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April 11**

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WHO WE ARE

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

OUR GOALS

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

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

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

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

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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, we survived another bike week! First I would like to thank all those who stayed with us at the V.F.W. in New Smyrna Beach. Although it wasn't what we were used to we still managed to have a great time.

Its April time to get ready for Leesburg Bikefest! I hope that all our members that are planning on going to Leesburg this year will choose to stay with their chapter at the ABATE Lake Chapter camp ground and not in a hotel or some other campground. This location has it all – The Eagles Aerie for good food and drink, outdoor stage and vendors yet only 6 miles from downtown. (see flyer on cover). I myself always stay at the ABATE campground for two reasons, #1 to support ABATE of Florida! This is very important as you know ABATE of Florida is struggling financially and really needs your support more than ever this year. Lake County has been a big financial support of the State. So if you go, please stay with your chapter and ABATE of Florida. . #2 Reason to stay with your chapter in Leesburg.... We always have a great time!!!

Hope to see everyone at the best place to stay in Leesburg and the most fun.

As always ride safe, ride smart !

SNOOZE

Vice President's Message **Bill "Hamish" Black**

For April, we will have a busy Month. We have the ride to the Capital and then the week after to Leesburg on the 24th thru 26th.

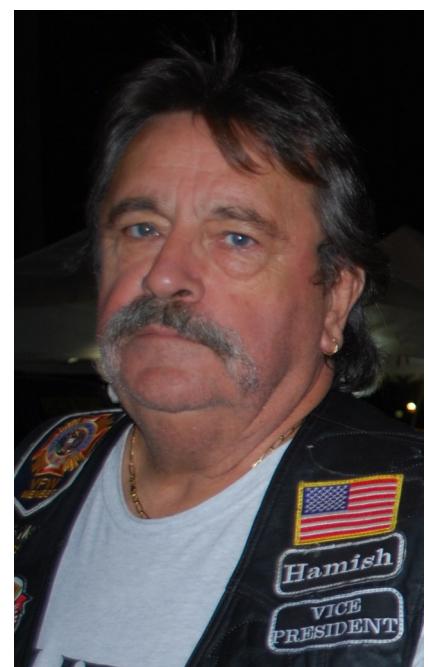
There are some things that I need to talk about. First, we will need a Safety Officer to fill in for Tippy when he and his better half are up north. Second thing is, we will also need a new Products Officer in the near future. My wife "Charlie" has been transferred to Chicago for her Union. So she will be gone,!!! We need these two Officers URGENT. If any member would like to help out, it would be really helpful.

In October, we have our State Event at "Avon Park" on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th. We need as many people to help and make it a success. Kenny and I will be going up early to help set up. Anybody that wants to join us are welcome. Just let us know. Thank you.

We had a great time at Daytona Bike Week. The VFW 4250 Post in New Smyrna Beach is a Biker friendly place to go. Great breakfasts, hot showers. Etc.

Don't forget.....The April Chapter Meeting is on Saturday the 11th.1130am. Bod meeting at 10am.

That's all for now. Ride safe and respect to all on the road. Hamish.



UPCOMING Event Schedule

APRIL 5 CMA EASTER SERVICE MIAMI

APRIL 11 SATURDAY ABATE PBC CHAPTER MEETING

V.F.W. Post 4143 located at 2404 Broadway, Riviera Beach 561-844-5718. From I 95 exit Blue Heron Blvd. go east to Broadway (Federal Hwy., US- 1) turn right, go south 1 block the V.F.W. is on the east side. Look for the flag.

APRIL 12TH PALM BEACH HARLEY CHILI COOK OFF

APRIL 12TH BLACK PISTONS ANNUAL

APRIL 18 OUTCAST M.C. ANNUAL

APRIL 19 STATES MC POMPANO ANNUAL

APRIL 19 ABATE of Florida Inc. State Meeting Monticello FL

APRIL 20 Tallahassee Freedom Rights Rally Ride to the Capital

APRIL 24-26 LEESBURG BIKEFEST. ABATE LAKE CAMPGROUND OPENS 23

APRIL 24-26 TATTOOMANIA WEST PALM BEACH CONVENTION CENTER

MAY 16TH U.S. MILITARY VETS ANNUAL

MAY 17TH ABATE Palm Beach CHAPTER MEETING

MAY 30 PALM BEACH ABATE CHAPTER DINNER

JUNE 21 ABATE PBC CHAPTER MEETING

JUNE 27 ABATE PBC ANNUAL

REMINDER: EVERY

Monday Night is MOB OF BROTHERS MC OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday Night is LONE LEGION MC OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday Night is STATES MC OPEN HOUSE

2ND & 4TH Thursday Night is BLACK PISTONS MC OPEN HOUSE

Friday Night is AOA OPEN HOUSE

Saturday Night is FLY-IN WHEELS MC WPB OPEN HOUSE

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Thank you for all the support of ABATE of Florida, Inc. and the Palm Beach Chapter.



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Annual Easter Biker Service

When:

Sunday, April 5th, 2015 @ 10 AM

Where:

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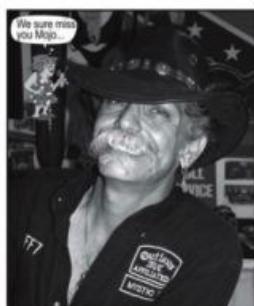
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AMA discredits Internet story involving motorcyclists

As you may have seen, there is a recent story circulating on the Internet about the federal government including all registered motorcyclists in a secret database.

After a thorough review by the American Motorcyclist Association of the article's sources and the named reporter, we want you to know that this story is not true. Rather, it is a fictional article first created by a satirical website and later picked up by other websites.

In particular:

- One of the most referenced websites appears to be the Washington Post's official website, but it is not affiliated in any way with the Post. Rather, the website URL includes a domain registered in the country of Colombia.
- A search of MSNBC's website turns up no original story or a Jeremy Lancaster as a reporter.
- Finally, a popular debunking website has already indicated the story is false.

FBI Admits All Registered Motorcycle Owners Are On Classified Gang List

MSNBC correspondent Jeremy Lancaster sat down with government official Darrin Cornia to discuss recent rumors that have been in circulation in regard to registered motorcycle owners being placed on a classified FBI gang list.

Darrin Cornia who currently holds a position within the National Security Branch of the government agreed to complete transparency prior to the interview with MSNBC's Jeremy Lancaster and did remain direct and seemingly forthright throughout his conversation with Lancaster.

After a few moments of introduction, Lancaster bluntly asked the following question, "Mr. Cornia, if I were to make the statement, all registered motorcycle owners are currently showing on a classified FBI gang list, would the statement be true or false?

Cornia responded by saying, "That would be a true statement, the FBI has been collecting and compiling Department of Motor Vehicles and Drivers License Division records for the purpose of adding those that own motorcycles to a classified gang list since 1994.

Lancaster asked Cornia to explain the reasoning behind the list which seems inappropriately broad, to Cornia answered the question with the following statement, "*It's nothing more than collecting and utilizing data. We may not like to admit it, but the truth of the matter is that those that own and operate motorcycles are 67% more likely to be involved in illegal or criminal activity than those that do not own or operate a motorcycle.*"

The National Security Official went on to explain, "It's the same as firearms, if local P.D or Highway Patrol were to pull someone over that is a registered firearm owner, that officer has the right to know this information going into the interaction, the same could be said about a local P.D or Highway Patrol Officer that pulled over a registered motorcycle owner, the situations are honestly interchangeable in the eyes of National and Homeland Security.

MSNBC correspondent Jeremy Lancaster asked Cornia if placing citizens on a gang list just because they are registered motorcycle owners is considered as profiling, Cornia responded to the question by saying, "as a nation do we complain when we add someone that has a Crips or Bloods tattoo to a gang list even though the individual swears up and down that they don't have gang affiliation? Again these are 2 situations that are interchangeable, we can't pick and choose."

Lancaster asked how individuals can find out if they are on this classified gang list to which Cornia responded, "Did you register a motorcycle or obtain a Class M license anytime between the year 1994 and 2015? If so, than you are on the list." The MSNBC correspondent concluded the interview by asking Cornia, "aside from potential profiling from law enforcement, are there potentially any additional consequences of being on this gang list?" Cornia responded by saying, "*the purpose of the list is to collect and utilize data, not to create consequences. Aside from notifying law enforcement that you are a registered motorcycle owner or operator, it can show up to potential employers on select background checks.*"

<http://washingtonpost.com.co/fbi-admits-all-registered-motorcycle-owners-are-on-classified-gang-list/>



**ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
GATOR ALLEY CHAPTER**

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Sunday, April 12, 2015

\$10.00 per hand

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Event ends: 5:00pm

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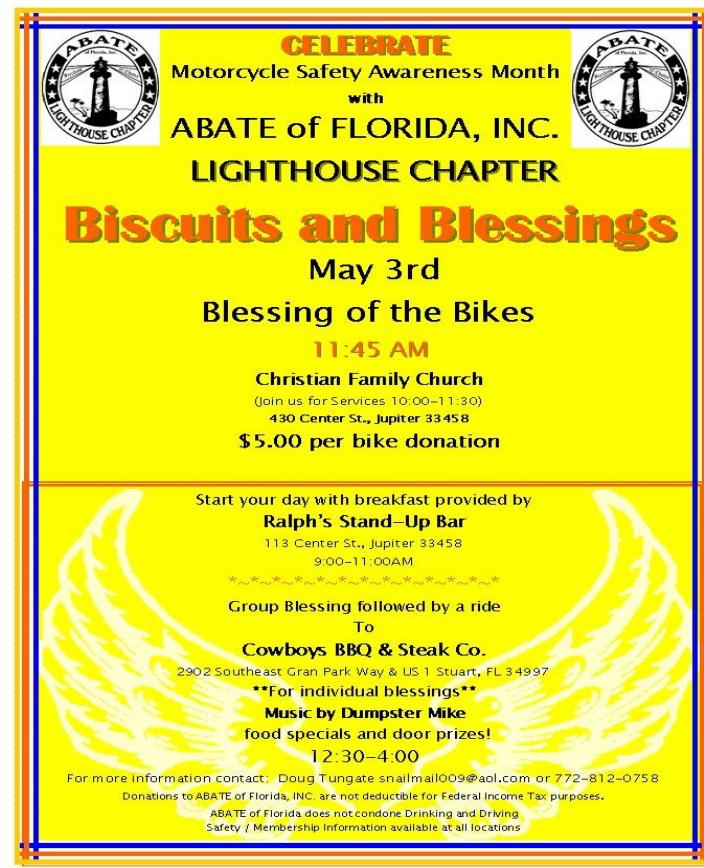
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Please RSVP to sgt-arms@abatepalmbeach.com if you are interested to see if possible. Then give him your number of attendees. We look forward to seeing you!

Cary "Runner" Schwartz



DELEGATE REPORT

**Ken "Snooze"
Gerecke**

Well, all I can say is wow its April already. You know what that means, yup it's time for our State meeting in Tallahassee. This is the big one our 20th Annual Freedom Rights Rally. Also it is the ride to the Capital on the 20th. This one is a favorite of mine. Debbie and I will again be representing our chapter in this event.

If you have never been to this, you might want to think about it. It is a great way to have your voice heard by your state legislators and so very important to our cause.

The 2015 legislative session is in full swing and I hear so far things are going fairly well for us up there so far. ABATE of Florida needs your help with gaining support for HB-231, the Vulnerable Road Users bill. Please send an e-mail message to Kathleen Passidomo of the Florida House of Representatives to let her know you support this very important bill.
 Kathleen.Passidomo@myfloridahouse.gov

Thank you
 As always ride safe ride smart

SNOOZE

STATE MEETINGS

2015 - Host Chapter - Location

April 19 Monticello Meeting / 20th Ride to Capital

June 13 Interstate

Aug. 8 Lake County

Oct. 10 Hillsborough Spooks n Scoots Brooksville

Dec. 12 Gator Alley



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20th ANNUAL FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY

April 19 - 20, 2015

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HB 231 passed the Criminal Justice Subcommittee today with an unanimous vote. That is two committees down and one more to go before going to the House floor. Thanks to all that emailed and called the committee members.

Now we have the Senate version starting it's trek in the Transportation Committee on Thursday March 26th. So ABATE needs your help to get SB 908 moving. I know that some of you may be getting tired of calling and emailing, but we can't stop now. We have so much momentum behind these Bills and we need to keep pushing. This is looking like it could be a big year for motorcyclist in Florida and a big year for ABATE of Florida, Inc. , So I ask you to please continue to be a part of what could be a historic year, something we have been working on for years is within our grasp.

Please contact all the members of the subcommittee below and urge them to support SB 908 when it comes before their Transportation committee on Thursday March 26th.

Transportation Committee

Chair – Sen. Jeff Brandes	Tally # (850) 487-5022	brandes.jeff.web@flsenate.gov
Vice Chair – Sen. Dwight Bullard	Tally # (850) 487-5039	bullard.dwight.web@flsenate.gov
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Sen. Geraldine Thompson	Tally # (850) 487-5012	thompson.geraldine.web@flsenate.gov

Below is an example of what you can write in your email... Feel free to copy and paste this to your emails.

Dear Sen. _____

I would like to ask for your support of SB 908 during Thursday's Transportation Committee meeting. ABATE of Florida, Inc. and myself would appreciate your help to save the lives of Florida's Vulnerable Road User's by voting YES on SB 908.

Thank you,

YOUR NAME,
ABATE of Florida, Inc.
YOUR CHAPTER NAME

Thanks again for your help...

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

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

1st Thurs Renegades
Bike Night
2nd & 4th Thurs Black
Pistons MC WPB Open
House
3rd Thurs H-D Palm Bch
Bike Nite 5-10PM
Thurs Dinner 6:30 States
MC Pompano Clubhouse

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
Sat FREE hot dogs soda's
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FOR CHANGES EMAIL:
INDIAN (WOM MC)
Indianwommc@yahoo.com
SFPC CHAIRMAN

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
 10 New Attitudes MC Annual
 11 SE ABATE Rights Rally
 25 Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party

NOVEMBER 2015

- 7 US Military Vets MC Chp 1 Annual
 8 CMA Memorial Event
 14 Heathens MC Annual

DECEMBER 2015

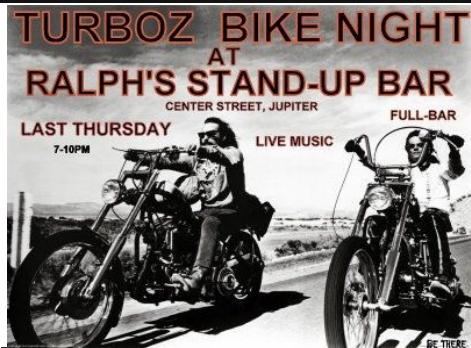
- 6 SFPC Toys in the Sun Run
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 19 SFLCOC Christmas Party
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United Bikers Council of Palm Beach Co. Events

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

ABATE of FL Inc. PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEETINGS

11:30 AM V.F.W. Post 4143 at 2404 Broadway, Riviera Beach 561-844-5718. From I 95 exit Blue Heron Blvd. go east to Broadway (Federal Hwy., US- 1) turn right, go south 1 block the V.F.W. is on the east side. Look for the flag.

2nd **SATURDAY** April 11

- 3rd Sunday May 17
 3rd Sunday June
 3rd Sunday July
 3rd Sunday August

April 2015

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

			1 Island Jack's Bike Night States LW MC Open House	2 Renegades Bike Night Dinner States MC Pompano	3 AOA WPB MC Open House Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House Pizza States MC Pompano	4 Fly-In Wheels MC WPB Open House
5 CMA Easter Service Miami	6 Mob of Brothers MC Open House	7 Lone Legion MC Open House	8 Island Jack's Bike Night States LW MC Open House	9 Black Pistons MC Open House Dinner States MC Pompano	10 AOA WPB MC Open House Pizza States MC Pompano	11 Palm Beach ABATE Chapter Meeting Fly-In Wheels MC WPB Open House Mystic Seven MC Party
12 Palm Beach Harley Chili Cook Off Black Pistons MC Annual	13 Mob of Brothers MC Open House	14 Lone Legion MC Open House	15 Island Jack's Bike Night States LW MC Open House	16 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night Dinner States MC Pompano	17 AOA WPB MC Open House Pizza States MC Pompano	18 Fly-In Wheels MC WPB Open House Outcast MC Party
19 ABATE of FL State Meeting States MC Pompano Annual	20 ABATE of FL Ride to the Capital Rally Mob of Brothers MC Open House	21 Lone Legion MC Open House	22 Island Jack's Bike Night States LW MC Open House	23 Black Pistons MC Open House Dinner States MC Pompano	24 Leesburg Bikefest TattooMania AOA WPB MC Open House Pizza States MC Pompano	25 Leesburg Bikefest TattooMania Fly-In Wheels MC WPB Open House
26 Leesburg Bikefest TattooMania Charlie Daniels at Destination Daytona	27 Mob of Brothers MC Open House	28 Lone Legion MC Open House USMVMC Open House @ Smoke Inn Bike Night	29 Island Jack's Bike Night States LW MC Open House	30 Black Pistons MC Open House Dinner States MC Pompano Turboz/Ralphs Bike Night	April 29 – May 3 Thunder Beach Spring Rally	

May 2015

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

						
3 Southern MC Annual ABATE Lighthouse Biscuits and Bike Blessings	4 Mob of Brothers MC Open House	5 Lone Legion MC Open House	6 Island Jack's Bike Night States LW MC Open House	7 <u>Brooksville Old</u> <u>Fashion Biker</u> <u>Rodeo</u> Renegades Bike Night Dinner States MC Pompano	8 <u>Brooksville Old</u> <u>Fashion Biker</u> <u>Rodeo</u> AOA WPB MC Open House Pizza States MC Pompano	9 <u>Brooksville Old</u> <u>Fashion Biker</u> <u>Rodeo</u> Fly-In Wheels MC WPB Open House
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2015 Indian Scout Recall

From the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration comes a recall for approximately 800 2015 Indian Scout Motorcycles that have potential problems with their rear brakes which could potential result in a loss of control for the brakes, increasing the risk of a crash. So far, no accidents have resulted from the component defect, but Indian is recalling the bikes in order to prevent any potential injury. Check out the claim below to see if your bike is affected.

Report Receipt Date: March 11, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V142000

Components: Service Brakes, Hydraulic

Manufacturer: Indian Motorcycle Company

SUMMARY:

Indian Motorcycle Company (Indian) is recalling certain model year 2015 Scout N15MSA00AA, N15MSA00AH, N15MSA00AR, N15MSA00AS, N15MSA00BA, N15MSA00BH, N15MSA00BS, N15MSA00CA, and N15MSA00CS motorcycles manufactured May 12, 2014, to February 13, 2015. Due to a problem with the rear brake master cylinder, the motorcycles may have a reduction in, or a complete loss of, rear brake power.

CONSEQUENCE:

A full or partial loss of rear braking power may lengthen the distance needed to slow or stop the motorcycle, increasing the risk of a crash.

REMEDY:

Indian will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and replace the rear brake master cylinder, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in March 2015. Owners may contact the Indian Motorcycle Consumer Service Department at 1-877-204-3697. Indian's number for this recall is I-15-01 A/B.

NOTES: Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

http://www.bikerhotline.com/pr/2015/15_IndianScoutRecall/



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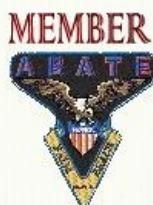
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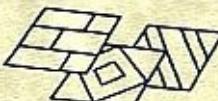
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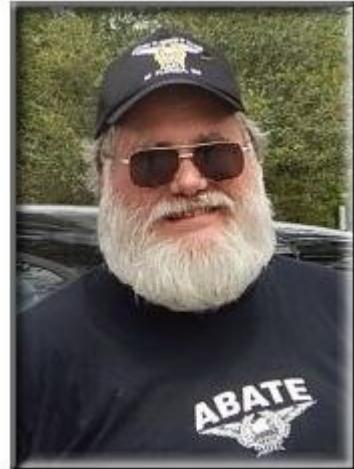
LEGISLATIVE REPORT

DAN “SLOW-MOTION” HENDERSON

3-19

SENATE READY TO PASS EVACUATION GUN MEASURE

The Senate, despite continued opposition from some Democrats, is one step closer to passing a National Rifle Association-supported measure that would allow more people to carry concealed weapons during emergency evacuations. The Senate on Wednesday took up the bill (SB 290) and prepared it for an expected vote Tuesday. The bill would allow legal gun owners to carry guns without concealed-weapons licenses during the first 48 hours after emergency evacuation orders are given. A similar proposal failed to get through the Senate last year. But it appears headed toward passage this year after the 48-hour time frame was added at the request of the Florida Sheriffs Association, which now supports the proposal. A number of Democrats who still oppose the measure noted Wednesday that the bill doesn't address issues such as what people without licenses must do with their weapons if they evacuate to shelters that prohibit guns. Another question focuses on whether people could continue to carry concealed weapons on their return home after an evacuation order is lifted. Bill sponsor Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, said the return-home issue could be addressed this year with an amendment to the bill. However, the shelter issue is more complicated, as many follow federal rules, and could require further legislation, he said. "That would apply to everyone whether they have a concealed weapons permit or don't have a concealed weapons permit," Brandes said after the Senate session. "This bill is really very narrowly tailored and shows the complexity of gun laws in Florida and why this provision was necessary." The support from state law enforcement is expected to help the bill pass this year. A similar bill (HB 493) by Rep. Heather Fitzenhagen, R-Fort Myers, has been approved by two committees and is ready to go to the full House.



CAMPUS GUNS MEASURE ONE VOTE AWAY FROM HOUSE FLOOR

Legislation that would allow Floridians with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns at state colleges and universities is one step away from the House floor after gaining bipartisan approval Wednesday from the Higher Education and Workforce Subcommittee on an 11-2 vote. The measure (HB 4005), which is opposed by higher education leaders and many student government associations but is backed by gun-rights advocates and some students, has spurred a heated battle during the 2015 legislative session. The subcommittee debate once again featured impassioned testimony on both sides. "If the presidents say no, if the police chiefs say no, and if the students have said in these resolutions that the (student) senates have passed across the state, why are we still discussing this bill?" asked Brandon Johnson, a freshman at Florida A&M University. But Rep. Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda, D-Tallahassee, supported the legislation by recalling her experience using a gun to defend herself from an attempted rape while she was in college. "I would vote for every woman to be able to have that tool, if they so desired, to have it as a strategy of their self-defense," said Rehwinkel Vasilinda, one of two Democrats to join the committee's nine Republicans in

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voting for the measure. The bill now goes to the Judiciary Committee.

FROM THE MRF.....

Congress Addresses Three-wheeled Vehicles March 19, 2015

Senator David Vitter (R-LA) introduced legislation that would create a new class of vehicle, reports the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. S. 685 would create a new class of vehicles known as autocycles, to accommodate a growing trend in vehicle design. An emerging vehicle style, three wheeled enclosed vehicles equipped with a steering wheel are growing in popularity. These types of vehicles have been lumped in with motorcycles and therefore tagged and registered as motorcycles. Clearly these vehicles are not motorcycles and they do need their own category. It is easy to see why the efficient, affordable transportation would catch on so quickly.

U.S. Senate file 685 would require the new class to meet both motorcycle safety standards as well as passenger vehicle standards in vehicles weighing less than 10,000 pounds. These standards include seating systems, belted occupant protection, child restraints, roof crush resistance, and flammability protections.

There are many new three-wheeled vehicles coming into the marketplace. Some examples are the Polaris Slingshot and Toyota i-Road (built by Elio Motors). Elio is based out of Senator Vitter's home state of Louisiana. Senator Vitter is the Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

It remains to be seen whether this is the answer to this growing vehicle class, but with numbers climbing something is going to have to happen with government vehicle classes. According to the Elio webpage over 40,000 of the enclosed three-wheeled vehicles have been reserved.

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EMERGENCY GUN BILL TO GET SECOND SHOT IN SENATE

After a similar measure died on the Senate floor nearly a year ago, the odds continued to improve Thursday for an NRA-supported measure that would allow more people to carry concealed weapons during emergency evacuations. The Senate Rules Committee voted 8-2 to back the reloaded measure (SB 290), which would allow legal gun owners to carry guns without concealed-weapons licenses during the first 48 hours after emergency evacuation orders are given. The vote, which included support from three senators who questioned last year's proposal, was the final committee stop before the bill goes to the entire Senate. "I think we'll be fine," said Sen. Jeff Brandes, a St. Petersburg Republican who made an impassioned but futile effort in the waning days of the 2014 session to advance a similar measure. Last year's bill didn't include the 48-hour evacuation time frame or other new language. The changes were made at the request of the Florida Sheriffs Association, which now supports the proposal. Sen. Jack Latvala, R-Clearwater, noted that the current proposal "sounds suspiciously like the amendment I offered, Sen. Darren Soto and I offered, on the floor" in 2014.

HOUSE PANEL OKS GUNS IN SCHOOLS

A measure that would allow school employees and volunteers to carry guns on campus was approved by a House panel Wednesday as lawmakers continue to discuss the meeting place between firearms and education. The legislation (HB 19) received the backing of the House K-12 Subcommittee on a bipartisan, 10-1 vote. But one lawmaker who supported the bill voiced concern about the measure. Under the bill, sponsored by Rep. Greg Steube, R-Sarasota, school superintendents could allow designated people to carry weapons on campus. Those people could be current or former law enforcement officers or current or former members of the military. They would have to pass background checks, take school-safety courses and have concealed-weapons licenses. Republicans highlighted the fact that the ultimate choice on allowing weapons at schools would lie with local officials. Supporters contend that allowing designated people to carry guns on campus could improve school safety. "It's completely up to the district and the superintendent whether they want to do it and how they want to implement it in working with their local law enforcement agencies," Steube said.

HOUSE LOOKS AT REVAMPING RED-LIGHT CAMERAS

Despite opposition from local governments, a House panel Wednesday approved a plan that would revamp the state's

red-light camera law --- including giving a pass to motorists who turn right on red without stopping. The plan (PCB HWSS 15-05) would bar the use of cameras to cite drivers for improperly turning right on red. Also, it would require that local governments use money from red-light camera violations to bolster public safety, rather than spending it on other priorities. "This program was instituted with the idea of increasing public safety, so I think that if we have a program that was created to enhance public safety, then the funds that are retained from the program should go just toward that," said Rep. Bryan Avila, a Hialeah Republican who is helping lead efforts to pass the bill. The House Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee voted 12-1 to approve the bill, with only Rep. Richard Stark, D-Weston, opposed. But the measure drew objections from the Florida League of Cities and the Florida Association of Counties. "We think more questions come up than answers," said Casey Cook, a lobbyist for the league of cities. Amy Mercer, executive director of the Florida Police Chiefs Association, said the proposal could be confusing to drivers. "Right now, in statute it is against the law to make a right-hand turn without stopping at a red light camera," Mercer said. "Now, they are saying it will be OK at red light camera-monitored intersections. So, it is quite confusing." Avila said police officers would still be able to pull over motorists for right-on-red violations. But with the cameras, he said lawmakers are focused on helping prevent high-speed collisions, rather than citing people for improperly turning right on red.

HB 231 passed successfully out of its first committee! Doc was there and was able to speak in support of the Bill very successfully. I want to thank all of you for calling, emailing and spreading the word to your Chapter members. We will have more of these committees to push through and we will need your help each time. So keep telling your members that we will need them again at a moment's notice. Think of all of us as modern day Minute Men (and Women)... We need all of our voices to make ABATE of Florida, Inc. a powerful legislative force.

LAWMAKERS LOOK TO END SPEED TRAPS

For at least two decades, drivers found out the hard way where Waldo is. Nestled along U.S. 301, the small North Florida city of Waldo became famous as a speed trap --- so much that the AAA auto club warned motorists about the potentially expensive perils of failing to tap the brakes while passing through. The Waldo police department disbanded last year, at least in part because officers disclosed they had been placed under a ticket quota. Now, lawmakers are speeding toward ensuring other cities or counties don't dictate how many tickets officers should write. The Senate Fiscal Policy Committee on Thursday unanimously approved a bill (SB 264) that would make clear local law-enforcement agencies cannot use ticket quotas. Also, the bill would require individual local governments to submit reports to the Legislature if traffic-ticket revenues cover more than 33 percent of the costs of operating their police departments. Bill sponsor Rob Bradley, a Fleming Island Republican whose district includes Waldo, said the public should be aware if money from traffic tickets plays a large role in supporting law-enforcement agencies. "This is a fantastic bill," said Sen. Jeff Clemens, D-Lake Worth. "It's about transparency in government." The bill is now ready to go to the full Senate. A similar House bill (HB 421), filed by Rep. Ray Rodrigues, R-Estero, was approved Wednesday by the House Highway and Waterway Safety Subcommittee.

SHERIFFS' SUPPORT GIVES BOOST TO EVACUATION GUN BILL

A National Rifle Association-supported measure that failed to win legislative approval a year ago appears to have a clear shot of advancing now that it has the backing of the Florida Sheriffs Association. House and Senate committees Wednesday approved similar bills (SB 290 and HB 493) that would allow legal gun owners to carry their guns without concealed-weapons licenses during the first 48 hours after emergency evacuation orders are given. A version of the proposal, which didn't include the evacuation time frame or other new language, died in the Senate last year amid a contentious debate. Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, representing the Florida Sheriffs Association, said Wednesday his organization has altered its stance due to the new provisions. Along with the 48-hour time frame, the new version allows people to carry concealed weapons without licenses as long as they are "in the act of evacuating," regardless of their locations. Last year "it didn't provide enough parameters, enough definitive information as to what somebody could be doing and not doing in a time frame," Gualtieri said. In addition to the 48-hour window for people to carry weapons while they get away from evacuation zones once an order is given, the bill would allow the governor to extend such an order by an additional 48 hours.

I am happy to report that the ABATE of Florida, Inc. supported Bill by Sen. Greg Evers has been filed.

SB 1376 - Traffic Offenses General Bill by Evers

Traffic Offenses: Providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring that the person pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course, etc. Effective Date:

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2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY LIKELY TO BE MARCH 15

It's probably safe to start planning for a March 15 presidential primary in Florida. With virtually no discussion, the House Rules, Calendar and Ethics Committee on Monday unanimously approved a measure (PCB RCEC 15-05) backing up the date of the 2016 primary by two weeks. The committee took less than two minutes to hear and vote on the proposal, which would clear the way for all of the state's Republican delegates to be awarded to the winner of the GOP presidential primary. Under current law, the state's primaries are set for the first Tuesday allowed under party rules; in 2016, that would be March 1. The new legislation would move that to the third Tuesday of March, or the 15th next year. The Senate Ethics and Elections Committee is set to hear a similar bill (SPB 7036) on Tuesday. The Republican National Committee's rules for party primaries call for states who vote before March 15 in 2016 to allocate their delegates proportionally. States that wait until that date can award all of their delegates to the winning candidate --- a treasure trove in a large state like Florida that could particularly come in handy for former Gov. Jeb Bush or U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, both of whom are considering bids for the White House. The Republican Party of Florida would ultimately choose whether to go with a winner-take-all system or award delegates proportionally.

BILL WOULD BLOCK RELEASE OF EMAIL ADDRESSES

A Senate proposal filed Monday would prevent the release of motorists' email addresses collected by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. The bill (SPB 7040), filed by the Senate Transportation Committee, would create a public-records exemption for email addresses collected by the department as it conducts business involving vehicle records and driver licenses. The bill said the use of motorists' email addresses in conducting such business has "significantly increased since 1994" and pointed to concerns about issues such as identity theft. "Under current law, the electronic mail addresses collected by the department are public records and can be obtained by anyone for any purpose," the bill says. "However, such electronic mail addresses are unique to the individual and, when combined with other personal identifying information, can be used for identity theft, consumer scams, unwanted solicitations, or other invasive contacts. The public availability of personal electronic mail addresses puts department customers at increased risk of these activities. This risk may be significantly limited by permitting the department to keep customer electronic mail addresses confidential."

JUSTICES SAY KNOWLEDGE KEY IN HIT-AND-RUN CASES

The Florida Supreme Court on Thursday unanimously ruled that motorists must have "actual knowledge" of crashes to be found guilty in hit-and-run cases. The ruling stemmed from a Palm Beach County case in which motorist Zachariah Dorsett hit a teen who fell in the road while riding a skateboard. Dorsett, who was driving a heavy pickup truck, was stopped by police about three miles from the accident and was later charged with leaving the scene of a crash involving an injury. Dorsett said he didn't know he hit the teen, arguing that his windows were rolled up, his air conditioner and windshield wipers were on and that a radio was playing at full volume, according to the Supreme Court opinion. A circuit-court jury found Dorsett guilty, and he was subsequently sentenced to two years in prison. But the 4th District Court of Appeal reversed the conviction, after Dorsett's attorney argued that jurors should have been instructed that state law requires "actual knowledge of the accident." The Supreme Court, in a 13-page opinion written by Justice Charles Canady, agreed with the appeals court. "Although (the section of state law) does not expressly state that actual knowledge is required for a violation, the law does expressly provide that a felony criminal violation requires that the driver 'willfully' violate the statute," the opinion said. "For the reasons we explain, we conclude that a willful violation can be established only if the driver had actual knowledge that a crash occurred."



Senate bill would strengthen privacy rights for motorcyclists

Urge your senators to support!

On March 17, U.S. Sens. John Hoeven (R-N.D.) and Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) introduced S. 766, the Driver Privacy Act. The bill would codify that information collected by an event data recorder – commonly referred to as a black box – would be the legal property of the owner or lessee of a passenger motor vehicle.

The American Motorcyclist Association supports clarifying who owns the data collected in black boxes. This issue needs to be resolved, because, as Sen. Hoeven said on the floor of the U.S. Senate: "There are more than 45 different data points that are in fact recorded right now. Again, the manufacturer can change this – add to it. There are no limitations or restrictions or guidelines or requirements on what manufacturers can have the event data recorder do."

While event data recorders are not currently required for motorcycles, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has proposed that all passenger cars, multipurpose passenger vehicles, trucks and buses be equipped with a black box. The AMA believes it is only a matter of time before this proposed rule extends to motorcycles.

The AMA protects motorcyclists' freedom to ride, and we support this bipartisan bill. If you are worried that the government, your insurer or marketing companies will have access to this data without your permission, then you — the motorcyclist — should urge your senators to support the Driver Privacy Act. Just follow the "Take Action" option to send a pre-written email directly to your senators.

Thousands of riders like you join the AMA to unite for a common goal – to protect our freedom to ride. As an AMA member, you will stand with hundreds of thousands of advocates nationwide fighting anti-motorcycling forces that threaten our right to ride and race. That's why the AMA is where you belong. Visit www.AMAJoin.com or call (800) AMA-JOIN today. Please follow the AMA on Twitter @AMA_Rights and like us on Facebook.s

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Florida Legislature begins 2015 Session with Introduction of Motorcycle Friendly Bills

The Florida Legislature started its 2015 session this week with the introduction of 10 bills aimed at distracted driving and two pieces of right-of-way legislation designed to protect vulnerable road users.

S.B. 908, introduced by Sen. Thad Altman (R-Cape Canaveral), would require all motorists, when passing vulnerable road users, provide a distance of at least 3 feet between the vehicle and the vulnerable road user. It also would require all accident reports to include information in the official report if a right-of-way violation led to a crash between a motorist and a vulnerable road user.

Under S.B. 908, if a motorist caused bodily injury to a vulnerable road user, the motorist would be required to pay a fine of up to \$2,000 and would face a suspension of driving privileges for six months.

S.B. 1376, introduced by Sen. Greg Evers (R-Pensacola), would require that any motorist who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to a vulnerable user be required to pay at least a \$1,500 fine, serve a minimum of 30 days of house arrest and attend a driver improvement course.

A vulnerable road user is defined under Florida law s. 316.027 as:

A pedestrian, including a person actually engaged in work upon a highway, or in work upon utility facilities along a highway, or engaged in the provision of emergency services within the right-of-way;

A person operating a bicycle, **motorcycle**, scooter, or moped lawfully on the roadway;

A person riding an animal; or

A person lawfully operating on a public right-of-way, crosswalk, or shoulder of the roadway:

a. A farm tractor or similar vehicle designed primarily for farm use;

b. A skateboard, roller skates, or in-line skates;

c. A horse-drawn carriage;

d. An electric personal assistive mobility device; or

e. A wheelchair.

DISTRACTED DRIVING

Additionally, legislators in Florida have introduced ten bills to reduce distracted driving. H.B. 1, H.B. 9, H.B. 17, H.B. 191, H.B. 1313, S.B. 192, S.B. 246, S.B. 270, S.B. 492 and S.B. 1022 would all limit cellphone use by drivers. “With nearly 80 percent of crashes involving some form of distraction, the AMA supports legislation that provides an incentive for motor vehicle operators to focus their attention on driving,” said Wayne Allard, AMA vice president of government relations. “The text any driver wants to send is not worth hurting a motorcyclist.”

For more information on the bills please visit the [AMA's Florida state legislative page](#).

Please visit the [AMA's distracted driving position statement](#) for more information on the topic.

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Protect your privacy from event data recorders Urge your representative to support federal legislation!

U.S. Reps. Mike Capuano (D-Mass.) and Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) plan to introduce the Black Box Privacy Protection Act in the coming weeks. The bill would protect motorcyclists' rights by requiring manufacturers to prominently disclose to consumers whether an event data recorder, commonly known as a black box, is installed in their motorcycles.

The data collection capabilities of such a device and how such data may be used is of concern to the American Motorcyclist Association. The bill would clarify that the owner of the motorcycle owns the data and that the data may not be accessed without the permission of the owner.

Furthermore, this bill would require that manufacturers provide consumers with the option of controlling the recording function in automobiles or motorcycles that are equipped with black boxes. In other words, the vehicle owners could turn the black box on or off.

Currently, there is no federal law that clarifies the rights of vehicle owners to control their recorded data.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that will require black boxes in all cars when they are manufactured. The agency has yet to issue a final rule. The NHTSA already has disclosure requirements, but the Black Box Privacy Protection Act would make the disclosure more prominent and give consumers even greater choice and stronger privacy protections.

The AMA protects motorcyclists' freedom to ride, and we support this bipartisan bill. If you are worried that your insurer will use data from a black box to increase your rates or have the ability to record data that can be used against you in a civil or criminal proceeding, then you — the motorcyclist — should urge your representative to support the Black Box Privacy Protection Act.

'DataDots' help recover stolen motorcycles during Bike Week

By Saul Saenz, Volusia County Reporter Last Updated: Friday, March 06, 2015, 8:30 PM

DAYTONA BEACH -- There's a new, high-tech tool to battle thieves this Bike Week and help owners and law enforcement recover stolen motorcycles. For many motorcyclists in Central Florida for Bike Week, one of their greatest fears after parking their expensive bike is having it stolen.

"I have a bike that can easily be dragged onto a pickup truck or a flatbed, so it doesn't take much to steal a motorcycle," said Pete Peregamo, of Orlando. "My Bike Week, if it was stolen, it would ruin it."

Peregamo said he knows what many bikers attending Bike Week know: Many motorcycles are stolen during the 10-day event.

It's been such a problem in years past, that the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, Daytona Beach police and other agencies have formed a task force aimed at preventing bike thefts and recover stolen motorcycles.

Lt. Jim Morgan, who leads the task force, says 23 bikes were stolen and only 12 were recovered in 2013.

In 2014, 11 bikes were stolen during Bike Week, but 33 bikes stolen nationwide were recovered last year.

Like other bikers, Robert Echard, visiting Daytona Beach from Pennsylvania, parks his bike during the event and walks away, hoping for the best.

His worst nightmare? "That I come back and there'd be an empty space," he said.

Harley-Davidson is the bike brand of preference for thieves, and that company is now using a high-tech approach called DataDot Technology.

Each glitter-sized DataDot contains all the motorcycle's information, which is linked to a nationwide database. Many of them are attached to the frame of the motorcycle.

"Or to certain specific parts of the motorcycle," added Shelly Rossmeyer Pepe, daughter of the late Bruce Rossmeyer, founder of the world's largest Harley-Davidson dealership in Daytona Beach. "It's like a liquid dot system that is put on, and if the bike is recovered, they can scan and find the motorcycle."

Officials say the best way to make sure your bike is not stolen is to keep it in your line of sight at all times during Bike Week.

http://www.mynews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/news/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2015/3/6/bike_week_thefts.html

Forget playing Polo on a horse, play it on a motorcycle

CHARLES BOMBARDIER

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The Concept

The Motopollo is a specially designed electric motocross-style motorcycle designed for playing Polo. Riders will be able to control their bikes with one hand and score by driving a small ball into the opposing team's goal using a long-handled mallet.

The Background

Polo has been around since the sixth century and is traditionally played on horseback - one hand on the reins and the other holding a mallet. But what if there was a motorcycle that could be controlled with a single hand? It's an odd question, but once it was posed the next question was, "Why not?" There are plenty of applications for a motorcycle that can be controlled with one hand, even if motorized polo is not one of them.

How it works

The Motopollo is built like an endurance or trial bike. It needs to be agile enough to manoeuvre at low speed and accelerate rapidly. I opted for an electric power pack because it is odourless on the field and creates no exhaust fumes. The other upside is the instant torque provided by electric motors, which would come in handy when a player needs to bolt to the end of the field rapidly.

Finally there would be almost no noise coming from the Motopollo other than the sounds coming from the chain or belt drive and the friction of the tires on the turf. This means players will easily be able to communicate to each other and the crowd will be able to hear them.

Of course pilots will be able to control their bikes with one hand. The accelerator could either be fitted on the handlebar or on one of the two foot pegs, the preference being determined after product testing. The controls need to be precise and easy to use, with power steering to further reduce the force needed to turn the front wheel. It would also be necessary for the system to be ambidextrous, allowing players to alternate between one side and the other depending on the approach they are making. The goal would be absolute control with one hand, and complete freedom with the other.

What it's used for

The Motopollo was first designed to play a motorized version of polo, but that does not place a limit on this versatile little motorcycle. Applications can include any task where the rider would only have one hand available, from a paper boy and a surveyor painting markings of the roadways, to an amputee, the Motopollo is designed for ease of use in a safe and ecofriendly package.

The Designer

I would like to thank Boris Schwarzer, who created the renderings of the Motopollo and contributed to the whole concept. He is based in Michigan and went to the College of Creative Studies. He also created the images for the Spike, the Daredevil and the Kübe.

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Making customized motorcycle engines becomes ‘labor of love’

Twenty years ago, Aniket Vardhan fell in love at first sound.

As a college student in his native Delhi, India, he spotted a Harley-Davidson motorcycle parked on a street. At the time, with bikes in India mostly mopeds or very small motorcycles, spotting a Harley, he said, was akin to “seeing an alien from another planet.”

Transfixed, Vardhan waited for the owner to return to the bike.

“It made this ‘dub-dub, dub-dub, dub-dub’ sound, and I’m just standing there with my tongue hanging out,” he said. “The sound really is like a human heartbeat. It was a very visceral thing.”

The experience proved transformative.

“I thought: ‘I want to have that sound for myself. I want it to be there when I want to hear it — when I’m feeling

down and I want to be cheered up.’ ”

Although he didn’t know better then, he learned that the distinctive sound is made by a V-Twin engine — a two-cylinder motor in which the cylinders form a “V” shape. So, these days, the 40-year-old Vardhan spends long hours sweating and fretting in an East Side machine shop, hoping to make a living from selling an engine he designed and created — one he calls the Musket V-Twin.

His engine is designed for smaller, lighter motorcycles, which usually contain single-cylinder engines.

People familiar with his work call

Vardhan a “genius” who taught himself machining and metallurgy — and, in the niche of custom-built motorcycles, a “rock star.”

“As far as I know, nobody else is doing anything close to this,” said David Gregory, editor of the motorcycle magazine *The Horse*.

Vardhan didn’t foresee doing it, either.

The work became the logical evolution of his desire to pursue that “dub-dub” sound — a passion that lured him to the United States in 1999 to attend graduate school.

“This is the land where you can make anything you want — pretty much the place which defines ‘Do it yourself,’ ” he said. “There’s nothing like that in India. People don’t have their own tools at home, because they don’t have room.”

“But you come here and see, ‘Wow, I can walk into a place like Lowe’s and get any power tool I want, and it’s affordable.’ ”

Vardhan earned a master’s degree in industrial design in 2001 from the Rochester (N.Y.) Institute of Technology and was hired the next year as an assistant professor of industrial design at the Columbus College of Art & Design.

In 2003, he went back to India for a visit and returned to Columbus with a motorcycle engine in his suitcase — a single-cylinder model from a British-made Royal Enfield motorcycle, which he took apart and studied.

Years of tinkering and designing on computers allowed him to create wooden molds that could be taken to a foundry and used to make an aluminum-alloy engine.

He took a leap in 2008 by leaving his job at CCAD.

Through one of his students, Vardhan had met the owner of the Boggs & Associates machine shop.

Steve Boggs offered the use of his space and equipment in exchange for part-time hours from Vardhan.

“It’s only me, so I can live on ramen noodles and bread and water,” the single Vardhan said. “This is a labor of love. I had to make this (engine) no matter what, or otherwise I wouldn’t be happy.”

Vardhan, Boggs said, “is smarter than anybody here, including me. In no time, he taught himself how to do all the machining.”

As with the day 20 years ago in Delhi, Vardhan remembers the moment in January 2009 when he first tried to start the Musket V-Twin engine.



It was 1:30 in the morning, and, when I fired it up and got it running, I went nuts,” he said. “I thought: ‘My God, it runs! It sounds great. It sounds like a heart — what I’ve been dreaming of.’”

He posted videos on YouTube and drew an enthusiastic response, which inspired him to produce seven engines, create a website (www.musketvtwin.com) and try to attract business. He advertises an engine kit for \$5,990 to \$6,990 — one that hobbyists install themselves. Or he installs an engine for \$12,750 to \$13,750.

His first customer was Sandy Roca of Worcester, Mass., a retired magazine journalist.

Roca shipped an old Royal Enfield bike to Vardhan, who installed a Musket V-Twin and returned it to Roca in July.

“It’s a rare and marvelous creation,” Roca said. “I call Aniket a genius because he’s a mold-maker, a machinist, an assembler; he’s all these things.”

Vardhan is finishing an engine for his second customer, a builder of custom motorcycles in the Los Angeles area, and seeking to secure a third in Germany.

Each engine takes one to three months to build.

To make a living, Vardhan figures, he needs about a dozen customers a year.

“The jury is still out whether I can go on and do this as a job or just something on the side,” he said. “But I’m doing this because I wanted to do it. And at the end of the day, I’m still happy with the experience because I’ve done it.”

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Transcript of video

http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/life_and_entertainment/2015/03/10/1-vroom-with-a-view.html

Indian Motorcycles Adding Screens To Bikes. Really.

Indian Motorcycles is adding screens to its motorcycles, bringing new-age technology to the classic bikes, said Steve Menneto, vice president of motorcycles for Polaris Industries, at the Forbes Reinventing American conference on Thursday.

The screens would allow riders to see mileage counts, chart where they are going, check that their motorcycles don’t have any mechanical problems and control their music. “You’ve got to have loud music when you’re riding,” Menneto said with a smile. “But we don’t want you to have like 100 apps.”

Indian was America’s first motorcycle company. Founded in 1901, it was a long-time rival of Harley Davidson but went bankrupt in 1953. Several companies before Polaris made failed attempts to revive the Indian brand but ultimately failed. When Polaris unveiled its three new Indian models in 2013, the new bikes were a combination of classic style and new automotive technology, featuring keyless ignitions, power windshields and Thunderstroke 111 engines.

“It is a fine line of being stuck into your heritage and just trying to bring back a new vehicle,” Menneto said, adding that customers were demanding even more technology on the motorcycles.

“They want more of what they experience in the auto, on their motorcycle,” Menneto said. “They want the same technology but in a smaller space.”

Polaris is also looking to make electric motorcycles, after acquiring the electric motorcycle business of Brammo Inc. in January. “There is a high likelihood that Polaris will release an electric motorcycle this year,” Menneto said.

In another sign that Polaris is looking to the high-tech world to shape its future, Menneto said the company used 3D printers to make fenders and tanks when the company was doing focus groups for the motorcycles. “Manufacturing is not dark and dirty,” Menneto said. “It’s actually pretty bright.”

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<http://www.forbes.com/sites/danalexander/2015/03/12/indian-motorcycles-adding-screens-to-bikes-really/>

ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2015

23 Members and 2 Guest

Meeting brought to order at 11:35 by Vice President Bill (Harmish) and turned over to President Ken (Snooze) Gerecke with the pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of Silence.

President Ken (SNOOZE) Gerecke: Thank you all for coming to our monthly meeting. Debbie (Foxybabe) and I will be attending the state meeting on April 20, 2015. As for Leesburg Bike Weekend we will be staying at the Abate Camp Ground. Snooze discussed raising our membership and life time fees.

Vice President Bill (HAMISH) Black : Welcome new members that attended our meeting. Bill also would like to know if anybody is interested in been our new product person. Please let him know.

Secretary Debbie (TWO FEATHERS) Knelson : Minutes in last month's newsletter where accepted. Debbie will be helping organizing the Abate Annual Event. We have two alternative places to hold the event and will make a decision on the next meeting.

Treasurer Debbie (FOXYBABE) Wenger : For February our deposit had increased.

Membership Debbie (FOXYBABE) Wenger We had 262 new members for February.

Sergeant-At-Arms Cary (RUNNER) Schwartz : Cary would like to start organizing the dinner get together for our Abate members and their partner. The date for now will be May 30, 2015. It will be a fun night for our members to meet other members.

SAFTEY Julius (TIPPY): We need a part time safety officer as Tippy will be leaving us for the summer holidays. If anyone is interested , please let Snooze know.

LEGISLATIVE You can read the news form the State Legislative and AMA in this newsletter

DELEGATE Snooze and Foxybabe will be attending the April State meeting (third Sunday) and the Ride to the Capital Rally. There they will meet with the Palm Beach Legislators.

PRODUCTS : We have 3 bells left for sale. If anybody would like to buy, we will have it at our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS Our June event is considering a location, perhaps the Brass Monkey. Discussion on the possible raise of memberships resulted in wanting more information on the State/Chapter share and amounts. Feelings that raising yearly membership might hurt. Other ideas were suggested higher life memberships and discounted renewal if yearly raised.

NEW BUSINESS Need for new Products Trustee as Charlie Black job promotion will require more time in Chicago. NOTE: it should have been brought up with elections in June, nominations should be started next month.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 11, 2015

50/50/ drawing was held and the winner was Night Hawk which was given back to the Chapter.
Motion to adjourn at 12: 51 and seconded Meeting adjourned at 12: 51

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To all members of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

12/5/14

RE:American Income Life (AIL)

At NO time does ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. release your name, address or phone number. The only way AIL receives this information is from YOU.

When you send in the beneficiary card to AIL they keep it on file. They share this information with their agents so the agent may call on you to see if you desire additional information on insurance coverage or any of their other services.

The agents are allowed to phone you but not allowed to show up on your property without an appointment. If the agent is insistent that they have to give you a certificate and have you sign a paper saying you have coverage or to show that you are covered under our policy tell them "No thank you I am covered under a group policy and do not need the Certificate to be covered for Accidental Death or Dismemberment."

Over the many years we have done business with this company they have paid out several thousands of dollars to the families of deceased persons or persons that have suffered dismemberments.

If you do not wish to send in the beneficiary card to AIL so as not to give them your name, address and phone number please fill the card out and send it to the ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. State Office to keep on file. Please keep a copy with the rest of your important papers so if something happens to you, your representative knows to contact us to receive benefits entitled to you as long as you were a current member of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

WHY JOIN ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.?

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

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

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

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

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

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



Abate of Florida/Palm Beach Chapter

3/25/15 OUR CHAPTER
FACEBOOK STATS

	LAST WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	TREND
Total Page Likes	242	243	-0.4%
New Likes	2	2	0.0%
Weekly Total Reach	285	96	196.9%
People Engaged	15	6	150.0%



ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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

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

ABATE — Palm Beach Chapter

P.O. Box 32215

West Palm Beach, FL 33420-2215

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY Will Palm Beach Chapter be your HOME voting Chapter _____
NEW Member: Year _____ or Life _____ Renew: _____ Transfer: _____ Address Change: _____

First : _____ Last : _____ Road : _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip (full): _____ - _____ MC/Club/Org _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Text notification Yes No

Email for: Newsletters _____

Registered Voter? Yes No State House: _____ State Senate: _____ US Dist: _____

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

SIGNATURE _____

State newsletter the *MasterLink* every other month online at abateflorida.com/masterlink
Chapter newsletter *The Chrome Chronicles* is online at start of month in color with active
Links. If you do not have Internet printed copies can be gotten at the meeting or various
distribution points.

MEMBERSHIPS FEE \$ _____

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

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

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

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



Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting VFW POST 4143

SECOND SATURDAY April 11, 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.