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4TH SUNDAY February 22

4TH SUNDAY March 22

2nd Saturday April 11

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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

Well it's February already and you know what that means, that's right Bike Week is around the corner! This year we will be trying something new. We will be camping at the V.F.W. in New Smyrna Beach Post 4250. Tent camping is just \$10.00 per night and RV camping \$25.00 per night. Now you can't beat that! However camping will be on a first come first serve basis so we have to go up early that first weekend and secure our spot. I will be going up the first weekend. I would appreciate a few other volunteers who would like to help me secure our spot especially if you have a toy hauler or RV secondly we need a volunteer to pull the ABATE trailer up there the first weekend and haul it back when Bike week is over.

Also this month we have our State meeting I am hoping to find out about the Avon Park Autumn Bike Fest in Oct. A contract between the city of Avon Park and ABATE of Florida should have been signed by now we will find out what the deal is and let you know at our next chapter meeting. The chapter meeting has been moved to the 4th Sunday the 22nd of February this was necessary because of the timing of our state meeting.

Also if anyone needs U.B.C.P.B.C. patches or stickers I have them, also I have ABATE Palm Beach County stickers if anyone needs them let me know.

As always ride safe!
SNOOZE



Vice President's Message **Bill Black**

It's now February, well it will be by the time you read this. January was a busy month for Kenny and I. We went to most of the Open Houses with a large convoy of two bikes (maybe three). This is a pitiful turnout for Chapter that has more than 240 members. If it wasn't for Joe and Paulette, Debbie and Craig and a few others, it would be just Kenny and I.

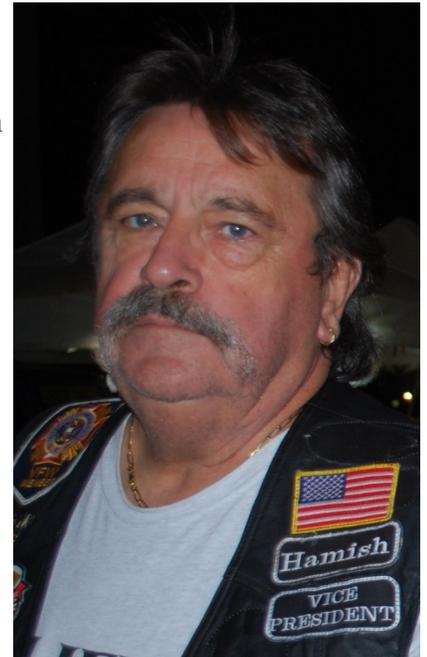
On a lighter note, five of us went down to the Blessing of the Bikes at the States M/C in Pompano. We had a great time and met people that we hadn't seen for ages. I believe that there was over 600 hundred bikes turned up for the Blessing.

Then, on the 22nd went to the South Florida Fairground for the annual bike ride. We had a good turnout from our Chapter with 25 bikes. This year, the ride did not seem as organized as usual. But still had a great time.

We also have the State Meeting at Cape Coral on the 14th. That's a nice ride. (Hope you all will join us).

Hope to see more people show up for the Chapter meeting on the 22nd. That's all for now.

Don't forget :- Ride safe and respect all on the road. Hamish.



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Feb.8 STATES L.W.ANNUAL

Feb.15TH AOA SOUTH FLORIDA

FEB.22ND MOB OF BROTHERS M.C.ANNUAL

BIKE WEEK 2015 MARCH 6-15 DAYTONA BEACH

MARCH 7TH LONE LEGION BROTHERHOOD M.C. ANNUAL

MARCH 29 AOA STINKEY 1%ER BIRTHDAY PARTY

APRIL 11 SATURDAY ABATE PBC CHAPTER MEETING

APRIL 12TH PALM BEACH HARLEY CHILI COOK OFF

APRIL 12TH BLACK PISTONS ANNUAL

APRIL18 OUTCAST M.C.ANNUAL

MAY 16TH U.S. MILITARY VETS ANNUAL

MAY 17TH ABATE CHAPTER MEETING

JUNE 27 ABATE PBC ANNUAL

REMINDER: EVERY

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Tuesday Night is LONE LEGION MC OPEN HOUSE

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Sturgis Motorcycle Museum In The Black Hills Of South Dakota Offers Visitors Stellar Examples Of Antique Motorcycles And Memorabilia

Rebecca West , Design & Trend Dec, 30, 2014, 05:42 PM



(Photo : Traveling Gypsy) The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum in Sturgis, S.D., offers visitors countless examples of beautifully restored antique motorcycles like this 1912 Flying Merkel motorcycle

The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum, located in the heart of downtown Sturgis, S.D., opened its doors to visitors back in June of 2001. It is a great little museum providing high quality examples of antique motorcycles and memorabilia brought to the public by private collectors on a local and national level.

Unlike a lot of museums, the motorcycles and exhibits on display at the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum are changed out on a regular basis. This gives repeat visitors who come back over the years an opportunity to view fresh arrivals of vintage bikes each time they stop in.

If you're planning a trip to the area or to attend the rally in August anyway, it's definitely worth a look around. In order to accommodate the museum's growing collection, an expansion is currently underway. In the meantime, they're still open year round, seven days a week, for anyone who is interested. The displays contained within the museum predominantly consist of American and British bikes ranging from the early 1900s to the 1970s, but there are a handful of motorcycles from as late as the '80s and '90s. There are even a few Japanese models on exhibit.



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Some of the highlights of the museum include a 1909 Imperial, a 1934 Crocker Speedway Racer and a 1948 Royal Enfield Flying Flea. There's also a killer example of a 1952 Vincent Black Shadow, as well as rare board and flat track racers.

The best thing about the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum is that it's located in prime riding country. In this case, it's South Dakota's Black Hills. Previously made popular during the HBO series "Deadwood," this is an area anyone with motorcycle experience should consider touring at least once in their lifetime.

Beginning in May or June and well into late September, mid October, you'll be hard pressed to find a better place to ride. It's all wide open spaces full of winding twists and turns that afford riders amazing views and incredible scenery.

If you've never been, try visiting when the world famous Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is *not* in full swing. The towns that dot

the countryside are small, and the rally brings in hundreds of thousands of people. If you're still a novice on a bike, it's not a good time to visit.

In addition to everything else, there's also a gift shop, for souvenirs and Tshirts, on the premises located on the main floor. For more information on the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum itself, becoming a member or of its hall of fame division, visit its website <http://www.sturgismuseum.com/>



Gilbert couple creates anti-collision device for motorcycles

Gilbert couple, Judd Smith and Karla Flores, are the creators of Lightning Strike, an anti-collision device for motorcycles. Posted: Saturday, January 10, 2015 11:00 am **By Daniel Ochoa, Tribune**

While operating a motorcycle, the No. 1 priority is safety on the road. Gilbert resident Judd Smith knows this all too well while riding his motorcycle across the Valley, and he decided to form his business, Lightning Strike, to aid motorcycle riders to be more visible on the streets.

After Smith retired from Honeywell as an engineer in 2010, he decided to pick up a hobby to occupy the free time he had. He started riding motorcycles during his spare time, but while riding, he noticed that he was vulnerable to other drivers who had a hard time seeing him on the road.

“I discovered that there was a problem with people not seeing a motorcycle, which isn’t a new problem, but it was something that I had discovered because I hadn’t ridden before,” Smith said.

He felt many other riders may have the same problem, so he decided to find a method that would make motorcycles much more visible in traffic. In March 2014, Smith began Lightning Strike, an anti-collision warning system for motorcycles to decrease the chances of causing vehicle collisions.

Lightning Strike is a venture between Smith and his significant other, Karla Flores, who handles the marketing and promoting aspect of the business.

“He’s the brains behind the initial engineering of the product, and we jointly refine it and get it up to market,” Flores said. “Our vision is to get into as many motorcycle dealerships and shops as possible throughout the United States.”

The way the anti-collision system works is there are two systems installed onto a person’s motorcycle: the Lightning Strike and the Flash Back.

The Lightning Strike can be turned on at any moment by the rider who think the vehicles ahead cannot see them. The rider simply presses the button on his or her motorcycles handle bar, and LED lights begin to shine for a brief moment.

The Flash Back works similar as the Lightning Strike, but turns on when the brakes are applied to the motorcycle. “It’s a rapid-blast of light to let the driver behind you know that you have applied your breaks,” Smith said. “It shuts off automatically after about a second because it’s very bright. It’s not so much a break light, but more of a break-warning device.”

Both systems are sold separately: the Lightning Strike’s price is \$270, and the Flash Back’s price is \$140. The installation cost is separate, and Smith installs both systems to his costumers’ motorcycles.

The installation takes roughly two hours, and costs \$140 to complete.

Smith said he wasn’t too concerned that the lights would be distracting to other motorists because the LED lights aren’t meant to stay on for a long period of time.

“The idea is to be more noticed at a moments notice, at any given time,” Smith said. “We did some research and we found that they’re completely legal in Arizona... there’s a statue that allows for auxiliary lighting.”

Since being in business for nearly 10 months, Smith said he has sold more than 175 Lightning Strike systems. Smith is also reaching out to municipal markets throughout the Valley, and has offered to donate 10 Flash Back systems to aid motorcycle officers to be seen on the road.

“Our true goal is that we feel that our company has meaning and purpose and we want to make sure we can do what we can to help people survive,” he said.

For additional information about Lightning Strike, visit www.getlightningstrike.com.

http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/local/gilbert/article_fed3138a-9861-11e4-8642-f7fbc36ae35c.html

Upscale trike-bikes burst open stagnant motorcycle sales

By The Los Angeles Times Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, 12:01 a.m.

One of the hottest-selling vehicles in the motorcycle industry isn't a motorcycle at all.

It's a three-wheeled variant that's part superbike, part go-cart and all business.

Sales appear to be increasing rapidly — one of them is among Harley-Davidson's top-selling models — and at premium prices.

Contenders in this arena include the Can-Am Spyder and the Polaris Slingshot, rivals to the segment-leading Tri Glide and Freewheeler models from Harley.

Three-wheeled motorcycles aren't new. Meter maids and ice cream vendors of yore favored trikes driven by Harley engines.

But the new trike-bikes are sleek, powerful and expensive. The traditional ones, like those from Harley, use motorcycle engines to power two drive wheels in back and a single wheel in front.

The updated ones, such as those from Can-Am, Polaris and Campagna, have a single drive wheel in back, and do their steering with two wheels up front.

Together, they're pushing sales in a segment that's growing faster than others in the largely stagnant motorcycle world.

While the three companies decline to reveal unit sales for their motorized tricycles, Can-Am says the 6-year-old Spyder line is a \$300 million-a-year business for Canadian parent company BRP, which makes Sea-doo watercraft, Ski-doo snowmobiles, offroad side-by-side vehicles and Evinrude boat motors. Can-Am has total revenues of about \$3 billion.

Harley-Davidson says its Tri Glide, introduced in 2009, is the company's fourth-best-selling machine — behind only the Street Glide Special, Ultra Limited and Street Glide in the company's 36-model lineup.

The Tri Glides, Spyderys and Slingshots appeal to veteran riders who want to keep riding but, as they age, are less able to handle the weight of a big touring motorcycle.

That's good news for manufacturers. The population of baby boomer bikers includes a lot of older riders who may soon want an extra wheel. They're also popular with smaller riders who may be concerned about managing the size of a big bike, and newcomers who want an open-air riding experience without the motorcycle learning curve.

Can-Am, in fact, says that about a quarter of its Spyder buyers have had no prior motorcycle experience. The company also says, slicing its sales data another way, that a quarter of its customers are women.

“There is real interest from older riders, because of the stability mixed with the familiar motorcycle perspective,” said industry veteran Robert Pandya, external relations manager for Indian Motorcycles. “Eliminating the fear of a simple tip-over might open the world to couple who may not choose to ride traditional single-track bikes.”

“Stability,” agreed Tom Riley, global director of marketing for Can-Am Spyder. “When we talk to consumers, that's a major attractor to the brand.”

The exotic-looking vehicles aren't cheap.

Harley's 2015 Tri Glide Ultra — which is powered by a hefty 103-cubic-inch V-Twin engine, weighs 1,215 pounds and has more storage capacity than a studio apartment — starts at \$32,999. The smaller Freewheeler, which this year joined the older Tri Glide in the Harley fleet, is powered by the same big V-Twin, but with fewer features and only a third the storage space, and starts at \$24,999.

The four vehicles in the Spyder line have base prices from \$14,999 to \$23,199 — with the highest-priced model being the company's top seller.

Colin Edwards Sr., father of professional superbike racer Colin Edwards II, is a typical trike rider. A lifelong motorcyclist, Edwards had to give up riding when, at 50, he lost his sense of balance after a liver transplant and a bout of meningitis.

He bought a Honda Gold Wing, converted to three wheels, from a dealer outside of Houston.

“I never thought I'd ride again,” said Edwards, 70. “But I rode with a bunch of guys on two wheels, and there was nowhere they went, as fast as they went, that I couldn't keep up with them.”

<http://triblive.com/business/headlines/7531135-74/harley-motorcycle-glide>

Polaris' Spirit Lake plant to make electric motorcycles

Matthew Patane, mpatane@dmreg.com 4:20 p.m. CST January 19, 2015

A northern Iowa factory that brought back the classic line of Indian motorcycles will start making electric motorcycles later this year.

Minneapolis-based Polaris announced last week that it has acquired the electric motorcycle line from Brammo, a Oregon-based maker of the electric vehicles.

Under the deal, Polaris said it will start making electric motorcycles out of its Spirit Lake plant in the second half of 2015. The Spirit Lake plant manufactures a number of other Polaris-brand motorcycles, including the company's revival of Indian Motorcycles.

Polaris brought back the Indian brand in 2013 when it started producing three versions of the iconic motorcycles. The company added a fourth, the Indian Scout, to production in 2014.

Polaris has about 1,000 employees at the Spirit Lake plant and another 300 in Milford.

The Spirit Lake factory also makes Polaris' three-wheel motorcycle.

Shares of Polaris closed up 51 cents to \$138.06 Friday.

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/money/business/2015/01/19/polaris-spirit-lake-plant-electric-motorcycles/21993133/>

<http://www.latimes.com/business/autos/la-fi-hy-polaris-buys-brammo-20150116-story.html>

Motorcycle exhibit opens at the National Packard Museum

WARREN, Ohio -

Some seldom seen motorcycles will be on display in Warren.

It's the 15th Annual Antique Motorcycle Exhibit at the [National Packard Museum](#).

Seldom Seen Cycles will feature rare, vintage motorcycles, including the oldest running Harley, and several of the bikes from the movie "The John Peyton Story."

"The theme this year is Seldom Seen and some of the machines we have, very few were made. Others were special made for racing, so they're the only one of that type ever made. And some are seldom seen because the years have gone by," said Bruce Williams, curator of motorcycle exhibits at the National Packard Museum.

The exhibit runs through May 2015.

<http://www.wfmj.com/story/27817797/motorcycle-exhibit-opens-at-the-national-packard-museum>

The John Penton Story (2014)

Full-length documentary about the story of John Penton. An American icon and motorcycle pioneer who along with his family and a band of loyal followers, changed off-road motorcycling forever.

Director: Todd Huffman

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3110272/>



DELEGATE REPORT

Deb "Foxybabe" Wenger

STATE MEETINGS 2015 - Host Chapter - Location

- Feb 14 Southwest Chapter at Cape Coral
- April 19 Monticello Meeting / 20th Ride to Capital
- June 13 Inerstate
- Aug. 8 Lake County
- Oct.10 Hillsborough Spooks n Scoots Brooksville
- Dec.12 Gator Alley



DELEGATE REPORT

Ken "Snooze"

Well its early Feb .already wow where does the time go? The State meeting this month will be held on the 14th in Cape Coral, Florida. The Southwest Chapter will be hosting once again. This time it will be at The V.F.W. Post 8463 4709 S.E.11th Pl.

The state Board Informed me that all chapter presidents are to attend an Insurance seminar at 9:00 am on Sat. the 14th, that's right the same day. Man i am gong to need some no dose! Gonna be a long day. Other than that not a lot to report right now. Legislative session will start in early March as always we hope our issues will be addressed at that time and hopefully bring you some great news.

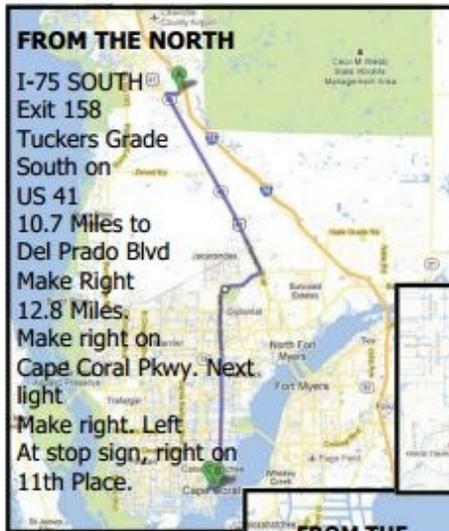
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State Board meeting 12:00pm
Delegate meeting 2:00pm

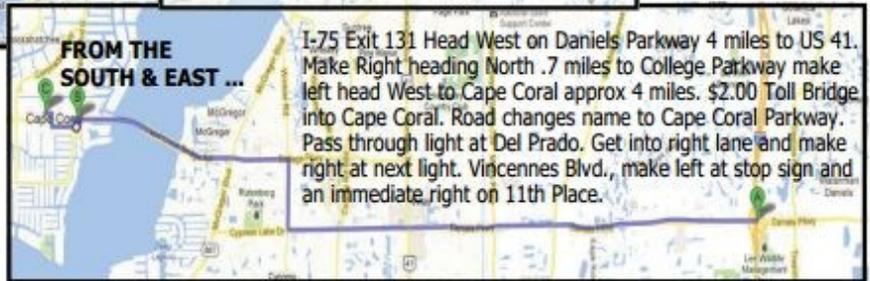


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Jerry Lee Lewis motorcycle sale

From Mecum Auctions CNN NEWS

CNN — Jerry Lee Lewis's 1959 Harley-Davidson could become the most expensive motorcycle ever sold at auction when it's goes under the hammer Saturday in Florida.

One huge selling point... This isn't a motorcycle once owned by Jerry Lee Lewis. It is owned by Jerry Lee Lewis and the legendary rock-n-roller, known to his many fans as "The Killer," will be there in person to send it off to its new home.

It'll be a long ride to reach the record auction price for a motorcycle, though. That record was set last October when a red-white-and-blue custom Harley-Davidson chopper ridden by Peter Fonda in the 1969 movie *Easy Rider* sold for \$1.35 million. The second-most expensive bike ever sold at auction, was a 1910 Winchester, which went for \$580,000.

"I could see this going for \$500,000," Bob Golfen, a writer who follows collectible cars and motorcycles, said of Lewis's Harley.

Had it been owned by someone without a plaque in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame it would still be worth a lot for a motorcycle, said Golfen. He estimated its inherent value, had it been owned by just anyone, at \$100,000 to \$120,000. Mecum auctions, the company selling the bike, broadly agrees with that estimate.

At his professional peak the late 1950s and early '60s, Lewis was famous -- or infamous -- as the original bad boy of rock-n-roll. A brilliant showman, he played piano with a wildly aggressive style, attacking the instrument with fists and feet as if it were his detested opponent in a drunken bar fight. But he also knew how to slow it down and build tension, keeping his audience rapt while he pounded out a driving rhythm and they waited for whatever might come next.

The titles of his best-known songs went go along with his white-hot stage presence. Among the most memorable were "Great Balls of Fire," "Breathless" and "Whole Lotta Shakin' Going On." He later found success as a country music singer and had a string of hits in that genre.

Lewis has owned the bike since it was given to him by Harley-Davidson in 1959. An identical motorcycle was given to Elvis Presley a little later. According to Lewis, "The King" was jealous that "The Killer" had gotten his Harley first and Lewis even offered, jokingly, to trade with him.

Lewis evidently didn't ride the motorcycle much. Despite 55 years of ownership, it only has 2,257 miles on the odometer.

It can be difficult to predict the impact that celebrity ownership will have on the value of a collectible motor vehicle. With automobiles, only past ownership by the actor Steve McQueen reliably adds value -- in his case, huge value -- to a vehicle. His name worked for motorcycles, too. A 1971 Husqvarna McQueen owned, otherwise worth about \$6,000, sold for \$144,500 last year.

To break the two-wheeler record, Jerry Lee Lewis's name would need to work similar mathematical magic. Of course, Jerry Lee Lewis has one huge advantage over McQueen. Lewis is alive and, if anyone knows how to pump up a crowd, it's him.

<http://www.ktsm.com/node/98267>

video on <http://www.msn.com/en-us/money/money/you-can-buy-jerry-lee-lewis-motorcycle/vi-AA8uxta>



WEEKLY EVENTS

Mon Mob of Brothers MC
Open House

Tues Lone Legion MC
Brotherhood Open House
LAST Tues USMV MC
Open House at Smoke Inn
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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- 1st - Alternative MC - Annual**
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

- 2 Wings of Gold MC Miami Party
4 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally
8-10 S. Florida Tattoo Expo
9 AOA Laud Anniversary Party
22 Los Coquis MC Smokey/Diesel Bday

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 6 Southern MC Teddy Bear Run
12 Outcast MC Party
13 States MC Key West Tune Up Party
18-20 Peterson's Key West Poker Run
27 Keltics MC Party

OCTOBER 2015

- 4 Mystic Seven MC Annual
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- 8 States M.C. ANNUAL
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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MEETINGS

4th Sunday February 22

4th Sunday March 22

3rd SATURDAY April 11

3rd Sunday May 17

3rd Sunday June

3rd Sunday July

3rd Sunday August

February 2015

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March 2015

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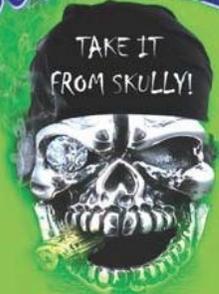
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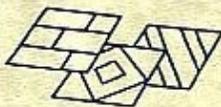
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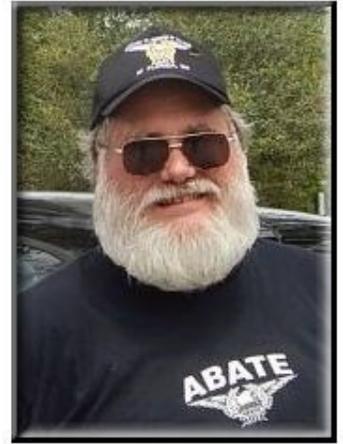
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

BILL WOULD TOUGHEN TEXTING WHILE DRIVING BAN
A South Florida lawmaker Wednesday filed a proposal that would strengthen the state's ban on texting while driving, giving police officers more power to pull over motorists for tapping messages while behind the wheel. The bill (HB 1), filed by Rep. Richard Stark, D-Weston, will be considered by lawmakers during the 2015 session. Under current law, texting while driving is considered a "secondary" offense. That means drivers can only be cited if they are stopped by police for other reasons. But Stark's bill would eliminate that restriction, giving police more authority to enforce the ban. Also, the bill would double fines for people caught texting while driving in school zones or at designated school crossings.



Florida Alert: Campus Carry for Concealed Firearms License Holders Legislation
Date: Jan. 21, 2015 From: Marion P. Hammer USF Executive Director NRA Past President
On Monday, January 20, 2015, House Bill 4005 PASSED the House Criminal Justice Committee by a vote of 8 to 4. This was the first hearing for this bill.

HB-4005 Firearms on College Campus by Representative Greg Steube (R-Sarasota) repeals the provision of law that prohibits persons with concealed carry licenses from carrying firearms onto college or university campuses.

Under this bill, adults 21 years of age or older who have a valid Florida Concealed Weapons or Firearm License will have their right to carry concealed firearms on college or university campuses restored.

To see a copy of the roll call vote and see the list of opponents and proponents [click here](#). To view the video of Committee Hearing and hear the testimony of all sides [click here](#).

IT COULD HAPPEN HERE

LAREDO, TEXAS (KGNS) - With the new year comes an addition to a law known as "Malorie's Law". It focuses on motorcyclists and their passengers.

Some motorcyclists may have to make a couple of changes to their bikes, and that'll most likely cost money.

But the changes are expected to make it safer for riders and their passengers.

They're called hogs, motorcycles, even choppers but to Tony Reyes it's a bike. He rides and sells Harleys. "I use it to go to work and I ride it more than my pickup truck", said Reyes.

In 2013, Malorie's Law changed Texas' transportation code encouraging riders, like Reyes, to look out for the safety of their passengers.

The new part of the law, now in effect, addresses motorcyclists and their passengers.

With this new law bikes must have pegs for passengers to rest their feet on as well as a safety strap to hold on to.

"The pegs, the passenger pegs. As some people are riding with their passenger and they don't have any, their legs are dangling which is very unsafe", said Reyes.

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Reyes says his bike already meets the new guidelines.

"It has everything it has the pegs, the backseat, back rest and it has the strap for my wife to hold on and my daughters ride. Also my sons in law and my son they ride, we are all a riding family", said Reyes.

Coming from a family of riders, Reyes says he likes the new law. He cares about the safety of his passengers as well as his own.

"People can feel secure they can feel better, when you leave your house and you know that you have everything that you need as far as safety for yourself and your passenger. You are going to enjoy your ride and enjoy life and enjoy life riding your motorcycle", said Reyes.

Laredo Harley Davidson says most bikes come with the option to add a passenger seat. you can choose not to add it at your own risk.

If you're stopped, while riding with a passenger, and don't have the proper equipment on your motorcycle you could be fined.



U.S. Sens. Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.), Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) and Susan Collins (R-Maine) have introduced S. 127, the Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act.

S. 127 would prohibit federal funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints, limiting the implementation of these discriminatory checkpoints nationwide. Stop MOCs

During the past several years, federal, state and local governments spent many hundreds of thousands of dollars on motorcycle-only checkpoints. The AMA opposes this discriminatory practice believes that funds could have been better spent on programs to prevent distracted driving, increase rider education programs or improve motorist awareness.

Follow this link to view the AMA's MOC timeline.

This bill is similar to S. 2078, supported by Sens. Shaheen, Ayotte, Manchin, Johnson and Collins in the 113th Congress.

Bill would protect the rights of motorcycle riders

CONCORD, N.H. —Motorcycle-only checkpoints would be discouraged under a bipartisan bill reintroduced by a group of senators, among them New Hampshire's Jeanne Shaheen and Kelly Ayotte.

The bill would prohibit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration from issuing grants to states for motorcycle-only checkpoints. The agency initiated a program in 2009 that provided states with funds to conduct the checkpoints.

The senators say they are discriminatory, where riders are specifically targeted by police to check that their vehicles meet state standards for noise, handlebar length, tire condition and other requirements.

Shaheen said there aren't checkpoints that stop cars to check their tire pressure, so there shouldn't be checkpoints for motorcycles, either.

Other senators reintroducing the bill are Susan Collins of Maine, Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, and Joe Manchin of West Virginia.

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Support bill to require federal agency to seek independent scientific analysis on the effects of 15 percent ethanol Urge your representative to support today!

Take Action

U.S. Rep. [Jim Sensenbrenner](#) (R-Wis.) introduced [H.R. 21](#) on Jan. 6. This bill would repeal the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's waiver decision related to E15 fuel and the authority of the agency to grant further decisions in the matter, until the EPA seeks an independent scientific analysis of the effects of gasoline containing up to 15 percent ethanol.

“Despite ample warnings, the Environment Protection Agency continues to push E15 into the marketplace. The Clean Air Act requires a waiver for any fuel that is substantially different from zero percent ethanol before it is introduced to consumers,” Sensenbrenner said. “The EPA has been granting CAA waivers and justifying the decisions by citing a single disputed study conducted by the Department of Energy.

“Pro-ethanol groups and the EPA argue that E15 has been sufficiently tested and safe for use, a direct contradiction to what the scientists and engineers who build cars and small engines have stated,” he added.

Sensenbrenner said, “Our constituents use boats, motorcycles, snowmobiles, cars, lawnmowers and tractors. They deserve to definitively know what E15 will do to the engines they rely upon.”

The AMA agrees and has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal lawmakers about possible damage to motorcycle and all-terrain-vehicle engines caused by the inadvertent use of E15 when the new fuel becomes widely available. The AMA also asked that motorcycles and ATVs be part of any scientific study into the effects of E15 on internal combustion engines and related systems.

In October 2010, the EPA approved E15 for use in model year 2007 and newer light-duty vehicles (cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty passenger vehicles). In January 2011, it added model year 2001-2006 light-duty vehicles to the approved list.

Since the approved list includes many light-duty vehicles in use today, refineries, distributors, and fueling stations could choose to offer primarily E15 gasoline. This concerns all motorcyclists and off-highway enthusiasts, because it could affect the availability of gasoline with less ethanol (E10) or none at all (E0).

The new E15 gasoline formulation may appear at a nearby fueling station, so motorcyclists need to be careful when fueling their motor vehicles. No motorcycles or ATVs are currently on the approved EPA list for E15 use, and the use of E15 can void manufacturers' warranties.

We need your help to pass H.R. 21. You can send a prewritten email to your representative immediately by following the "Take Action" option and entering your information.



January 20, 2015

Since President Obama announced his executive order granting legal status to millions of people who entered this country illegally, I have

heard loudly and clearly from a majority of constituents like you who oppose this unilateral action and want us to use every tool we have to stop it.

In the House of Representatives, we listened, and on Wednesday, January 14 we passed the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, H.R. 240, legislation that funds critical security and law enforcement programs while blocking implementation of the President's executive order on immigration.

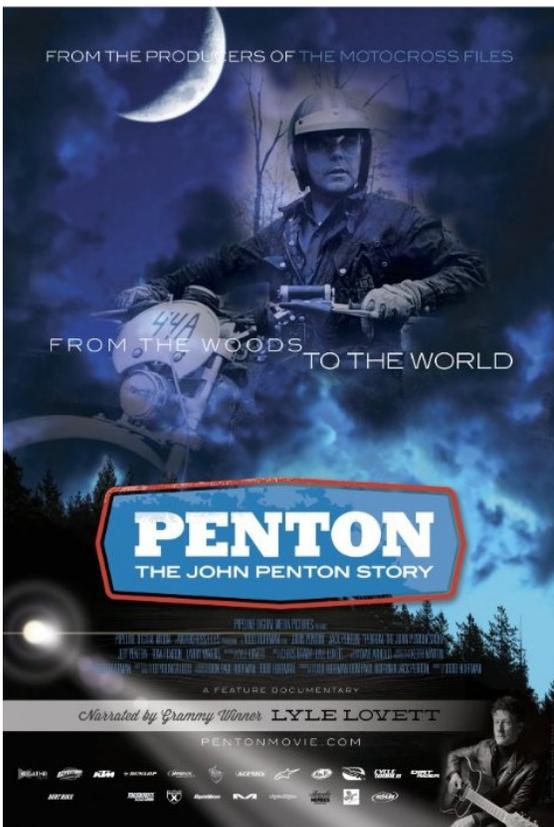
I supported this bill because it will block the President's executive order in its entirety. We need real, long-term solutions to secure our border and modernize our immigration laws. I hope the President will use this opportunity to work with us, rather than acting alone.

Our bill helps keep our nation safe by providing needed investments to strengthen our borders and protect American citizens from terrorism. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I worked to ensure it provides funding for natural disaster response and recovery that is critical for Florida, while maintaining investments in flood mitigation to help Florida homeowners and small businesses prevent damages.

The bill prioritizes frontline security – including all operational, counterterrorism, and threat-targeting activities, and essential tactical equipment – and saves taxpayer dollars by reducing overhead costs and cutting funds for lower-priority programs. It includes amendments to block any funds – including user fees – from being used to implement the President's immigration executive order.

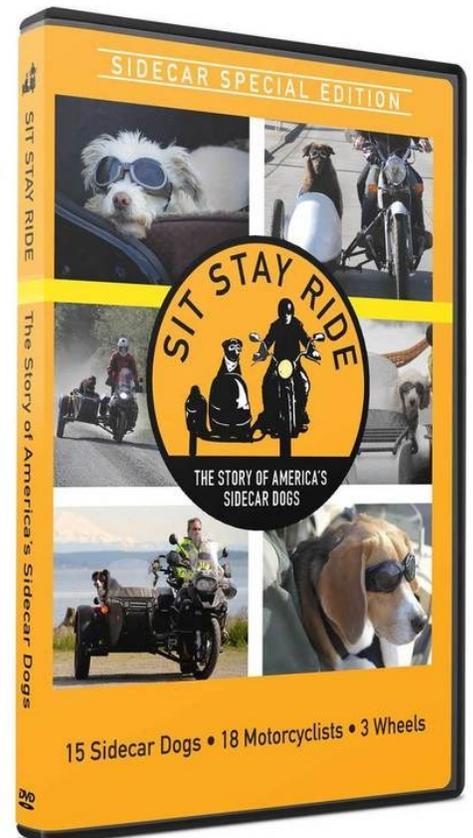
Please share your thoughts on this bill by taking the survey below, emailing through my website, posting a comment on my Facebook page, or sending me a message via Twitter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Do you support legislation to block any funds from being used to implement the President's executive order on immigration?



MOVIES

In Doing the research for this newsletter I learned about two new movies that I need to look into for reviews, see notes here I still need to watch



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MINNESOTA ANTI-PROFILING MEASURE INTRODUCED

A proposed anti-profiling bill before the Minnesota House would create rules to reduce perceived profiling of motorcycle riders and would require several law enforcement groups to draft anti-profiling practices when dealing with the riders.

Once drafted, law enforcement agencies would then have to train every officer and verify that with the state.

House File 59, "Motorcycle Profiling," was filed on January 12, 2015 in the state House of Representatives and referred to the Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance Committee, and the bill stems from claims that police have been pulling over motorcyclists without reasonable cause: "Purpose. The legislature finds that the reality or public perception of motorcycle profiling alienates people from police, hinders community policing efforts, and causes law enforcement to lose credibility and trust among the people law enforcement is sworn to protect and serve. No stop initiated by a peace officer should be made without a legitimate reason; the fact that someone rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle paraphernalia is not a legitimate reason. Law enforcement policies and training programs must emphasize the need to respect the balance between the rights of all persons to be free from unreasonable governmental intrusions and law enforcement's need to enforce the law."

The measure defines "motorcycle profiling" as "(T)he illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related accouterments as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without a legal basis under the United States Constitution or Minnesota Constitution."

HF 59 is co-sponsored by Rep. John Petersburg (R-Waseca) who said that he signed on to the bill in part because he heard claims of profiling on the campaign trail. In October, he attended a forum hosted by American Bikers for Awareness, Training and Education, or ABATE. "Because they're riding motorcycles and wearing motorcycle gear, they're getting stopped," Petersburg said.

A representative for ABATE of Minnesota told the Owatonna People's Press that an anti-profiling bill was among the group's top legislative priorities. Minnesota was the first and only state in the country to enact a biker anti-discrimination law; Minnesota Statute Section 604.12, enacted in 1998 states in part: "A place of public accommodation may not restrict access, admission, or usage to a person solely because the person operates a motorcycle or is wearing clothing that displays the name of an organization or association."

S.C. BILL AIMS TO REQUIRE CHILD SAFETY SEATS AND BELTS ON MOTORCYCLES

A bill that would require babies and small children to be secured to a motorcycle with seat belts is under consideration by South Carolina lawmakers.

S.C. state Rep. Joseph Daning (R-Berkely Co.) filed legislation (H. 3040) that would require a standard, rear-facing child safety seat to be used for motorcycle passengers from birth up to 1 year of age, and for a belt-positioning booster seat with both lap and shoulder belts for children younger than 7 and weighing 40-80 pounds. "We take care of our children in cars, but they're so unprotected on the back of motorcycles" said Daning, who added that the bill was prompted by constituents who feared an ex-spouse would ride their children on a motorcycle.

Rep. Bill Taylor called Daning's proposal "government overreach" and said motorcyclists are a safety-conscious community, but child-safety advocates support Daning's efforts. Only a handful of states impose a

minimum age for riders, and South Carolina is not one of them according to the Children's Trust of South Carolina, pointing out that 25 children required emergency medical attention due to motorcycle injuries in the state from 2007 through 2009.

ABATE of SC state coordinator, Ralph Bell, emphasized that there have been no fatalities of passengers under 7, and said changing the law would hinder charity events. Dennis Welborn, the state legislative coordinator for ABATE told the Morris News Service that "Its passage would cause much more harm than good," and in particular, mounting a child safety seat on a motorcycle would change its center of gravity, making it unwieldy, affecting its handling and braking abilities.

MSF CONTRACTED TO MANAGE INDIANA MOTORCYCLIST SAFETY PROGRAM

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation has been awarded a four-year contract by the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles to provide motorcycle training, beginning March 1, 2015. The contract award marks the end of the state's training relationship with ABATE of Indiana, which had been training riders since the 1970s. According to Jay Jackson, ABATE executive director, more than 125,000 students completed its courses during that time. The ABATE board of directors voted not to renew its contract.

The MSF will oversee Indiana's statewide training locations, provide an Indiana-dedicated website and online class enrollment function and administer all aspects of training, including MSF's extensive quality control program.

Indiana law requires would-be motorcycle riders to first obtain a learner's permit, and then pass a motorcycle skills test or present a certificate of completion from a BMV-approved motorcycle safety course. After March 1, Hoosiers who pass the MSF Basic RiderCourse will not need to take Indiana's on-cycle skills exam.

"We'd like to recognize ABATE of Indiana for their achievements in providing motorcycle training over the past several years through the state's network of training sites and trainers," said MSF Vice President Robert Gladden.

More than 7.5 million riders internationally have completed motorcycle training using MSF's curricula in the foundation's 40-plus year history.

VEHICLE DATA PRIVACY CONCERNS VOICED IN MONTANA

A Montana House panel recently heard a bill to give vehicle owners more control over the large stores of information now accumulated by newer cars and trucks, and motorcycles. House Bill 78, sponsored by Rep. Ryan Lynch (D-Butte), would give vehicle owners more control of that data by codifying provisions stating that only owners, lessees and authorized representatives can gain access to recorded data in the event of a crash.

Insurance companies already make use of telematics -- the many pieces of data that reflect driving habits -- but insurance lobbyists say they're willing to sit down with supporters and hammer out a bill that's agreeable to everyone.

This is just one of several privacy bills the Montana Legislature will consider this session and, if enacted, the law would become the nation's strongest driver-privacy act.

GLOBAL MOTORCYCLE MARKET PROJECTED TO EXPAND

The worldwide demand for motorcycles is forecasted to grow by 6% annually to over 132 million units by 2018, valued at \$120 billion, according to a 502-page study released this past December by Freedonia Market Research.

Four major trends will drive growth through 2018: 1- An increasing number of households in industrializing countries will be able to afford motorcycles as personal incomes rise. 2- Sales of electric bicycles (e-bikes) and other electric models are projected to rise sharply outside of China from what are currently very modest levels of demand. 3 - Motorcycle sales in a number of countries will be spurred by government programs aimed at reducing environmental pollution caused by automobiles. 4- Market advances will accelerate in a number of important markets such as Brazil, Indonesia, Thailand, the U.S., and Vietnam.

However, further gains will be restrained by slowing growth in China, the world's leading market for motorcycles, because of the large number of motorcycles already in use there. Market gains will also be dampened due to substitution by consumers of light vehicles for motorcycles in China and other industrializing countries.

MOTORCYCLE INJURIES & FATALITIES ON DECLINE

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has announced that motorcycle fatalities have dropped for the second year in a row, representing the largest drop in fatalities for any road user. According to the Fatality Analysis Reporting System, motorcycle fatalities for 2013 dropped from 4,986 to 4,668; and the 6.4% decrease was the largest percentage drop of all vehicle categories.

Fatal motorcycle crashes involving alcohol dropped by 117 deaths, or 8.3%, also the largest decrease in the category.

NHTSA also reported a drop in the number of injured motorcyclists from 93,000 to 88,000, a 5.4% drop, again the largest decrease in the category.

Motor vehicle fatalities overall decreased by 3.1% from 2012-2013 and injuries declined 2.1%.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION REINTRODUCED TO CURB MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS

Motorcycle-only checkpoints would be discouraged under a bipartisan bill reintroduced January 8, 2015 by a group of senators in the new 114th Congress. The bill would prohibit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration from issuing grants to states to fund motorcycle-only checkpoints.

Sponsoring senators say such roadblocks are discriminatory, where riders are specifically targeted by police to check that their vehicles meet state standards for noise, handlebar height, tire condition and other requirements, including helmet compliance.

The states of California, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Illinois, New Hampshire and Virginia have all passed legislation to prohibit motorcycle-only checkpoints.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL CALLS FOR ETHANOL STUDY

Once again, on January 6, 2015, U.S. Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) reintroduced a bill in the new Congress calling for further study of ethanol and its effect on internal combustion engines.

H.R. 21 would repeal the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's waiver decision related to E15 fuel and the authority of the agency to grant further decisions in the matter, until the EPA seeks an independent scientific analysis of the effects of gasoline containing up to 15% ethanol.

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WEIRD NEWS: YOUTUBE VIDEO LEADS TO STUNT RIDER ARREST

A cop couldn't corral dozens of reckless riders who took over a California highway, performing dangerous stunts and taunting the officer, but the marauders left an obvious trail on social media.

One stunter, armed with cameras mounted on the front of his motorcycle and helmet, filmed what turned out to be incriminating evidence that later led to his arrest.

The video, posted to YouTube and garnering over 1.5 million views, shows several brazen bikers popping high speed wheelies and buzzing a California Highway Patrolman, who is also on a motorcycle and attempting to pull over one or more riders before giving up due to safety concerns. As the officer backs off, bikers are seen exuberantly pumping their fists in the air in a short-lived victory celebration.

Three weeks later, following an internet trail including personal information posted in social forums, police busted the 32-year old stunt rider who recorded -- and shared -- video of the wild ride and arrested him at his house in Brentwood on felony accessory and obstruction charges, as well as a marijuana grow operation in his home.

QUOTABLE QUOTE:

"The highest patriotism is not a blind acceptance of official policy, but a love of one's country deep enough to call her to a higher plain."

George McGovern (1922 - 2012) American politician, historian & author

Man recycles a Lamborghini V12, uses it to make a motorcycle

Jonathon Ramsey

A friend of Georgia resident Chuck Beck owned a Lamborghini that died in a fire, leaving only its engine. This friend offered that engine to Beck, and Beck not only accepted, he gave it a second life that rivals Bucky Barnes morphing into The Winter Soldier for outlandish second acts. And that's how we end up with the sight and sound of a Lamborghini V12 stuffed into a custom motorcycle frame that appears to step right up to the edge of lunacy - which could be why Beck built it while his wife was out of town for the summer.



Hooniverse suspects it could be an old Countach engine; if so, it would have roughly 350 to 450 horsepower. Beck used a three-speed Volkswagen transmission to put that power to use, worked up a custom linkage to be able to steer, and note that radiator placement. Beck said once she's up and rolling the riding is fine, but still, we imagine the thing likes straight roads and wide turns.

Sure, Beck is just one of the brothers pledged to the car-engined-motorcycle fraternity, but we think his homebrew creation is weirder than Chrysler's Viper V10-powered Tomahawk or Andy Millyard's version, or the motorcycle with a Lincoln Flathead V12, and it's certainly longer than all of them. You can hear it briefly in the video above, watch Beck try to roll it out of its trailer in the video below, and head over to *Hooniverse* for some close-up photos.

<http://www.autoblog.com/2014/12/30/lamborghini-v12-used-make-motorcycle-video/>

News Source: *Hooniverse*, RideApart

TO WAVE OR NOT TO WAVE?

Fred Rau discusses the subtleties of when you should and shouldn't wave. by Fred Rau January 15, 2015 Rallies, Road Trips



In just the past 90 days, I have raised my gloved hand in greeting to somewhere in the neighborhood of 1,200 passing fellow motorcyclists.

I realize that, on the surface, this may seem a bit extreme, but my wife and I were just on a 12-week tour that included visiting no less than 11 motorcycle rallies. The smallest of the rallies was attended by about 400 riders, while the largest had somewhere around 50,000 riders attending. Add to that the many hundreds of riders we passed on the roads in between, all while covering well over 10,000 miles and 38 states, and you get the point.

Now that I think about it, if you average it out I probably actually waved to less than one out of every 20 or so riders that I saw. I realize that seems like a pretty small percentage, but I'm sure most of you can understand and appreciate that when in attendance at something like Bike Week in Daytona Beach or Americade in New York, the whole "wave to your brothers on the road" thing kind of has to go out the window. That is, unless you want to tape your left arm to a two-by-four and prop it at a permanent angle away from your body. I would estimate that, at your average motorcycle rally, bikes are passing at a rate of about 50 to 60 per minute. Attempting to wave at all of them would be a completely futile exercise. You have to pace yourself.

I have never seen or heard of any rules applied to waving, though I have certainly heard a lot of opinions from a lot of different riders. We each seem to have our own personal guidelines we live by, and opinions vary widely when it comes to physically acknowledging passing riders.

I don't think it would be possible to get anyone to finance a study on the subject, but if it were, these are the questions I would love to see answered:

1. Do you wave first, or do you wait to see if the oncoming rider is lifting his hand before lifting your own? I have to admit, I am usually not the wave instigator, though I will almost always respond in kind if someone waves at me.

2. Do you tend to wave only to riders of bikes similar to your own? Or do you limit it to certain types of bikes? It's difficult to tell for certain if this really happens, but I suspect there is some truth to it.

3. Do you raise your hand in a full-palm salute or drop it below the handlebar in the inverted two-finger V-salute? As near as I have been able to tell, the "V" is much preferred by Harley-Davidson riders, perhaps denoting some kind of V-twin brotherhood.

4. Are you more inclined to wave to another rider on the highway than you are on a city street? I think that almost goes without saying. Chalk it up to the distractions involved in street riding, but I think we are all much more inclined to wave on the highway, especially on an undivided two- or four-lane highway.

5. What if you are riding as part of a group and your group leader waves to a passing bike? Are you obligated to wave also, or do you consider that the leader has essentially waved for all of you? I tend to believe that the group leader has accepted the responsibility for all in his charge, and that I am therefore released from any liability for not waving. However, I have noticed that I am usually the only one in the group who feels this way, as all of the others usually wave.

6. Do you feel guilty if you happen to look up and see a bike passing, with the rider waving, but it's too late for you to react in kind? I do. Let's face it, I know the other guy is thinking I'm a jerk. I know I sure feel that way when I wave first and don't get a response. Maybe that's why I almost never wave first. I'm too afraid of having my feelings hurt!

7. Is it okay to have your passenger take over the waving duties? Sometimes I think the other rider will take this as a slight, but I wish it would become acceptable. I would really like to hand over all this baggage of who to wave to, when, how, etc., to my wife.

8. Do you ever wave with your right hand instead of your left? In this day of cruise controls and throttle locks it is entirely possible, though I don't think I have ever seen it. A grizzled old Indian rider once told me it is considered an insult, though I certainly wouldn't know why, and he didn't seem to know either.

9. What is the proper protocol for waving to another rider who is passing you going the same direction as you, or one you are passing? This one has always befuddled me. As you are never actually looking at each other face to face, it is impossible to tell if he sees your wave or if he knows that you saw his. It always becomes a sort of awkward "wave your hand behind your back as you go by" thing that looks pretty lame and leaves you both feeling strangely unfulfilled.

10. Would you wave at someone driving a truck that is hauling or towing a bike? I mean, after all, he probably is a motorcyclist. But let's be brutally honest here—none of us, if riding, is going to acknowledge someone who is trailering, are we? It's just not done.

Perhaps someday I will actually publish a pamphlet on the etiquette of motorcycle waving. Someone really needs to set down the rules, and I don't see why it shouldn't be me. ;)

What rules do you follow for waving to fellow riders?

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ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes 11:35 to 12:25**January 18, 2015****PRESIDENT KEN (SNOOZE) GERECKE**

State insurance meeting will be at Cape Coral on February 14, 2015. Ride to the capital will be on April 20, 2015. For Daytona Bike Week, we might decide to stay at the VFW camp ground at New Smyrna Beach.

VICE PRESIDENT BILL (HAMISH) BLACK

Hamish would like to thank everyone for attending our monthly meeting and would also like to see more of our abate members attend the other bikers open houses to show our support.

SECRETARY DEBBIE KNELSON

Debbie will be helping organizing the Abate Annual Event.

TREASURER DEBBIE (FOXYBABE) WENGER

Debbie said our balance statement for December had increased. She also has additional drawing tickets that needed to be sold and hopes that our members will participate in selling of them.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS CARRY (RUNNER) SCHWARTZ

Cary will be organizing a dinner get together for our Abate members and their partners for a fun evening.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE CHARLIE BLACK Would like new ideas for designing our Abate Tee shirts for man and woman.

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 22, 2015

William Shatner to cross U.S. on Rivet, a custom steampunk motorcycle

In a move worthy of Captain Kirk himself, William Shatner has started a company to create custom futuristic steampunk motorcycles — and will ride his own machine from Chicago to Los Angeles later this year to promote the brand.

Shatner posted a link to the new company's website on his Facebook page.

"Excited about my partnership with American Wrench in forming Rivet Motors," the post reads. "This is the cycle of the future."



© rivetmotors.com William Shatner will ride Rivet, a custom steampunk motorcycle, across the U.S.

Rivet is described as "a machine as distinguished and iconic as the man himself."

A video of Shatner in consultation with the designers at bike company American Wrench, shows the Canadian actor creating more than a few design challenges for the team, insisting the bike should seat two, and have a full canopy.

In a scene worthy of the TV show *The Office*, the designers express disbelief as the chief designer intones regretfully, "I committed to the canopy."

The whole idea for Rivet apparently came about by chance, after someone from American Wrench met Shatner in an autograph line and suggested the actor, who is a well-known motorcycle aficionado, have a bike custom built.

A week later, Shatner was having lunch with Kevin Sirotek, vice-president of parent company Illinois Autograph Electric, and the concept was cemented.

"Being able to start a business with Bill on that is pretty cool," Sirotek told *Motor Trend*.

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NIGHTLY NEWS The film "Sit, Stay, Ride" tells the story of 18 motorcycle riders and their dogs, most of them rescues, and why they're "a match made in heaven." Published January 22nd 2015, 6:56 pm
<http://www.nbcnews.com/watch/nightly-news/why-some-dogs-are-riding-shotgun-in-motorcycle-sidecars-387917379877>

Also covered by Ural Motorcycles at <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/21994>

Across America, there are dogs of all breeds riding in the open air of motorcycle sidecars, whether on short trips around town or extended adventures on the highway. Sit Stay Ride: The Story of America's Sidecar Dogs is a delightful and inspiring documentary film about motorcyclists and their beloved canine co-pilots.

Entertaining and engaging, Sit Stay Ride follows a number of sidecar-riding duos, trios, and foursomes as they travel together— sharing the experience of being out and about on a machine as unique as it's passengers.

By focusing on the dynamic and sometimes eccentric individuals who travel with their dog in a sidecar, we explore the essential relationship between humans and canines; the extraordinary bond that exists between them and flourishes through shared experiences and adventures. Sit Stay Ride is a rollicking, upbeat film that introduces us to the interesting personalities and heartwarming relationships that exist on the highways and byways of America through a series of insightful interviews, stunning visuals, and intimate portraits of dogs doing what they love best (living life to the fullest).



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

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March 6-8, 2015
Lake County Fairgrounds
Eustis, Florida

VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE SHOW

**DESTINATION
EUSTIS**

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

ON-LINE Registration Begins November 15, 2014

<https://www.regonline.com/2015DestinationEustis>

The Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club will host the 2015 Vintage Motorcycle Show "DESTINATION EUSTIS". The show will take place on March 7th at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Eustis Florida. It will include all motorcycle manufacturers. The bike classes will be grouped according to manufacture and further subdivided into logical sub-classes. The definition of vintage motorcycles for this show will be defined as those bikes who are 20 years or older. The show will take place inside the fairgrounds 15,000 SF main exhibit hall just inside the main gate. The judging will be a people's choice in lieu of a predetermined point based system. The idea is to have a fun show with increased spectator involvement with the event. More details of the show will be released momentarily. In the meantime - "Save the Date March 7, 2014".



DeLand Bike Rally



Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting VFW POST 4143

Fourth SUNDAY February 22, 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.