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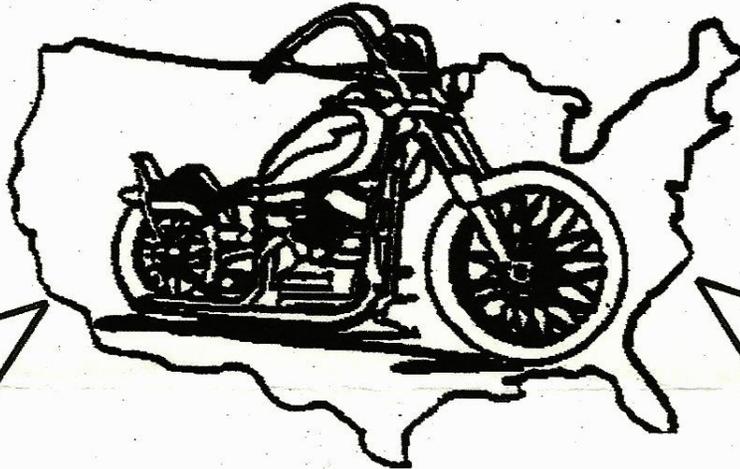
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## **OUR GOALS**

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.  
To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms.  
To motivate the bikers to write letters to legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.  
To furnish a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to upcoming legislation.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

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.

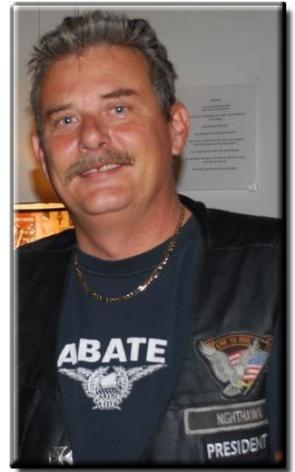
At the state level we have a paid registered lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital in Tallahassee to lobby our legislators on the issues concerning the motorcycling public in Florida. He also finds reliable House and Senate sponsors for the bills we support. On the national level we are aligned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

June 29<sup>th</sup> was our Annual Freedom Rights Rally at Renegades and my last Presidents message was a couple days before. With that being said I'd like to thank a few people. First off I'd like to thank the volunteers who helped make it happen. Next I'd like to thank all those that showed up that day. As you may remember we had torrential downpours for the first half of the event and an overall very wet day. I've seen this happen before at our June event, we all know this is typical South Florida weather. Being basically a wash out, it still turned out to be a successful event financially and those that attended had a great time. Special thanks to the L3-16 band who rocked the house. Now due to the bad weather we had a very light turnout. Even with the light turnout it was nice to see that just about every local MC had someone there to represent them and show their support for us! A big change from how things were for us just over a year ago. The mutual respect and support with the local MC's are vital to the chapters interests. So to those who make the group rides keep up the good work and those who make few or none, get with it!



Next up I'd like to thank everyone that attended my birthday party at my place, the Hawk's nest. Last year was my 50<sup>th</sup> and we decided to throw a party for the memorable occasion. Last year's party was a big hit. It was a wild and those who were there will tell ya. So people asked if we could do it again this year. Well we did, but this time the chapter only got a week notice. I figured the turnout would be smaller and probably not as wild. That certainly wasn't the case! This party was even wilder and crazier than last year. Now I can't get into details, but it certainly was an adult's only party! There were no pictures allowed but those kinds of memories will stick for quite a while! This was a private chapter party and we usually have a few a year. These parties are only for members for strictly a good time. Membership does have its privileges! I'd like to thank everyone who attended for being respectful of my place. It's appreciated and the reason why everyone keeps getting invited back.

There are a lot of events coming up as usual. MC's MA's Annuals, Parties and fund raisers for injured or sick bikers etc.. They all have a purpose and are important to OUR motorcycle community. Please do your best to help out and be there at as many as possible. Whether you ride with the group or cage it over by yourself!

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

**August 8 THURSDAY Group Fun Ride Frenchie's Birthday Bash. Black Pistons MC**

**August 10 and 11 South Florida Tattoo Expo**

**August 10 Saturday State Meeting in Sarasota**

**August 10 Saturday Benefit for John Ludzon VFW Rider lost leg in motorcycle accident Starts at 2 pm. Pete's Place 8344 Garden rd Riviera Beach**

**August 11 Sunday AOA MC 46th Anniversary Party Broward**

**August 17 Satuday Group Fun Ride U.S. Military Vets MC**

**August 18 Sunday ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting 11:30 AM**

**August 18 Sunday Group Fun Ride (after meeting) Benefit for Slomo of Alternative MC**

**September 7 Saturday VFW Riders Annual Charity Benefit Blowout VFW Post 4143 1pm - 11pm Live Music 2-4:40 and 7-11. Italian cuisine Dinner 5-7pm**

**September 7 Saturday Night Group Fun Ride Outcast MC Party Meet spot will be VFW 4143 KU at 7pm**

## **REMINDER: EVERY**

**Tuesday Night is LONE LEGION MC OPEN HOUSE**

**Wednesday Night is STATES MC OPEN HOUSE**

**Thursday Night is BLACK PISTONS MC OPEN HOUSE**

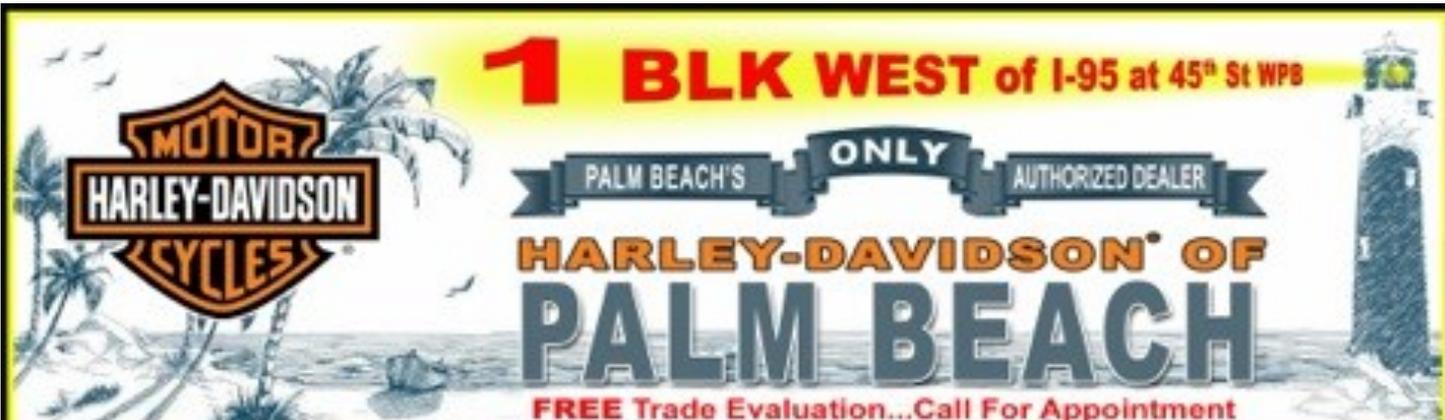
**Friday Night is AOA MC OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday Night is FLY-IN WHEELS MC and WINGS OF GOLD MC OPEN HOUSE**

**PLEASE ATTEND THE OPEN HOUSES FOR A GOOD TIME AND SHOW OF SUPPORT WHEN POSSIBLE.**

**CHECK CALENDAR FOR ALL EVENTS GOING ON**

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**OCTOBER 5 & 6 9-5pm DEMO EVENT**  
 DEMO THE 2014 H-D FLEET AT H-D PB.

**OCTOBER 17 6-10pm BIKE NIGHT**  
 "LIVE" MUSIC BY: ROCKSLIDE, VENDORS, FULL BAR, PRIZES, BENEFITS BIKERS FOR BIKERS.

**NOV 3 11-5pm ANNIVERSARY PARTY**  
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**NOVEMBER 21 6-10pm BIKE NIGHT**  
 "LIVE" MUSIC BY: SLEJJ, VENDORS, FULL BAR, PRIZES, BENEFITS WORLD AIDS DAY.

**DECEMBER 19 6-10pm BIKE NIGHT**  
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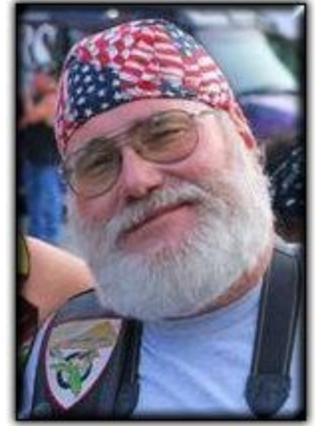
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## Vice President's Message - Slo Motion



The turnout for this year's leadership seminars was light. It could have been due to the weather as we did go through several heavy rains but the Southernmost chapter rode up 27 and only have a little touch of rain. More likely the numbers were down due to many chapters, like ours, did not have a big change of leadership. So the cost and normally the same material may have keep some officers home. I know my sessions were basically the same

Our chapter was represented by Deb and Charlie Wenger, Kenny "Snooze", myself, Bill "Hamish", Brit Bike Mike and Melissa. So I think we had all seminars covered except for products and secretary. It was good to have some new faces there. Bill attended both the Legislative sessions with me and I believe safety and Sargent at Arms. Debbie said she did learn a few things at the Treasurer seminar sand got a really great explanation of the 504(c)3 possibilities. That was also covered in Sunday's President/VP session as seemed many chapters did not get the correct information from the June State meeting. With Ken, I, Charlie, Debbie, and Nighthawk at that one we did get the correct data for the chapter to vote on.

So basically it was a mild state meeting, the pool area never got as crazy as in past. We managed to make our own fun as had to find a restaurant for the hungry grizzly. Plans changed from pizza to steakhouse to pizza to steakhouse. Never laughed so much as we finally mad to the steakhouse which was worth the trip. This event was the anniversary of Kenny getting his road name "Snooze" and he celebrated by actually staying awake!

## Where have all the bikers gone??

I missed the July Palm Beach Harley bike night as it was raining so much at my place I doubted they would have it. But despite the rain at the dealership, they still had a decent turnout. Charlie Wenger reports that Iron Cross has stopped its' first Tuesday bike night. Remember when there were bike nights all the time? Now it seems Harley's is the major one. With this rainy summer turnouts have been poor, I haven't made it to a Renegades one.. Last week I was in West Palm for work business on Wednesday and I stopped at Island Jacks to try the 25 cent oysters. The weather was good and bikes were showing up. Gorilla Bob was there. Unfortunately I was not able to stay too long but did see a few faces from the past as I was leaving. So I am hoping for more good weather to ride back as without Nothin' Fancy and less events I do not see as many independents these days. Most events are now club ones and the independents don't show as much but they should. More of us need to attend what events we can especially those good supports of us like Gorilla Bob and Island Jacks.

Join me on next nice Wednesday night at Island Jacks Bike Night for oysters, beer, live music and bikers.

**DANGER**

# SLUGS AHEAD

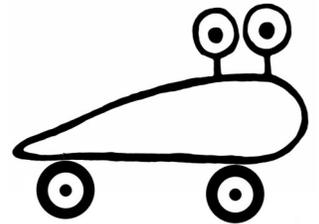
One road hazard that is often overlooked is slugs. Now I'm not really referring to those homeless snails that hate salt, I'm talking about road slugs – cagers that have nothing better to do than drive 10 miles under the limit on a two lane road. Road slugs are dangerous because they have a tendency to do stupid and unpredictable things.

Just like their gastropod cousins, road slugs seem to have a shortage of neurons. Slugs have a fraction of the neurons that even a fly has. Even an ant has over 20 times the number of neurons as the slug. It comes as no surprise that you'll often see road slugs yacking on their cell phones or texting while driving.

Its not uncommon that a biker will find himself behind a slug. Its tempting to just pass him, but you have to be careful when doing that because slugs will often suddenly jerk the wheel to the left (or right) just as a biker is passing them. They rarely use turn signals and if they do, its usually been stuck that way for the past 5 miles.

I've noticed a large number of slugs will signal one way, and then jerk the wheel the opposite way just before their turn. So watch out for that.

The rain also seems to make slugs come out in force. When the roads are wet and slippery, road slugs like to slam on their brakes for no reason whatsoever. For this reason, when you see one, its best to resist the temptation to tailgate him. If you are caught behind a slug, always follow from a safe distance. It will make a slug's day if he is able to cause you to crash and then you get the blame for it.



Sometimes slugs enjoy seeing how many other cars they can get backed up behind them.

This poses a different danger because it has a tendency to make other cagers crazy. When cagers get crazy, they aren't driving with all their marbles. When they see a gap ahead of the guy in front of them, they like to pass him and pull into that gap. The only problem is that YOU are that gap and they didn't notice you until they are parallel to you and a big semi is headed right for them. Expect to have to do some evasive maneuvers when that happens.

When you are riding alone with only one lane, the best lane position to be in seems to be on the left – in front of the driver in the car behind you. When you ride on the right, too many cagers take that as an invitation to lane split with you. At least on the left its less of a chance that someone passing from behind will mistake you for a clear spot.

So if you get caught behind a slug, rest assured that you have about 80 billion more neurons than he does which makes you smarter. So don't let him trick you into crashing.

Ride safe and ride smart,

Data "Dennis Hawkins"

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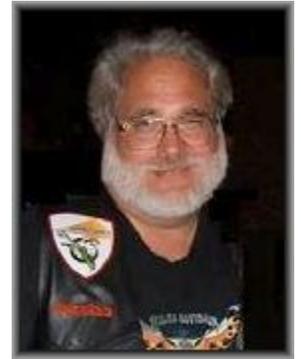
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# DELEGATE REPORT



We hope some of you will attend the August meeting in Sarasota.

Mark your calendar for one great party at October State Meeting— Spooks n Scoots is a great camping party that all should attend!!



## 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

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### 2013 - Host Chapter

August 10  
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Sarasota  
October 11-12  
Hillsborough  
Spooks n Scoots  
Brooksville  
Dec. 14  
Treasure Coast

### 2014 - Host Chapter

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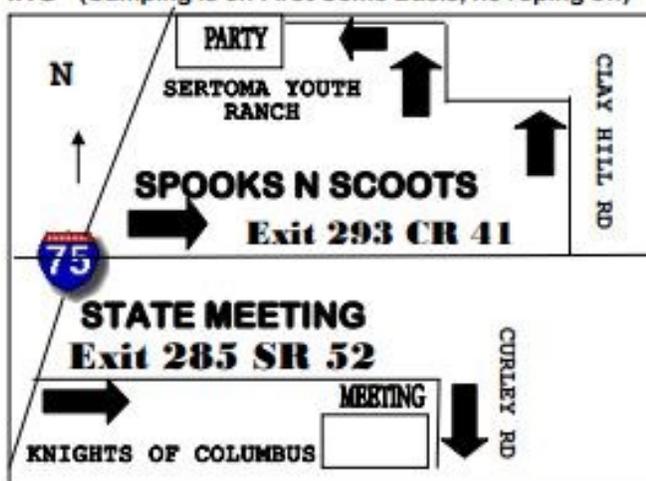
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**Tues** Lone Legion MC  
Brotherhood Open House

**Wed** Island Jack's Bike  
Night

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

**Wed** Chit Chat's bike nite  
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**1st Thurs** Renegades  
Bike Night

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

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

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

**Thurs** Black Pistons MC  
WPB Open House

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

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

**1st Fri** Enforcers MC  
Party

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

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

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

**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 Co. Events

## SEPTEMBER

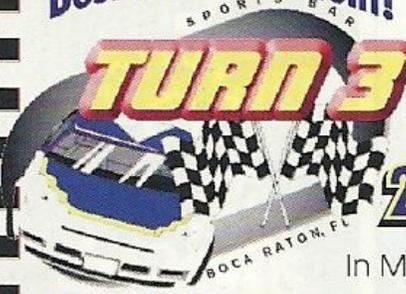
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## OCTOBER

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INDIAN (WOM MC)Indianwommc@yahoo.com  
SFPC CHAIRMAN**JANUARY**

- 6 - States MC 18th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
- 13 - Wings of Gold MC Appreciation Day
- 20 - SE ABATE semi-annual event
- 27 - **DER KRIEGER MC Annual**

**FEBRUARY**

- 2 - **ALTERNATIVE MC Ft. Laud. Annual**
- 9 - USMVMC Homestead Party
- 10 - **AOA MC Ft. Laud. Valentines Day Annual**
- 23 - **WHEELS OF MAN MC DB 40th Annual**
- 24 - **KELTICS MC Broward Annual**

**MARCH**

- 3 - **HERMANDAD MC Annual**
- 8th-17 - Daytona Bike Week
- 30 - **BLACK PISTONS MC Annual**
- 31 - CMA Easter Service

**APRIL**

- 7 - **STATES MC Pompano Annual**
- 13 - Mystic 7 MC party
- 20 - **OUTCAST MC Annual**
- 27 & 28 - Leesburg

**MAY**

- 5 - **SOUTHERN MC Annual**
- 19 - **WINGS OF GOLD MC Miami Annual**
- 26 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

**JUNE**

- 2 - Leathernecks MC (J Dunham Ch) annual party
- 8 - **NEW ATTITUDES MC Annual**
- 9 - Keltics MC Constitutional Rights Rally
- 15 - AOA Jerry & Roger 1%er's Memorial
- 23 - **WINGS OF GOLD MC Ft. Laud Annual**
- 30 - USMV MC Broward party

**JULY**

- 20 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook Off

**AUGUST**

- 3 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Party
- 5-11 - 73rd Annual Sturgis Bike Week
- 9-11, The 17th South Florida Tattoo Expo
- 11 - AOA MC 46th Anniversary Party

**SEPTEMBER**

- 7 - Outcast MC Party
- 8 - States Pompano MC 20th Key West Party
- 15 - Southern MC Teddy Bear Run & party
- 19-22 Peterson's 40th Key West Poker Run
- 29 - Keltics MC Party

**OCTOBER**

- 5 - **MYSTIC SEVEN MC Annual**
- 12 - New Attitudes MC Party
- 13 - SE ABATE Annual Party
- 18-20 Biketoberfest
- 26 - Wheels of Man Deerfield Halloween Party

**NOVEMBER**

- 9 - **USMVMC CH 1 Annual**
- 9 - CMA Memorial Event
- 16 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Party

**DECEMBER**

- 8 - **SFPC Toys in the Sun Run**
- 14 - Toy Run Bike Drawing at Peterson's Harley
- 14 - Hermandad MC Alfredo Pena Memorial Run
- 15 - Wings of Gold MC Mia Wild Santa Toy Run
- 21 - SFLCOC Christmas Party
- 22 - Calvary Chapel Christmas Service

# Benefit For John Ludzon

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## How much do motorcycle-only checkpoints cost you, the taxpayer?

For the past two years, the cost to federal taxpayers to fund motorcycle-only checkpoints in just three states is well over \$500,000!

Specifically, the fiscal 2012 and 2013 state highway safety plans indicate that New York and the District of Columbia have earmarked federal grants for MOCs.

New York budgeted \$490,000 in the past two years alone! Even more troubling, the state used motorcycle safety funds from Section 402 of Title 23. Funds from this section should promote strategies to prevent motorcycle crashes from occurring and not be used to arbitrarily pull over riders and randomly subjecting them to roadside inspections.

And this is just for two years. New York stated in its highway safety plans that it has conducted MOCs "officially" since fiscal year 2009, but fails to mention its costs for fiscal years 2009-11.

Additionally, the District of Columbia stated in its highway safety plans that it conducts two motorcycle-only checkpoints each year and uses federal grants to fund a \$25,000 enforcement budget to help pay for it.

You may also remember that Georgia was the only state to receive a federal grant in the amount of \$70,000 from a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration program to create MOCs. The grant was used to conduct one or more roadside MOCs, including one by the Georgia State Patrol on I-95 on March 9, 2011 to single out motorcyclists on their way to Bike Week at Daytona Beach.

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Help us get additional cosponsors for H.R. 1861, the Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act. The bill, introduced by U.S. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.), will protect motorcyclists' rights and promote crash prevention as the most effective use of taxpayer money to save motorcyclists' lives. It will also prohibit federal funds being used by states to conduct MOCs.

Act now by using our alert for H.R. 1861 to send a prewritten message to send to your representative!

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To view the AMA's efforts to end motorcycle-only checkpoints, go to <http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/rights/motorcycleonlycheckpoints.aspx>

Please join the AMA to help us end motorcycle-only checkpoints. More members means more clout against our opponents, and your support will help the AMA fight for your rights – on the road, trail, racetrack, and in the halls of government. To join, go to [AmericanMotorcyclist.com/membership/join](http://AmericanMotorcyclist.com/membership/join).

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# August 2013

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<b>11</b> South Florida Tattoo Expo AOA MC 45th Anniversary Party	<b>12</b> Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB	<b>13</b> Lone Legion MC Open House	<b>14</b> States LW MC Open House Island Jack's Bike Night	<b>15</b> Black Pistons MC Open House Palm Bch Harley Bike Night	<b>16</b> AOA WPB MC Open House	<b>17</b> OPEN HOUSES Wings of Gold WPB MC Open Fly-In Wheels USMV PB
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# September 2013

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<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet & T3JB					

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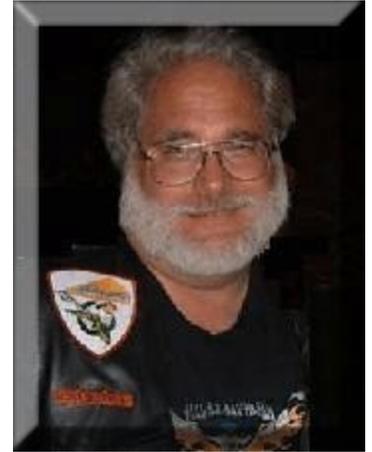
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Irving Slosberg

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

## DAN "SLO MOTION" HENDERSON

.This summer I made it my goal to try to meet with our Senators and Representatives for Palm Beach County. Use our ABATE chapter Legislative pages to see their maps areas as I will just give rough area here. The major goal was to touch base with them personally as difficult to do during the Tallahassee rally with them being in committees. Keeping meetings brief, under half hour, we discussed some of issues like the stiffer penalty bill for failure to yield right of way, putting some teeth in the texting law as Senator Sachs proposes, restore our safety funding and possible mandatory driver education. We want to start to open conversations for future Legislative Think Tank ideas as you can read in this newsletter.



Tuesday July 9 I met with Senator Jeff Clemens District 27 in Lake Worth. His area is ocean south of North Palm Beach to Manalapan west to Turnpike Greenacres, east of 441 north of Royal Palm to 710. Yes he did ask if I worn a helmet and was glad I said I usually do and he understands the reasons why and our right to choose. I got an insight into the Transportation Committee as the chair was against new laws. Clemens did get his slower left land traffic bill passed but the speed limits were added by others. He is into traffic education so a possible ally for drivers education move. He has voted against budgets due to the cutting of items such as our funding. He suggested we look closely at the original wording to see how it should be given to awareness programs. I enjoyed our visit and it was interesting that he plays in a band as we discussed the past lake Worth bike nights when he was mayor. He is on Banking/ Insurance and Transportation committees.



Thursday July 11 I met with Representative Mark Pafford in his office on Palm Beach Lakes, not far from Renegades. District 86 covers that area and Wellington. He lead off with that he is an active cyclist so he is fully aware of the road issues we face, especially after he had a spill. We spoke of the subjects I mention above and with Clemens. He said he has a good working relationship with the Senator and they have done appearance together so might be open to attend one of our meetings. He seemed very open to our issues and might be a possible co-sponsor since Representatives are limited in their number of bills. On Appropriation and Budget committees.



Friday July 19 Charlie Wenger and I met with Representative Bill Hager in his Yamato Rd office in Boca Raton. His District 89 is basically coast of county east of 95 and Boca Raton. While I have met him before at a campaign rally and in the Capital cafeteria two years ago, he was my Rep after the rezoning. He seemed more interested in learning about us and our backgrounds and

history. Charlie told him about his accident and insurance issues which was more in his area as on Insurance/Banking committee.



Tuesday July 23 Charlie and I met with Rep Lori Berman, District 90—basically Boynton Beach and Atlantis. She was my representative before rezoning and we had met before. She had introduced phone texting bills in past and said she would like to get back on to the Transportation Committee. She has been on our side for some time and supportive.

We have appointment with District 81 Representative Kevin Rader for August 23 4:30 at his office 9045 La Fontana Blvd Suite 117 Boca Raton, FL and if he is your Rep join us. That area is south of Wellington, west of Turnpike out to the lake.

I haven't been able to get any other appointments with the rest of our Representatives and Senators but I have left messages. Now that I am back to work I do not have as much free time. I do want to meet with my Representative Irving Slosberg but we haven't been able to connect since he was out of town until August. Really did want to try to connect with our newer Representatives Kerner and Powell but haven't heard anything back from them or others.

From ABATE State Legislative and Lobbyist.

## Rising Motorcycle Fatalities April 25, 2013

Over the past few years, we have read numerous articles which claim that while motor vehicle related fatalities have been decreasing, motorcycle related fatalities have been increasing. An article published this week on NICHES.com made that same point.

Instinctively, this does not make sense. With the motorcycling community placing more of an emphasis on training and education, one would think that we would be seeing a decrease in motorcycle related fatalities. If you go to the website for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) you can find the fatality statistics through 2010. For illustration purposes let's look at motor vehicle fatalities from 2005 to 2010 since that is the last year in which NHTSA has reported data. While it is true you will see motor vehicle fatalities are generally dropping, motorcycle fatalities during this period have gone up and come down.

Interestingly, NHTSA further breaks down motor vehicle fatalities per 100,000 registered motor vehicles. However, they do not do that for each type of motor vehicle. It is only done for motor vehicles as a whole. Unfortunately, one cannot find a breakdown of registered motorcycles per year on the NHTSA site (to be accurate I should say I couldn't). However, if you go to the website for the Federal Highway Administration you can find motorcycle registrations by year and then compare those numbers to the reported fatalities from NHTSA. Those numbers break down as follows:

2005 - 6,227,146 registered motorcycles and 4,576 motorcycle related fatalities  
 2006 - 6,678,958 registered motorcycles and 4,837 motorcycle related fatalities  
 2007 - 7,138,476 registered motorcycles and 5,174 motorcycle related fatalities  
 2008 - 7,752,926 registered motorcycles and 5,312 motorcycle related fatalities  
 2009 - 7,929,724 registered motorcycles and 4,469 motorcycle related fatalities  
 2010 - 8,009,503 registered motorcycles and 4,502 motorcycle related fatalities

When we look at those numbers, the motorcycles fatalities per 100,000 registered motorcycles from 2005 to 2010 break down as follows:

2005 – 73.48  
2006 – 72.43  
2007 – 72.48  
2008 – 68.52  
2009 – 56.36  
2010 – 56.21

As you can see, when we factor in registrations, we see that since 2005, motorcycle fatalities per 100,000 registered motorcycles are trending down as well. If that is the case, why don't we see any reporting on that fact? It is because simply reporting numbers without context is easy. It takes work to actually find relevant data to put the numbers into perspective. Those who have no interest in either motorcycles or motorcyclists are not going to do the work it takes to report accurately. After all, reporting that motorcyclists are killing themselves on the highways makes a much better story than reporting that our community's emphasis on training and education seems to be having a positive impact on highway safety.

Matt Danielson McGrath & Danielson Tom McGrath's Motorcycle Law Group  
1-800-321-8968 [Motorcyclelawgroup.com](http://Motorcyclelawgroup.com)

Hello

Actually the national fatality per registrations are available from the NHSTA website

Every year NHSTA publishes Traffic safety Facts motorcycles

They stopped publishing the ratio per state since for many years motorcyclists were using the argument that of the 10 safest states, the majority allow freedom of choice

The motorcycle industry council would also publish this data, taken from NHSTA

I have attached the 2013 Facts, which cover up the year 2011, I have renamed it (see next page)

I think we need to pressure Florida DHSMV to continue the helmet/unhelmet stats

Last years traffic crash facts was a joke 10 pages instead of the usual 40 pages

As we move into discussions about continuing our efforts to get jail time for those who cause an accident resulting in death, everyone needs to read the Current statutes

318.14 (5) The actual stiffer penalties for those under 318.19

318.19 Mandatory hearings for those who are involved in an accident with severe injury or death

Our current plan is not to tweak the existing statute since anything could happen while the legislature in session

If we want to continue to try to get jail time added

Why not try tweaking the reckless driving statute so that some one who be guilty of reckless driving if found responsible for causing an accident

John Banta

*Editor Slo Motion has included the complete report here and online so we have the Facts when talking about the issues*



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# TRAFFIC SAFETY FACTS

## 2011 Data



DOT HS 811 765

May 2013

## Motorcycles

In 2011, 4,612 motorcyclists were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes—an increase of 2 percent from the 4,518 motorcyclists killed in 2010. There were 81,000 motorcyclists injured during 2011, a slight decrease from 82,000 in 2010.

The following definitions apply to terms used throughout this fact sheet: the motorcycle rider is the individual operating the motorcycle; the passenger is a person seated on, but not operating, the motorcycle; the motorcyclist is a general term referring to either the rider or passenger. NHTSA publications prior to 2007 may not reflect this terminology. The following vehicles are included in the definition of motorcycle: mopeds, two- or three-wheeled motorcycles, off-road motorcycles, scooters, mini bikes, and pocket bikes. In 2011, two-wheeled motorcycles accounted for 94 percent of these vehicles in fatal crashes.

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Table 1  
**Motorcyclist Fatalities and Injuries and Fatality and Injury Rates, 2002–2011**

Year	Fatalities	Registered Vehicles	Fatality Rate*	Vehicle Miles Traveled (millions)	Fatality Rate**
2002	3,270	5,004,156	65.35	9,552	34.23
2003	3,714	5,370,035	69.16	9,576	38.78
2004	4,028	5,767,934	69.83	10,122	39.79
2005	4,576	6,227,146	73.48	10,454	43.77
2006	4,837	6,678,958	72.42	12,049	40.14
2007	5,174	7,138,476	72.48	21,396	24.18
2008	5,312	7,752,926	68.52	20,811	25.52
2009	4,469	7,929,724	56.36	20,822	21.46
2010	4,518	8,009,503	56.41	18,513	24.40
2011	4,612	8,437,502	54.66	18,500	24.93

Year	Injured	Registered Vehicles	Injury Rate*	Vehicle Miles Traveled (millions)	Injury Rate**
2002	65,000	5,004,156	1,293	9,552	677
2003	67,000	5,370,035	1,250	9,576	701
2004	76,000	5,767,934	1,324	10,122	755
2005	87,000	6,227,146	1,402	10,454	835
2006	88,000	6,678,958	1,312	12,049	727
2007	103,000	7,138,476	1,443	21,396	481
2008	96,000	7,752,926	1,238	20,811	461
2009	90,000	7,929,724	1,130	20,822	430
2010	82,000	8,009,503	1,024	18,513	443
2011	81,000	8,437,502	965	18,500	440

\*Rate per 100,000 registered vehicles

\*\*Rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled

Source: Vehicle miles traveled and registered vehicles—Federal Highway Administration

Traffic deaths—Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS), NHTSA

Traffic injuries—General Estimates System (GES), NHTSA

Note: In 2011, the Federal Highway Administration implemented an enhanced methodology for estimating registered vehicles and vehicle miles traveled by vehicle type. These revisions were applied to data from 2007 through 2011. In some cases the changes were significant and should be taken into account when comparing registered vehicle counts and/or vehicle miles traveled for 2006 and earlier years with the numbers for 2007 and later years.

*Per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists were over 30 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in a traffic crash.*

In 2011, motorcyclists accounted for 14 percent of all traffic fatalities, 17 percent of all occupant fatalities, and 4 percent of all occupants injured. Of the 4,612 motorcyclists killed in traffic crashes, 94 percent (4,323) were riders and 6 percent (289) were passengers.

Motorcycles made up 3 percent of all registered vehicles in the United States in 2011 and accounted for only 0.6 percent of all vehicle miles traveled. Per vehicle mile traveled in 2011, motorcyclists were over 30 times more likely than passenger car occupants to die in a motor vehicle traffic crash and 5 times more likely to be injured (Table 2).

Per registered vehicle, the fatality rate for motorcyclists in 2011 was 6 times the fatality rate for passenger car occupants. The injury rate for motorcyclists was about the same as the injury rate for passenger car occupants.

Table 2  
Occupant Fatality Rates by Vehicle Type, 2011

		Fatality Rate	Motorcycles	Passenger Cars	Light Trucks
2011	Per 100,000 Registered Vehicles		54.66	8.90	8.95
	Per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled		24.93	0.80	0.81

### Motorcycle Involvement in Crashes

In 2011, 2,449 (49%) of all motorcycles involved in fatal crashes collided with another type of motor vehicle in transport. In two-vehicle crashes, 75 percent of the motorcycles involved in motor vehicle traffic crashes collided with the vehicle in the front of the motorcycle. Only 6 percent were struck in the rear.

Motorcycles are more likely to be involved in a fatal collision with a fixed object than are other vehicles. In 2011, 23 percent of the motorcycles involved in fatal crashes collided with fixed objects, compared to 18 percent for passenger cars, 13 percent for light trucks, and 4 percent for large trucks.

In 2011, there were 1,998 two-vehicle fatal crashes involving a motorcycle and another type of vehicle. In 38 percent (757) of these crashes the other vehicle was turning left while the motorcycle was going straight, passing, or overtaking another vehicle. Both vehicles were going straight in 447 crashes (23%).

NHTSA considers a crash to be speeding-related if the driver was charged with a speeding-related offense or if an officer indicated that racing, driving too fast for conditions, or exceeding the posted speed limit was a contributing factor in the crash. In 2011, 35 percent of all motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes were speeding, compared to 22 percent for passenger car drivers, 19 percent for light-truck drivers, and 8 percent for large-truck drivers.

Table 3  
**Motorcyclist Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes, by Age, Year, and Day of the Week, 2002 and 2011**

Age	Weekday (6 a.m. Monday to 5:59 p.m. Friday)		Weekend (6 p.m. Friday to 5:59 a.m. Monday)		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>2002</b>						
<30	525	50	516	49	1,043	100
30–39	372	48	406	52	781	100
40+	683	47	759	53	1,444	100
Total	1,581	48	1,682	51	3,270*	100
<b>2011</b>						
<30	654	54	563	46	1,221	100
30–39	411	50	413	50	825	100
40+	1,344	52	1,216	47	2,565	100
Total	2,409	52	2,193	48	4,612*	100

\* Totals include unknown age and unknown time of day.

From 2002 to 2011, motorcyclist fatalities increased by 41 percent. Among those increases, the 40 and older age group made up 44 percent of motorcyclists killed in 2002 as compared to 56 percent in 2011. Within this motorcyclist age group, fatalities increased by 78 percent over a 10-year period. Data has also shown in 2011, the average age of motorcycle riders killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes was 42 (Table 3).

Table 4  
**Motorcycle Rider (Operator) Fatalities by Engine Size (cc), 2002 and 2011**

Year	Engine Displacement										Total	
	Up to 500		501–1,000		1,001–1,500		1,501 & Higher		Unknown			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2002	198	7	1,308	43	1,135	37	84	3	309	10	3,034	100
2011	258	6	1,712	40	1,303	30	628	15	422	10	4,323	100

Forty-five percent of motorcycle riders were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes while riding a motorcycle with an engine size of 1001cc or higher in 2011. These riders showed a 60 percent increase in fatalities from 2002 to 2011, while rider fatalities on motorcycles with engine size of 1000cc or less showed an increase of 30 percent during the same time period. (See table 4).

## Licensing

Twenty-two percent of motorcycle riders involved in fatal crashes in 2011 were riding their vehicles without a valid motorcycle license at the time of the collision, while only 12 percent of drivers of passenger vehicles in fatal crashes did not have valid licenses. A valid motorcycle license includes a rider having a valid driver license (Non-CDL License Status) with a motorcycle endorsement, or a motorcycle-only license.

Motorcycle riders involved in fatal traffic crashes were 1.4 times more likely than passenger vehicle drivers to have a previous license suspension or revocation (19% and 14%, respectively).

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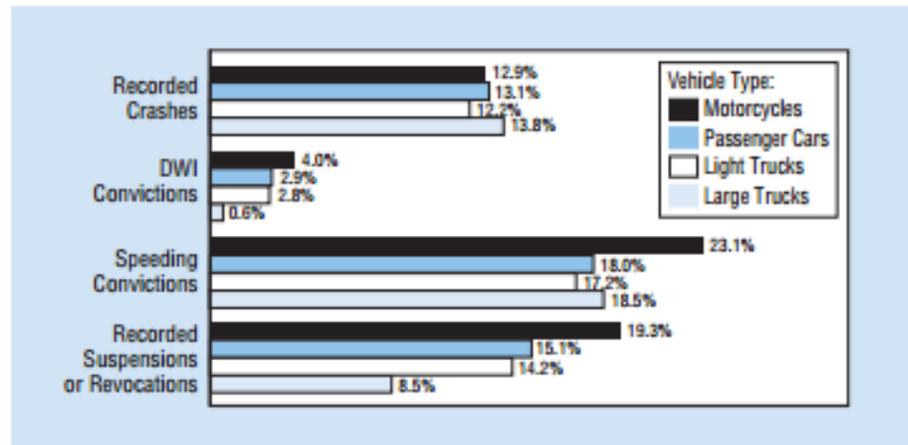
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### Previous Driving Records

As shown in Figure 1, motorcycle riders were shown to have the highest percentage of drivers with previous driving convictions (DWI, speeding, and revocation) as compared to other vehicle drivers.

Figure 1

Previous Driving Records of Drivers Involved in Fatal Traffic Crashes, by Type of Vehicle, 2011



Note: Excluding all drivers with unknown previous records.

*Forty-two percent of motorcycle riders who died in single-vehicle crashes in 2011 had BAC levels of .08 g/dL or higher.*

### Alcohol

In fatal crashes in 2011, a higher percentage of motorcycle riders had blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 grams per deciliter (g/dL) or higher than any other type of motor vehicle driver. The percentages for alcohol impaired drivers involved in fatal crashes were 29 percent for motorcycles, 24 percent for passenger cars, 21 percent for light trucks, and 1 percent for large trucks.

In 2011, 1,298 (30%) of all fatally injured motorcycle riders had BAC levels of .08 g/dL or higher. An additional 309 (7%) had lower alcohol levels (BAC .01 to .07 g/dL) (Table 5).

The percentage with BAC .08 g/dL or above was highest for fatally injured motorcycle riders among the age group 40–44 (38%), followed by the 45–49 and 35–39 age groups at 37 percent each.

Forty-two percent of the 1,997 motorcycle riders who died in single-vehicle crashes in 2011 had BAC levels of .08 g/dL or higher. Sixty-seven percent of those killed in single-vehicle crashes on weekend nights had BACs of .08 g/dL or higher.

Table 5

**Motorcycle Riders Killed With a BAC of .08 or Higher, by Crash Type and Time of Day, 2002 and 2011**

Crash Type and Time of Day		2002			2011		
		Total Motorcycle Riders Killed	BAC=.08+		Total Motorcycle Riders Killed	BAC=.08+	
			Number	Percent		Number	Percent
All Crashes	Total*	3,034	958	32	4,323	1,298	30
	Weekday	1,482	376	25	2,298	526	23
	Weekend	1,546	579	37	2,015	766	38
Single-Vehicle	Total*	1,437	631	44	1,997	846	42
	Weekday	619	237	38	948	326	34
	Weekend	812	392	48	1,039	515	50
Multi-Vehicle	Total*	1,597	326	20	2,326	452	19
	Weekday	863	140	16	1,350	201	15
	Weekend	734	187	25	976	251	26
Time of Day	Daytime	1,461	191	13	2,231	303	14
	Nighttime	1,546	752	49	2,065	981	47

\*Includes riders involved in fatal crashes when time of day was unknown.

Daytime - 6 a.m. to 5:59 p.m.

Nighttime - 6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m.

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Motorcycle riders killed in traffic crashes at night were over 3 times more likely to have BAC levels of .08 g/dL or higher than those killed during the day (47% and 14%, respectively).

The reported helmet use rate for motorcycle riders killed in traffic crashes was 44 percent for those with BAC levels of .08 g/dL or higher as compared to 67 percent for those with no alcohol (BAC =.00 g/dL).

Among drivers and motorcycle riders, drinking and driving has always been a concern. In 2011, 4,323 motorcycle riders were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes. Thirty percent of these riders were alcohol impaired (BAC of .08 or higher). As seen in Table 6, the proportion of motorcycle riders killed that were alcohol impaired can range from a high of 63 percent (Vermont) to a low of 7 percent (South Dakota).

Table 6  
**Motorcycle Rider Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes by State and Rider's BAC, 2011**

State	Total Motorcycle Riders Killed	Percent of Motorcycle Riders Killed, by Their BAC	
		BAC=.08+	BAC=.01+
Alabama	95	31	34
Alaska	9	23	36
Arizona	119	24	30
Arkansas	60	27	38
California	386	22	30
Colorado	74	36	44
Connecticut	34	31	36
Delaware	18	50	54
Dist of Columbia	4	25	50
Florida	426	34	41
Georgia	142	16	23
Hawaii	29	35	43
Idaho	17	24	36
Illinois	132	29	36
Indiana	113	43	51
Iowa	32	41	51
Kansas	43	33	35
Kentucky	67	32	35
Louisiana	76	28	35
Maine	14	36	36
Maryland	75	30	41
Massachusetts	36	32	39
Michigan	112	30	34
Minnesota	34	19	26
Mississippi	53	19	25
Missouri	77	40	45
Montana	18	12	18
Nebraska	21	14	20
Nevada	40	26	38
New Hampshire	14	39	41
New Jersey	91	28	34
New Mexico	43	32	35
New York	164	19	29
North Carolina	155	25	29
North Dakota	12	30	30
Ohio	157	40	47
Oklahoma	85	35	42
Oregon	37	27	38
Pennsylvania	189	30	36
Rhode Island	14	44	44
South Carolina	123	41	54
South Dakota	12	7	10
Tennessee	110	26	34
Texas	441	37	45
Utah	27	21	27
Vermont	8	63	75
Virginia	94	21	26
Washington	70	29	36
West Virginia	25	17	30
Wisconsin	81	35	47
Wyoming	15	25	25
<b>National</b>	<b>4,323</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>37</b>
Puerto Rico	49	31	40

## Helmet Use and Effectiveness

NHTSA estimates that helmets saved the lives of 1,617 motorcyclists in 2011. If all motorcyclists had worn helmets, an additional 703 lives could have been saved.

Helmets are estimated to be 37-percent effective in preventing fatal injuries to motorcycle riders and 41 percent for motorcycle passengers. In other words, for every 100 motorcycle riders killed in crashes while not wearing a helmet, 37 of them could have been saved had all 100 worn helmets.

According to NHTSA's National Occupant Protection Use Survey, a nationally representative observational survey of motorcycle helmet, seat belt, and child safety seat use, use of DOT-compliant helmets in 2011 stood at 66 percent, an increase from 54 percent in 2010.

Reported helmet use rates for fatally injured motorcyclists in 2011 were 60 percent for riders and 49 percent for passengers, compared with 59 percent and 49 percent, respectively, in 2010.

All motorcycle helmets sold in the United States are required to meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 218, the performance standard which establishes the minimum level of protection helmets must afford each user.

In 2011, 20 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico required helmet use by all motorcyclists. Whereas 27 States only required helmet use by a subset of motorcyclists (typically motorcyclists under age 18) and 3 States (Illinois, Iowa, and New Hampshire) do not require helmet use by motorcyclists of any age.

In States without universal helmet laws, 65 percent of motorcyclist killed in 2011 were not wearing helmets, as compared to 9 percent in States with universal helmet laws.

In 2011, 40 percent of the 4,323 motorcycle riders killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes were not helmeted. Table 7 shows that these percentages can range from as high as 94 percent in Iowa to as low as 0 percent in Washington.

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### For more information:

Information on traffic fatalities is available from the National Center for Statistics and Analysis (NCSA), NVS-424, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. NCSA can be contacted at 800-934-8517 or via the following e-mail address: [ncsaweb@dot.gov](mailto:ncsaweb@dot.gov). General information on highway traffic safety can be accessed by Internet users at [www.nhtsa.gov/NCSA](http://www.nhtsa.gov/NCSA). To report a safety-related problem or to inquire about motor vehicle safety information, contact the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236.

Other fact sheets available from the *National Center for Statistics and Analysis* are *Alcohol-Impaired Driving*, *Bicyclists and Other Cyclists*, *Children*, *Large Trucks*, *Occupant Protection*, *Older Population*, *Overview*, *Passenger Vehicles*, *Pedestrians*, *Race and Ethnicity*, *Rural/Urban Comparisons*, *School Transportation-Related Crashes*, *Speeding*, *State Alcohol Estimates*, *State Traffic Data*, and *Young Drivers*. Detailed data on motor vehicle traffic crashes are published annually in *Traffic Safety Facts: A Compilation of Motor Vehicle Crash Data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System and the General Estimates System*. The fact sheets and annual Traffic Safety Facts report can be accessed online at [www.nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/CATS/index.aspx](http://www.nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/CATS/index.aspx).



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Table 7  
**Motorcycle Rider Fatalities, by State and Helmet Use, 2011**

State	Total Motorcycle Riders Killed	Helmeted	Not Helmeted
	Number	Percent	Percent
Alabama	95	91	9
Alaska	9	89	11
Arizona	119	45	55
Arkansas	60	41	59
California	386	93	7
Colorado	74	37	63
Connecticut	34	28	72
Delaware	18	18	82
Dist of Columbia	4	50	50
Florida	426	44	56
Georgia	142	90	10
Hawaii	29	21	79
Idaho	17	47	53
Illinois	132	26	74
Indiana	113	17	83
Iowa	32	6	94
Kansas	43	30	70
Kentucky	67	42	58
Louisiana	76	81	19
Maine	14	29	71
Maryland	75	86	14
Massachusetts	36	88	12
Michigan	112	91	9
Minnesota	34	40	60
Mississippi	53	89	11
Missouri	77	87	13
Montana	18	47	53
Nebraska	21	90	10
Nevada	40	88	13
New Hampshire	14	14	86
New Jersey	91	91	9
New Mexico	43	14	86
New York	164	93	7
North Carolina	155	94	6
North Dakota	12	25	75
Ohio	157	29	71
Oklahoma	85	21	79
Oregon	37	89	11
Pennsylvania	189	51	49
Rhode Island	14	36	64
South Carolina	123	21	79
South Dakota	12	25	75
Tennessee	110	85	15
Texas	441	46	54
Utah	27	37	63
Vermont	8	88	13
Virginia	94	99	1
Washington	70	100	0
West Virginia	25	76	24
Wisconsin	81	9	91
Wyoming	15	20	80
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Puerto Rico	49	31	69

Shading indicates states requiring helmet use for all motorcyclists.

# ABATE of Florida Inc.

## Legislative Think Tank in Progress

### INSURANCE WARNING CHECK YOURS

Here is an email I received about an insurance incident and how I have attempted to deal with it. I have since heard back from him stating that they do have a way to fight the issue. He wanted ABATE to know there was this problem out there. - Scribe

To whom it may concern

A friend of mine has just passed away after a fatal motorcycle accident. The problem we have come across is the person who crashed into him had insurance from Peach Tree. In the letter they sent his wife, Peach Tree stated because it was a motorcycle, the vehicle is not considered a vehicle. For their insurance to cover the other motor vehicle it must meet the requirements of having four wheels, otherwise they do not consider it a motorized vehicle. I can get a direct quote from the letter if it is needed, but my concern is if this insurance company does not feel they have to cover a motorcycle and they sell to other drivers, how can they get away with this? Have you come across this before and is there anything that can be done?

-- Jim Chase

Hello Jim,

My name is Darrin Brooks, I am the State Legislative Trustee for ABATE of Florida, Inc. Our State Office Manager forwarded your email to me. First I would like to offer my condolence for the loss of your friend. ABATE of Florida, Inc. is working very hard for the protection of motorcyclist rights and safety awareness of the general driving public to be more aware of motorcyclist.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is taking your friend's situation very seriously as we agree with you that this is a serious violation of not just motorcyclist rights, but everyone's rights. Would they have made the same statement if your friend was a pedestrian or riding a bicycle?? Since I have received your email, I have first spoken with my personal insurance agent who writes for people not just in Florida but in Georgia and several other States. He was equally astonished that an insurance company would make such a statement or have such a policy.

I would like you to fax me a copy of that letter so that I can take it to ABATE of Florida's legal counsel to get his opinion on the matter. I would also like to refer you the Aid to Injured Motorcyclist law office [www.onabike.com](http://www.onabike.com) 1-800-531-2424. They are a great nationwide law firm that specializes in aid to motorcyclist. My fax number is 239-592-1774, please address the fax to Darrin Brooks as it is a shared fax machine.

I look forward to hearing from you,

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

Sue Hulce, Treasure Coast - FYI I have the very same letter that I received from my insurance co. GMAC (Truck ins.) my motorcycle was not insured, that goes on further to say "motor vehicle" means: any self propelled vehicle with 4 or more wheels which is of a type both designed and required to be licensed for use on the highways of Florida; etc. etc., A motorcycle does not meet the definition of a motor vehicle: therefore, I will have to deny your Personal Injury Protection claim. However, my underinsured/uninsured part of my policy paid policy limits.

Just from what I see here, it seems to be more than just a company issue. Is it feasible to go after each company? Or, is it better, or even possible, to go after the industry as a whole? It seems like it would be illegal to leave out a legally defined vehicle like that. Maybe we can talk to the lawyers about that?

David "Flag Dave" Herman Legislative Trustee ABATE of Florida Inc. Lake County Chapter

# Florida Motorcycle Riders survey

Here is the latest Florida Motorcycle Riders survey from CUTR (Center for Urban Transportation Research). They are the host facility for the MSC (Motorcycle Safety Coalition). This is the coalition that ABATE has a seat on and that I have talked about many times before.

I would like you to please take the survey and where it asks for "other" input ABATE of Florida, Inc. as the source in which you receive the most information about motorcycle safety.

Please pass this along to all your email list, it does provide us with great information. And by adding "ABATE" to your answers, it will allow me to see if they actually report all the responses, or just the responses that CUTR wants.

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

## **A few minutes of your time could improve the safety of Florida's roads.**

We're looking for honest feedback from Florida motorcyclists so that we can evaluate the effectiveness of various safety promotion efforts and continue to improve traffic safety in Florida.

Your opinion will be compiled as part of a research study sponsored by the Florida Department of Transportation and conducted by the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida (IRB Study #Pro2384).

You must be a Florida resident and at least 18 years old to participate. The way it works is simple:

**[Click here <http://bike.mcsurvey.org>](http://bike.mcsurvey.org) to complete the survey online. The survey takes less than 15 minutes to complete.**

**After you complete the survey, enter to win a motorcycle jacket, a one-year membership to AAA with motorcycle coverage or an LED light kit!**

We take your privacy very seriously. All information collected will be held strictly confidential and remain anonymous. If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please e-mail us at [motorcyclesafety@cutr.usf.edu](mailto:motorcyclesafety@cutr.usf.edu). If you have already completed the survey this year, thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

The Center for Urban Transportation Research

University of South Florida

# Think Tank question

Here is a question that I have been tossing around in my head (yes, I do talk and sometimes argue with myself)

The question of legislation in Florida to prevent Motorcycle Only Checkpoints (MOC)

Here is my dilemma, Georgia has had MOC the past the past few years. I think it is a good direction for us to more into i.e.: legislation that prevents NHTSA or the Federal Government from forcing MOC on Florida. In other States they have threatened to withhold Federal money if the State did not comply with their wishes.

The other part on me says, "Don't poke the sleeping bear", in other words the Florida State Legislation is basically conservative and is more or less anti-Federal involvement. Do we want to bring up a "non-issue" at this time and spotlight something that may not be in anyone's radar. Or do we want to pursue the issue? I do know that the Naples area legislators are ones that do not want the Federal Govt to tell them what to do and they are more apt to support this idea. I need your input for you local area about how they feel about the issue.

Or do you feel that this is a wait and watch issue???

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

Darrin and friends, Poke the bear. We have friends in the legislature. Perhaps Doc R or Darrin could approach our friends and run this idea up the flag pole and see who salutes. Ask the leadership how they feel about having an opportunity to tell the Feds no thanks ahead of time. Would it hurt to discuss that other states have already used this idea to block unnecessary Federal legislation. I think that would be very appealing to our legislature who seem to hate everything coming out of Washington. Civil comments are welcome. Byron Agababian

Good question regarding if we should "poke the bear" on the currently quiet (in FL) issue of MOCs.

I think that now is a good time for this push. With our state legislature having historically been "anti-federal" involvement, this should be relatively easy to get through (note the word "relatively")... I'm not suggesting that it will be easy, but in these days and times, I don't think many legislators would be willing to get on a soap box and publicly put themselves out there in favor of additional federal mandates being placed upon Florida. Plus, if Florida already has a law on the books, it's that much harder for the feds to attempt to "force" us into something that is specifically illegal in Florida.

We would not be the only state that has done this recently. I believe that since 2011, six states have already passed legislation forbidding this practice. As recently as June 2013 Missouri passed a Bill that contained language that made the MOCs illegal in their state. More info on those states here: <http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/rights/motorcycleonlycheckpoints.aspx>.

This is still a current topic. I say poke away, the bear may actually like the taste of this topic.

Lockdown,  
State Webmaster, ABATE of Florida, Inc.

# ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

## July 16, 2013

At 11:45am, the President's gavel sounded the meeting's call to order. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and observed a moment of silence. There were 28 members present.

**President Ed “Nighthawk” Lattari** – After thanking the Chapter for all their efforts as of late, Nighthawk explained that Pr/Comm Trustee Mark "Sarge" Piven will be on medical leave for an undetermined time. Sarge's assistant Octavia will be working as Pr/Comm Trustee during Sarge's absence. Nighthawk stressed that ride participation by Chapter members was vital for the Chapter's continued success in the motorcycling community. The Chrome Chronicles will be available on-line, as the Chapter's copier is out of service for maintenance. Local events and plans for Nighthawk's birthday party were announced.

**Vice President Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson** – Slo Motion discussed the recent ABATE Leadership Seminar in Clermont, FL, saying that as usual it was a good experience. Slo Motion also presented information regarding a potential change in ABATE's tax exempt status. ABATE is considering changing its status to disallow lobbying, but instead to allow tax deductible donations to be given. Should the change occur, lobbying can continue through a Political Action Committee (PAC). Presently, ABATE is asking its Chapters to approve the legal exploration of a change in tax exempt status.

**Secretary Charles “CB” Barcellona** - CB thanked Sgt-at-Arms Petee for filling in during his absence at the June Chapter meeting.

**Treasurer Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger** – A report of the Chapter's finances were given. The Chapter is solvent. Additionally, a detailed report of the turnout and proceeds of the Chapter's June rally were presented. It was noted by Nighthawk that there was representation by nearly every organization in the local motorcycling community. Those organizations unable to attend, due to the poor weather, placed phone calls instead, showing support for the Chapter. The June rally was financially successful.

**Membership Trustee Debbie “Foxybabe” Wenger** – Foxybabe noted 226 current members and gave a report on attrition and renewals. Chapter members Big Bad Fred, Go to Dan were recognized for their becoming assistant Sgt-at-Arms, and Octavia was recognized for becoming assistant Pr/Comm Trustee.

**Sgt-at-Arms Pete “Petee” Carroll** – Thanks were given to all the volunteers who made the June rally a success. Pete explained that the Chapter is seeking a trailer to store and haul Chapter property.

**State Delegates / Legislative Trustees Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson & Ken "Snooze" Gerecke** – Snooze had an excused absence. Slo Motion announced the next ABATE State Meeting would be in August in Sarasota. Slo Motion also said that he had started to canvass local legislators, presenting ABATE's positions to them. Several meetings with legislators were discussed. Also discussed were the status of several current bills in legislature.

**Safety Trustee Charlie “Niblick” Wenger** – Niblick attained the second of three steps to the completion of his safety certification. Advanced riding skills courses were discussed. There is currently a petition asking for restoration of Florida state funding to ABATE.

**Product Trustee Pro Tem Lisa “Pookie” Miller** – Absent, excused.

**Newsletter Trustee Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson** – The copier that the Chapter uses for the production of the Chrome Chronicles is out of service due to needed maintenance.

**Webmaster Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson** - no further report

**Old Business** – The Chapter passed a motion to accept the proposition that the ABATE State organization spend \$1800 in order to explore the change in tax exempt status. Patch logo artwork was discussed.

**New Business** – The Chapter passed a motion to spend approximately \$450 toward the maintenance of the copier used to produce the Chrome Chronicles. ABATE State cash drawing tickets were discussed and distributed.

**Good of the Order** –

Local, and other events were discussed. Bones, VFW Post 4143 made several announcements. The Chapter took up a donation for Jim, from Southern Bike Nights, who had a motorcycle accident. In total \$75 dollars were raised. A raffle by ALR Post 268 was announced.

At 12:45, the President raised the gavel and brought it down smartly onto the strike plate, signifying the meeting was adjourned.

This concludes the minutes of the July 16th, 2013 meeting of ABATE Palm Beach Chapter.

August and September meetings will be on normal third Sunday of month as no conflict with Peterson's Key West Run this year.

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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** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.