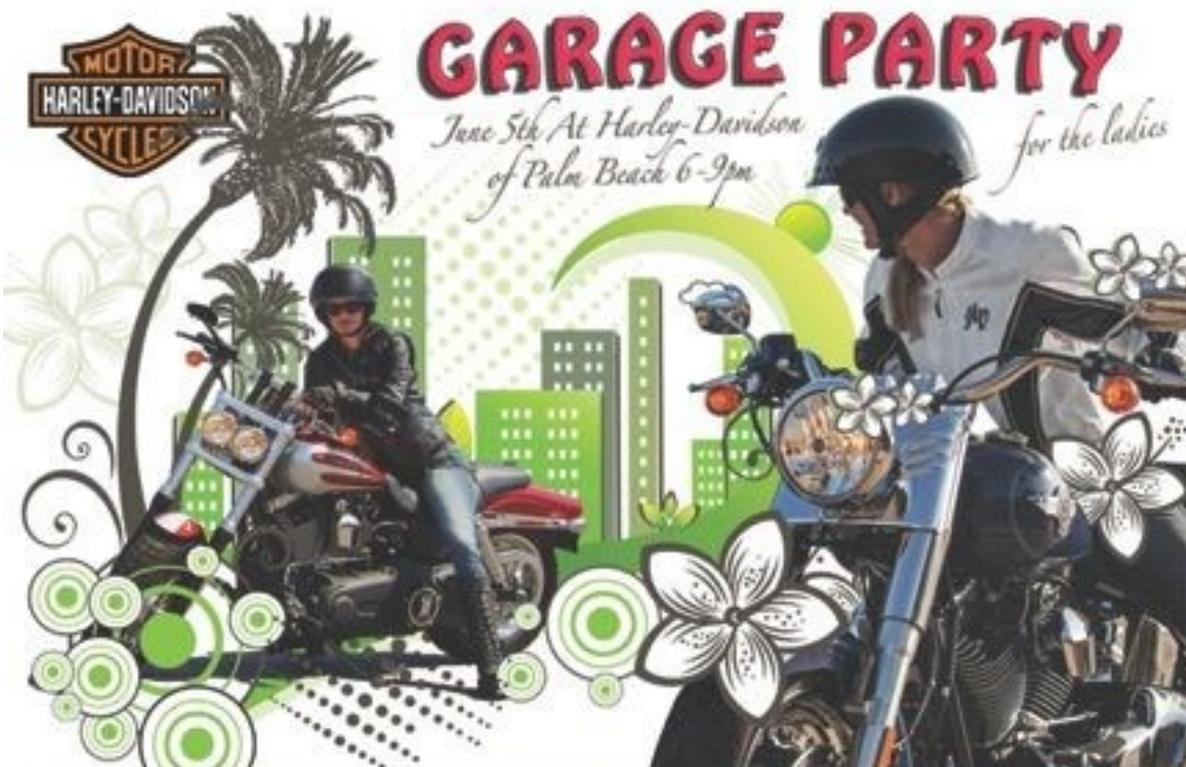
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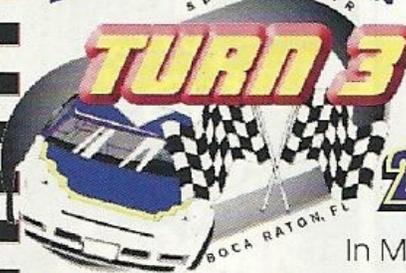
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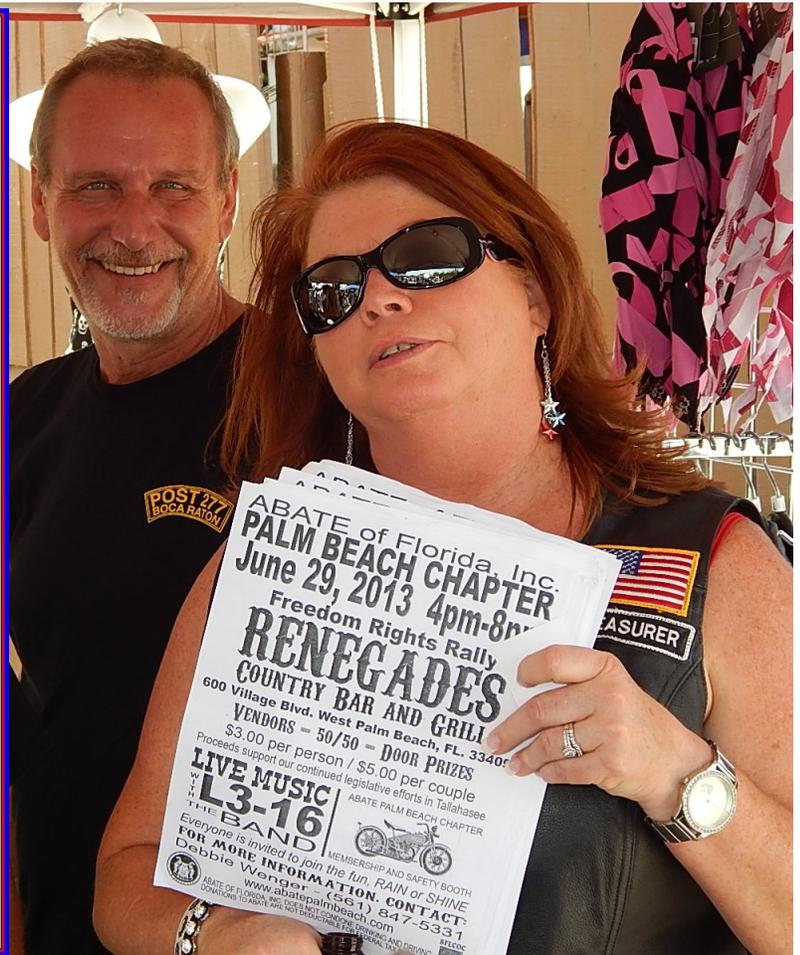
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Drive, She Said

Cars vs. motorcycles: Can't we all just get along?

LORRAINE SOMMERFELD

What I do have is respect for those I know who do ride. While the headlines will fill with the reckless actions of a few, the vast majority of riders simply want to share the road, enjoy their transportation choice, and get home safely. Like all of us.

The motorcycle course I took through Humber College a number of years ago provided me with some of the best training I've ever received. I've taken countless advanced driver training classes in cars, but the perspective from a bike is much different, with so much more staked on the outcome. That awareness has carried over into how I drive and how I treat others on the road. The invincibility you have in a car evaporates when transferred to two wheels; you quickly become aware how vulnerable you are to the slightest error of either your own actions, or those around you.

Instructor Liz Jansen is more than a motorcycle rider; she's an ambassador for the sport throughout North America, works with corporate clients, organizes rides and has written an excellent book on the role that motorcycles have played in the lives of a fabulous cross section of different women. Meeting her, you'd never think "biker chick." Ever. But her calm demeanour lends itself well to teaching others to be good riders, and to respect the laws of the road as well as the laws of physics. She's been on a bike; she's been under one.

I turned one of our usual conversations on its head recently. What would you tell drivers, I asked her, instead of just motorcyclists? What do you think motorists should know about the bikes they share the road with?

I've yet to see a discussion between motorcyclists and drivers that didn't get heated at some point. Her responses were as welcome as they were thoughtful, acknowledging the wrong doings on both sides, often due to ignorance rather than malice.

Got a pack of riders ahead of you? Can't get around? "Wise leaders of groups keep their packs manageable; like eight motorcycles. If a driver can't safely pass a whole group, fatalities occur when we have nowhere to go." A long string of staggered riders is as dangerous to them as it is annoying to you. Smart ones don't do it.

Some rogue riders are simply breaking the law. It's illegal to ride with your high beam light on; it's illegal to lane split. We have the laws, we need the enforcement.

Smart riders will be easily seen to a motorist by staying out of possible blind spots. "Riders are taught to ride in the inside tire track on a two-way road," says Jansen, "because it's easier to see them approaching. On a four-lane road, we advise using the left tire track on the inside lane in most circumstances."

Speaking of being seen, high-visibility gear makes sense. You'll also see many motorcyclists using hand signals as well as turn signals to draw the attention of motorists. Jansen notes that, while it's true, bikes are easy to slow by gearing down, students are taught to tap their brakes so those around them know what they're doing. This is a good tip for anyone using a manual transmission.

Riders are trying to keep a safe buffer zone ahead of them. That debris in the road that you can drive safely over can be deadly on a bike. They can also stop more quickly than a car, so don't tailgate. Flipside, bikers who cut in and out of traffic and race down shoulders should remember they're one angry driver away from bad news.

"Please be considerate of motorcyclists behind you. If you can avoid it, don't pick that time to use your windshield washer. Never throw trash and cigarette butts out the window. Especially when a motorcyclist is behind you. Riders have had butts stuck in their helmet."

If you see a motorcyclist zipping by in a T-shirt and flip-flops, you're right to shake your head. Those same stones that can crack a windshield can equally get flung up into flesh. Smart riders will wear proper gear regardless of the weather, but that can mean a lot of heat in summer. Traffic jams are far more uncomfortable without the comfort of air-conditioning.

"Put your smartphones away. We have a bird's eye view of what goes on in cars and it's scary," says Jansen. Actually, that's good advice no matter what you're piloting. She's also the first to tell riders to make sure they have the right skills. "If you can't keep up safely, don't be out there."

A little consideration on both sides goes a long way, and everybody gets home.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

I am STILL trying to find a summary of the passed laws as not sure what do or not get signed by the governor. One would assume the press should cover such items but....

ETHANOL

With relative ease, legislators voted to repeal (SB 320) the 2008 Florida Renewable Fuel Standard Act that requires most gas sold in the state to include nearly 10 percent ethanol. House Bill sponsor Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fort Walton Beach, called the law a "flawed business model" for government to require people to buy products.

"Do we believe in free markets or not?" Gaetz asked. A few lawmakers expressed concerns the repeal would send a signal that Florida wasn't interested in alternative energies. Rep. Debbie Mayfield, R-Vero Beach, argued the proposal "does nothing but hurt the businesses that are here in Florida, and it hurts an industry that we are wanting to move to the state of Florida." Because of federal ethanol mandates, the proposal may be mostly symbolic.

NATURAL GAS

A measure awaiting Gov. Scott's pen could increase the number of natural gas vehicles on the road. The bill (HB 579) exempts natural gas from fuel tax for five years, providing an incentive for companies to expand their fleet of natural gas vehicles.

FATE OF "STIFFER PENALTIES BILL"

Here is the detailed information about the fate of the "Stiffer Penalties Bills"

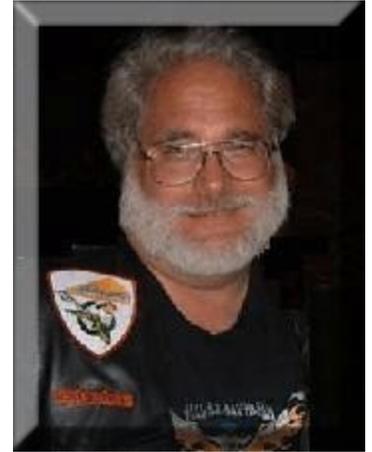
The Traffic Offenses Bills (HB 1335 by Rep. Beshears and SB 1648 by Sen. Evers) that would have given the judges more options when sentencing a person convicted of killing or seriously injuring a motorcyclist, bicyclist, or pedestrian with a motor vehicle never made it to their first committee. In fact, this year very few Bills that were assigned to the House's Transportation and Highway Safety Subcommittee and the Senate's Transportation committee were actually given an opportunity to be heard.

The House's Transportation and Highway Safety Subcommittee met 9 times from December 2012 to the end of the session. They did not even meet in the months of April or May. Of those 9 meetings, they only considered Bills 4 times and only a total of 26 Bills were heard.

The Senate's Transportation committee did meet 8 times from December until the end of session. They only met once at the beginning of April and had cancelled their last two meetings. The first two meetings they did not hear any Bills, but the remaining 6 times they heard a meager total of 39 Bills.

Therefore, only a small percentage of the Bills that were slated to these two committees were actually given the chance to be heard. The vast majority were destined to die without even being considered.

Last Action: 05/02/2013 Ordered engrossed, then enrolled.



FROM GLOSSARY **Engrossed bill** (E1, 1st Eng., E2, 2nd Eng., etc.) The version of a measure that incorporates adopted floor amendments. The revision is done in the house of origin and engrossed under the supervision of the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House. **Enrolled bill** (ER) A Senate or House measure approved by both houses and signed by the legislative officers, which is sent to the Governor for action and transmittal to the Secretary of State or filed directly with the Secretary of State. The bill is enrolled in the house of origin under the supervision of the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House.

GOVERNOR TO GET RIGHT ON RED CAMERA RULE CHANGE

It would be tougher for local governments to issue tickets to motorists caught on camera taking a right on red, under a wide-ranging transportation bill (HB 7125) sent to Gov. Rick Scott. Legislators late Thursday approved the measure, which prevents a notice of violation or traffic citation as long as the vehicle came to a stop, even after crossing the stop line, prior to completing an allowed right turn during a red light. The measure does not alter the ability of municipal and county governments to use red light cameras for traffic traveling straight or making left turns. The law currently states that a violation or citation may be issued unless the motorist made a right-hand turn in a "careful and prudent" manner. The law does not define "careful and prudent."

JOYNER ELECTED SENATE MINORITY LEADER

Senate Democrats on Friday elected Sen. Arthenia Joyner of Tampa minority leader starting next year. Joyner, who becomes the first African-American woman elected Senate Democratic leader, was first elected to the House in 2000 and then was elected to the Senate in 2006. Joyner, a lawyer, was vice chairwoman of the Judiciary Committee and the budget subcommittee that deals with criminal and civil justice.

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

Read my op-ed in this week's Tampa Tribune Senator Bill Nelson

If you want to send a message to Senator Nelson, please [Click here](#)

Dear Friends,

There's been a pattern with Florida officials rejecting federal government resources that are greatly needed in the Sunshine State. I wrote a column for The Tampa Tribune this week which shares my thoughts on the most recent such decision – and, I wanted to pass it along. I hope you have a minute to read it and let me know what you think.

Sabotage afoot in Capitol

BY BILL NELSON Special to The Tampa Tribune Published: May 30, 2013

Once again, extremists in the Florida Legislature quietly are trying to sabotage the new federal health care law. Sadly, moves like this are becoming the norm in our state's Capitol. Manipulating laws and rejecting much-needed federal funding is becoming the name of the game in Tallahassee.

Most recently, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 1842, which is now sitting on the governor's desk and awaiting his signature.

This legislation will remove the authority of Florida's insurance regulator to approve, modify or reject rate hikes by health insurance companies for the next two years — effectively deregulating health insurers and allowing them to raise prices and gouge consumers at will. And, it conveniently allows officials and insurance companies to blame any rate hikes on the Affordable Care Act.

To eliminate the Florida insurance commissioner's authority to turn down rate increases is unbelievable

and unconscionable. Florida had some of the strongest protections in the country, and to take them away like this makes absolutely no sense.

That's why, last week, I wrote a letter to the governor urging him to veto this bill. But given the governor's recent decision to return \$1 million in federal funding that would have helped the state cover the cost of overseeing insurance rates under the new health care law, and the fact that he has not even applied for another \$5 million in federal funding that is available to help states control their insurance markets, I'm not holding my breath.

An equally unsettling move came earlier this month when the state refused to expand Medicaid to some 1.2 million poor and disabled Floridians who would have received health care coverage under the Affordable Care Act. Unless the governor calls lawmakers back for a special session to remedy this callous decision, Florida will lose out on about \$51 billion in federal funding it would have otherwise received.

Instead, Floridians' tax dollars will continue flowing to other states to pay for expanded Medicaid programs elsewhere — with no benefit to the residents of our state.

And as a result, we will continue to pay more taxes and higher insurance premiums to cover the expensive, uncompensated emergency care for those who cannot afford insurance coverage.

Clearly, it's time elected officials in Florida started looking out for the people they are supposed to be representing.

Bill Nelson is Florida's senior U.S. senator and a former Florida state treasurer and insurance commissioner.

EDITOR'S NOTE I wanted to include this letter and article by Federal Senator Nelson so that the public is aware of what he is doing , whether agree with him or not. That is the true duty of a journalist something not often seen these days with bias of the press - Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

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Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving; Creating the "Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law"; prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device for certain purposes; defining the term "wireless communications device"; specifying information that is admissible as evidence of a violation; providing for enforcement as a secondary action; providing for points to be assessed against a driver license for the unlawful use of a wireless communications device within a school safety zone or resulting in a crash, etc.

SCOTT VETOES GO FAR AND WIDE

Gov. Rick Scott spread the pain.

As Scott signed a \$74.1 billion state budget Monday, he used his line-item veto power to eliminate proposals that ranged from spending \$14 million on a building project at Gulf Coast State College in the Panhandle to earmarking \$20,000 for the Hialeah Junior Fire Academy in South Florida.

"My filter was this," Scott said. "One, is it going to help our families get more jobs? Two, will it help improve our education system in our state? And three, will it make government more efficient so we can keep the cost of living low in our state?"

In issuing \$368 million in vetoes, the governor spared no region of the state and showed he was willing to delete projects backed by powerful lawmakers. The lawmakers who got zapped included Senate President Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, who supported the Gulf Coast State College project and also saw vetoes of other projects in northwest Florida.

Gaetz, who last week reacted angrily when the group Florida TaxWatch called for vetoes of some of the projects, issued a statement that was more philosophical about Scott's decisions.

"While many will disagree with some of Governor Scott's line item vetoes, that is his constitutional role as chief executive," Gaetz said.

But Senate Minority Leader Chris Smith, D-Fort Lauderdale, criticized Scott for reversing legislative budget decisions.

"As a newcomer to the office and the process, the governor misses a critical understanding about the role of the Legislature in crafting a spending plan," Smith said. "As he sits high and looks down low, he seems to be under the mistaken impression that all good ideas for job creation originate in the governor's mansion."

Here are samples of Scott's vetoes in different regions of the state:

NORTHWEST FLORIDA

- Gulf Coast State College science, technology, engineering and math building: \$14 million
- Old Jackson County High School in Marianna: \$6 million
- Mossy Head Industrial Park infrastructure in Walton County: \$1.8 million
- Okaloosa County Health Department mobile dental and medical units: \$1.725 million
- Gadsden County mobile health unit: \$200,000

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NORTHEAST FLORIDA

- St. Johns River State College project in Orange Park: \$2.5 million
- The Arc Village of Jacksonville: \$2 million
- Learn2Earn education initiative in Jacksonville: \$500,000
- Nassau County sheriff's administration building: \$500,000
- St. Augustine historical documentary film: \$500,000

CENTRAL FLORIDA

- Lakeland Regional Medical Center project for graduate medical education: \$2.5 million
- Bushnell-Sumter County water main extension: \$1.234 million
- Pine Hills pedestrian bridge in Orange County: \$800,000
- National Entrepreneur Center in Orlando: \$600,000
- Orange County library research and development grant: \$250,000

WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA

- Hernando County broadband network: \$2 million
- Pasco K-20 STEM education magnet academy: \$1.5 million
- Metropolitan Ministries transitional family housing project in Pasco County: \$1.3 million
- Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) slots in Hillsborough County: \$1.3 million
- Pasco County drug initiative known as "Pasco be Smart": \$1 million

SOUTH CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

- Florida Gulf Coast University Renewable Energy Institute: \$7.5 million'
- Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) slots in Lee County: \$2.196 million
- Historic Hendry County courthouse renovation: \$1.5 million
- Fort Myers/Cape Coral reclaimed water distribution pipeline: \$900,000
- Hardee County regional wastewater service improvements: \$500,000

SOUTHEAST FLORIDA

- **Bethesda Hospital in Palm Beach County special Medicaid payment: \$3.629 million**
- **Violence prevention unit in Palm Beach County: \$550,000**
- **Broward County transportation hub: \$500,000**
- **Holocaust Documentation and Education Center: \$500,000**
- **Dade Correctional Institution compost machine: \$100,000**

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

MOTORCYCLE NEWS

Normally I would have the News stories from NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES but I did not get an email this month and going to the site I didn't find them either. So I am falling back on my Google Alert Motorcycle story search. Often these provide a lot of stories on accidents, some industry news. and last month I lot of stories of various regions declared May as Motorcycle Month. I will summarize and provide links for you to go more in deep if interested as not enough time to get permission for every story. - Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

MAC iBIKE? Just bike made of Mac Computer Parts

Portland Oregon had a "One Mootercycle Show" back in February. One entre was made with parts from various Apple devices, "used an iPhone as a speedometer while a dissected Mac provides the power switch, USB and stereo jack that allow the same phone to act as the motorcycle's music player." You can rad more and see a video at http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/05/16/motorcycle-mac-ibike_n_3286601.html

Insurance companies Join Bandwagon on Motorcycle Safety and Issues Like Cell Phones

I guess they want to show they are more motorcycle friendly these days or just decided we are another market for their sales. Allstate has been a big one, note "NORTHBROOK, Ill., May 9, 2013 -- /PRNewswire/ -- To kick off National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month (May), Allstate Insurance Company will continue its efforts to donate standardized warning signs for motorcycle safety with its "Once is Never Enough" (ONE) program with the first installation of 2013. ONE is an awareness campaign that encourages people to look twice for motorcycles at intersections and aims to help reduce the number of motorcycle crashes at intersections by proposing installations of permanent motorcycle warning signs in 20 U.S. cities this year. Additionally, a new Allstate Motorcycle Facebook mapping application was created in response to the numerous requests from the rider community to help bring awareness to other hazardous road conditions.

To view the multimedia assets associated with this release, please click <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/allstate-revs-up-motorcycle-safety-sign-program-to-warn-motorists-of-dangerous-intersections-206682591.html> "

Barstow Motorcycle Center moves to bigger digs

Internet marketing has helped this route 66 store to be able to move to a larger real life store. For more information see <http://www.barstowmotorcyclecenter.com/> or their Facebook page: Barstow Motorcycle Center.

eBay Motors Partners with Motorcycle Superstore

I have used Motorcycle Superstore for some online orders. This joining for tow online sources was reported in CycleNews online

<http://www.cyclenews.com/45/21580/Racing-Article/eBay-Motors-Partners-with-Motorcycle-Superstore.aspx>

Indian Motorcycles Expands Its Lineup

Since Indian was bought by Polaris Industries (also make victory and the front wheeled trikes) they have been having press releases, this one in MotorTrend announces that the Chief will be available in 2014 under \$20,000

<http://blogs.motortrend.com/indian-motorcycles-expands-its-tribe-29205.html#ixzz2UJDdbTNU>

INFORMATION FOR MILITARY MOTORCYCLE RIDERS

Links and rules for the military rider in various branches

<http://www.armytimes.com/article/20130516/OFFDUTY04/305160019/Know-motorcycle-rules-DoD-wide-base-level>

Bonnier Buys Nine Motorcycle Brands, Sells Others

Bonnier Corporation purchased *Motorcyclist*, *Sport Rider*, *Dirt Rider*, *Motorcycle Cruiser*, *Hot Bike*, *Baggers*, *Super Streetbike*, *Street Chopper* and *ATV Rider* Source Interlink Media. Like in a sports trade they sold of their products *Sound + Vision*, *TransWorld SNOWboarding*, *TransWorld Motocross*, *TransWorld SKATEboarding*, *TransWorldSURF*, *TransWorld RIDEbmx* and *TransWorld Business* to Source Interlink.

http://www.mediabistro.com/fishbowlny/bonnier-buys-nine-motorcycle-brands-sells-others_b83017

Do We Want Right to Split Lanes?

Over past few months there have been several online postings of the possible California law to allow motorcycles to legally be able to “white line” or land splitting. I believe the bill may have died there but here is a sort of how it did die in Nevada <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/05/25/motorcycle-lane-splitting-bill/2360737/>

Weird Motorcycle of the Month

“Motorcycle with airplane engine makes a roaring racket. The Red Baron motorcycle is an unholy combination of bike mechanics and airplane mechanics, creating a demon of a ride. See the bike in action below. The video may be in German, but you can crank up the volume to get an inkling of what this crazy transportation device sounds like.”

http://news.cnet.com/8301-17938_105-57584871-1/motorcycle-with-airplane-engine-makes-a-roaring-racket/

Motorcycle road racing 'For the babies'

53 year doctor road races his motorcycle for the March of Dimes in the Space Coast area. FLORIDA TODAY

http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20130502/SPORTS/305020041/Motorcycle-road-racing-babies-?nclick_check=1

Pine Bush motorcycle project brings kids closer to graduation

This Florida high school project working and designing bikes is helping to keep at risk students in school.

<http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20130518/NEWS/305180332>

Police: Motorcycle passing on right hits car turning right

“ADAIR VILLAGE, Ore. - A motorcyclist and his passenger crashed when the bike tried to pass a car on the right on Highway 99 as the car made a righthand turn, Oregon State Police said. “ Opposite of what the case usually is.

<http://www.kval.com/news/local/Motorcycle-passing-on-right-hits-car-turning-right-208366231.html>

A California driver in an act of road rage hits bike with passenger on San Diego bridge.

<http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Road-Raged-Driver-Slams-Into-Motorcycle-Coronado-Bay-Bridge-208060031.html>

EagleRider Rental launches mobile version of its rentals and tours site

<http://www.sacbee.com/2013/05/16/v-print/5426782/motorcycle-rental-and-tours-mega.html>

The road to adventure - on a motorcycle

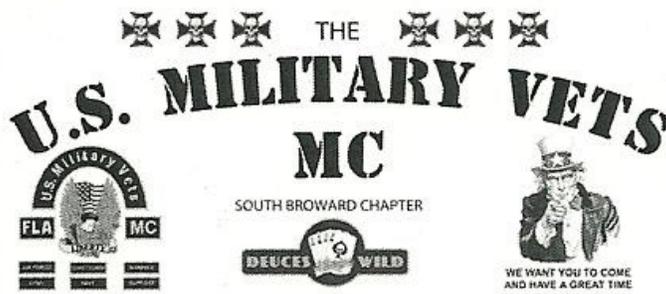
http://thesouthern.com/lifestyles/magazine/the-road-to-adventure---on-a-motorcycle/article_560667ec-be70-11e2-9bfe-001a4bcf887a.html

Motorcycles in Pop Culture

Mariah Carey, Miguel Share Motorcycle Dreams in '#Beautiful' Video

“The Joseph Kahn-directed clip essentially features two set pieces, the first of which draws upon the song's opening line ("Hop on the back of my bike") and find the R&B crooners sharing a motorcycle before Carey commandeers the vehicle for herself in a sunny field. The second sequence showcases Miguel seated in a red Porsche, beaming as he watches Carey gyrate in a short yellow dress, the glow from the headlights providing a makeshift spotlight for the singer.” You can view it off the article

<http://www.billboard.com/articles/news/1561327/mariah-carey-miguel-share-motorcycle-dreams-in-beautiful-video>



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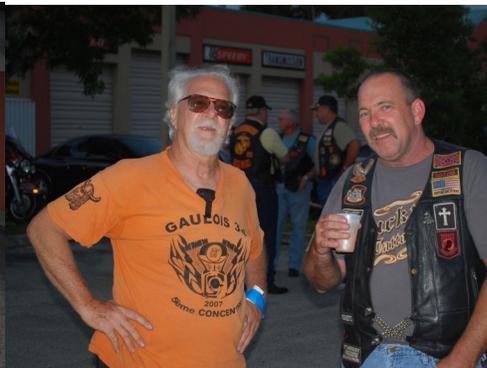
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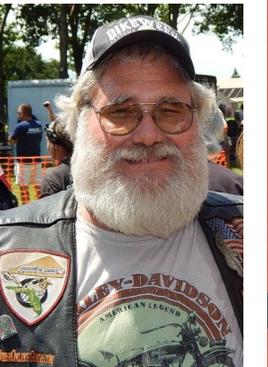
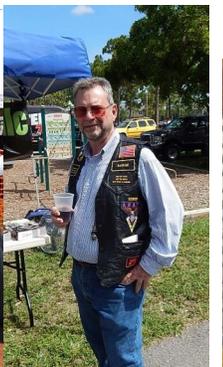
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ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2013

The Chapter President called the meeting to order with three sharp strikes of the gavel at 11:45am. The Chapter recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and observed a brief time of reverent and reflective silence. There were twenty nine Chapter members present at the meeting.

President Ed “Nighthawk” Lattari – Nighthawk thanked all the Chapter members who made the ride to Leesburg for the Bikefest. The Chapter's rally is on June 29th, and volunteers are needed. The Bok Tower ride was a lot of fun, but the poor turn out was disappointing. Nighthawk reminded the Chapter that there is a State Meeting in Cape Coral in June. The United Bikers Council patches may be ready at the next council meeting. The United Bikers Council bike night was announced. Sgt-at-Arms Petee's 60th birthday party was announced. Nighthawk reminded Chapter members to be careful of their online presence.

Vice President Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson – Slo Motion discussed the upcoming State Meeting in Cape Coral.

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

Treasurer Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger – Foxybabe informed the Chapter that it is financially sound, and gave a summary report of financial details.

Membership Trustee Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger – Foxybabe cited 224 current members in the Chapter, and gave a brief report regarding membership renewals and attrition.

Sgt-at-Arms Pete “Petee” Carroll – Volunteers are needed for the Chapter's June rally. Help is especially needed with breaking down after the event.

State Delegates Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson and Ken "Snooze" Gereck – ABATE has once again lost the quarter million dollars in State of Florida funding for safety programs. Slo Motion reminded the Chapter members that a visit to their legislators would have a great impact on their understanding of issues important to ABATE.

Safety Trustee Charlie “Niblick” Wenger – Volunteers to help at the safety booth are needed.

Product Trustee Pro Tem Lisa “Pookie” Miller – No report

Newsletter Trustee Dan “Slo Motion Henderson – No further report

Webmaster Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson - Network Solutions web hosting will be expiring, and a new web hosting company is being explored.

Old Business – No old business

New Business –Ken "Snooze" Gerecke was nominated for the position of PR Trustee.

Good of the Order – Local events were briefly discussed. Email updates were briefly discussed. Dan Henderson needs help with his upcoming moving into a new house.

Motion to adjourn the meeting carried, and the President's gavel sounded the meetings conclusion at 12:20pm

This concludes the minutes of the May 19th, 2013 meeting of ABATE Palm Beach Chapter.

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GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

- To** print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.
- To** become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.
- To** provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.
- To** promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.
- To** promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.
- To** educate the public about motorcycle awareness.