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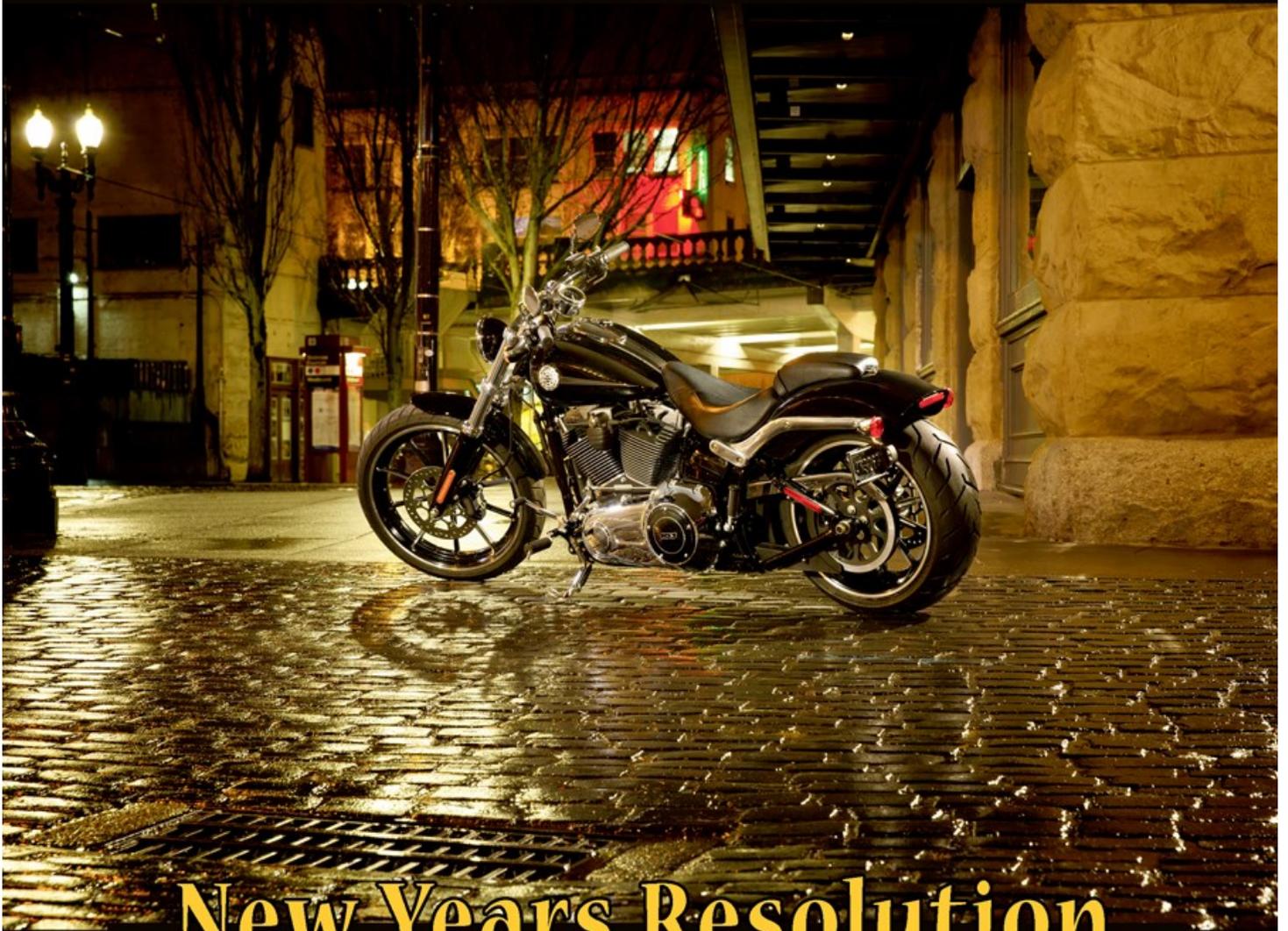


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WHO WE ARE

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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. 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

Happy New Year to all my ABATE Brothers and Sisters. Well 2014 was one hell of a year. Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. The end of 2014 brought about a lot of changes to our chapters board of directors. FOR Those of you that still don't know NightHawk stepped down as our President which meant that I became your President. So the first thing I did was appoint Bill Hamish Black as vice president (pro tem) which then left an opening for Safety Director so I appointed Tippy (pro tem) to it As if that wasn't enough C.B. stepped down as our secretary so I had to find somebody to be our new secretary. Fortunately we got someone to step up instead of down. Debbie Knelson is now our secretary (pro tem), welcome Debbie ! Also Debbie Wenger is filling in as our other delegate.

In other news as you should know by now we will not be camping at the ABATE campground in 2015 for Bikeweek, instead we have tentative plans to stay at the V.F.W. in New Smyrna Beach. They have camping for Bikeweek. More details about this will be in our Feb. newsletter.

Last month's State meeting was held by Treasure Coast Chapter in Vero Beach. I would like to thank all who rode to Vero with me that day. We had a great ride up the weather was perfect and a good time was had by all.

We were informed that if we do a ride following our chapter meeting we must purchase insurance for that ride because it is considered an organized ABATE function. What this means is if someone was to become injured on one of these organized group rides ABATE of Florida as well as myself for leading the ride without insurance could be held responsible. So from now on if there is to be a ride following our meeting, I will let everyone know where and when we will meet via E-mail or text alert system.

Next state meeting will be in Cape Coral, hosted by the Southwest chapter. The meeting will be held at the V.F.W. 4 709 S.E.11th Pl, Cape Coral. Accommodations will be at the Travel Lodge 4760 S.Cleveland Ave. Fort Myers, phone 239 823-6159. Reservations must be made by 2/1/15 69.95 per. night includes continental breakfast.

Also the Road Dog competition is over and will not continue for 2015 as it didn't really produce the results we were hoping for when it began. I am going to try to put together some nice rides this year so check your e-mails and your text alerts so you know what's going on.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the road this year !!! As always ride safe out there !!!!!

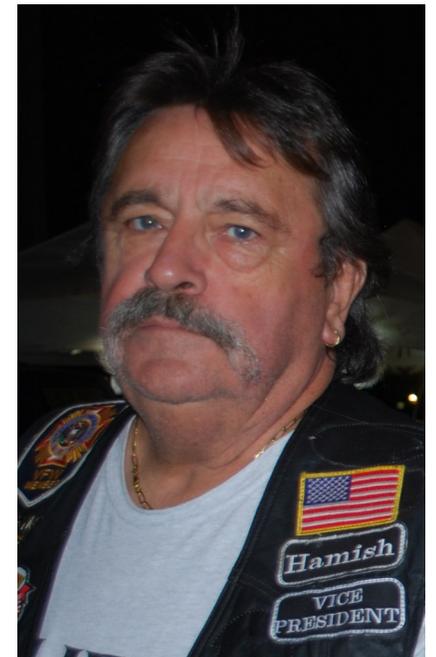
SNOOZE



Vice President's Message Bill Black

Well, we've had a busy month in December. We had the State Meeting in Vero Beach on the 13th. I heard that it was a good turnout and party afterwards. I didn't go because I was at the "Wreaths across America". It was held at the S.F. National Cemetery on State Rd 7. Lake Worth. Over 300 bikers showed up along with Vets from all over Palm Beach County to show their respect. It was a great day. Then on the 14th, we had our Semi Annual Rally at Renegades. I did a rough count, we had over 300 bikes and folks that came. it was a great turnout and a good time was had by all. Thanks to all that turned up to make it a success. I also want to thank all the people that helped with their time too make the event run smooth. January 18th is our Monthly Meeting. Let's see how can turn up to support our Local Chapter. It looks like all the "Snowbirds" are finally here, so be "Very Careful" out there.

That's all for this Month. Don't forget :- Respect to all on the road,,,,,, Hamish.



UPCOMING Event Schedule

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AT

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12 PM TO 4 PM

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- Thursday Night is BLACK PISTONS MC OPEN HOUSE
- Friday Night is AOA OPEN HOUSE
- Saturday Night is FLY-IN WHEELS MC OPEN HOUSE

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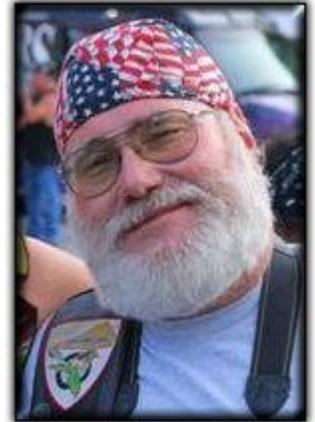
MORE CHANGES : CHAPTER WEBSITE

With all the other chapter changes, I have one more to add. Our website will be moving to the ABATE of FL, Inc. web server very soon. This saves us money and me as webmaster many headaches. Beside costing us money, using Network Solutions as our web host has run out of usefulness. It has been very difficult to edit pages as to get correct formatting I have to do it in html code.. Plus uploading photos has been a major hardship as never go in order and only go in limited batches. I am going to try to put our photos on our Facebook page so many of the older stuff will not be saved. At present our December photos are on my BikerOnlineGuide.com and Dan Henderson Facebook pages. Our present site ABATEpalmbeach.com will likely stay up for awhile as paid for and will have a redirect link to our new site. However our domain name needs to be renewed so that could put it in limbo. I hope to work out something with them to forward traffic to our new State provided domain name which most likely will be

Palmbeach.abateflorida.com

We will also be changing our officers' email as the old ones have been buggy. We will be going to Gmail accounts likely following pbABATEpresident@gmail.com in format. All will be reflected in the newsletter after being done. So as soon as get all the information from State you should see a cleaner version, all news will be in the newsletters posted there.

Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson



ABATE of FLORIDA, INC.
Gator Alley Chapter

SWAMPIN'

AROUND THE...

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BLESSING OF THE BIKES & POKER RUN

JAN 4TH, 2015

STARTS AT: Oil Well Park
7671 SR29, Immokalee 34142 (Oil Well Road to SR29/
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Sign in 10:00am
Blessing of the Bikes: 10:30am
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Proceed to next stop

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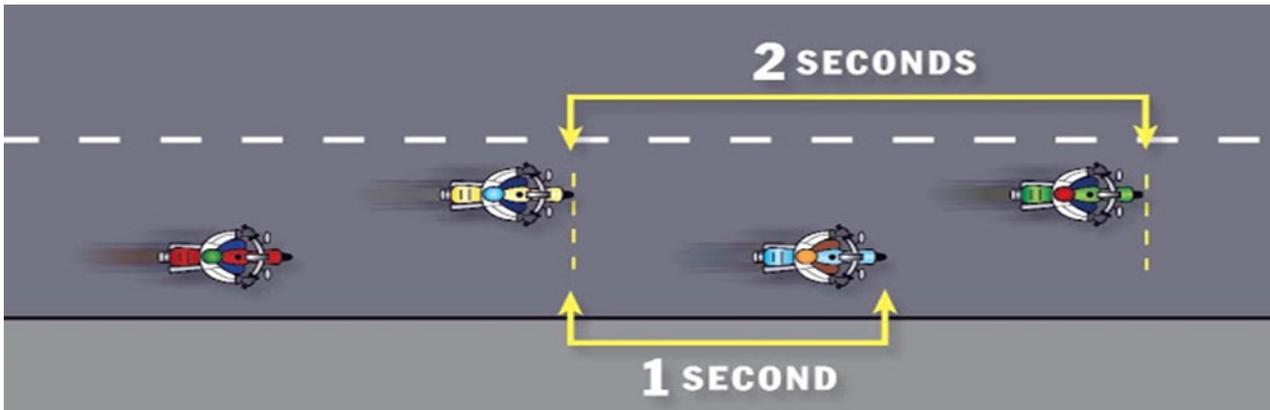
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Don't Be A Straggler

Group rides are a fun activity, but they can be totally ruined by stragglers. When a rider straggles, and ends up way behind the group, the main group has to slow way down so he can catch up. This pisses off cagers and puts the entire group in danger.

When preparing for a group ride, contact the ride leader and find out what roads and top speeds he plans to use. If your bike can't go that fast, then you should sit that ride out or just ride separately. Conversely, group ride leaders should keep the ride at roughly the speed limit or the overall speed of the traffic to avoid forcing riders to go faster than they feel comfortable going.

But the stragglers that seem to cause the problem don't seem to have a problem going fast enough, they just want to do it a mile behind the rest of the group. That is very bad form. What stragglers seem to miss



is that being in a group ride means that the leader and the other riders have to watch out for them and each other. They can't do that if one rider is a mile behind and cars have

pulled in between.

When everyone in a group ride is doing what they are supposed to do, they should be in a zig-zag pattern where the leader is on one side of the lane and the next guy is on the other side, then the first side again for the next guy and so on. If the leader changes sides for some reason, then everyone else needs to change accordingly.

Remember that motorcycles have a right to their entire lane. So don't try to pass or encroach on the space of the guy in front of you. He may need to rapidly change sides to avoid a road hazard and smack into you if you were too close. Although riding two abreast is legal in Florida, you shouldn't do it in a group ride unless everyone has agreed to it in advance because it requires extra skill that the guy next to you might not have.

As a general rule, if you can't read the license tag of the rider in front of you, then you are probably straggling. If you have fallen so far behind that a car has casually slipped in between you and the rest of the group, then you have not only disrupted the group ride, but you have put the other riders in harms way.

At the same time, riding in a group doesn't mean to ride in such a tight pack that you are practically bumping the guy in front of you. Follow the guy directly in front of you on your side of the lane by two



seconds and stay behind the guy on the other side diagonally in front of you by one second. This way, you have enough space to brake if the guy directly in front of you stops unexpectedly, and you won't get clipped if the guy diagonally in front of you has to swerve suddenly.

If your group is small enough, consider putting the straggler in the front. That way, everybody else can follow behind him at the proper distance. Often times, stragglers will ride at normal speeds when they are in front making this a good solution.

If putting the straggler in front is not an option, then they should not be allowed to be a part of the group ride as they will put the rest of the riders in danger and possibly get someone killed. They can be given the route and destination prior to the group ride and allowed to follow the group ride, but not be part of it. This way, the group will not stop when they get stuck behind a light or be concerned about them when a car pulls in between. Unfortunately for the straggler, this also means that nobody from the group will be stopping to help if they break down, get lost or crash. The bottom line here is that if you ride in a group, don't be a straggler.

Ride Safe and Ride Smart,
Data.



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2015 - Host Chapter - Location

Feb 14 Southwest Chapter Cape Coral
 April 12/13 Monticello/Ride to Capital
 June 13 Inerstate
 Aug. 8 Lake County
 Oct. 10 Hillsborough Spooks n Scoots Brooksville
 Dec. 12 Gator Alley

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. Delegate Meeting Hosted by: Treasure Coast Chapter.

Saturday December 13, 2014 CALLED TO ORDER AT: 2:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach, No comment on the Brevard Toy Run. Plans for the Avon Park event October 3-5, 2015 are progressing. Doc met with city council and they are thrilled about event. The sheriff also put in a good word for ABATE of FL., Inc. A contract has been prepared and Larry and Avon Park's lawyer are going over the details. This will be a 3 year contract and the city is not asking for any money from us, just the business and exposure it would bring to Avon Park. Only permits needed are food permits, vendors only pay for space and sales tax to state of FL. Doc has an idea for the opening ceremony that would include veterans. We need to get flyers printed up so we can start to get sponsors, vendors and band. Any ideas you have for event, let Doc or Bill Bird know. Doc would like the BOD to go down and visit the town once the contract is signed. If a chapter has an incident on a run the chapter President must call Doc. The chapter Sgt-at-Arms must do an incident report immediately and send to the State Office along with the sign in sheet with person's name on it. No event is to be held without insurance, this is in the by-laws. Fun runs that take place after an ABATE meeting from the meeting place require insurance. Doc introduced Grizz from the Monguls MC. He spoke of the court battle to take their patch away, which they won but is now going back to the courts because the government appealed. He thanked those who supported them and cautioned that this may set a precedent for any organization to have their patch taken also.

VICE PRESIDENT Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi: We need volunteers to make the Avon Park event successful. Take back to your chapters that we will need help.

SECRETARY Shelly Johnston: There were two corrections to the minutes of the 10/11/2014 meeting. VP Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi was in attendance and Bill Black is from Palm Beach not Palm Coast. Motion to approve minutes as corrected by Dale Moore from Inerstate, 2nd by Lana Lang from Orange County and approved.

TREASURER Patti Nasrallah: Financial reports are in packets. It is crucial that we get money from ticket sales today.

SARGENT-AT-ARMS TJ Painter: Merry Christmas. Inventories are due today, turn into Boots.

STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots: A letter is in packet from State Office regarding AIL. Our old rep, Vicki, has moved out of state and we have not been assigned a new one yet. If you have a claim contact the State Office, leave name and phone number. An agent can call you, but they DO NOT need to come to your house and cannot show up unannounced. We do not give out member info, they get it from the beneficiary cards. Send your cards to the State Office to avoid them calling. If you do get harassed by an agent get the name and phone number and give to Boots. Sold ticket money is due today. She has more tickets if you need any. They make great stocking stuffers. Another reminder that insurance is needed for all events. Waivers need to be complete with printed names and signatures, as well as the signature of the witness. Waivers must description and date of event. If people are coming from another state to join our event they still need to sign a waiver.

MEMBERSHIP Grace Lord: Life cards to Brevard, Hillsborough, Lake, Inerstate and Peace River. Chapter update reports are in the packet. September highest % of growth and most new members was Freedom. October highest % of growth and most new members was Lighthouse.

MASTERLINK Bob Alexander: The January issue will be the first on-line issue and will be in color. Today for submission is today (12-13). We will have 300 printed B & W copies at the state meetings for chapters to give to members who cannot access the on-line version. Question was asked if chapters still need to mail newsletter to BOD, Doc said no if they are available on chapter website.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS SaraBeth Kohl: Three or four chapters still need to make her an admin. Pages need to be set up as an organization not an individual in order for her to be set up as admin. If it is individual then may have to shut it down and start over. Still need the SOP for social media from several chapters. These are not the same as the web page SOP's. The web page form needs to be updated. She has gotten several inquiries regarding alternatives for the campground for Bike Week from people who have stayed there in the past.

WEBMASTER Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson: Getting closer to being able to help chapters that need help. Patti gave him the Micro Soft software "Expressions" which is easy to use. He will do an article in the Masterlink on how to download. Patti will update website after January 1, older items will be at the bottom and will keep only a few months, not 6.

SAFETY DIRECTOR Vacant: Doc is still looking for a new Safety Director. We need someone who is dedicated and able to move the program forward. We need to show results to the legislature if we expect to get the safety money. Send paperwork on safety booths/presentations to Boots.

PRODUCTS Steve Knee: New chapter order forms and life products order forms are in the packets. Bells are in, chapters will sell at \$ 9.60. Chapters can pick up their bells today. The ABATE of FL., Inc. small shield patches are in. We have a new supplier for shirts so the prices are slightly higher. The dry wick shirts for life members are on the order form. Freedom chapter's patches are in, Southeast's order is in.

LEGISLATIVE Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: Appreciate Grizz from Monguls coming to thank us for our support. ABATE represents everyone who rides. A lot of things we do is to prevent bills from being passed. Bills are beginning to roll in. Nothing motorcycle related yet. Two bills regarding firearms are out there now. One would allow a school superintendent to appoint a teacher or administrator to carry a gun. The second bill would allow a student with a concealed carry permit to have a gun on campus. He will be starting a bill watch list. Committees will start next month. AMA reported the UN approved a resolution on universal road rules but Darrin does not feel it carries any weight. Legislation began July 1 that requires traffic to move over for state or county sanitation and utility trucks. No news on the CDC and helmet laws. A question was asked regarding protective eyewear. Eyewear must be worn even if you have a windshield. Doc said you do not need if your helmet has a full face shield. The speaker of the House can take away a committee.

LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach: The bill is done. Have a house rep that may sponsor it or can find someone who will. Dwight Boler is Vice Chairman of Transportation Committee, is back on the committee. There are 2 committees in the House, one is Boats and Transportation, the other is Roads and Bridges. Doc will check which committee to through. Doc suggests that we do not bring up the motorcycle only checkpoint rather wait and see what happens down the road. There was much discussion on driver's education in schools. Doc has been told that there is no money in the state budget for this, for instructors. It was suggested that if insurance companies can a discount for DE that parents would push it more. Have your chapter legislative trustee contact individual school districts.

LEGAL Larry Crow: We really need to examine everything chapters do in regards to runs. If you directly or indirectly have a run without insurance you open yourself to problems. Report incidents to Doc, incident forms go to State Office and State Sgt-at-Arms. Waivers must be complete.

NCOM: This year is 30th anniversary. The convention is Mother's Day weekend in May 2015 in Denver. They are working to raise money for the Support the Patch Fund.

AMA: comment on UN: UN does have power especially if supported by the President. 90% of UN peacekeeping force is U.S.

BIKE WEEK: March 6-15, 2015. Ticket drawing Saturday March 14 at noon at the State Office in Deland.

TALLAHASSEE: The only date available is 4/20/15 has not completely been confirmed yet. Delegates were asked if they wanted that date or skip the ride to the capital in 2015. Doc called for a motion to have the ride on 4/20/15 and it was unanimously approved. Doc stated it is important that we differentiate ourselves from another organization that is expected there at the same time. We will not be using the KOA campground this year but is individuals want to stay there that is their choice. Sherry also has the name of a campground in the area. The State meeting will be held on Sunday, April 19.

OLD BUSINESS: The proposal for having the ticket drawing twice a year has been scrapped for now. We will continue to have the drawing once a year. We may have 50/50 drawings at the Avon Park event as an alternative for raising money.

NEW BUSINESS: Lana from Orange County recognized member John inquiring why he can't get a Purple Heart tag for his motorcycle. Doc said he was told they do not do duplicate tags for cars/bikes. Have to sell 1000 tags a year for tag to continue. Doc will find out how many Purple Heart tags there are in FL but it would be difficult to tell how many of them ride motorcycles. A question was asked if we could go to the state and ask for an exemption for the Purple Heart for the sacrifice they made. Doc will ask at the capital and we should ask when we go there in April.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Southeast Motorcycle Rights Rally 1/18/15; Palm Beach Freedom Right Rally 12/14; Southwest Christmas Run 12/21; Vintage Birthday Party, Memorial Run and Chili Contest 1/24/2015.

Drawings and silent auction winners announced. Sharon from Vintage won the 50/50 drawing. Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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Thurs Dinner 6:30 States
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Thurs Black Pistons MC
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FEBRUARY 2015

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7th - USMVets MC Homestead Party
15th - AOA Ft. Laud. - Annual
21st - Wheels Of Man MC - Annual

MARCH 2015

1st - Hermandad MC - Annual
7 to 15 Annual Daytona Bike Week
15th - Keltics MC - Annual
17th - St. Patrick's Day
22nd - US Military Vets MC Ch.1 Party

APRIL 2015

5th - CMA - Easter Service
11th - Mystic Seven MC - Party
18th - Outcast MC - Annual
19th - States MC - Annual
24th Through 26th - Leesburg Bikefest

MAY 2015

3rd - Southern MC - Annual
17 - Wings Of Gold MC Miami Annual
24 - S.E. Abate - Memorial Day Event

JUNE 2015

7—New Attitudes MC Party
13 - Roger, Jerry, Kenny, Paulie 1%ers
Memorial Event

14 Wings of Gold MC Laud Annual

JULY 2015

5 USMV MC S. Broward Annual
12 Alternative MC Party
18 Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook Off

AUGUST 2015

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15 AOA South Florida
22 Mob of Brothers M.C. ANNUAL

MARCH 2015

7 Lone Legion Brotherhood MC Annual
29 AOA Stinky 1%er Birthday Party

APRIL 2015

12 Black Pistons M.C. ANNUAL
18 Outcast M.C.

20 AOA 420 PARTY

MAY 2015

16 U.S. Military Vets M.C. ANNUAL

JUNE 2015

27 ABATE ANNUAL

JULY 2015

5 AOA WPB
26 Soldiers For Jesus M.C. Annual

AUGUST 2015

9 AOA South Florida Memorial Event

OCTOBER 2015

25 Alternative M.C. ANNUAL

DECEMBER 2015

5 UBCPBC Christmas Party @ LLBMC
12 Outcast M.C. PBC Event

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3rd Sunday January 18
4th Sunday February 22
4th Sunday March 22
3rd SATURDAY April 11
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3rd Sunday July
3rd Sunday August

January 2015

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

				1 Renegades Bike Night Black Pistons MC Open House Dinner States MC Pompano	2 AOA WPB MC Open House Soldier for Jesus Open House Pizza States MC Pompano	3 Fly-In Wheels MC PB Open House
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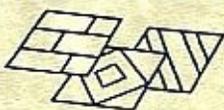
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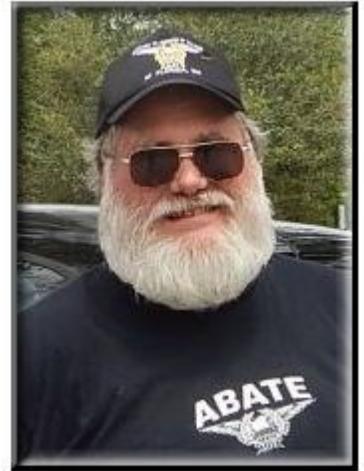
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

At past State meetings there was some talk about helmet law talk. Darrin "Scribe" (Legislative) asked us to keep our eyes open for any media reports so we can respond. I have seen several like Missouri passing a helmet bill. We have to keep watch to be sure doesn't happen here nor Nationwide.

With the start of session still in future I have gotten emails from them already. This one is interesting as he could be useful to our cause.



As we begin the 114th Congress in January, I wanted to inform you of my recent selection as the Chairman of a new oversight and investigative subcommittee.

In this new leadership position under the House Oversight and Government Committee, I will chair the Transportation and Public Assets panel. My jurisdiction will include oversight and investigation of the transportation, TSA, GSA, HUD and FEMA.

My investigations and oversight responsibility will be directed to areas in which I have previously focused, including the review of operations and administration for all modes of transportation. In addition, this new subcommittee will examine idle public assets and agency waste at the General Services Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency and Housing and Urban Development.

In the 114th Congress, we will launch a full court press to ensure that the federal government is not wasting taxpayers' resources in any of these important government programs.

Some of my previous leadership positions include Chairman of the House Transportation Committee, Chairman of the House Aviation Subcommittee; of the Government Operations Subcommittee; of the House Civil Service Subcommittee and of the House Criminal Justice Drug Policy Subcommittee.

I have made it a top priority to go after idle federal assets, including publishing a report in 2012 entitled, "Sitting on Our Assets: The Federal Government's Misuse of Taxpayer-Owned Assets". The report highlighted billions of dollars in federal waste and disclosed significant quantities of idle federal assets. Some of

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In the 114th Congress, I will continue to serve, not only as the senior member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, but also as the former Chairman and as a senior member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

As the year and the 113th Congress come to a close, I would like to wish you and your family a Happy Holidays.

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Corner Marshal Robert Hoffstetter Passes Away

December 29, 2014 - Jupiter, FL - On Sunday, December 28, 2014, during the Florida Track Days event at Palm Beach International Raceway's (PBIR) Road Course, a rider experienced a mechanical failure on his Yamaha R1 motorcycle: the throttle became stuck in the open position. The rider dismounted from the motorcycle before approaching Turn 9. The motorcycle continued down the track, impacting the tire wall at Turn 9 where Robert "Goofy" Hoffstetter was positioned as a corner marshal. Medics AMR staff stabilized Hoffstetter at the site, and he was then transported to St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach by a Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Trauma Hawk. Hoffstetter passed away due to the injuries sustained during the accident.

Hoffstetter had been working in motorsports for more than 30 years as a corner marshal at various racing events held at PBIR and at other tracks in Florida. On the day of the accident, he was under the employment of Florida Track Days, the host of monthly events at PBIR with track sessions and instructional courses for motorcyclists. He will be deeply missed by racers, friends, fellow corner marshals, PBIR staff, and the Florida motorsports community. PBIR and his friends are organizing a memorial to pay tribute to Hoffstetter, his loyalty to and passion for motorsports, and his many years of dedicated service.

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WASHINGTON TARGETS DISTRACTED DRIVING IN MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS VIDEO

The Washington State Motorcycle Safety Program recently released a new motorcycle awareness video targeting inattentive drivers. Created with teen driver education students in mind, the eight-minute-long film starts by showing a teen driver cruising the streets in a car while eating and listening to loud music.

When he turns left into the path of an oncoming motorcyclist, time stops, giving both the driver and rider a chance to exit their vehicles and talk to each other.

After some initial frustration, Randy the motorcyclist gets in the car with Ian, the teen driver, and teaches him the dos and don'ts of how to drive when sharing the road with motorcyclists. Randy's lessons include looking twice before turning and giving motorcycles more space.

The two eventually return to their vehicles and the inevitable crash takes place.

"The video is meant to be a relevant and easily accessible tool for Driver Training providers to use as they fulfill the motorcycle awareness requirement of their curriculum," states the Washington State Department of Licensing, adding that the WMSP is supported by motorcycle endorsement fees and is tasked with providing Public Awareness of motorcycle safety, Motorcycle Safety education programs including classroom and on-cycle training, and Improved operator testing.

The YouTube video "Motorcycle Awareness - A Second Look" has already been viewed over 100,000 times in the first three weeks (www.youtube.com/watch?v=_b3T7u4ZJ1Y#t=19).

TENNESSEE BANS BIG RIGS FROM DRAGON

A mountainous stretch of U.S. Route 129 (SR 115) from Tennessee to North Carolina famously known as "The Dragon" boasts 318 curves in 11.19 miles and is a beacon for drivers and riders alike, but semis are no longer welcome! Due to a "critical number of traffic accidents involving large trucks," the state of Tennessee is following the lead of neighboring North Carolina in banning big rigs from US 129, on sections of highway known as Deals Gap or The Tail of the Dragon.

For years, navigation systems have pointed truckers to the Dragon as a shortcut across Blount County. That ends with the new year, and signs will be posted mid-January prohibiting commercial vehicles (longer than 30 feet).

After conducting a safety review, according to the Tennessee DOT there were a total of 204 crashes from 2010 to 2012 in Blount County -- six of those resulted in fatalities. Only one of those fatal accidents involved a tractor trailer, but many of the other incidents with semis have blocked the narrow highway for hours and prevented travel for all motorists.

NEW MEXICO HELMET STICKER PROPOSAL OPPOSED

In response to a Senate bill draft creating a sticker riders would have to pay for in order to exercise their freedom of choice in helmet use, the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (NMMRO) has authored a letter of opposition supported by the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) and the NCOM Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF), among others, it states:

Dr. Kurt B. Nolte, M.D., Office of the Medical Investigator;

"It has recently come to the attention of the New Mexico Motorcyclists Rights Organization (NMMRO) that a bill was drafted on your behalf by Clifford Rees at the New Mexico Legislature. If passed this bill would impose a \$692 fee on motorcyclists who chose to ride without a helmet. As an organization we are interested in hearing your

justification for placing this burden on the public and if you think that placing helmets on motorcyclists would decrease the number of motorcycle crashes.

Our organization would be pleased to share government statistics with you which show that 58% of all motorcyclist deaths are experienced by riders wearing helmets. We would also like to point out that it has been proven that accident prevention has a much bigger impact on preventing motorcycle injuries and fatalities. Helmets have not been shown to prevent motorcycle accidents and in some cases can increase the chances of an accident occurring. We have also worked with the New Mexico Department of Transportation to try to improve the awareness of drivers on New Mexico's roads in respect to motorcycles as another method of accident prevention.

If in fact you do intend to proceed with your present actions we would like to spend some time with you looking into what affect this would have on the motorcycle riders of New Mexico and not just assume that it would be beneficial to their safety. The NMMRO and NM State Representative Rick Miera (a long-serving member of the NCOM-LTF) are available to meet with you to discuss this issue further."

Thank you for listening to our concerns on this subject,
Annette Torrez, Chairperson NMMRO (and member of the NCOM Board of Directors)

LANE-SPLITTING LEGISLATION PROPOSED IN CALIFORNIA

From across Europe to throughout Asia, motorcyclists around the world routinely "filter" their way between lanes of slow-moving cars, but here in the U.S. only riders in California are allowed to "lane-split" through congested traffic -- not-so-much because it's legal, but because there are no specific laws addressing the issue. That may soon change, as Assemblyman Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) has introduced Assembly Bill No.51 to specifically regulate the practice.

According to ABATE of California, their lobbyist Jim Lombardo has contacted the author's legislative staff who said the measure was introduced by their office because of the widespread newspaper and television coverage regarding lane splitting and the general public's ignorance of the legality of the issue. The staff members are willing to accept amendments to improve the bill language but are seeking to "codify", or write into California law, lane splitting legislation to ensure it is not completely outlawed after the CHP (California Highway Patrol) was forced to remove their "lane splitting guidelines" last summer.

AB 51 seeks to amend Section 21658 of the California Vehicle Code to "authorize a motorcycle to be driven between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the same lane if the speed of traffic is 35 miles per hour or less and the motorcycle is driven no more than 10 miles per hour faster than the speed of traffic." A violation of the Vehicle Code is a crime, so the bill would create a new criminal penalty.

In addition to general opposition to over-regulating an accepted practice, "Obviously this bill is not something ABATE can endorse, especially when it limits lane splitting to traffic speeds of 35 MPH or less," said Dave Hastings, ABATE Executive Director. "We will implement a plan of action to kill this bill or at least amend it into something that the riders of California can live with."

WHEN GAS PRICES GO UP, SO DO MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS

A new study suggests that as gas prices rose in recent years, so did motorcyclist injuries and fatalities, because more people start using motorcycles and many of those riders are inexperienced, the researchers explained.

The analysis, published in the journal for Injury Prevention, revealed a strong association between rising gas prices and an increasing number of motorcycle registrations, along with motorcyclist injuries and deaths. But it did not prove a cause-and-effect link.

Analysts examined data gathered between 2002 and 2011 in California, which has the highest number of motorcycle registrations in the United States and the third highest number of motorcyclist deaths, and extrapolated that higher gas prices resulted in an additional 800 deaths and 10,290 injuries among motorcyclists in California over the ten year period.

According to the report, crashes were more likely to occur in urban areas and during the afternoon. Of the motorcyclists involved in crashes, nearly 93% were men, 46% were middle-aged, 68% were Caucasian, and 20% were uninsured. Riders ages 16 to 24 and those on the latest models of motorcycles were most likely to be involved in at-fault crashes.

JAKARTA POLICE DEPLOY OFFICERS TO ENFORCE BIKE BAN

Hundreds of police officers and transportation officials were deployed throughout the Indonesian capital of Jakarta for the trial run of a controversial new traffic regulation that bars motorcycles from entering two of the capital's major thoroughfares.

During the month-long initiation period, motorcycles are barred from entering parts of the country's largest city from Dec 17-Jan 17, after which officers will begin enforcing the new ban. "The restriction will be introduced for a month and we expect people who frequent the restricted areas to be familiar with the new regulation," a police spokesman said. "Once the trial period is over and we still find infractions, then we will take action by issuing tickets," he said, adding that these penalties will also be applied on weekends and major holidays.

Motorcyclists will be provided with designated parking spaces where they will have to abandon their motorcycles and board double-decker buses that are free of charge.

Introduced by Jakarta Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama, the city government says the ban is aimed at cutting down the number of accidents and reducing traffic in the notoriously congested capital. There are 9 million motorcycles registered in Jakarta, a city of 10-million people.

The governor is also in discussions with the Jakarta Police about whether the ban on motorcycles should be extended to more roads around the capital.

CIVIL UNREST AFTER ORDER BANNING MOTORCYCLES IN SUDAN

In the Republic of the Sudan, an Arab republic in the Nile Valley of North Africa, local youths have protested an order by the West Kordofan governor banning the use of motorcycles inside the town of Meiram.

Local authorities have taken steps to better regulate and license the use of motorcycles, saying they were being used to smuggle goods into rebel-controlled areas.

The order prompted unrest in the market including some shooting in the air after armed local youth refused to implement the order. Eyewitnesses told Radio Tamazuj that about five youths had been arrested over instigating chaos in the area. A source said that some shops have remained closed or on standby until life has relatively returned to normal.

WEIRD NEWS: NEW ZEALAND COUPLE FINED \$40K FOR RIDING WITHOUT HELMET

A couple in New Zealand have been fined \$20,000 each following multiple instances of riding a quad bike without a helmet. According to the New Zealand Herald, Phillip Andrew Jones and Maria Anna Carlson, share-milkers from Marlborough, had been seen riding their All-Terrain Vehicle without helmets multiple times dating back to 2012.

The pair were both fined under the Health and Safety in Employment Act; Jones was charged with failing to take all practicable steps to ensure no other person was harmed at work while riding a quad bike, and Carlson with failing to take all practicable steps to ensure her own safety by wearing a helmet, and the safety of others by not carrying her children on a quad bike.

"Quad bikes pose a serious risk on farms, and on average five people were killed and 850 were injured every year," said WorkSafe spokesman Francois Barton, adding that Carlson was twice witnessed riding her quad bike without a helmet after a prohibition notice had been issued and the second time she had two young children with her on the bike.

Carlson admitted that despite owning helmets she didn't wear one because "it becomes just a little bit of a hassle."

EPA GRANTS ETHANOL TEMPORARY REPRIEVE

The ethanol industry dodged a bullet recently after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) deferred action on permanently lowering the amount of renewable fuels that must be blended into the U.S. gasoline supply. Rather than deciding to change the methodology of the mandate included in the Renewable Fuel Standard law, currently based on steadily increasing levels of ethanol-blended fuels, as it first proposed last year to lower the required annual levels, the EPA opted to wait until 2015 to decide.

While the delay gives the renewable fuels industry time to regroup and lobby for higher levels, the final quota will likely be less than the original mandate required, but avoids an outcome that could have been much worse for the

\$30-billion-a-year industry.

Meanwhile, many motorcycle and automobile organizations, among others, continue to lobby against ethanol, not just because its unapproved use can damage some internal combustion engines, reduce power and mileage, and void manufacturer warranties, but opponents also argue that ethanol pollutes more than the oil it's meant to replace, takes more energy to produce than it delivers, drives up cost and scarcity of food resources, doesn't reduce our oil-dependency, and the government subsidies being paid for ethanol production steals funds that could improve our highways, bridges and infrastructure.

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Uneasy Rider: Boomer Deaths in Motorcycle Crashes Rise

More Older Riders Take to the Road, but Reflexes Aren't as Fast

By **JAMES R. HAGERTY** Dec. 21, 2014 8:03 p.m. ET

On a typical day in the U.S., a dozen people die in motorcycle accidents. An increasing number of them are baby boomers.

Though the overall U.S. motorcycle toll appears to have leveled off in recent years, deaths have risen among older riders as more of them hit the road. Those 55- to 64-years-old accounted for 16.3% of motorcycle crash deaths in 2013, the latest year for which that breakdown is available. That was down from 17.2% in 2012 but up from 9.3% a decade earlier and less than 3% in the early 1990s.

Benjamin Garrett III, 60 years old, was commuting to his job at an industrial-technology firm in early

November when the driver of an oncoming Ford Mustang made a left turn. Mr. Garrett's Harley-Davidson clipped the back end of the car, ejecting him from the motorcycle. The father of six, a volunteer basketball coach, was pronounced dead in a hospital near his Bradenton, Fla., home.

"He was a very careful rider," said Holly Switow, Mr. Garrett's widow. She said he was wearing a helmet and a newly purchased reflective jacket. The driver of the car was charged with failure to yield.

One reason for the rise in deaths among older riders is that there are more people in that age bracket. The percentage of Americans between 55 and 64 years old increased to 12.3% in 2012 from 10.8% in 2007. That group's share of motorcycle deaths rose even faster.

While older riders may be less reckless in their habits, they also are more vulnerable, said James Hedlund, a traffic-safety consultant in Ithaca, N.Y. "Their reflexes and their vision aren't as good as they were," he said, and their bodies are more fragile: "The same impact will cause more damage to a 55-year-old than a 25-year-old."

So far, the motorcycle industry has done little to address the specific safety needs of older riders. Harley-Davidson Inc., the largest U.S. maker of motorcycles, says it encourages safety for riders of all ages by promoting riding courses offered by its dealers. "Rider training continues to be a really important part of our strategy," said Angela Thundercloud, Harley's rider training manager. Ms. Thundercloud said she didn't believe a specific push was needed to reach older riders.

Polaris Industries Inc., which makes Indian and Victory motorcycles, plans to create a program to encourage veteran riders to take refresher courses, said Scott Wine, the company's CEO. "The statistics still show there's work to be done," he said.

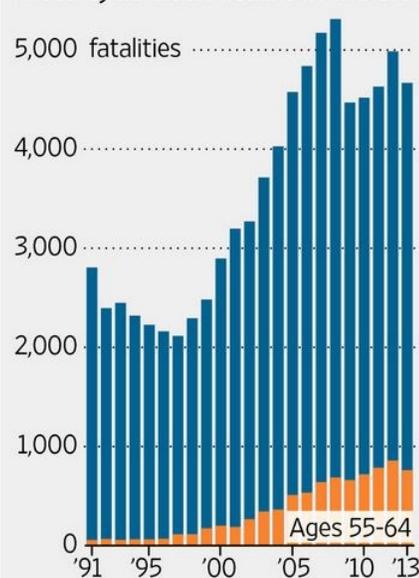
Some baby boomer men gave up motorcycling in their 20s or 30s when they had children and settled down. Once the children were grown, the dads had more time and money, allowing them to buy motorcycles, typically larger than those they had in their youths. In the 1960s, a 650 cubic-centimeter engine was considered big, said Joe Proia, a motorcycle-training instructor in Uxbridge, Mass. Today's typical Harley engines are more than double that size.

"Just because you rode 20 years ago doesn't mean you can pick it up where you left off," said Paul W. Coté, president of the Massachusetts Motorcyclists' Survivors Fund, which helps families of riders who were killed or injured.

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation, funded mainly by manufacturers, prepared materials nearly a decade ago for "seasoned rider" courses to help riders stay safe as they age. Robert Gladden, a vice president of the foundation, said that it has sold hundreds of copies of the course materials but that he was unable to name an organization using them.

Shifting Toll

Motorcycle crash deaths in the U.S.



Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
The Wall Street Journal

'The statistics still show there's work to be done.'

—Scott Wine, CEO of Polaris Industries

Some trends are encouraging. The number of motorcycle deaths per 100 million miles traveled trended down to 23.4 in 2012 from 38.8 in 2003, U.S. government data show. Even so, the number of deaths per mile traveled was 26 times higher for motorcycles than for cars in 2012.

“The way to make a motorcycle safe is to put four wheels and a body on it,” said Mr. Hedlund, a former senior official of the traffic safety administration. Short of that, he and others say, greater use of anti-lock brakes would save lives. Both Harley and Polaris say such brakes are standard or optional equipment on many of their motorcycles.

Mr. Hedlund also favors legislation mandating helmets for all riders in the 31 states that don't have such laws. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported on Friday that U.S. motorcycle crash deaths in 2013 totaled 4,668, down 6.4% from 2012 but roughly in line with 2011. The dip in 2013 didn't signal a change in the trend, Mr. Hedlund said, because the 2012 total was boosted by unusually warm and dry weather early in the year that encouraged more motorcycle riding. Without that weather effect, he said, the accident tolls for 2013 and 2012 probably would have been little changed.

Randall Dowell, a 50-year-old truck driver who lives in Galion, Ohio, resumed riding several years ago after a long period away from motorcycles. While he was riding his motorcycle one afternoon last April, a car swerved into his lane and struck him, Mr. Dowell said. He lost the lower part of his left leg and suffered serious injuries to a knee and wrist.

“Pretty much my whole left side has been reconstructed,” he said. Mr. Dowell is relearning to walk with a prosthetic leg.

“I was doing nothing crazy,” he said. “I was just cruising easy,” at about 25 miles an hour, and wearing a helmet. Mr. Dowell doesn't think his reflexes have slowed but says recovery from injuries is slower at his age than in his youth.

He isn't sure whether he will ride a motorcycle again: “That is going to depend on how much use I can get out of my left hand—and whether my wife will let me.”

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ON THE OTHER HAND <http://www.autoblog.com/2014/12/28/motorcycle-fatalities-down-2013/>

Motorcycle fatalities down for the first time since 2009

As we reported earlier, overall traffic fatalities were again down in 2013 after a momentary spike in 2012, and for the first time since 2009 motorcycle fatalities decreased year-on-year in 2013: the Fatality Analysis Reporting System compiled by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration counted 4,668 motorcyclist deaths last year compared to 4,896 in 2012. It's only the second time since 1997 that there's been a year-on-year decrease.

The decline was predicted earlier this year in a report put out by Governors Highway Safety Association, and it attributed the drop to the weather; 2012 was warmer than usual, leading to more people getting out on two wheels. The return of normal weather patterns in 2013 meant fewer riders, and that meant fewer deaths.

For the data we have so far, almost every metric saw a drop. Injuries declined to 88,000 compared to 93,000 in 2012, unhelmeted deaths were 1,854 versus 2,039 in 2012, and 27 percent of riders involved in fatal crashes had a Blood Alcohol

Level of .08 or higher, as opposed to 28 percent in 2012. Breaking down that last number, however, the 21-24 and 55-64 age groups did go up by one percent, where all other age groups either declined or stayed the same. Just going by the black and white figures, the report delivers news that's less bad than before, but the two wheeled game remains a dangerous one: the other three vehicle types tracked each account for less than one single death per 100 million vehicle miles traveled; in the same amount of miles traveled, 23.4 motorcyclists die.

You can peruse the numbers on the Quick Facts sheet, or in the full report.

<http://www.autoblog.com/2014/12/22/us-road-fatalities-down-25-percent/>

ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

December, 21 2014

PRESIDENT Ken. Due to need for insurance, no more rides leaving from VFW. Will meet at other location, like gas station to fill up, as rides with friends not official chapter rides. Avon Park Event is moving in Forward direction. Was a death due to accident, no fault of ABATE, in Brevard toy run, we have no comment, all such should be directed to State office. CB has resigned as Secretary. Lynn took meeting minutes. Debbie Knelson was appointed to be Secretary and will start with January Meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT Bill thanked all those that worked and attended our event.

TREASURER Debbie told us we did well on the event and chapter balance is up. The \$1000 Save the Patch donation was from members, not chapter funds. We still have drawing tickets to sell, all sold and unsold MUST be returned to State in February meeting.

MEMBERSHIP will be purchasing a new laminator for membership cards.

SARGENT AT ARMS Cary reported the event went well with no incidents but could have used more members help.

LEGISLATIVE Tallahassee state meeting will be the THIRD Sunday April 19 with the Ride to the Capital Rally waiting on confirmation for Monday the 20th.

WEBMASTER We are moving our chapter site to the ABATE of FL site to save money and be rid of the issues having with Network Solutions. The new address is palmbeach.abateflorida.com and the board emails will be going to Gmail.

NEWSLETTER We need more ads. It was discussed to end the free member card ads or to give reduced prices to generate some income to cover the printing and supplies.

PRODUCTS Charlie asked for items to include on upcoming order. The Spirit Bells were sold out at State Meeting so more are on order. Any ideas on new products? Looking in CafePress.com for items they would sell for us.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS O.T. discussed her experience in attending the State Meeting and how more should attend to support the Chapter and rides.

OLD BUSINESS With no State Bikeweek campground, other options for group camping were brought up. Nighthawk suggested the Clark Family Campground. LB told us about the New Smyrna Beach VFW campground which sounded good. They stay there every year. The State question of having two yearly drawings as fund raisers was defeated in Vero.

NEW BUSINESS Chapter meeting date changes. Due to February State Meeting being same weekend as ours, the chapter meeting will move to 4th Sunday Feb. 22. March chapter meeting will also be the 4th Sunday March 22 due to Daytona Bikeweek. April is a very busy month. The 3rd Sunday 19th is now the State meeting in Tallahassee with the Ride to the Capital Rally on the Monday. The 4th Sunday is Leesburg Bikefest and TattooMania in West Palm. The 2nd Sunday 12th is the important Palm Beach Harley Chili Cook Off and Saddletime Mike Memorial Run. So it was decided that our Chapter Meeting would be SATURDAY APRIL 11

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 January 8 to 11 Thunder by the Bay Motorcycle Festival Sarasota
 January 15 Bike Night Palm Beach Harley Davidson
 January 16—18 Progressive International Motorcycle Show Miami
 January 18 Sunday Palm Beach ABATE chapter meeting
 January 18 Southeast ABATE Right Rally Mickey's Pompano
 January 18 Third Tradition Motorcycle Fellowship Annual at Johnny Q's
 January 22 Thursday South Florida Fair Bike Night Foghat Concert (nothing posted about ride)
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- Bike Parade
- Bike Show
- Tattoo Contest
- Raffle for a New 2015 Toyota Tacoma
- Live Music from The Marshall Brothers and Southern Rock Society

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Sunday, Feb 8th, 2015

11AM - 5PM • Memorial Park, Stuart

\$5 ENTRY FEE All proceeds to Benefit ARC

**Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting
 VFW POST 4143**

Third SUNDAY January 18, 2015 11:30 am

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

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

GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

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