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**NEXT
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MEETING
11:30 AM
Third
Sunday
Dec. 21**

**CHECK TWICE
FOR MOTORCYCLES**

**LET THOSE WHO
RIDE
DECIDE!**

**ABATE of Florida, Inc.
PALM BEACH CHAPTER
December 14, 2014 1pm-7pm
Annual Freedom Rights Rally**

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COUNTRY BAR AND GRILL**

600 Village Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL. 33409

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Party starts at 1pm / Blessing at 2pm

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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

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. What else do you get with your membership? All members receive with their paid membership, the *Masterlink* Newsletter, Membership Card, Event Discounts and Updates, Voting Privileges, Free *Masterlink* Classified Advertisements, a Chapter Newsletter, and a free \$4,000 Accidental Death or Dismemberment Insurance Policy from the American Income Life Insurance Company.

Memberships are open to anyone 18 years of age or older, no matter what type of motorcycle you ride, if any at all! We welcome all riders—in clubs, associations, independents, and sport riders to join us.

President's Message Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

Well it's December already and time for my first President's message! That's right, if you haven't heard I became President in November. First I would like to thank everyone for their support. Second I would like to thank our past President Ed "NightHawk" Lattari for the outstanding job he did as our president for the last 3 years. As your new President I only hope I will be able to do as good as he did. I know it won't be easy but I also know that with the support of the Board of Directors and our members anything is possible



Also I will be doing a ride to the next State meeting in Vero Beach if anyone is interested. Meet spot and time will be text to all members on the text alert system. Note: if you would like to be added let me know. If you would like to be removed from the list, let me know that too. Especially if you never plan on showing up for anything I put out there! As your President I believe our presence in the motorcycle community is very important to our cause. So come on out and support your fellow ABATE members as well as the rest of the motorcycle community. We need you, don't make just a handful of us represent all of us.

As always, ride safe out there!

SNOOZE

December 14th is our Annual Freedom Rights Rally back at Renegades 1:00 to 7:00p.m., the same day as Bills Bikes Toy Run. Our event is following the toy run as usual. If you would like to help hand out flyers in the morning at the fairgrounds let me know, we need volunteers!

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UPCOMING Group Fun Rides/Event Schedule

December 7 Sunday Toys in the Sun Run

December 9 2014 UBCPBC Christmas Party

December 13 Saturday ABATE of Florida State meeting Vero Beach

December 13 2014 Outcast Event

December 14 Bills Bikes Memorial Toy Run

December 14 ABATE PBC Freedom Rights Rally

December 20 2014 Annual Sportsbike End of Year Black and White Party

December 21 Sunday ABATE PBC Chapter Meeting

11:30 AM V.F.W. Post 4143 located at 2404 Broadway, Riviera Beach 561-844-5718. From I 95 exit Blue Heron Blvd. go east to Broadway (Federal Hwy., US- 1) turn right, go south 1 block the V.F.W. is on the east side. Look for the flag. Come early for the breakfast deal and stay after to be social and see if there is a ride.

REMINDER: EVERY

Monday Night is MOB OF BROTHERS MC OPEN HOUSE

First Monday Night is BOONIES BIKE Night

Tuesday Night is LONE LEGION MC OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday Night is STATES MC OPEN HOUSE

Thursday Night is BLACK PISTONS MC OPEN HOUSE

First Thursday is RENEGADES BIKE NIGHT

Third Thursday is PALM BEACH HARLEY BIKE NIGHT

Friday Night is AOA OPEN HOUSE

1st Friday of Month is SOLDIERS FOR JESUS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday Night is FLY-IN WHEELS MC OPEN HOUSE

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Vice President's Message - Bill "Hamish" Black

Well,.....as you all most probably know by now, Ed "Nighthawk" stepped down as our President. That meant that Kenny moved up the ladder. Which also means that the VP spot was open. Looks like I got the job.!!!



I will also be doing the Safety Table till Julius "Tippy" takes over. He will be the new "Safety Director". I know that he will do a great job, as he has in the past.

We have a busy month, with our Semi-Annual Rally at Renegades on the 14th. We have "Elegant Mess" playing for us. They are a great band, so don't forget to tell all your friends to come and have a great time.

Also, we have the State Meeting on the 13th at Treasure Coast. It's a nice ride up. Everybody welcome.

I miss Ed and Mysti. They are good people and hope too see them soon. I wish them well.

Don't forget, if you have the time, join us for the rides. It would be nice to see some new/old faces. A word on safety. Because the weather is cooling down, don't forget to check your tire pressure.!!!

That's all for this month. Respect to all on the road.....Hamish.

Notes from =CB=

By this time, most of you are aware that Ed "Nighthawk" Lattari has stepped down from being the President of the Chapter, and that former Vice President Ken "Snooze" Gerecke is now the Chapter President.

I'd like say a few things regarding two issues that become both clear, and relevant to the recent changes.

First, the ABATE Bylaws are rather precise when it comes to succession of a person in leadership. The writers of the Bylaws had a contingency for occurrences such as someone stepping down, and their plan works. Its not one of those "Oh my God!, What do we do?" moments at all.

The VP becomes the President. As President, he can then appoint a person to what is known as a "pro tem" position, with the exception of the Treasurer, which must be an elected individual. Pro tem is a sort of legal term, shortened from "pro tempore" which pretty much means "for the time being" in Latin. Chapter elections are held in June. If a position is open before that, the pro tem appointee fills the position until the next election is held. Pretty simple stuff really.

The second thing I want to say is regarding the efforts of a few folks, taking on tasks that ought to be done by a larger pool of individuals. We always hear, during every meeting, how "more participation is needed". But the folks hearing that think someone else is doing the tasks for them, so its all covered. In fact, someone else probably will do what needs to be done, time and time and time again, until they either wrap their head in duct tape, to keep it from exploding, or just burn out.

When you have one man, two men, having to represent the Chapter six out of the seven nights in a week, don't you think they could use a break? It would be nice if folks would say OK, I'll represent the Chapter. Or, I'll help at the Safety Table. Or I'll help with inventory. Or, I'll deliver newsletters. You don't need to do it every single time and get burnt out yourself, just once in a while, or once every second or third week, or month.

Pick a task, find out who's doing it now, ask to relieve them once in a while, and see what their answer is, after they change their pants that is! A little help goes a long, long way to preserve folks' sanity!

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Bike Night Thursday, Dec 18th

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Cost	Activities	Route
You must bring either a \$15 cash donation or a NEW unwrapped toy of equal or greater value. It is a \$20 donation or a NEW unwrapped toy of equal or greater value day of event. Donate 4 boxed food items & receive a commemorative drink koozie.	Event Time: 7a - 2p Day of registration ends @ 9am Kickstands up @ 9:30am Cold Beer - Live Music *please drink responsibly 50/50 Silent Auction FREE FOOD for participants BBQ - Beans - Slaw	Beaches Route: 54th Ave to Park St Park St to Bay Pines Bay Pines to Tom Stuart Causeway to Gulf Blvd Gulf Blvd to Pass-A-Grille Pass-A-Grille to Gulf Way Gulf Way to 13th Ave to Pass-A-Grille and back

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- Confidential local ride within a 10-mile radius to a safe location
- Service is provided in Florida, Georgia and Tennessee
- Free and available to both AAA members and non-members
- The AAA tow truck takes the vehicle and the driver home

2014 Tow to Go Holiday Schedule

Holidays	Date of Holiday(s)	Days Tow to Go is Provided
Super Bowl	February 2nd (Sunday)	January 31st - 6 a.m. on February 3rd
St. Patrick's Day	March 17th (Monday)	March 14th - 6 a.m. 18th
Cinco de Mayo	May 5th (Monday)	May 2nd - 6 a.m. on 6th
Memorial Day	May 26th (Monday)	May 23rd - 6 a.m. on 27th
Independence Day	July 4th (Friday)	July 4th - 6 a.m. 7th
Labor Day	September 1st (Monday)	August 29th - 6 a.m. on September 2nd
Halloween	October 31st (Friday)	October 31st - 6 a.m. on November 2nd
Thanksgiving	November 27th (Thursday)	November 26th - 6 a.m. on 30th
Christmas / New Years	December 24th (Wednesday) December 31st (Wednesday)	December 24th through 6 a.m. on January 1st

Tow to Go Service Area(s)	Phone Number
FL, GA or TN	(855) 2-TOW-2-GO or (855) 286-9246

The Auto Club Group and Bud Light provide the Tow to Go service to discourage an intoxicated driver from getting behind the wheel and risking the lives and safety of other motorists. Not only does Tow to Go remove the intoxicated driver—it also enables AAA and Bud Light to remind the public to always choose a designated driver for a safe ride home.

Important Tow To Go Guidelines:

- Tow trucks can take up to two people home; if there are more people in your party—you will need to make other arrangements to get home safely.
- You can't make an appointment to use the Tow to Go service, it is designed to be used as a last resort so have a designated driver before you have your first drink.
- It may be necessary, in certain situations, for AAA to contact a cab company or local law enforcement to assist with getting the intoxicated individual a safe ride.



Tow to Go is a program of the Auto Club Group Traffic Safety Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is to produce a significant and continuous reduction in traffic crashes, injuries and deaths in the communities targeted by our efforts. For more information or to make a donation, please visit [Traffic Safety Foundation online](http://www.traffic-safety-foundation.org).

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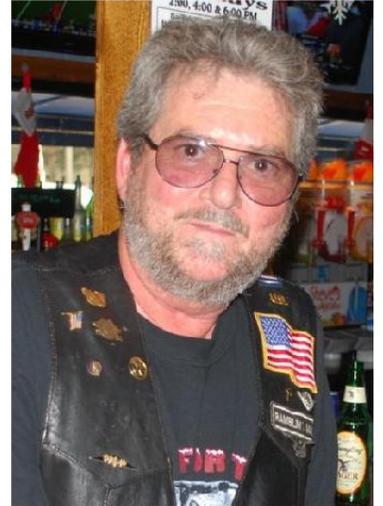
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DELEGATE REPORT

Ken "Snooze"
Gerecke

This month's state meeting will be hosted by Treasure Coast Chapter in Vero Beach. So if you have never been to a State meeting or would like to go to one, now is your chance! This one is close just a little over an hour away. Dec 13th I will be doing a ride up that day so if you want to go, let me know. The meeting will take place at the Vero Beach Inn & Suites 8797 20th St. Vero Beach, FL. I will be putting out a text a couple of days before to let you know the meet spot and time. Also there will be a Christmas party after the meeting if you would like to attend.

In other news ABATE of Florida and the city of Avon Park are still working hard to make the Avon Park Autumn Bikefest a reality for next October. I will keep you posted in the coming months.

As always ride safe !!

SNOOZE

P.S. I plan on getting a room for the night so if you want to stay and party, you can crash and ride back early Sunday to work our event

Slo Motion

STATE MEETINGS

2014 - Host Chapter - Location

Dec. 13 Treasure Coast—Vero Beach

2015 - Host Chapter - Location

Feb 14 Southwest

April 12/13 Monticello/Ride to Capital

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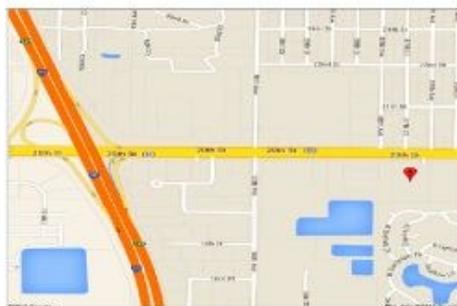
Aug. 8 Lake County

Oct. 10 Hillsborough Spooks n Scoots Brooksville

Dec. 12 Gator Alley

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Saturday, December 13th, 2014



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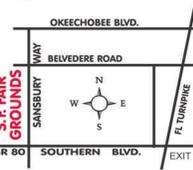
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LAST Tues USMV MC Open House at SmokeInn Bike Night Boynton

Wed Island Jack's Bike Night

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

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 Fly-In Wheels MC WPB open house

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DECEMBER

- 7 SFPC TOY RUN
- 20 SFLCOC Christmas party
- 21 Calvary Chapel Christmas Service

United Bikers Council of Palm Beach Co. Events

**DECEMBER **

- 09 2014 UBCPB Christmas Party
- 13 Outcast Event
- 20 Annual Sportsbike End of Year Black and White Party

DECEMBER

- 7th SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
- 13th PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
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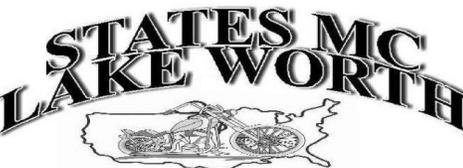


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 3rd Sunday February 15

December 2014

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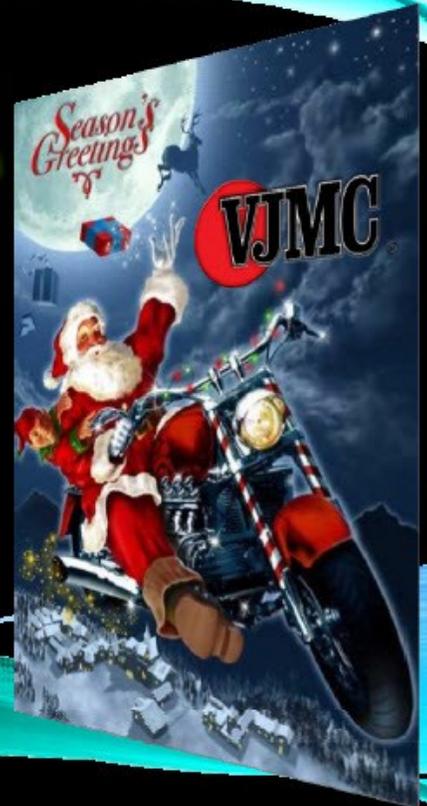
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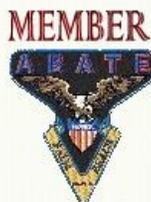


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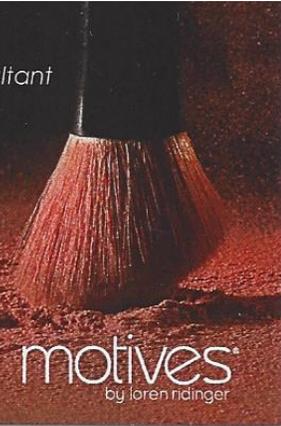
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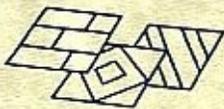
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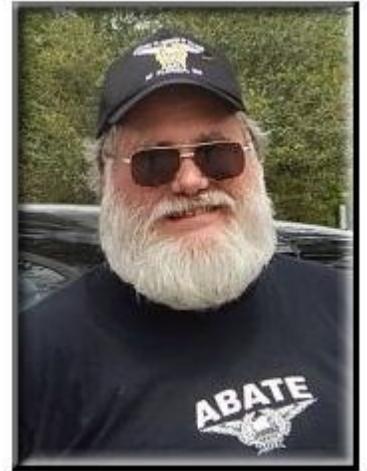
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

At past State meetings there was some talk about helmet law coming. Darrin "Scribe" (Legislative) asked us to keep our eyes open for any media reports so we can respond. Also we still need to collect data on accidents where the motorcycle was not at fault so our lobbyist has something to show the houses what the cagers are doing to us. That includes news reports or accident reports. You can email to me and I will get them to Doc and Darin. We need to try to get those involved in bike accidents involved in ABATE of Florida, Inc.



The elections are over, the results are in. So you can watch television again without the smear ads. Basically the incumbents are still in office except for Attorney General with George Sheldon beating Pam Bondi and Thad Hamilton as the new Agriculture commissioner. If you want to see all the results go to http://results.enr.clarityelections.com/FL/Palm_Beach/54016/148591/en/summary.html

Now if they would just collect all their road signs.....

I hope that many of you will join the pilgrimage to Tallahassee Freedom Rally in April this year. It is really something to be in that police escorted ride into the Capital, riding up that hill and parking on the steps. There may be some glitches this year so that makes it all the more important to show them that we do really care.

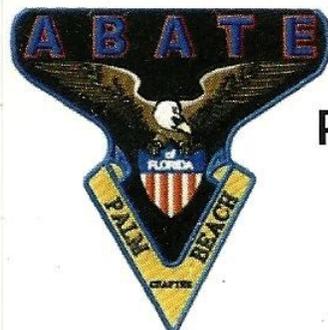
With the sessions starting soon we should be getting more information on our goals and plans for this legislative year. So we should be getting more news from the State Office soon.

Oh, you can email me any news, accident stories, or whatever to

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Electric motorcycle gangs: You'll never hear them coming



Above: A gathering of electric motorcycle riders. *Image Credit: Ben Rich/Green Car Reports*
November 21, 2014 6:01 PM Ben Rich, Green Car Reports

Bikers are pack animals by nature.

They like to ride in groups and enjoy the open road with a few friends. Biker gangs are well known to ride together wearing the same leathers. Group rides for charity are common in the summer and fall riding seasons. Clubs form around brand names and styles of bikes alike.

Are there now groups of electric motorcycle riders tearing up the streets? Is it possible to have a group ride? If you live in Los Angeles, the answer is yes.

Hollywood Electrics has been running group rides through the canyons north of LA every month for a while now. They generally have more than 10 electric motorcycles along for the ride, touring nearby scenic roads and then ending up at a restaurant that uses an electric motorcycle for deliveries.

What's it like riding with a dozen or so electric motorcycles?

Well, you can have a conversation at any stoplight.

You get to see wild animals on the side of the road that normally would have fled due to the noise of loud pipes.

You don't smell any fumes from the bikes in front of you.

You get smiles and stares (and sometimes questions) from people nearby whose ears aren't offended by your engine noise.

You get to enjoy riding with all of the benefits of riding a powerful motorcycle safely in a group without any of the smell or noise associated with gasoline-powered bikes.

That isn't to say that gasoline bikes aren't allowed. Friends of people who ride electric motorcycles sometimes still ride them. And they're welcome to join the ride and tag along—but their riders had better be prepared for

some good-natured ribbing about the fumes they make and the noise that stifles conversation.

But bikers are bikers, regardless of electric or gas power; if you can ride, you're welcome to join a group of people enjoying a two-wheeled ride through the canyons.

Long-distance rides

If you're familiar with electric vehicles, you already know that range is limited and recharging time can be considerable.

Electric motorcycles have these limitations too, so long-distance journeys are still rare.

The top three long-distance electric motorcycle riders are Terry Hershner, Ben Rich (your author), and Stephane Melancon.

Terry has gone over 70,000 miles on his 2012 Zero S, which is now highly modified, and he has crossed the US five times. I rode my 2012 Zero S across the country in 2013, and also went on a 6,000-mile excursion in the summer of 2014. Stephane went on a 1,600-mile trip in 2014 on a 2012 Zero S with extra batteries.

To charge up, each of these bikers stopped for 30 minutes to 1.5 hours to recharge at Level 2 charging stations or RV parks.

This means that riding 400 miles in a day is possible, but it takes considerably longer than on a gas bike due to charging times. In fact, Terry Hershner recently joined the Iron Butt Association by riding 1,047 miles in 22 hours and 57 minutes.

I've gone on a few rides with friends who ride gas bikes, and it required some extra planning and time.

First I rode to a charging station near the fun roads we planned on riding that day. Then I charged up for about an hour with external chargers on my bike and my friends arrived when I was finished charging.

We rode for an hour and a half around Harriman State Park north of New York City, then finished back at the charging station in a little town nearby. We had lunch together while my bike charged again, and then we rode home. Total mileage together was a little over 100 miles.

For vacation riders you can go on a tour of the Alps on electric motorcycles with Eidelweiss Bike Travel or ride electric motorcycles around Cape Town, South Africa with Dualsport Adventures. Both companies offer tours with gas bikes, and have options for electric motorcycle tours with Zero Motorcycles. The Eidelweiss tour of the Alps is the same length as most of the tours with gas bikes, riding approximately 100 miles per day.

The range on electric motorcycles has increased every year, such that a full battery will get you about as far as a tank of gas on many bikes.

However, the recharge time is still the bottleneck. As soon as sites with CHAdeMO or CCS DC fast charging can be used with electric motorcycles, it will be possible for many more people to take longer electric road trips.

The future

For electric motorcycles to have the ability to go on long road trips with gas bikes—400 or more miles per day—there are several potential futures.

Battery technology could advance to the point where we have 10 times the energy density that we currently have. That would provide a 1,000 mile battery, making it unnecessary to charge during the day.

Faster charging would allow batteries to be charged as fast as gas bikes are filled up. For example, if a 15-kWh battery on a 2015 Zero S could use a Tesla Supercharger at 135kW to charge, it would take only about 7 minutes.

Multiple chargers, like those fitted to Terry Hershner's bike, would allow the rider to plug two (or more) Level 2 chargers into their bike at the same time. Combined with higher battery capacity, this is a reasonable solution for the near future while we await any technological breakthroughs.

In the end, electric motorcycles are amazing to ride: Just ask anyone who has gone for a test ride.

But if you want to take a road trip, you will need to put a few extra dollars into your own faster charging system to take along for the ride—and bring a good book to read too.

And, by the way, if you see a “gang” of electric bikers ... you may find them among the kindest and most considerate group of people you will meet.

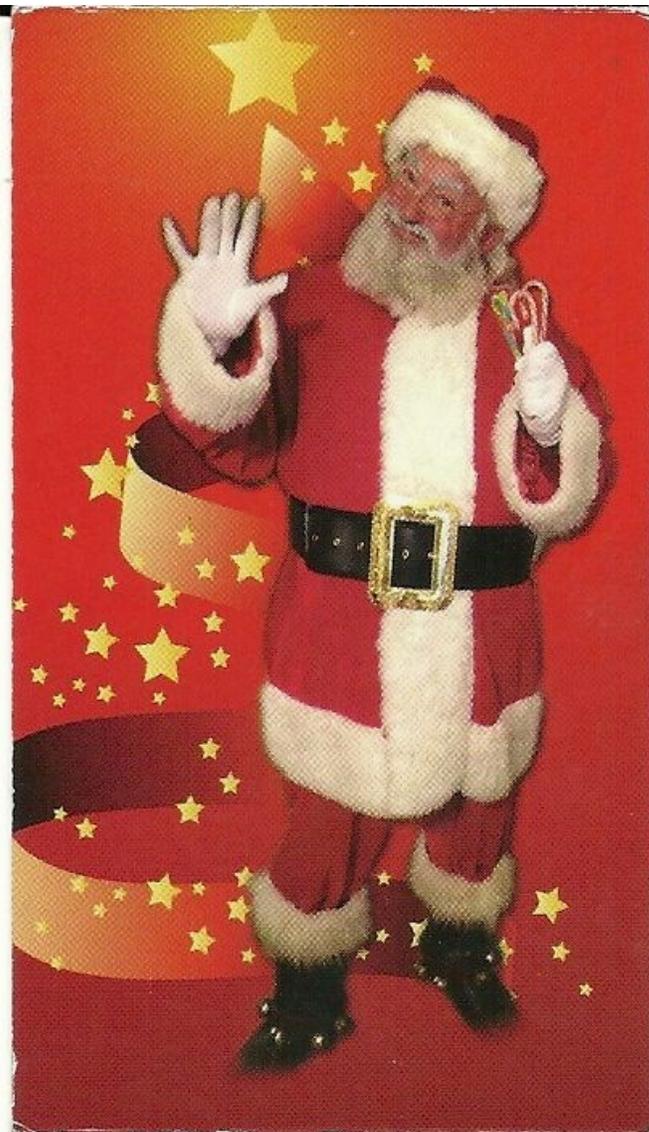
See video at <http://venturebeat.com/2014/11/21/electric-motorcycle-gangs-youll-never-hear-them-coming/>

This story originally appeared on [Green Car Reports](#).

It's The Law

I figured it was time to run this again as Kenny was asked about legal eye protection so he checked with me. I questioned Jim Burrows of Alachua Chapter as he can research the legal data base. Yes. The law is you MUST wear eye protection when you ride regardless of if you have a windshield. To me, I personally think it is crazy not too as my eyes dry out so easy besides of all the things in the air.

Now I had found this list of "Violations" which I wanted to share so you would be aware and see the Statutes. Now we do realize some of these, like the helmet and pipes are vague and may be outdated. Anyone willing to check them out? But if this is what the police are armed with then we need to check that out fully.



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<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Brakes required on all wheels.....	316.261(3)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Carrying item(s) that prevent both hands on handlebars	316.2085(4)
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Colored lights prohibited: Red	316.2397(1)
Blue	316.2397(2)
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Drag racing, speed competition on roadway or parking lot	316.191(2)(a)
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Driving on sidewalk or bike path	316.1995
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Exhaust system modified to be louder than originally equipped	316.293(5)(b)
<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Exhaust system in good working order including muffler & tailpipe.....	316.272(1)
<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Exhaust system must prevent excessive fumes or smoke	316.272(2)
<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Eye protection for operator required	316.211(2)
<input type="checkbox"/> 10. Footrests for passenger required	316.2095(1)
<input type="checkbox"/> 11. Handlebars height higher than operator's shoulders	316.2095(2)
<input type="checkbox"/> 12. Headlight required	316.400(1)
<input type="checkbox"/> 13. Headlight must be on at all times	316.405(1)
<input type="checkbox"/> 14. Helmet - None or improper	316.211(1)
<input type="checkbox"/> 15. Helmet - None with no medical insurance.....	316.211(3b)
<input type="checkbox"/> 16. Horn required.....	316.271(1)
<input type="checkbox"/> 17. Mirror required.....	316.294
<input type="checkbox"/> 18. Moped operating requirements	316.208
<input type="checkbox"/> 19. Motorcycle endorsement required	322.03(4)
<input type="checkbox"/> 20. Passing in the same lane	316.209(2)
<input type="checkbox"/> 21. Passing off pavement or main portion of roadway.....	316.084(2)
<input type="checkbox"/> 22. Rear red reflector required	316.415
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MOTORCYCLISTS GAIN SOME RELIEF FROM CONGRESSIONAL HELMET LAW EFFORTS

Driven by discontent, disillusionment and distrust, American voters saw red in November's mid-term elections and whisked control of the United States Senate to the first Republican majority since 2006 and won additional seats in the Republican-led U.S. House of Representatives, as well as favoring the GOP in numerous statewide races and a majority of gubernatorial contests nationwide.

While most of the electorate is simply happy to see an end to a record \$4 billion in campaign ads appearing incessantly on television, radio and newspapers, and in in-boxes and mailboxes everywhere, motorcycle riders should be especially glad to have won at least a temporary respite from helmet law threats from Congress and in states where Republicans have remained or gained in governance.

As recently as this summer, the Obama Administration included a thinly-veiled attempt to impose a national helmet law through the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) surface transportation reauthorization proposal to Congress, but the measure was derailed by the Republican-controlled House. Three years ago, motorcyclists across America successfully opposed a proposed amendment to S.1449, the "Motor Vehicle and Highway Safety Improvement Act of 2011," that would have called for a National Mandatory Helmet Law for all motorcyclists.

Although federal agencies like the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) will undoubtedly continue to advance their pro-helmet law agendas, lacking a Democrat majority in either chamber will likely curb enthusiasm for helmet law mandates from Washington, for now.

PAY-TO-PLAY HELMET LAW PROPOSED IN NEW MEXICO

In a unique scheme to punish motorcyclists for exercising their right to ride without a helmet, a Discussion Draft of a Senate bill proposed for the 2015 52nd Legislature for the state of New Mexico would create a system of taxation for riders who opt not to wear a helmet.

Specifically, "The department [Motor Vehicles Division] shall make available distinctive motorcycle validation stickers that signify that any person age eighteen or older who operates a motorcycle on which that sticker is affixed are not required by law to wear a safety helmet. The department shall issue validation sticker when a qualifying person pays the fee as provided for."

A standard validation sticker is just \$15 annually, but it would cost \$692 per year for the "distinctive motorcycle validating sticker" that allows the rider to go lidless...the additional tax revenue to be distributed as follows: \$541.60 to the trauma system fund, \$135.40 to the brain injury services fund, and \$15 as additionally provided by law. Otherwise, the rider and passengers must wear a helmet, even though New Mexico law currently does not require helmet use for those 18 and older.

"My concern is this will turn into a helmet law in New Mexico," said Annette Torrez, chairperson for the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (NMMRO) and a member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) board of directors, who reported on the effort at a recent NCOM Regional Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland. "We found out that a lobbyist in New Mexico asked a senator to draft the bill, and though it does not have a sponsor yet, we are currently researching who is behind it."

TEXAS SAYS NO POLARIS SLINGSHOTS

The Polaris Slingshot, a brand new three-wheeled sports-vehicle now just arriving at dealerships across the U.S., lacks componentry necessary to be considered "a car" and in most states you register it as a motorcycle; but the Texas DMV says "Whoa pardner, not so fast."

Though Polaris says they'd already received approval from the Lone Star State to sell their Slingshot there, according to a letter to Texas Polaris dealers posted on a Slingshot forum on November 4th they were notified by the Vehicle Titling and Registration Division of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles that the DMV is taking the position that even if dealers are licensed to sell it as a motorcycle, owners of the Slingshot will not be able to register it because it is not street legal as far as Texas "motorcycles" are concerned.

The conflict hinges on the wording used to define a motorcycle in Texas. The Texas Department of Public Safety Motorcycle Operator's Manual says three-wheelers are defined by certain characteristics, one of them being "saddle seating," meaning "seating in which the rider/passenger straddles the vehicle," but the Slingshot's seats sit side-by-side. Because it doesn't have a "saddle," the DMV ruling prohibits the Polaris Slingshot from being registered as a motorcycle, so they will not be sold in the state until this "VERY urgent matter" is resolved.

The Texas precedence has the potential to sway other states to define the Slingshot similarly, a scenario Polaris is surely hoping to avoid.

Polaris has fought hard for their not-car classification, and have used the fact that their vehicles are legally considered motorcycles to ease their passage through regulatory waters, but this gray area has led to some other unintended legal consequences, such as operator licensing, vehicle registration and applicable helmet requirements. Ultimately, it has everything to do with the way laws are written and how "motorcycle" is defined therein, which varies from state to state.

INDIANA SCOOTER RIDERS FACE NEW REGULATIONS

Indiana officials are warning motor scooter drivers that starting in January they'll need license plates on those bikes. Legislators have approved Indiana's first license requirements for scooters, and under the new law drivers of scooters with engines of 50 cubic centimeters or less will need to buy license plates and pass a Bureau of Motor Vehicles test involving road signals and signs. Operators of scooters with larger engines will be required to follow motorcycle requirements, including holding a valid motorcycle license or learner's permit.

Evansville police officials told a legislative committee that scooters had often been involved in accidents and used in crimes such as robberies, but that the owners couldn't be found because they lacked any registration.

The new law doesn't require insurance for drivers of the smaller scooters, and the registration will cost \$26.35, plus a \$10 excise tax.

Law sponsor Rep. Dave Wolkins (R-Winona Lake) said not requiring a driver's license for scooter operators was important because he felt it was necessary that those with drunken driving convictions still have a way to get to work.

MINIBIKE MANUFACTURER TO PAY RECORD \$4.3 MILLION FEDERAL FINE

Baja Inc. of Anderson, South Carolina, has agreed to pay a record \$4.3 million civil penalty to settle a complaint from federal regulators that it delayed reporting safety defects on its go-karts and minibikes, the Consumer Product Safety Commission has reported.

The settlement resolves CPSC charges that the firm knowingly failed to report within 24 hours, as required by federal law, known defects and an unreasonable risk of serious injury involving 11 models of minibikes and go-carts sold nationwide from November 2004 through June 2010.

The defects in Baja's products, which consisted of fuel leaks and unintended acceleration, resulted in the recall in 2010 of 308,000 Baja Motorsports minibikes and go-karts, which is when Baja filed its Full Report with CPSC.

Although the company agreed to pay the fine, it did not admit any wrongdoing and said it was paying to "avoid the cost, distraction, delay and uncertainty" of continued proceedings.

Previously, the highest penalty the safety commission had issued was a \$4 million fine against Graco Children's Products in 2005 for failure to inform CPSC about dangers to children.

NEW ARMY RULES BAN BASKETBALL SHOES AND CLUB COLORS

U.S. Military installations worldwide require military members and employees to utilize a variety of safety equipment to ride motorcycles on base that is not required by laws outside their boundaries, but some new Army rules in Hawaii sound way off base.

On Nov. 1, Military Police and leaders at all levels began enforcement of U.S. Army-Hawaii Policy Letter 11 on Motorcycle Safety, consisting of four major changes to the pre-existing policy, including changes to required safety equipment and prohibited equipment.

“When operating a motorcycle on USARHAW installations, riders must wear a DOT approved helmet, protective eyewear, abrasion-resistant gloves, long pants (excluding PT pants), long sleeves, and leather/canvass boots or sturdy over-the-ankle shoes,” and such regs are typical of most military bases, but their new policy “prohibits riders from wearing high-top basketball shoes while riding.”

Additionally, the new policy specifies the use of reflective gear at all times, and riders must wear either a fluorescent (brightly colored) and reflective vest, jacket or upper outer garment, or they must wear a motorcycle specific jacket with padding/armor.

But what’s most concerning is “Prohibited Equipment” that is NOT allowed to be worn: “Riders on-post are not authorized to wear any garment that displays an affiliation with a motorcycle club or other group that offers or solicits membership.”

The new policy applies to all motorcycle operators on USARHAW installations. In addition, the policy applies to all 25th Infantry Division Soldiers, both on and off-post.

STUDY SHOWS LANE SPLITTING POSES NO ADDITIONAL DANGERS

A series of new studies out of the University of California, Berkeley found that the practice of lane splitting poses no additional danger to motorcyclists. California is the only state that allows for the maneuver, which is the act of a motorcyclist passing slow or stalled traffic by riding in between cars along the lane lines.

Two yearlong studies were recently released by UC Berkeley and were commissioned by the California Highway Patrol and the Office of Traffic Safety, and determined that the seemingly risky move of weaving in-between traffic to be no more dangerous than just riding a motorcycle, when executed in a safe and prudent manner.

The state-commissioned research considered thousands of accident reports and found lane splitting is poses no more risk than riding a motorcycle in a marked lane, with the exception when lane splitting (a.k.a.; lane sharing, or filtering) is done at speeds over 10 miles an hour in excess of traffic flow.

One report is a crash study that examined 8,262 motorcyclists who were involved in crashes while lane splitting between June 2012 and August 2013. The second report examined lane-splitting habits among various groups in 2012 and 2013.

Researchers found lane splitters are less likely to be rear-ended (2.7% of crashes vs. 4.6% for average motorcyclists), and lane-splitting motorcyclists involved in crashes were notably less likely than other motorcyclists to suffer head injury (9.1% vs. 16.5%), torso injury (18.6% vs. 27.3%), or fatal injury (1.4% vs. 3.1%).

Lane-splitting in California appears to be on the rise, with 62% of motorcyclists admitting to lane-splitting on both freeways and other roads, a 7.5-percentage-point increase over 2013.

Data from the studies will be shared with the CHP, which this year began working on guidelines for lane-splitting. Authors say the report, the first of its kind about lane-splitting, will be followed up by more in-depth analysis, including looking at rider age, rider gender, motorcycle characteristics and collision and roadway characteristics.

In many countries, lane splitting and filtering are normal practices for motorcyclists, particularly in highly urbanized areas of Europe and Asia.

LANE FILTERING APPROVED DOWN UNDER

Following consultation with riders, motorists and road safety groups, the government of Queensland, Australia decided to make changes to the laws regarding motorcycle riding, and beginning early next year motorcyclists will now be able to move around stationary or slow moving vehicles, as long as they are travelling less than 30 kilometres an hour (18.64 mph).

A trial in New South Wales found lane filtering could help ease traffic congestion and Transport Minister Scott Emerson agreed it should be rolled out in Queensland, but it will only be allowed for experienced riders and won't be allowed in school zones during school hours.

Among other "sensible changes," motorcyclists will also now be able to legally stretch their leg off the bike to help avoid fatigue, take both feet off the footsteps to reverse into a parking space and turn their head to do a shoulder check.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Since when do we have to agree with people to defend them from injustice?"

~ Lillian Hellman (1905-1984), American playwright and memoirist

LOCAL NEWS

Grant awarded for Ga. motorcycle safety campaigns

By ASSOCIATED PRESS updated Thursday, November 20, 2014 - 10:34pm
ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia's Department of Driver Services has received a grant to promote motorcycle safety.

The agency says the grant funds totaling \$99,600 for the Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program will be used to increase "Share the Road" and impaired riding initiatives.

Department Commissioner Rob Mikell says the money will help safety awareness information to reach motorcycle riders, as well as other drivers around them.

The Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program offers training for both new and seasoned riders. People who complete the initiatives basic rider's course receive a 90-day license waiver card that exempts them from the written and driving portions of the motorcycle license test.

The grant funds were approved by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

<http://onlineathens.com/local-news/2014-11-20/grant-awarded-ga-motorcycle-safety-campaigns>

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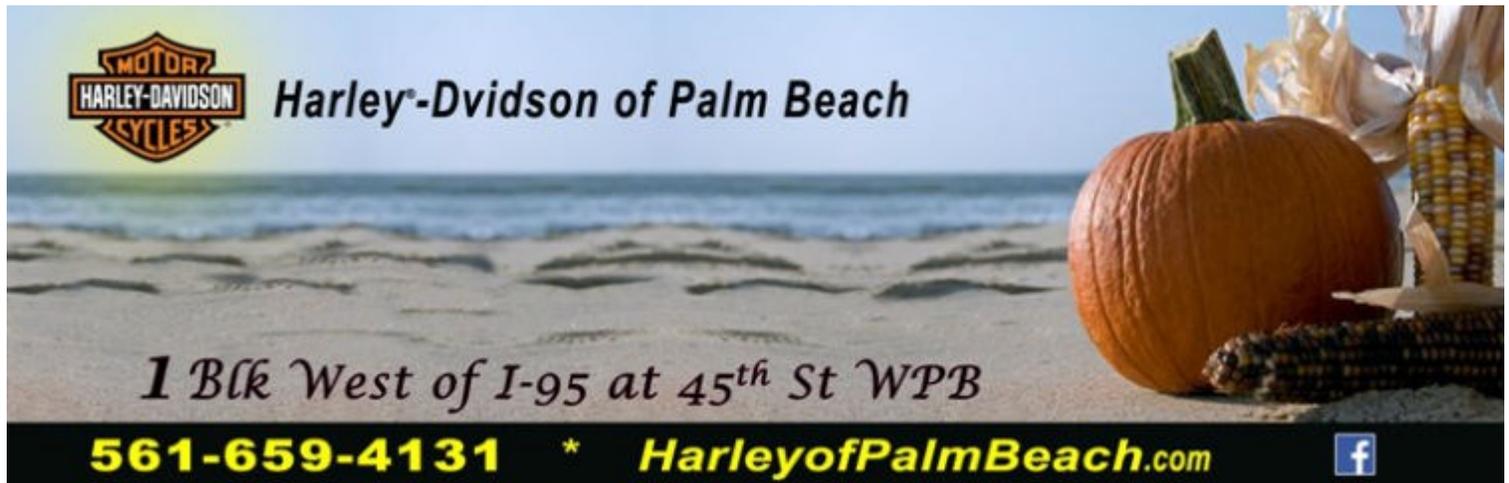




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MILWAUKEE (Nov. 6, 2014) – Harley-Davidson (NYSE:HOG) made a special delivery of new 2015 motorcycles to six U.S. military veterans, today. The surprise jumpstarts a new partnership between Harley-Davidson and Wounded Warrior Project to help improve the lives of service men and women living with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Bill Davidson, great-grandson of company co-founder William A. Davidson, along with six Harley-Davidson employees who are veterans, rode the bikes – led by police motorcade – to Wounded Warrior Project headquarters in Jacksonville, Fla. The team of riders gifted the motorcycles to the injured veterans during a press conference scheduled to announce the partnership.

The six veterans – all of whom have been diagnosed with symptoms of PTSD – were hand-selected to receive the motorcycles because, although they are experienced riders, they no longer have access to bikes due to various hardships. The veterans all are affiliated with Wounded Warrior Project.

“It is important to have the support of corporations like Harley-Davidson which understand the long-term needs of our nation’s veterans and are willing to work with us to help warriors uncover and live with their ‘new normal,’ ” said John Roberts, EVP of Warrior Relations at Wounded Warrior Project. “We know from our warriors that recreational activities like motorcycle riding provide a multitude of therapeutic benefits for those living with PTSD.”

As part of the new partnership, Harley-Davidson will collaborate with Wounded Warrior Project to develop a program geared toward helping more veterans experience the positive benefits of the open road. Peer-to-peer activities, like motorcycle riding, have been known to provide positive therapeutic benefits for PTSD. One in three returning troops is diagnosed with PTSD symptoms and less than 40 percent seek help.

“We’re proud of the nearly 100 years of support Harley-Davidson has provided to the men and women who defend our country and our freedom,” said Matt Levatich, president and chief operating officer at Harley-Davidson. “Our partnership with Wounded Warrior Project builds on that legacy by supporting these veterans in their quest for strength, freedom and independence.”

HARLEY-DAVIDSON: TOUR OF DUTY Harley-Davidson has supported the U.S. military, and the men and women who serve our nation, since 1916. The company ramped-up production in World War I, where approximately one-third of all bikes made in 1917 and 1918 were purchased and used in the war. In World War II, the company produced nearly 90,000 WLA models – the workhorse of wartime American motorcycles. Harley-Davidson earned the coveted Army-Navy “E” award for wartime production during World War II.

The company also is proud to employ more than 410 men and women who have served our nation in the U.S. Military, which is more than 10 percent of the company’s U.S. workforce.

Visit H-D.com/Military to learn more about Harley-Davidson’s long history with the U.S. military, as well as the company’s new partnership with the Wounded Warrior Project.

Recall for Certain 2015 Victory Motorcycles

By Motorcycle-USA Staff

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Polaris has issued a recall on approximately one-hundred twenty-two 2015 Victory Motorcycles across a wide range of models because of potential problems with the powertrain. The bikes in question might have problems shifting gears because on certain shift ratchet assemblies, the detent arm spring was installed incorrectly. Motorcycles with the improperly installed detent arm return spring may unexpectedly change gears or drop out of gear. Models affected by the recall include the 2015 Victory Cross Country, Cross Country 8-Ball, Cross Country Tour, Gunner, Hammer 8-Ball, High-Ball, Magnum, Vision Tour ABS and Vegas 8-Ball motorcycles manufactured August 11, 2014, to September 2, 2014.

Victory dealers will inspect and correct the problem on affected units as necessary. If an owner had the work done before the recall was issued, they're eligible for reimbursement. Letters are being sent to Victory owners affected by this recall that began October 9, 2014. Any questions can be directed to Polaris customer service at 1-888-704-5290, Polaris recall V-14-03 A/B. Owners can also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Report Receipt Date: SEP 26, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V596000

Component(s): POWER TRAIN

Potential Number of Units Affected: 122

Manufacturer: Polaris Industries, Inc.

SUMMARY:

Polaris Industries, Inc. (Polaris) is recalling certain model year 2015 Victory Cross Country, Cross Country 8-Ball, Cross Country Tour, Gunner, Hammer 8-Ball, High-Ball, Magnum, Vision Tour ABS and Vegas 8-Ball motorcycles manufactured August 11, 2014, to September 2, 2014. The affected motorcycles may have been manufactured with the transmission shift drum detent roller spring incorrectly installed.

CONSEQUENCE:

If the roller spring is incorrectly installed, the transmission may not shift as intended, potentially causing the operator to lose control, increasing the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

Polaris has notified owners, and dealers will inspect and repair the transmission, free of charge. The recall began on October 9, 2014. Owners may contact Polaris customer service at 1-888-704-5290. Polaris' number for this recall is V-14-03 A/B.

NOTES:

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ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2014

The 25 members and 2 guests in attendance stood as the meeting was called to order at 11:40am, recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and observed a moment of reverent silence.

President Ken "Snooze" Gerecke - Snooze announced the resignation of Ed "Nighthawk" Lattari as Chapter President and Delegate. Ken assumed the office of President, and read Nighthawk's written resignation out loud to the Chapter. Bill "Hamish" Black was appointed to the office of Vice-President pro tem. Deb "Foxybabe" Wenger was appointed as Delegate pro tem.

Vice President Bill "Hamish" Black - At Hamish's request, Snooze appointed Julius "Tippy" Baumann as Safety Director pro-tem. The Chapter will offer products as well as a safety booth at the upcoming Freedom Rights Rally.

Secretary Charles "CB" Barcellona - Discussion of the succession of Snooze to the office of President as Nighthawk stepped down, with attention to details regarding ABATE By-Laws, pro tem appointments, and financial security. The traditional Pot Luck Social at the Hawk's Nest has been cancelled.

Treasurer Deb "Foxybabe" Wenger - A detailed report of the Chapter finances were presented to the Chapter. There are ABATE State drawing tickets still available for sale. There is a sale on selected T-shirts until sold out. Discussion regarding "State Drawing" frequency per year followed, consensus being that the State should keep the current format.

Membership Trustee Deb "Foxybabe" Wenger - Deb cited 249 members. Membership cards were distributed.

Sgt-at-Arms - Carry "Runner" Schwartz - The Chapter was presented with a proposal by Runner for a "Meet and Greet" social, venue to be announced, sometime in the Month of January. Runner will be heading up the organization of that, and reporting back to the board. Volunteers are needed for the Freedom Rights Rally, and to distribute Fliers at the Toy Run the morning of the rally. Rally Volunteers to meet at 11:30 at Renegades for setup. Toy Run volunteers will be notified via text and email as to exact meeting time and place.

Newsletter Trustee Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson - The Chapter will be offering a baker's dozen of months for any ad purchase in the Chrome Chronicles, and that ad must meet the December deadline.

Webmaster Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson - Dan will be moving the Chapter website to the ABATE State's system, with a new look and feel for the Chapter's web presence.

Chapter Delegate Ken "Snooze" Gerecke - The next state meeting will be in Vero, the day before the Freedom Right's Rally.

Legislative Trustee Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson - Elections are over, and Dan is working to communicate with various legislators and representatives.

Products Trustee Charlie Black - absent, excused. Shirts are on sale.

Old Business - Additional discussion regarding Freedom Rights Rally and volunteers. Foxybabe and Tippy will coordinate the moving of the Chapter Trailer for the Freedom Rights Rally. Octavia "OT", VFW Post 4143 will continue as PR/Comm Trustee and be presented with additional materials for the job.

New Business - Discussion of the frequency of State Drawing and tickets continued, no change in consensus. The City of Avon Park will host an ABATE run bike event in lieu of the Sebring Ride to the Heartland being discontinued. Bones, VFW Post 4143 will contact Avon Park VFW to see if they want to participate. The Daytona Campground was discussed, with a new camping spot offered on Beach Street in Daytona, walking distance from Main Street. A proposal to offer Lottery tickets for sale at any Chapter event, with proceeds being split between the Chapter and the purchaser was presented to the Board. Question were raised about whether or not the Chapter can offer lottery tickets at events. The Delegates will ask the State board for a ruling regarding the sale of Lottery tickets during the next State meeting.

Good of the Order - local announcements were made.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50pm

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EDITOR'S TWO CENTS Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

Happy Holidays to all. While it is past as you read this, Thanksgiving is just days ahead as I write this. I am grateful that my kidney stones are past (again) and that my shoulder is finally getting better but still far from riding condition. It has been a fine line between exercising it and over doing it. But mainly I am thankful for all the brothers and sisters who cared and wished me well during these times. Special thanks out to those who really stood out—Nighthawk, Snooze, Hamish, Coyote and Marie from Lighthouse chapter.

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To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

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