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## Common Distractions

Just a quick reminder to watch out for common roadside distractions when riding. Anything that gets your attention will also get the attention of other drivers. With everybody looking at the same thing and nobody looking at the road, its a recipe for bad things to happen.

Back in the early 90's, thong wearing female roadside hot dog vendors were all the rage in Palm Beach County. For only \$5 you could buy a hot dog with everything on it custom made by a girl wearing nothing but a thong and some stickers over her nipples.

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But the study was flawed. Hot naked ladies don't cause accidents any more than a fire hydrant does. But what they do is distract drivers so that they are more vulnerable to unpredictable road hazards. For example, a kid that runs into the street has a much better chance of being the main ingredient to road pizza when none of the drivers are actually looking at the road.

For bikers, where we look is usually where we go. So my advice is to learn to recognize a common distraction when you see one and make a special effort to keep your eyes on the road even if nobody else is. If you can't help yourself, pull over and buy yourself a hot dog or donate a few bucks to the girl wanting bigger boobs.



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# **ABATE of Florida, Inc Mission Statement**

## **WHO WE ARE**

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. We ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG. We fund our work through events, toy runs, poker runs, campouts, and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors & friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community. We serve and support our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others. We are Pro-choice NOT anti– helmet

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

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

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

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

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When you become a member of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. you are helping make a difference in the ongoing mission to protect your right to ride and enjoy the motorcycle of your choice, your choice of riding apparel, and when and where you can ride a motorcycle. These are issues that are real and present in today's "protect yourself from yourself" political environment. This holds true for all levels of government. There will always be those who see our love for motorcycling as a negative and will try any means to control and if possible prohibit motorcycle use.

On the local level our members get out the vote and support candidates who are sympathetic to our issues. We also will endeavor to lobby local governments whenever there are issues that need to be addressed, affecting local motorcycle use, ownership, and any discrimination that may result from said use of ownership.

At the state level we have a paid registered lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital in Tallahassee to lobby our legislators on the issues concerning the motorcycling public in Florida. He also finds reliable House and Senate sponsors for the bills we support. On the national level we are aligned with Motorcycle Riders Foundations (MRF), and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), along with several other international motorcycle rights organizations (MRO's).

As one can see we have our ear to the ground and our resolve tempered like steel. As Americans we have had it demonstrated to us time and again the vigilance is armor of free men and women. We shall not let the armor rust or weaken. With your support we can re-enforce and strengthen the armor for now and generations to come.

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# President's Message "Nighthawk"

As I write this we are but just a couple days from our Freedom Rights Rally at Renegades. Many of you will probably get their copy while at our rally. I'd like to thank everyone who were able to attend. A special thanks goes to all the fine Motorcycle Clubs in our community. As you should be already aware of, we are members of the United Bikers Council of Palm Beach. Many of the Palm Beach clubs, associations and organizations here are members. The UBPCB helps promote friendship among many other things. Our support to its members are vital to the continued success of our chapter. At another recent event I was talking to a couple people about the lack of independents at the Bike Nights and Events and that's when Half Pint says "you mean the posers!?" I busted out laughing, but she was right! There was a time a couple years ago when riding a Harley was fashionable and there were those that rode just to try to be cool! You rarely if at all see those people now. Nowadays mostly you see more real bikers and fewer posers.



It seems our chapter has about 2/3rds of bikers that are independents (true independents, not posers!) and about a 1/3rd of club members. I was talking to Old Hippy of Southeast chapter and they're about 2/3rds club members and 1/3rd indys. This tells me we need to do a better job in getting the clubs and members to join ABATE. All these guys generally know what ABATE does and support our cause. If you remember, it wasn't all that long ago that we weren't getting a lot of support from the clubs because we weren't supporting them like we should have. Well we have been out showing our support to the clubs and we are seeing the clubs are supporting us again as well. I am hoping that we will also see more club members joining ABATE again. We need them as members to help raise our numbers and clout with the legislators in order to further our goals as an organization. For those that have been making the rides with me to the events I thank you! For those who haven't or have made very few, I'd like to encourage you to participate more. It takes time and participation to get to know the club members in our community. The better you get to know them, the more you will like them and get to be friends. The more you attend, the more fun the events become. You will find many of these guys have tough exteriors but hidden inside are hearts of gold. It maybe a little tougher to get to know a club member than your average Joe, but I think you'll find that most bikers and especially club members are a better quality of friend. As always I'd like to remind the ABATE members to be respectful. I'd also like to remind you to know proper protocol when dealing with clubs and its members. Oh, and let me remind our members if you're going to be drunk and stupid at an event, please don't wear an ABATE patch! If your drunk and stupid and then end up getting your ass kicked don't expect any sympathy from me! I've seen this happen a few times over the years and can say that in my opinion they had it coming. So remember, drunk, stupid and disrespectful is a bad combination!!! Anytime your sporting that patch you represent the chapter, so make sure your making the rest of your ABATE brothers and sisters look good! Anyway I think that's enough rambling from me for this month.

Well until next month, ride safe and watch your asses out there.

Ed "Nighthawk" Lattari  
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# UPCOMING Group Fun Rides/Event Schedule

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 21 Sunday ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting

July 28th Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual

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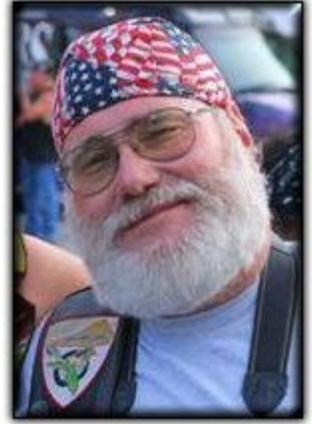
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## Vice President's Message - Slo Motion



I have to admire the delegates from the Key's ABATE Southernmost Chapter as they always ride to state meetings regardless. Due to possible weather and my leg, Kenny and I drove over to Cape Coral for the June meeting. Good think about this is it allows us to talk and discuss the meeting more. And we do get to see and talk about things. On the way to the Lake we watched as a State Trooper make a U-turn ahead of us then stop in the road with his lights on ahead of us. I wondered what he was doing but as we drove by we saw that he was removing a big check of tire from the road. We say our tax dollars in action in a duty they are supposed to do. I noticed a sign at a gas station out there for ethanol free gas. We said it was needed to get more information on where to get it, the cost and what octane. Nighthawk at our meeting said he got some in the Keys but lower octane, like 90, and costly. I had gotten some recreational gas in Keys before myself as was no premium so likely the same. Also at the meeting it was mentioned that you could find locations online but I haven't yet found a good site. I have used an MSN page for low price gas but didn't see anything on ethanol free. GasBuddy.com is another site and also has a phone app and other information but still no ethanol free. Google search just seemed to find more searches. Bing.com found BuyRealGas.com which might be the best at least for finding Marina stations. They also pointed me to Local.com where typed in ethanol free gas and West Palm beach and did get some results. Anyone else found any better sites? Email me.

Another thing we saw was a May is Motorcycle message on the highway electric sign on I95 that was still up. This prompted a discussion on what we heard at meeting for a state wide ABATE fundraiser. A great idea but with our biker calendars a headache as many events in May. Maybe with we work with Palm Beach Harley next year for such an event. I spoke to Kathleen and she was open to idea. Charlie has gotten them to have us as the benefit for their October Bike Night. I really appreciate Palm Beach Harley's support of our Chapter.

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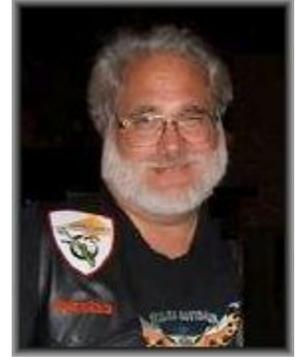
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**DELEGATE REPORT**

President “Doc” Danny Fish started the meeting with communication and Bikeweek campground recap. They are looking into new insurance for events. VP Emory Griffis spoke on community conduct, be positive. Treat the Sport Bikers with respect as they are the future. Refer to their rides as sport bikes only. No not preach to them but educate them. The Secretaries report was amended. We have articles, not ads, in *Full Throttle* and *Born to Ride* magazines. Besides the Treasurer’s report Patti spoke on the 501(c)3



application. The accountant letter is posted here after our chapter minutes as we will vote next meeting as to spend the money to investigate getting it. Now would be the time to get it as the IRS is in bad press. We would create and second non-profit organization for ABATE Safety and Education. Donations would be tax deductible which would bring in more. Plus it would allow to apply for Grants to fund our Safety programs instead of relying on State Funds.

Sgt-at-Arms Mudder warned of the dangers of riding in the heat, drink lots of water and non-alcohol drinks to stay hydrated. Announced that Squeaky is new assistant Sgt-at-Arms.. Boots in her State Office report said we would no longer be getting calls from ADD salesman as they no longer get the names due to the many complaints of them calling. Some even were fired. I have to confirm with Boots the best way to handle the ADD Insurance policy. Memberships, I picked up our 3 Life members—Phil M., John and Jamie V.

PR/Communications—Rhonda had a lot to say. I am putting her handouts on pages 14 & 15. She gave kudos to those Chapters who participated in Safety Presentation during May. Charlie helped us doing the table at events and pushing May as Motorcycle Month. I wasn’t able to get any local proclamations with all that was on my table the past few months and I hope our new PR/com team will be able to do next year. She spoke of Facebook and other social media sites and how we should handle with Standard Operating Procedures in development. Also SOP for article writing and press releases are being worked on. Two new media publications have been picked up, *American Biker* and *Go Far Magazine*. Ideas for articles are needed. There was a Chapter Challenge to have chapter get out and do bike nights. Our safety table by Charlie covers that and we usually have a good turnout of members at events.

Safety Director Charles Wenger has been working on getting us into more events. One is the Eustis Swap Meet at Daytona Bikeweek. Another is the American International Motorcycle Expo, AIMExpo, in Orlando October 16-20. I would be willing to help him if can get off from work at that time.

Legislative. I have covered what Scribe handed out in this issues Legislative Report. He also offered to come do Legislative Seminars for chapters. Read about his Think Tank and now is the time to work on our Legislators and to come up with bill ideas before September—just around the corner. One idea is my favorite, Mandatory Drivers Education, Florida is number 2 national in teen accidents. I think we can get backing from local reps on this. Lobbyist James “Doc” Reichenbach urged us to visit our legislators. He discussed several option about getting our State Safety funding returned. It sounds as if Govenor Scott is planning to run again and Charlie Crist will be his main opponent. Legal Council Larry Crow told us the trail has been set of summer in the State Fair Anti-Biker suit. N.C.O.M. will have its southern regional meeting in Georgia November 9 & 10. The AMA continues to fight and educate on the E15 gas issue. See articles on pages 26-28. We should be getting the Bikeweek drawing tickets at Leadership, commented for great job selling. Tallahassee Rally date has not been set as second weekend is Passover and third is Easter so nobody would be there

NEW BUSINESS State meetings sites were chosen and are seen in box on next page. A suggestion was made for a May state wide event, like Can You see Me Now? Ride, to make money for safety products.

# ABATE of Florida, Inc.

## Leadership Seminars



### President's Meeting

Saturday, July 13, 2013

Sunday, July 14, 2013

At the Days Inn and Suites

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These Leadership Seminars are for **ALL CHAPTER OFFICERS**.

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#### SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2013

TIME	ROOM A	ROOM B	ROOM C
8:00 - 9:00	Treasury (part 1)	Products	Legislative (part 1)
9:00 - 10:00	Treasury (part 2)	Delegates	Legislative (part 2)
10:00 - 11:00	Treasury (part 3)	Secretary	PR/Communications
11:00 - 12:00	Treasury (part 4)	Sgt-At-Arms	Newsletter
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	Safety	Insurance	Membership

#### SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2013

9am - 12 Noon Presidents/Vice Presidents Meeting



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### ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. STATE MEETING – AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

#### Place of Meeting:

Ramada Sarasota – 7150 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34234

**State Board Member Meeting Time:** 12:00 Noon

**State Delegates Meeting Time:** 2:00 PM

#### Driving/Riding Directions From the North, South or East

From I 75 Exit 213 University Parkway head west on University Parkway for 6.4 miles. Turn right on N. Tamiami Trail US 41 for 2.3 miles. Ramada Waterfront Sarasota will be on the left.



**Hotel Information:** Ramada Sarasota – 7150 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34234 – Phone: (941) 358-1000. \$59.00 per room (tax not included). Mention ABATE for discount. You have to reserve before August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 to receive discounted rate, and have until 4:00 PM the day prior to your check in to cancel, otherwise your credit card will be charged.

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## DELEGATE REPORT

As you can read in this report and in other reports in this newsletter, the ABATE of Florida Inc. is really looking for members input and involvement looking towards the future. We as Delegates are you voices so open to hear what you have to say to relay to the State Officers.

In attendance at the June State Meeting were:

Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson  
Kenny “Snooze” Gerecke  
Charlie “Niblick” Wenger  
Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger  
Ed “Nighthawk” Lattari

All members are always welcome to attend, especially the Leadership Seminars. WE do learn a lot and a good time is always had. If you want to attend the Leadership Seminars the chapter will cover the room s as long as you attend a seminar or two. Contact Debbie to arrange for a room.

## STATE MEETINGS

### 2013 - Host Chapter

July 13-14

Leadership Meetings in Clermont

August 10 West Coast—Sarasota

October 11-12 Hillsborough Spooks n Scoots

Dec. 14 Treasure Coast

### 2013 - Host Chapter

Feb. 8 Lake Chapter

April ?? Tallahassee date TBA

June 14 Vintage St. Augustine

Oct. 11 Hillsborough—Brooksville Spooks n Scoots weekend party

Dec. 13 Treasure Coast

FROM THE DESK OF STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS  
RHONDA GRIFFIS  
APRIL 2013 STATE MEETING

Here's a few things that are going on in my office.

**New Email Address** – I have a new email address. Please make sure you change what you have to flabatestatepr@gmail.com

**Bikeweek 2014** – I have been given the go ahead to form a Bikeweek 2014 Planning Committee, which I have done. The intent of the Committee is to plan and execute some events for the Bikeweek Campground next year. The committee held our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lots of good ideas were passed around. We decided to focus our efforts on three (larger scale) events. These events are being designed to include Chapter participation. We are really excited and look forward to watching the plans come full circle.

**Face book** - Many chapters have their own Facebook page, which is fine, however, I do want to remind you all of the SOP guidelines regarding posting in public forums. It is NOT the venue to be airing your dirty laundry and making personal attacks on each other I am depending on the Chapter PR's to help monitor your sites. I am in the process of developing a "Social Media SOP" and will have this available by the July Leadership Seminars.

**Media & Publications** – Since last Meeting, we have increased our Media Publication availability to FOUR magazines. We have been welcomed by American Biker and Go Far Magazines. We still have full pages with Full Throttle and Born to Ride Magazines each month. These pages are FREE to us for submitting ABATE related news, articles and pictures. The good news about having multiple Media Publications is that neither of them wants what we send to the other, meaning we have FOUR different opportunities to write FOUR different articles. The bad news about having multiple Media Publications, we can submit FOUR different articles. Although I am usually not at a loss for words, sometimes it's a stretch for me to come up with different ideas. Therefore, I am creating a SOP for article writing so we can display the many writing talents throughout our chapters. REMEMBER: Any article that is written for Media Publication, MUST first come through my office for approval.

**CFB (Central Florida Sportbike Counsel)** - Orange County Chapter, along with myself are working together with the CFB counsel, to generate new membership (younger members), and to establish a good relationship with the various MC, RC, clubs, groups and organizations. We are working together to support each other.

**ABATE Awareness** - With the above being said, I had the opportunity to go to the counsels first bike night and meet the various patch holders. The common question I asked the majority was "are you familiar with ABATE"? 85% said "NO"!! This is UNEXCEPTIBLE!! We CANNOT build our membership when the "next generation" knows nothing about us. I must say, I am guilty of just assuming that everyone who rides, is aware of ABATE and what we do...this IS NOT THE CASE. So, how can we work together to rectify this? My suggestions are:

1. Get out into your communities where sport bike riders are gathering.
2. Make sure you are prepared to talk about ABATE and hand each one of them a tri-fold, which contains all the information as well as a membership application.
3. Don't forget to tell them about the Insurance. Every member in good standing is eligible for \$4000 in ADD (Accidental Death or Dismember). This is a HUGE selling point.
4. Follow up with them. Let them know you will be back. Support their runs, because unless and until WE start supporting them, we can not expect them to support us.

**UNLESS YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED...PEOPLE ARE NOT KNOCKING DOWN OUR DOORS WANTING IN!!! WE MUST GO TO WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE.**

**Chapter Challenge -**

As a Chapter, Attend 1 (one) bike night . If possible, set up a safety table, meet the various patches and distribute tri-folds. ONE WEEK LATER (or the next time they have another bike night) GO BACK!! They will see that you cared enough to return and support. Get 5 new Chapter members.

**For June** - Each Chapter HOST your own Bike night someplace. Get out into your communities and let the community be aware of the motorcycles. Get 5 new Chapter Members.

Let me just finish up by saying, the number of new members I'm asking for is totally doable. There are over 900,000 registered motorcycles in this state, ABATE only has <1% membership of that number. So, the people are out there and waiting for someone to tell them all about ABATE and share with them what their membership would mean. We JUST HAVE TO DO IT!!

## SUMMARY OF SURVEY CONDUCTED DURING THE APRIL 2013 STATE MEETING

- 1. FIVE THINGS WITHIN YOUR CHAPTER THAT YOU FEEL NEED TO BE MADE DIFFERENT**
  - A. Increase Membership. Younger members.
  - B. Increase chapter participation among the membership
  - C. Increase the amount of rides/events within the chapters
  - D. Improve membership communication/public communication
  - E. Move past old ways and create a new plan
  
- 2. FIVE SUGGESTION FOR MAKING BETTER, THE ISSUES YOU JUST IDENTIFIED**
  - A. More membership drives. Visit Bikenights. Support other events. Get contact information from people you meet.
  - B. Organize more Chapter events
  - C. Increase Chapter PR/Advertising
  - D. Prepare a Chapter Growth Plan/Goal Chart
  - E. Call/Contact your Chapters membership
  
- 3. FIVE THINGS YOU FEEL THE STATE BODs SHOULD BE DOING DIFFERENT**
  - A. Keep Chapters more informed as to what is going on with the Organization
  - B. More Chapter/Events visits
  - C. Wear Identifying clothing
  - D. Define a Goal for the Organization
  - E. Revamp the Masterlink to be a more useful tool (i.e. more information, chapter participation within, more pictures)
  
- 4. WHAT ONE YEAR GOAL WOULD YOU SET FOR ABATE OF FLORIDA?**
  - A. Increase Membership
  - B. Define a goal for the organization
  - C. More publicity
  - D. Improve the Masterlink
  - E. A monthly Report from Lobbyist

# WEEKLY EVENTS

**Mon** Jam Night at Turn 3  
with Stet & T3JB

**3rd Mon** Johnny Q Bike  
Night

**1st Tues** Iron Cross Bike  
Night

**2nd Tues** Connolly's Bike  
Night

**2nd Tues** Lugnuts Bike  
Night at Boonies

**Tues** Lone Legion MC  
Brotherhood Open House

**Wed** Island Jack's Bike  
Nite

**Wed** States MC Lake  
Worth Open House 8pm

**Wed** Chit Chat's bike nite  
7pm Free BBQ, music

**1st Thurs** Renegades  
Bike Night

**3rd Thurs** H-D Palm Bch  
Bike Nite 5-10PM

**Every Thursday** Mickey's  
Jam Nite 9-1

**Thurs** Dinner 6:30 States  
MC Pompano Clubhouse

**Thurs** Black Pistons MC  
WPB Open House

**Fri** Outlaws MC WPB Open  
House at 7PM

**1st Fri** Soldiers for Jesus  
Open House 7-10PM

**1st Fri** Enforcers MC Par-  
ty

**Sat** Wings of Gold MC  
West Palm open house—  
1st Sat Open House Party

**Sat** Fly-In Wheels MC  
WPB open house

**Sat** FREE hot dogs & so-  
da's H-D Palm Bch, 10-2

**Sun** Rack n Roll Top Hat  
Billiards Jupiter

**Sun** Bucket Specials, Free  
Food, music at Mickey's

**Sun** Flossie's Famous Tiki  
Hut Biker Sunday

**3rd Sun** USMVMC Palm  
Bch Open House

## United Bikers Council of Palm Beach County Events

### JULY

07 AOA MC WPB Annual

### AUGUST

04 States MC Lake Worth party

### SEPTEMBER

21 Latin Ryderz MC Annual

### OCTOBER

18-20 Biketoberfest

26 Alternatives MC Annual

West Boca's  
Best Entertainment!



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In Memory of Brent 

**MUSIC & FUN SCHEDULE**

Monday Jam Night hosted by Stet Blancett, T3JB (Turn3 jam band)

Sunday, Karaoke with "Michelle"

Every Tuesday - 8-Ball pool tournament

Every Wed, Texas Hold Em with Dealer Dave

Every Thursday, Dart Grab Bag

**LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE:**

**Fri & Sat July 5 & 6 TBA**

**Fri & Sat July 12 & 17 Top Priority**

**Fri & Sat July 19 & 20 Stone Mojo**

**Fri & Sat July 26 & 27 Double Standard**

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## SFPC BROWARD EVENTS

### JULY

- 06** Wheels of Man MC IRC Annual
- 07** AOA MC WPB Annual
- 20 Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook Off
- 28** Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual

### AUGUST

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

### SEPTEMBER

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

### OCTOBER

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

### NOVEMBER

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

### DECEMBER

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

**6th Annual Fort Lauderdale**

*Summer Bike Fest*  
**20 13**

**Sunday, July 21st, 2013**  
**11:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

**Bands • Vendors • Bike Builders/Painter Displays**  
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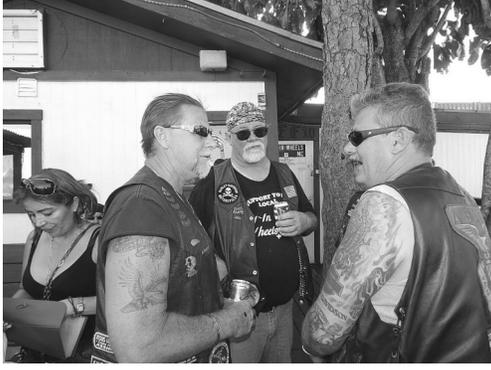
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# July 2013

**Sun****Mon****Tue****Wed****Thu****Fri****Sat**

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<b>21</b> ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting	<b>22</b> Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB	<b>23</b> Lone Legion MC Open House	<b>24</b> States LW MC Open House Island Jack's Bike Night	<b>25</b> Black Pistons MC Open House Turboz/Ralphs Bike Night	<b>26</b> AOA WPB MC Open House	<b>27</b> Wings of Gold WPB MC Open House Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
<b>28</b> Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual	<b>29</b> Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB	<b>30</b> Lone Legion MC Open House	<b>31</b> States LW MC Open House Island Jack's Bike Night			

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# Motorcycle safety recalls for 2012 and 2013

by Ted Latusus on June 11, 2013

Time once again to check safety recalls for motorcycles during the last 12 months. Both Transport Canada and the U.S. National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) have ongoing investigations for motorcycle safety/reliability, but not to the same extent as automobiles. In the case of the latter organization, many updates/bulletins take the form of complaints from owners. For example, the NHTSA has no formal recalls on file for the Honda CBR250, but there are at least five official complaints from owners.

Anyway, without fear or favor, here's a list of recalls from these two government organizations.

## Ducati

All kinds of problems and issues here. In 2012, for example, the NHTSA recorded some 11 recalls for the Italian manufacturer, with another two for 2013 so far. They range from rear brakes that may come apart on models such as the Streetfighter, Hypermotard, Multistrada, and Monster, to potentially flawed swing-arm shafts on the Panigale, to glitchy steering head screws, to a side stand on the Diavel that could break (thought they fixed that one), to issues with the front brake master cylinder hose on the '13 Panigale. And this isn't even counting the various complaints from owners. In other words, Ducati may build some of the most exciting motorcycles in the world, but their quality control sucks.

## Harley-Davidson

The Milwaukee company has 24 recalls on file for 2012 and one more, so far, for 2013—for the V-Rod license plate bracket, which could come loose and fall off. Other issues for H-D products include a widespread recall for a rear brake light switch that could stop working because of heat from the exhaust pipe. This last one affects a wide range of H-D models, but is easily rectified.

## Honda

As mentioned, there are five complaints from CBR250 owners, ranging from the engine shutting itself off during downshifting to starting problems. The NHTSA also has a couple of recalls on file for the 2012 Goldwing; these concern possibly flawed aftermarket floorboards manufactured by Kuryakyn and a problem with the rear brake "dragging" and wearing out prematurely. There is also an issue with the NC700 series, involving a possibly faulty chain, which could break. Honda dealers will replace the chain here, gratis.

## Kawasaki

No official recalls just yet for 2013, but there are more than a few complaints regarding the Ninja 300. Random stalling and a wonky clutch lever seem to be the culprits and as one rider noted, "this is a hazard to me and other drivers around me." Other contretemps involve a possibly jammed rear brake pedal on the 2012 Concours 14, a possibly flawed regulator/rectifier for the Ninja 6R and 10R, and footpegs that could come apart on the Versys and Nina 250 and 650. This make some 13 recalls in total for Kawasaki in 2012/2013.

## KTM

The favourite manufacturer of long-distance off-roaders has two recalls for '12 and two more for '13—and they concern the same two models: the 350EXC-F and 500 EXC. In both cases, it's a matter of a fuel line, which is located between the fuel tank and throttle body fuel rail, possibly cracking, due to "manufacturing inconsistencies", and leaking onto the rear tire, with predictably dire results—especially considering the way these bikes are usually ridden.

## Piaggio

Three recalls for 2012 are on file for the Italian scooter maker. They all have to do with a potentially flawed ignition control unit on the 50-cc Piaggio Fly and Vespa LX50 and S50.

## Suzuki

Gone but not forgotten in North America, Suzuki leaves behind three recalls for its '12 models. These all involve brake light issues with the AN400 and AN650 Scooters—otherwise known as the Burgman—and DL650/V-Strom. Here's the thing with the affected Burgman models: the faulty brake light switch could prevent you from starting the bike in the first place. Good luck getting this sorted out.

## Triumph

There are 16 recalls on file for 2012 and 2013 Triumph models and they cover a lot of ground. For example, the front and rear turn signals on the '13 Daytona 675, Street Triple, Speed Triple, and Tiger 800 could fall apart and stop working; the wheels on the same models for the 2012 models could have faulty bearings; the Thunderbird/Thunderbird Storm could have the same wheel bearing issues; and the Tiger 800 could have "engine management" issues. Lots to think about here.

## Victory

This Polaris-owned company has 10 recalls on file for 2012, and 10 more for 2013. They all have to do with possibly incorrectly torqued throttle cables that could come loose. There is also a bulletin for the pillion backrest on the Kingpin model that could literally come off the bike on its own and potentially cause the passenger to fall off the bike.

## Yamaha

Two recalls for 2012 on file here. Both involves a fuel pump that could leak on the Super Tenere and V-Star tourers. Apparently, the culprit is an ill-fitting "O" ring and/or a faulty fuel line. Either way, it's a potential fire hazard.

<http://www.straight.com/life/390366/motorcycle-safety-recalls-2012-and-2013>



Everything motorcycle in one place at one time every year? That's the aim behind the American International Motorcycle Expo, says Larry Little, former CW publisher who is now vice president and general manager of the Motorcycle Group for the Expo's producer, Marketplace Events. "The show's purpose is to serve as the catalyst to bring together industry, press, dealers and consumers in a single arena that creates a grand stage for motorcycling in the U.S. and North America."

Little says the model is based on that used for the big European shows, such as EICMA in Milan, with similar fall timing to match the debut of new motorcycle models and aftermarket products. The inaugural show will be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida, on October 16-20, 2013.

Consumer attendance is essential to the show's success, which meant we needed a city that could attract a large number of enthusiasts," says Little. "Orlando sits within a four-hour loop that encompasses Miami, Tampa/St. Petersburg, Daytona and Jacksonville. Additionally, the timeframe aligns directly with Daytona's Biketoberfest, putting a significant number of enthusiasts just an hour's ride away from the AIMExpo."

<http://www.cycleworld.com/2012/08/17/a-really-big-show/> <http://www.aimexpousa.com>

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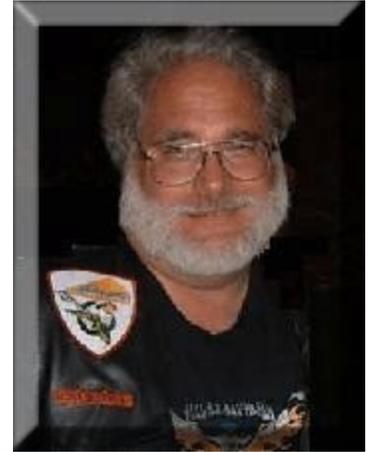
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# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

## DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

I am relying on the reports for State Legislative Rep Scribe for this month's report as he did good job of summarize this year's session. Not much was done due ti the Transportation Committees doing nothing—as you will read only hearing a few of submissions and not even holding meetings. I think it is time to make the Chairs more responsible to their elected duties.



### NEW LAW: SLOWPOKES SHOULD MOVE OUT OF LEFT LANE

A massive transportation bill signed late Wednesday by Gov. Rick Scott will require slow drivers to move out of the left lane or face potential fines. The bill (HB 7125) bars left-lane drivers from going more than 10 mph below the speed limit if they know they are being overtaken from behind by faster-moving vehicles. The bill includes exceptions, such as when drivers are preparing to turn left at intersections. But a House analysis says violators of the new requirement could face **\$60 fines**.

*Scribe's note ---- Cheaper to text and drive than it is to drive slow in the left lane.... figure that out...*

*Slo Motion's note: I think this is an almost unenforceable lave—should have been 5 not 10 mph under limit*

## Legislative Report from State Meeting

2013 Legislative Session recap

Stiffer Penalties Bill by Evers and Beshears was not placed on the agenda for either the House or Senate.

House – Transportation and Highway Safety Subcommittee

53 bills assigned but only 26 placed on agenda

Senate – Transportation Committee

69 bills assigned but only 39 placed on agenda

Texting Bill by Detert was passed and signed into law by Gov. Scott

Funeral Protest Bill was passed and signed into law by Gov. Scott

Anti-drone Bill was passes and signed into law by Gov. Scott

Flag Etiquette Bill by Ring was passes and is waiting on Gov. Scott sign (as of 6/5/13)

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day by Evers was passed and adopted so that each March 30<sup>th</sup> will be Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in Florida.

Purple Heart State was passed and adopted.

Veterans Organization Bill was passed and signed by Gov. Scott yesterday. This

Bill makes it unlawful for people to misrepresent the military.

Safety money in budget

*Heard that our Senator Maria Sachs plans on a bill to give more teeth to the anti-testing law to make it a Primary Offence, meaning could be pulled over if seen on phone.*

*I have spoken with the Nam Knights MC and other Vets groups that March 30 should have an event for the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.*

# Legislative Think Tank

ABATE of Florida, Inc. will be starting a new Legislative Think Tank that will help to plan, implement, and guide our legislative direction for the future. The Legislative Think Tank will be open to all members who want to help define our Legislative goals.

The Legislative Think Tank will be lead by the State Legislative Trustee and will report monthly to the State Board and Lobbyist. At every State Delegates Meeting the delegates will be informed of our progress and will give approval as needed. The Think Tank will have a few specific set tasks and will have the freedom to incorporate other short term goals as we evolve.

The set tasks each year are as follows:

Help develop the legislative agenda each year by September first.

This will allow our Lobbyist time to arrange for sponsors and start to plan the best way to lobby for our agenda.

September is when the State Legislator's start getting ready for committee meetings and the up-coming session.

Develop a rolling 5 year legislative plan.

Look into future legislative trends.

Prepare for the elections and identify ABATE friendly candidates and get them elected.

Look for local issues that ABATE can help shape.

Develop each Chapter to be a political powerhouse.

Hosting candidates at our meetings

Support candidates as we are able with our tax status.

Other focus areas can include:

Judicial outreach and education

Work hand in hand with our State and Chapter PR people to inform the media of each and every time ABATE hosts candidates, presents our MSAP, does community outreach. This is very important!

Get members involved in local areas such as advisory boards, CTST, local govt.

The Legislative Think Tank will “meet” loosely via e-mails, conference calls (depends on the cost), and at all State Delegates Meetings for in person meetings for those that are able to attend. If someone has other ideas that will allow the exchange of ideas, I am all ears.

Please distribute this to your Chapters and encourage anyone to join by having them e-mail me at [statelegislative@abateflorida.com](mailto:statelegislative@abateflorida.com)

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

*Anyone have ideas for the Think Tank on possible bills or suggestions? From the State Meeting several other chapters have the same idea as myself on need for Mandatory Driver Education like what we have to do for our motorcycle endorsement*

*I have begun to work on getting appointment to visit our County Representatives during these summer break from Tallahassee. So far I do have a date Tuesday, July 23 for District 90 Rep. Lori Berman who is having a “constituent meeting day” then. Times TBA. I would be great if members in her area could join in, will have Text Alert notify when set.*

*Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson*

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

## RFA Releases Key Information on Ethanol Use in Motorcycles



(June 18, 2013) WASHINGTON — Today, the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) released a fact sheet specifically for motorcycle owners answering common questions about E15 (85 percent gasoline/15 percent ethanol) and motorcycle engines. The document entitled “E15 and the Motorcycle Industry” makes it clear that E15 is illegal to put into a motorcycle engine, but E10 is approved for use. The fact sheet addresses questions such as:

What is the concern with E15 and the motorcycle industry?

What is being done to assist the motorcycle industry with these concerns?

How will consumers identify the appropriate fuel for their vehicle/engine?

“A motorcycle is more than just a vehicle to get from point A to point B, it is a unique experience and a treasured pastime for motorcycle owners,” said Bob Dinneen, RFA’s President and CEO. “We understand the important role motorcycles play in many peoples’ lives and are working on multiple fronts to make sure there is accurate labeling at gas stations and up to date information on E10 and E15 so there is no confusion whatsoever on what type of ethanol blend can be used in motorcycles.”

Additionally, RFA has put out a similar guide for ethanol use in classic cars, “Gasoline Ethanol Blends and the Classic Auto.” E15 was approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for vehicles 2001 and newer only. The document specifically addresses the concerns of classic car owners and the proper use of E10.

- See more at: <http://www.ethanolrfa.org/news/entry/rfa-releases-key-information-on-ethanol-use-in-motorcycles/#sthash.mR4IFd0Y.dpuf>

More information on E15 can be found at [www.ChooseEthanol.com/E15](http://www.ChooseEthanol.com/E15).

## Pro-ethanol group says no E15 misfueling concern

Support the AMA by accepting the E15 Challenge. Will you accept the challenge?

On June 18, boosters of the untested E15 fuel blend (15 percent ethanol by volume) issued a statement saying there is no need for misfueling concerns for motorcycles as E15 becomes available to the public. It specifically cited the American Motorcyclist Association, in part, for delaying the availability of E15 in a press conference call.

The group insisted that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency “has seen to it that E15 is clearly labeled at fueling stations.” Additionally, the group released an E15 fact sheet for motorcyclists. The fact sheet stated that E15 is illegal to put into a motorcycle engine.

Telling motorcyclists that E15 use is illegal completely misses the point, because motorcyclists don't want to use it for any reason unless independent testing confirms it is safe. One of the AMA's concerns has always been that riders might unintentionally put E15 in their fuel tanks, due to confusing implementation of the EPA Misfueling Mitigation Plan.

So now, besides having serious concerns with the potential harmful effects of unsafe fuel and inadvertent misfueling, AMA members and the motorcycling community have to worry about the consequences of breaking a federal law.

The AMA is troubled by the EPA plan for retailers to avoid inadvertent misfueling by consumers because the plan does not provide clarity to AMA members and the public. For example, it calls for yet another label on a blender pump that already has many labels. The plan does not require any physical barriers in the fueling nozzle/receptacle, as was provided when the nation transitioned from leaded to unleaded fuel. Finally, the plan calls for a single, separate E10/E0 fuel pump when E15 will be sold through a blender pump and signage directing consumers to an E10-or-lower fuel pump.

In addition to our concerns with the EPA Misfueling Mitigation Plan, we question if every retailer selling E15 will abide by its requirements. If a retailer does not clearly label E15, a motorcyclist may inadvertently receive it, believing it is an E10 or E0 blend. If a retailer does not separate E10 from E15 in a blender pump, a motorcyclist selecting E10 can inadvertently receive up to a quart of E15 fuel leftover in the pump hose. Or if a retailer offers only a single pump with E10/E0, what options are left when the pump runs out of what is likely to be the most popular fuel offered at that station?

Get the facts on this important issue with the [AMA's E15 and Motorcycles-a Q&A](#).

## **E15 and Motorcycles—a Q&A**

### **What is E15 fuel?**

E15 fuel is a blended fuel that includes 15 percent ethanol by volume. It is a new fuel approved for sale by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in certain vehicles, and can be sold alongside more-common E10 fuel and gasoline at fueling stations.

### **What is the American Motorcyclist Association position on E15?**

Currently, there are no independent studies that show E15 is safe in the engines used in on- and off-highway motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles. In fact, E15 fuel use in non-EPA approved vehicles is not only illegal, but can also void a manufacturer's new vehicle warranty. Considering the all-too-easy chances of inadvertent misfueling, the AMA believes that the sale of E15 fuel should be delayed until more extensive testing is conducted and more thorough misfueling safeguards are introduced.

### **What vehicles is E15 approved for?**

The EPA approved its use in vehicles specifically designed for its use. Although the U.S. EPA recently approved E15 use in 2001-and-newer light-duty vehicles, which include cars, light trucks and medium-duty passenger vehicles, none of the estimated 22 million motorcycles and ATVs currently in use are on the EPA approved list, and no manufacturer has approved E15 for use in its motorcycles and ATVs. In addition to motorcycle and ATV engines, other engines at risk from potential E15 inadvertent use those in boats, airplanes and powered equipment. Additionally, older vehicles in the vintage and classic categories also are not approved for E15.

### **Why is E15 not approved for motorcycles?**

Many modern motorcycles are designed for a maximum 10 percent ethanol blend, or E10. Older, vintage motorcycles, many of which are still on the road and highly prized by owners and collectors, are susceptible to potential damage from E15. In many cases, the use of E15 fuels has the potential to void a manufacturer's warranty on a motorcycle.

### What are the dangers of E15 in motorcycle engines?

E15 has the potential to burn hotter than regular gasoline or E10, making for potential engine damage, especially in air-cooled motors and high-performance water-cooled motors used in street and off-road motorcycles and ATVs. Ethanol in fuel is also corrosive to rubber hoses and seals not designed for its use. Additionally, ethanol-based fuels are hydrophilic, and absorb more water – a source of corrosion -- than traditional fuels.

### Why not just avoid using E15?

In the real world, it's not that simple. Once E15 is in the marketplace, inadvertent misfueling will likely occur. Studies show that the majority of motorists even now do not know the difference between E10 and regular gasoline. The problem is potentially worse with E15. Additionally, a National Marine Manufacturers Association study has shown that inadvertent misfueling is already occurring where E15 is sold.

### How do "blender pumps" make the possible confusion worse?

"Blender pumps," where multiple grades of gasoline are sold through a single hose at a single pump, make it much easier to not only inadvertently misfuel, but the capacity of the pump hose allows for the chance of cross-contamination with E15 dispensed by a previous user.

**Why not require a minimum 4-gallon purchase to dilute any possible E15?** The EPA initially proposed this as a possible solution. However, many motorcycle fuel tanks do not hold 4 gallons, meaning it would be impossible for motorcyclists to legally fuel their tanks. The AMA previously raised this concern to the EPA.

### .Why is testing important?

The AMA strongly urges motorcyclists to avoid E15 until it can be independently tested and proven to be safe for motorcycles and ATVs. So far, that testing has not been done, and the very strong chance of inadvertent misfueling.

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## NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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### FEDERAL RULE WILL REQUIRE A "BLACK BOX" IN NEW VEHICLES

Congress failed to pass legislation that would have required manufacturers to install event data recorders (EDRs) in all new vehicles, so a federal safety agency is using its rulemaking authority to mandate that all new cars sold in the United States be equipped with so-called "black boxes" - capable of capturing what happened in the moments before and during a crash.

Citing privacy concerns, House Republicans had succeeded in removing a Senate provision requiring EDRs from the final transportation bill last year, so the Obama administration is bypassing the legislative process in favor of the administrative rule.

Insisting the devices are meant for crash investigation purposes, and not for invading privacy, the U.S. DOT National Traffic Safety Administration mandate will require all automobiles and light trucks manufactured after September 1, 2014 to have an EDR device that stores driving information for federal investigators.

Automotive EDRs are similar to -- though not nearly as sophisticated as -- the black boxes used in commercial airliners, and they are already installed in nearly 92% of today's vehicles, according to industry officials, and provide important information for industry engineers and, in some circumstances, law enforcement authorities.

But Horace Cooper of the National Center for Public Policy Analysis called the move "an unprecedented breach of privacy for Americans." Cooper said that contrary to what is being claimed, EDRs "can and will track the comings and goings of car owners and even their passengers" -- and what they can record is virtually unlimited.

In the meantime, U.S. Representatives Mike Capuano (D-MA) and Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) have announced their intentions to introduce the "Black Box Privacy Protection Act" that will protect drivers' and riders' rights by requiring dealers to disclose to consumers if a vehicle is equipped with an EDR, would require manufacturers to allow consumers to deactivate the device, and clarifies that the owner of the vehicle owns the data and it cannot be accessed without permission.

"Consumers should have control over the information collected by event data recorders in vehicles that they own and they should have the option of disabling the device if they choose to do so. This is a basic issue of privacy," said Rep. Capuano.

### DESPITE MEDIA HYPE, MOTORCYCLING IS SAFER

Record numbers of motorcycles over the past few years have resulted in an increased number of annual motorcyclist fatalities, and in light of overall motor vehicle fatalities steadily decreasing gives the impression that motorcycling is becoming more dangerous, but just the opposite is true.

While so-called safety experts point to more and more states relaxing their helmet laws as the root of all this evil, it's in fact a numbers game that motorcycle enthusiasts are winning.

Over the past five years, since 2007 when there were just over seven million motorcycles in the U.S., motorcycle registrations nationwide have ballooned to eight and a half million; an increase of 15% more motorcycles on the road today, while at the same time fatalities per 100,000 registered motorcycles has actually decreased by nearly a quarter! Moreover, over the past decade motorcycle registrations have risen 40.7% (from 5,004,156 in 2002 to 8,437,502 in 2011), but the fatality rate dropped 17.3% (from 65.35

per 100K to 54.66).

Check out the most current statistics acquired by the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), compared to motorcycle registration numbers found on the U.S. DOT Federal Highway Administration website:

Year - Registered Motorcycles / Rider Fatalities = Fatality Rate per 100,000 Motorcycles

2007 - 7,138,476 / 5,174 = 72.48

2008 - 7,752,926 / 5,312 = 68.52

2009 - 7,929,724 / 4,469 = 56.35

2010 - 8,009,503 / 4,518 = 56.40

2011 - 8,437,502 / 4,612 = 54.66

**\*\*NOTE:** According to these data analyzed by the National Coalition of Motorcyclists, motorcycle registrations have increased 15.4% over the past five years, while fatalities decreased by 10.9% and the fatality rate declined 24.6%...why isn't the news media reporting THESE facts?

### **GERMAN STUDY CLAIMS MOTORCYCLE HELMETS COULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY SAFER**

A study carried out by the German Hohenstein Institute in Bönningheim shows that motorcycle helmets could indeed be a lot safer if some other measurements would be taken into account, concluding that inner shell size alone is not enough for providing the best protection-to-fit ratio, and the head shape is just as critical.

The Hohenstein Institute study narrowed the head shapes to 6 major categories, with an amazing width variance of 3.5 cm (1.37"), determining that one helmet size cannot possibly offer the best fit for all these head shapes, even provided the circumference is the same.

With the way the inner impact layer fits on the rider's head being one of the critical elements in shock absorption and G-dispersion, it's apparent that the same shape will create different pressure points on a motorcyclist's skull, leading to various outcomes in similar crash conditions.

Spaces between the skull and the protective layer / liner result in less optimal protection in case of an impact, and such anthropometric head data could improve helmet design and manufacturing significantly, should the leading brands take notice of the study's finding.

### **JAYHAWKERS SEE THE LIGHT**

The Kansas legislature unanimously passed House Bill 2318 which allows a motorcycle's headlamp to be wired with a headlamp modulation system, which must meet federal standards. The bill also allows certain types of lights on the sides of motorcycles, visible only from the side and not from the front or rear and to not protrude beyond or outside the body or wheel of the motorcycle. The side lights may emit white, amber, or red light without glare.

The legislation was signed into law on April 4, 2013 by Governor Sam Brownback and goes into effect July 1st.

### **RED-LIGHT CAMERA COMPANIES FIGHT LAWS AND RULINGS AGAINST TICKET CAMS**

Purveyors of red-light cameras continue their quest to place cameras on every street corner in the nation, and one strategy is to put the hit on states that have traditionally been "protected" from cameras either through legislation or court ruling.

Redflex lobbyists recently swarmed over the Minnesota Statehouse pushing a bill to allow ticket cameras into the state. The bill was written to thwart a 2007 Minnesota Supreme Court ruling that Minneapolis' red-light camera program was unconstitutional. The bill was defeated in committee, thanks in part to the efforts of ABATE of Minnesota and the National Motorists Association (NMA).

In Michigan, where a 2007 ruling from the state's attorney general has been keeping cameras at bay, recently introduced camera legislation has turned Michigan into the latest photo enforcement battleground state.

The NMA ([www.motorists.org](http://www.motorists.org)) warns that if you live in one of the 15 states that have taken steps to keep cameras out, stay alert. Chances are that a camera company lobbyist is cozying up to a friendly state lawmaker with a nice campaign donation and a pre-written camera bill that needs support.

### **HONDA & BMW EXPERIMENT WITH “AUTONOMOUS MOTORCYCLE”**

Most connected vehicle technologies have focused squarely on the car, but BMW and Honda are working to develop autonomous driving technologies that work on two wheels. Both BMW and Honda have already added plenty of connectivity to their cars, but now the two automotive giants are working with the University of Michigan and Australian startup Cohda Wireless to put networking smarts into their motorcycles.

Adelaide-based Cohda designs radio systems and software that will not only link nearby vehicles on the road to each other, but also to the road itself. The idea behind its autonomous car technology is to create an ever-changing ad-hoc network of vehicles communicating their intentions and interacting with the infrastructure of the road.

Known as vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) and vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I), these technologies could help power self-driving cars of the future. The University of Michigan Transportation Institute (UMTRI) runs one of the key test-beds for that technology, and its lab is running an ongoing trial of 3,000 connected vehicles in Ann Arbor, Mich., which is where Honda and BMW will put their connected motorcycles through the paces, according to a report on GigaOM.com.

Motorcycles may not have much room on their instrument panels for the connected infotainment systems going into today's cars, but they could definitely benefit from any technology that makes mounting a motorcycle safer, and one of the major goals of V2I and V2V efforts is to reduce accidents and improve safety on the road. Vehicles could make quicker and better driving decisions than drivers because they would be able to access more info from the networks around them and react to it nearly instantaneously (they're also less easily distracted than human drivers).

As for motorcycle applications, Cohda and UMTRI plan to test technologies that let bikes talk to traffic lights, roadside beacons and other cars, warning them of green lights about to turn red and dangerous curves ahead requiring them to slow down. By using a long-range secure form of Wi-Fi, a motorcycle could communicate with a car long before the drivers can see one another as they both approach a blind intersection.

Previously, a riderless motorcycle was developed in 2005 by graduate students from UC Berkeley to compete in a 150-mile off-road race for autonomous vehicles to further develop self-navigating vehicles for the Department of Defense.

### **CANADIAN INSURER TO TRACK MOTORCYCLIST BEHAVIOR WITH “TELEMATICS”**

With an eye to calibrating insurance rates, Saskatchewan Government Insurance plans to use new technology to track how fast and how far motorcycles go. It's called telematics and someday could be used to help set insurance rates, among other things, but for now SGI is just trying the technology out with a pilot program.

It's looking for several hundred motorcycle users to volunteer to have their bikes equipped with telematics technology. The “black box”-type gadgets would record speed, braking, mileage and location. The volunteer riders would have weekly updates on their driving behavior, to show them what information SGI would be looking at.

"Usage-based insurance is the ultimate in rating fairness because it essentially lets the driver control their own insurance rate through their driving behavior," said Donna Harpauer, the minister responsible for SGI. "Simply put, those who drive responsibly pay less and those who don't pay more."

While no one's rates will be affected by the pilot program, the experiment is one of the ideas coming out of the Motorcycle Review Committee, a group formed in the wake of a storm of controversy after SGI had proposed boosting motorcycle rates an average of 73% to compensate for high injury claims. Government-owned SGI later withdrew its proposal and came back with some milder proposed increases for motorbikes, including the telematics pilot program that could begin as early as this season.

**POPE BLESSES HARLEYS& RIDERS**

Thousands of Harley riders from around the world were blessed by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, June 16 as one of the stops in a worldwide celebration of the famous motorcycle maker's 110th anniversary, which will roar across 11 countries before concluding in Milwaukee over Labor Day Weekend.

Choral music mixed with revving engines as the Holy Father blessed a sea of Harley-Davidson motorcycles and riders from all parts of the planet flocking to Italy over the weekend of June 13-16 to celebrate Harley-Davidson's milestone, and earlier in the weekend festivities, the leader of the Roman Catholic Church was presented with two white classic Harley-Davidson motorcycles for use by Papal police and his own black leather jacket.

Get in on the action while the anniversary tour is still in high gear. Check out [www.110.Harley-Davidson.com](http://www.110.Harley-Davidson.com) for schedules and cities.

**QUOTABLE QUOTE:**

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### **COURT: PART OF GANG COMMUNICATIONS LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL**

A state appeals court Wednesday rejected part of a law that was designed to crack down on criminal gangs using the Internet --- but found that another part of the law is constitutional. The 2nd District Court of Appeal ruling differed from a decision last year by the 1st District Court of Appeal, which found the entire law unconstitutional. In Wednesday's ruling, judges asked the Florida Supreme Court to resolve the differences. The Lee County case stemmed from the arrest of Richard Figueroa-Santiago, who placed images referring to the Latin Kings gang on a MySpace.com account. Figueroa-Santiago, who said he knew people in the Latin Kings but was not a member, pleaded no contest to a charge of violating the law about gang-related electronic communications but retained a right to appeal. A three-judge panel of the 2nd District Court of Appeal on Wednesday found part of the law unconstitutionally overbroad. That part said a person seeking to further the interests of a gang cannot use electronic communications to "advertise his or her presence in the community." But it upheld another part of the law that bars the use of such communications to "intimidate or harass other persons." The judges sent Figueroa-Santiago's case back to a lower court for further consideration.

### **POSING AS SECURITY OFFICER TO BECOME A FELONY**

Impersonating a security officer becomes a felony July 1, while authorized security officers will have the power to detain some trespassers, under a bill signed by Gov. Rick Scott. The bill (HB 875) was the only one signed by Scott on Tuesday. The measure was approved without opposition by the Legislature. Sponsored by Rep. Ritch Workman, R-Melbourne, the bill makes impersonating a security officer, private investigator or others required to have licenses a third-degree felony, up from a misdemeanor.

### **BONDI: BEWARE OF WINDOW FILM SCAMS**

Attorney General Pam Bondi said people need to be cautious of companies that claim window films provide protection from hurricane-force winds. Bondi's office has entered eight settlement agreements to resolve allegations against companies that sell window film, noting that the Florida Building Commission has not approved the material as a form of hurricane protection. "What's happening now is we have scam companies selling people window film. Making people think it's safe to stay in their homes" during a storm, Bondi said Tuesday. "I don't want our Floridians, especially our seniors, to purchase this junk and have a false sense of security." Bondi added that her agency continues to investigate a number of businesses that are offering the window covering as a storm protection and said consumers should check on the companies with the Better Business Bureau before completing any deals.

### **SUPREME COURT STRIKES DOWN SECTION OF VOTING RIGHTS ACT**

A divided U.S. Supreme Court struck down a section of the Voting Rights Act that applies to five Florida counties, saying that the formula Congress created to single out so-called "covered jurisdictions" is antiquated. That formula, based on data from the 1960s and 1970s, is used to decide which parts of the country must submit almost any changes in voting laws or practices to the federal government for approval. "Our country has changed, and while any racial discrimination in voting is too much, Congress must ensure that the legislation it passes to remedy that problem speaks to current conditions," Chief Justice John Roberts wrote for the 5-4 majority, which included the more-conservative members of the high court. But in a dissent joined by the more-liberal members of the court, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said the section of the law struck down was crafted specifically to make sure that discriminatory voting laws never returned to areas of the country that had used them to bar minorities from participating in elections. "The sad irony of today's decision lies in its utter failure to grasp why the VRA has proven effective," she wrote.

Supporters of the law seized on the ruling's suggestion that Congress might be able to rewrite the formula determining covered jurisdictions to make it constitutional. "The ball is now in Congress's court to act as quickly as possible to ensure the federal government has the tools it needs to protect the vote in places -- like Florida -- that have worked so hard to frustrate the fundamental right of their citizens to vote," said Howard Simon, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida. Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner said the ruling would make it easier for Florida to change its voting laws. "It will streamline the changes made in the elections process and reduce costs," he said.

### **EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY STEERS \$125K, DRIVERLESS STUDY TO USE**

The University of South Florida has been awarded a \$125,000 study to determine the feasibility of self-driving, "autonomous" car technology in the Tampa area. The Hillsborough County Expressway Authority voted Monday to approve the contract with USF's Center for Urban Transportation Research. The contract awaits final approval by the authority's general counsel. Last year, the state Legislature paved the way for the use of autonomous technology vehicles --- a motor vehicle that has the technological capability to be controlled without an active human operator. The 2012 measure (HB 1207) was intended to make Florida more attractive for the development of self-driving car technology. The technology is backed by Google.

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

News from the AMA

## **Protect your privacy from event data recorders**

Urge your representative to support federal legislation!

On June 18, U.S. Reps. Mike Capuano (D-Mass.) and Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) introduced H.R. 2414, the Black Box Privacy Protection Act.

The bill will protect motorcyclists' rights by requiring manufacturers to prominently disclose to consumers if an event data recorder (commonly known as a black box) is installed on their motorcycle, the data collection capabilities of such a device, and how such data may be used. The bill clarifies that the owner of the motorcycle owns the data and it may not be accessed without the permission of the owner. Furthermore, this bill requires that manufacturers provide consumers with the option of controlling the recording function in automobiles or motorcycles manufactured in the future that are equipped with black boxes.

In other words, consumers would have the ability to turn the black box on or off.

Currently, no federal law exists that clarifies the rights of vehicle owners to ownership of the recorded data.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking requiring black boxes in all cars manufactured after Sept. 1, 2014. The NHTSA already has disclosure requirements, but the Black Box Privacy Protection Act would make the disclosure more prominent and give consumers even greater choice and privacy protections.

The American Motorcyclist Association protects motorcyclists' freedom to ride and we support this bipartisan bill. If you are concerned that your insurer will selectively use data from a black box recorder to increase your rates, or that recorded data may be used to target you in a civil or criminal proceeding, then you—the motorcyclist—should urge your representative to support the Black Box Privacy Protection Act.

Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, State Legislative Trustee, ABATE of Florida, Inc. [www.abateflorida.com](http://www.abateflorida.com)

# ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

6-16-2013 Called to order 11:47 AM 25 members, 5 guests

**PRESIDENT** Nighthawk talked about UBCPB ride to AOA for Roger 1% and Jerry 1% annual memorial event on Saturday 6-15-13 with over 100 bikes. Our event is coming up, everyone show up! Volunteers and door prizes needed. Next month (July) Leadership Seminars.

**VICE PRESIDENT** Slo Motion talked about the ride to State Meeting in Cape Coral. May is Motorcycle Safety Month, next year maybe a poker run with Palm Beach Harley as sponsor. Talked briefly about possible class action suit or other way to Safety Funds

**TREASURER** Debbie spoke to chapter good financial state

**MEMBERSHIP** at 233

**SECRETARY** CB excused, notes taken by Petee

**SGT AT ARMS** Petee talked about security issues at our upcoming event. Said monies collected at the door are donations only and should be handled in a way to avoid conflict

**LEGISLATIVE** Talked about sessions and slow driver in left lane law that passed. Full report in newsletter

**DELEGADE:** Snooze nothing to add to full report covered in newsletter

**SAFETY:** Charlie says need to buy tents

**OLD BUSINESS** – election only open position was for PR/Communications. Mark “Sarge” Pivon won. “OT” is going to be his assistant and will attend Leadership meetings for him. Event and need for door prizes.

**NEW BUSINESS** – State proposal to spend money to look into becoming a 501(c)3 non-profit organization was discussed. The Accountant’s report is in newsletter. Vote at next meeting. Motion to purchase 2 new tents was passed. At State was suggested to do statewide event for May Motorcycle month, suggestion to work with Palm Beach Harley as sponsor

**GOOD OF THE ORDER** Guest from the Enforcers addressed the Chapter about Lowes selling American Flag doormats.

50/50 \$43 goes to Nighthawk

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM



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June 8, 2013

Abate of Florida, Inc  
Board of Directors

Our firm has served as the CPA's for Abate of Florida, Inc for approximately 7 years. At this point in time, Abate is considered a 501(c)4 non profit organization. This non profit status differs from those of 501(c)3 organization in several ways.

Under Internal Revenue Service rules, a 501(c)3 is a non-profit for religious, charitable or educational purposes. These types of non-profits typically conduct research and can only engage in a limited amount of lobbying, advocacy or political activity.

Donations to 501(c)3 groups are tax-deductible.

A 501(c)4 is a social welfare group and can engage in more advocacy and lobbying. A U.S. Supreme Court ruling allows businesses and unions to donate unlimited money to 501(c)4 groups, and they can be tied to so-called "super PACs" which raised and spent millions on political advocacy during the 2012 election.

Donations to 501(c)4 groups are not tax-deductible, and donors are often not disclosed.

The costs associated with establishing a 501(c)3 organization for Abate would be approximately \$1,000. In addition, there is a \$850 IRS filing fee which would be required to be paid with the application's submission.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call our office at any time.

*Michael Steuer, CPA*

# WHY JOIN ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.?

ABATE of Florida Inc is a non-profit Motorcycle Rights Organization whose cause is to EDUCATE the government, motorcyclists and the general public on freedom, rights and road safety.

**REQUIREMENTS**—must be at least 18 years of age. It does not matter what you or even if you ride. You can be an independent or member of a club or association. All are welcome at meetings.

**Join for the cause.** Everything is voluntary, we understand work and family comes first. We hope you can help in any small way, vote and spread the word. \$20 for Year or \$150 Life which is split between chapter and state.

**BENEFITS** Your money is used to provide a lobbyist to the state and federal government to watch for our rights and freedom. You get a State *MasterLink* newsletter every 2 months. The chapter newsletter is available online [abatepalmbeach.com](http://abatepalmbeach.com) so is in color and with Internet links. We print black and white copies for the general public to be informed available at various establishments. Members get free classified and reduced ad rates.

**INSURANCE** As an active member in good standing you have a \$4,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy from American Income Life. You will get a card in the mail from state office to register your beneficiary for ADD insurance. Do NOT mail it, just be sure your family knows about the policy. If you send it in and they try to meet to sell you more, contact State Office to have it stopped. You can mail to the office as Registered letter to have it done when you family notifies. be sure to renew in time so are always covered! It does not have to be a motorcycle accident.

**PRIVACY** Your email, address and phone are never given out to anyone except State and Chapter executive members. You We have stopped listing the expiring members in newsletter, you do get letters letting you know. No full names will appear in newsletter nor website without your permission. Photos are included to help promote Brotherhood.

## CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED—a good home for a pair of saddlebags (Almost NEW) Size 16” x 10” x 6”  
Fits all Harleys Contact Bill 561-714-5264

Anybody a card collector of motorcycle cards? Slo Motion has 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. Slo Mo 561-702-9929

These ads are free to members so send in your items.



# ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



**Membership Dues: \$20 per person for 1 year or \$150 for Life Membership**

Fill out form, print, sign attach your check or money order and mail to:

**ABATE — Palm Beach Chapter  
P.O. Box 32215  
West Palm Beach, FL 33420-2215**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY Will Palm Beach be your HOME. Voting chapter? \_\_\_\_\_  
NEW \_\_\_\_: Year \_\_\_\_ or Life \_\_\_\_ Renew: \_\_\_\_ Transfer: \_\_\_\_ Address Change: \_\_\_\_

First : \_\_\_\_\_ Last : \_\_\_\_\_ Road : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

MC/Club/Org

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip (full): \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Voter? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ State House: \_\_\_\_ State Senate: \_\_\_\_ US Dist: \_\_\_\_

How can you best help ABATE? Time, Labor, Money, Other \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

State newsletter, *MasterLink* Mailed every other month \_\_\_ or online \_\_\_ abateflorida.com  
Chapter newsletter *The Chrome Chronicles* is online at start of month in color with active Links. If you do not have Internet printed copies can be gotten at the meeting or various distribution points. If mailed we request \$18 to cover postage \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You may also order Patches at this time **MEMBERSHIPS FEE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Large Chapter Patch 10" by 10.5" \$35 each # \_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Small Chapter Patch 5" by 5.5" \$10 each # \_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Total membership, patches, postage fee Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP CARD / PATCHES CAN BE GOTTEN AT CHAPTER MEETING (on the third Sunday of Month) OR MAILED WITHIN 30 DAYS . LIFE CARD MAY TAKE LONGER AS PICKED UP AT STATE MEETINGS EVERY OTHER MONTH

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## Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting VFW POST 4143

3RD SUNDAY July 21, 2013 11:30 am

**Directions:** 2404 Broadway (US1), Riviera Beach - Exit I-95 at Blue Heron Blvd, go east to Broadway (US1) turn south and is 1 block on east side. **Bike Parking is on south side of building.**

Come early, enjoy a good breakfast deal and socialize with other members.

## 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.