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**NEXT
CHAPTER
MEETING
11:30 AM
Third
Sunday
May 17**

**CHECK TWICE
FOR MOTORCYCLES**

**LET THOSE WHO
RIDE
DECIDE!**

~~~~~ MAY IS MOTORCYCLE MONTH ~~~~~



**RICK SCOTT  
GOVERNOR**

**MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Florida's growing population makes motorcycle safety an important issue for all drivers; and

WHEREAS, the motorcycle is an important form of transportation for commuting, touring, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, more than a million drivers in Florida have a motorcycle endorsement on their driver license; and

WHEREAS, motorcycles can easily be hidden in traffic; therefore, it is important for motorists to search the traffic around them and always expect to see motorcycles; and

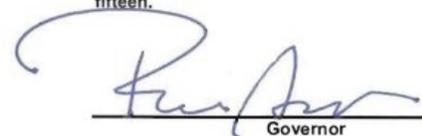
WHEREAS, to prevent injuries and deaths on Florida's roadways, motorcyclists and motorists must be vigilant in their efforts to share the road and ensure the safety of everyone;

WHEREAS, May 2015 is being commemorated as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of Florida do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2015 as *Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month*.



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Governor

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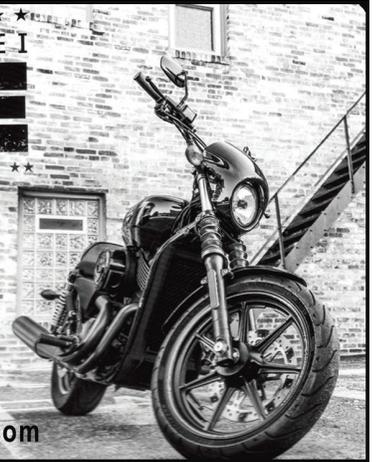
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# ABATE of Florida, Inc. Mission Statement

## WHO WE ARE

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

## OUR GOALS

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

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

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

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

## MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

As one can see we have our ear to the ground and our resolve tempered like steel. As Americans we have had it demonstrated to us time and again the vigilance is armor of free men and women. We shall not let the armor rust or weaken. With your support we can re-enforce and strengthen the armor for now and generations to come. What else do you get with your membership? All members receive with their paid membership, the *Masterlink* Newsletter, Membership Card, Event Discounts and Updates, Voting Privileges, Free *Masterlink* Classified Advertisements, a Chapter Newsletter, and a free \$4,000 Accidental Death or Dismemberment Insurance Policy from the American Income Life Insurance Company.

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

# President's Message

## Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

WoW, it's May already! You know what that means its motorcycle month once again. All those cagers get to be reminded to watch out for us as they ride up and down the highways.

Also our chapter meeting will be on May 17th at the V.F.W. Post 4143 in Rivera beach at 11:30 am. Please try to attend as nominations for positions on our board of directors have already started this will be your last chance to nominate someone for a position on the board. You can also nominate yourself if you are interested. So start thinking about who you would like to nominate in this year's elections.

Our numbers were down this year at Leesburg 520 people camped at the Lake Chapter campground. It was still a good time for all that were there. We did a lot of riding while we were there, through the Ocala National Forest. We even took in a mermaid show while we were there! Now that's not something you do every day. I myself really enjoyed the riding up there, the hills the country roads it was awesome. I am already looking forward to next year!

Also our next camping trip will be in October Avon Park autumn Bikefest. So start making your plans now!

I know I am beating a dead horse but please try to attend the clubs open houses when you can. Our presence is very important in the motorcycle community. By coming out you are not just supporting the club but you are also supporting your chapter in earning mutual respect in the community.



As always Ride Safe Ride Smart!!!

Just to let everyone know who bought tickets for the 2015 Bike Week drawing all of the winners were from the northern part of the state. First prize (\$7,000) went to Kenneth Koastor of Clay County; second prize (\$2,000) to Sosak Vorasan of St John's County and third prize (\$1,000) to Akilah Budolph also from St John's County.

Bars, SE Chapter President in May issue Wheels on the Road

## Vice President's Message **Bill Black**

Here we are in May, and the Snowbirds are almost gone. Less dangerous on the road. Well, we still have our homegrown local idiots.

We are in the Bahamas just now, so I'm typing this by the pool, sipping on a ice cold Kalik. Trying to get a tan.

Kenny and Debbie went up too Tally for the State meeting, then on to Leesburg. (Hope they had a good time)

We have the USMVMC Annual at Island Jacks on the 16th. Starts at noon, hope to see a good turnout. Then we have our monthly meeting on the 17th at 11.30. BOD meeting at 10.00. At the end of May, we have our Chapter Dinner at The Olive Garden in Green Acres. May 30th, it starts at 7pm. We hope to have a good turnout from our Chapter. Everybody welcome.

Not much else to say.....Just to remind you that we still need a Safety Officer to cover for Tippy. And, a new Products Trustee because Charlie (my wife) has to step down for work reasons.

That's all for now. Remember, ride safe and respect to all on the road. Hamish.



## UPCOMING Event Schedule

**MAY 6 PALM BEACH HARLEY LADIES D0-OVER**

**MAY 7 RENEGADES BIKE NIGHT**

**MAY 16TH U.S. MILITARY VETS ANNUAL**

**MAY 13 PALM BEACH HARLEY MOTORCYCLE BOOT CAMP**

**MAY 17th BREAKFAST AT STATES MC LAKE WORTH**

**MAY 17TH ABATE Palm Beach 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.

**MAY 17 NAM KNIGHTS MC ROCK N' ROLL SUNDAY** American German Club located on Lantana Road just west of Haverhill. Noon to 5pm

**MAY 21 PALM BEACH HARLEY BIKE NIGHT**

**May 23 Dual Party and Steak Dinner at Lone Legion Brotherhood** BB's Retirement and Danas Birthday Party! \$8 steak dinner, drink specials all night. Music provided by Knock Down. Starts at 6pm.

**MAY 24 SOUTHEAST ABATE MEMORIAL DAY EVENT** Elks Lodge 1898 in Pompano Noon to 5pm

**JUNE 7 NEW ATTITUDES MC PARTY**

**JUNE 15 NATIONAL RIDE TO WORK DAY**

**JUNE 21 PALM BEACH ABATE CHAPTER MEETING**

**JUNE 27 ABATE PBC ANNUAL** Brass Monkey Lake Worth Road just east of the Turnpike 5-10pm

### 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 OPEN HOUSE**

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

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May 6, 6-9pm

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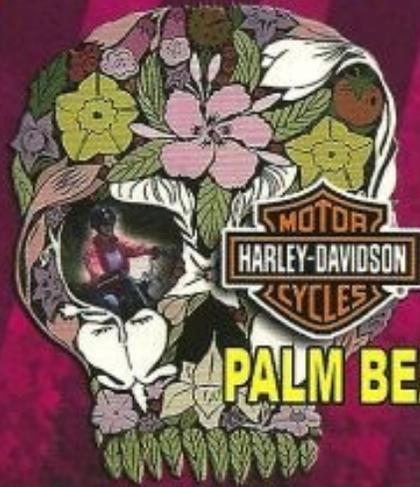
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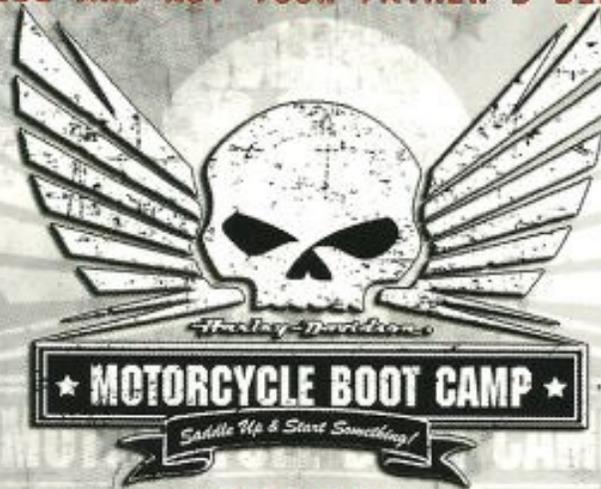
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# Harley recalls nearly 46,000 motorcycles

Associated Press - Harley-Davidson is recalling nearly 46,000 motorcycles in the U.S. because they could stay in gear due to clutches that won't fully disengage.

The recall covers certain Electra Glide, Ultra Limited, Police Electra Glide, Street Glide, Road Glide and Road King models from the 2014 and 2015 model years.

Harley says in documents that gas bubbles can cause the clutch master cylinder to lose its ability to fully disengage the clutch, especially if the bike has been parked for a long time. This could cause a rider to lose control of the motorcycle if it's started in gear.

The problem was found through customer complaints. Harley reported 27 crashes and four minor injuries. Dealers will flush the clutch and rebuild the master cylinder. The recall was to start April 23.

## "Look Twice, Save a Life," This Motorcycle Season

*Updated: Sun 11:58 PM, Apr 05, 2015*

It's a scene that still haunts Deb Ahl.

May 23rd, 2012, her husband, Jeff, was out for ride on his motorcycle. He was clipped by a car who pulled out in front of him. He was wearing a helmet, but he did not survive.

In an effort to try and find purpose in the loss that they've experienced, Deb and the kids have established the Jeff Ahl Memorial Foundation.

Deb adds, "So that others don't have to go through that same experience."

Deb says she knows her husband's death wasn't intentional, but she was it was 100% preventable.

She has started an outdoor campaign, called, "Look Twice. Save a Life." Deb says by taking the extra time to look for hard-to-see riders, a life can absolutely, be spared.

She says, "I understand how easy it is to forget that. I understand how easy it is to be caught up in our lives and what's happening and not think about that. That's why, for us, it's so important to just help people remember that. It's that simple. That one thing can save someone."

The campaign has become the theme at Jeff's annual memorial rides, which are held every May.

Sure, it's a message Deb says she wants us to keep in mind during May - Motorcycle Awareness Month, but she says, "As we know, folks get out on the road, on motorcycles, as soon as the weather's nice, and they ride throughout the Summer, so we'd like to keep that message out longer, as well."

The 3rd Annual Jeff Ahl Memorial Ride/Poker Run is coming up Saturday, May 16th. Registration, that day, takes place at Werener Cycle Works, beginning at 10 a.m.

Leslie "Cookie" Hoberman was sentenced to 24 months probation and 480 hours of community service in connection with the accident.

Hoberman plead guilty to a charge of misdemeanor motor vehicle homicide, for failing to yield the right of way. Hoberman also lost her driver's license for six months.

<http://www.wowt.com/home/headlines/Wife--Mother-Stresses-Look-Twice-Save-a-Life-This-Motorcycle-Season-298726181.html>

## BEWARE THE BEAMER

If you've been riding long enough, you probably already know this. People driving BMW's are more prone to road rage than anybody else. While we have always suspected this to be true, it has now been proven scientifically.



Here we see a BMW that deliberately crashed into a motorcycle. A few seconds earlier, the BMW had tried to cut in on the biker who was in the right lane. The biker beeped the horn and then sped up to get away from the BMW. Instead of simply pulling into the now clear lane, the BMW sped up and deliberately took out the biker. In this case, the biker wasn't seriously injured, but it doesn't usually work that way.

According to research done at the University of California, Berkeley, BMW's are the biggest jerks on the road - seriously. Oddly enough, Prius's are next in line. However, Priuses aren't usually as big of a problem for bikers because they don't usually have enough horsepower to be a serious threat to a biker. A BMW, on the other hand, does have a lot of horsepower.

Personally, I have never had a problem with someone

driving a Prius. They tend to be a little on the pokey side, but it's usually not a big problem to zip around them.

But BMW's are a different story. While there are a lot of people driving other cars that do stupid things by accident that cause bikers a lot of grief, in my experience, people driving BMW's are the ones most likely to do it on purpose.

Here is another typical BMW in Russia. The white BMW first strikes, then crushes the old man in the white shirt between the two cars. The driver of the BMW stops a few feet away, gets out to check for damage to his own vehicle, then speeds away leaving the old man

writhing in the street. Notice the biker in the background.



Out of all the people there, the only one that cared enough to stop and help the old man was a biker. Other people simply walked by ignoring the screams of the old man. Even an ambulance drove past without stopping. Russia isn't known for friendly drivers, but BMW drivers are the worst. Ruthless BMW drivers is a worldwide phenomenon.

Researcher Paul K. Piff studied the behavior of cars at both 4-way stop signs and also at pedestrian crosswalks. He found that people in BMW's were far more likely to blow past a pedestrian in a crosswalk than other cars. In addition, he found that at 4-way stops, BMW's and Priuses were the most likely to cheat and cut in front of other cars.

Piff further concluded in his study that the higher the social class, the more likely the person engages in unethical behavior. Upper-class individuals are more prone to unethical behavior, from violating traffic codes to stealing to lying he said. The drivers of BMW's tend to be in these higher social classes so it isn't the car that makes them mean.

Exactly why BMW drivers are so evil is difficult to explain he says. Multiple factors, such as a decreased perception of risk, access to good lawyers, a total lack of concern for the welfare of other people, a "greed-is-good" philosophy and being goal focused, all contribute to antisocial behavior in these individuals.

In another study from the UK, researchers found that, in addition to BMW's being at the top of the list for road rage incidents, they also found that blue, black and silver BMWs were the worst offenders. However, instead of Priuses, Land Rovers shared the top of the list with BMWs. In addition, the study found that male drivers of BMWs aged 35-50 were far more likely to road rage behind the wheel than females.

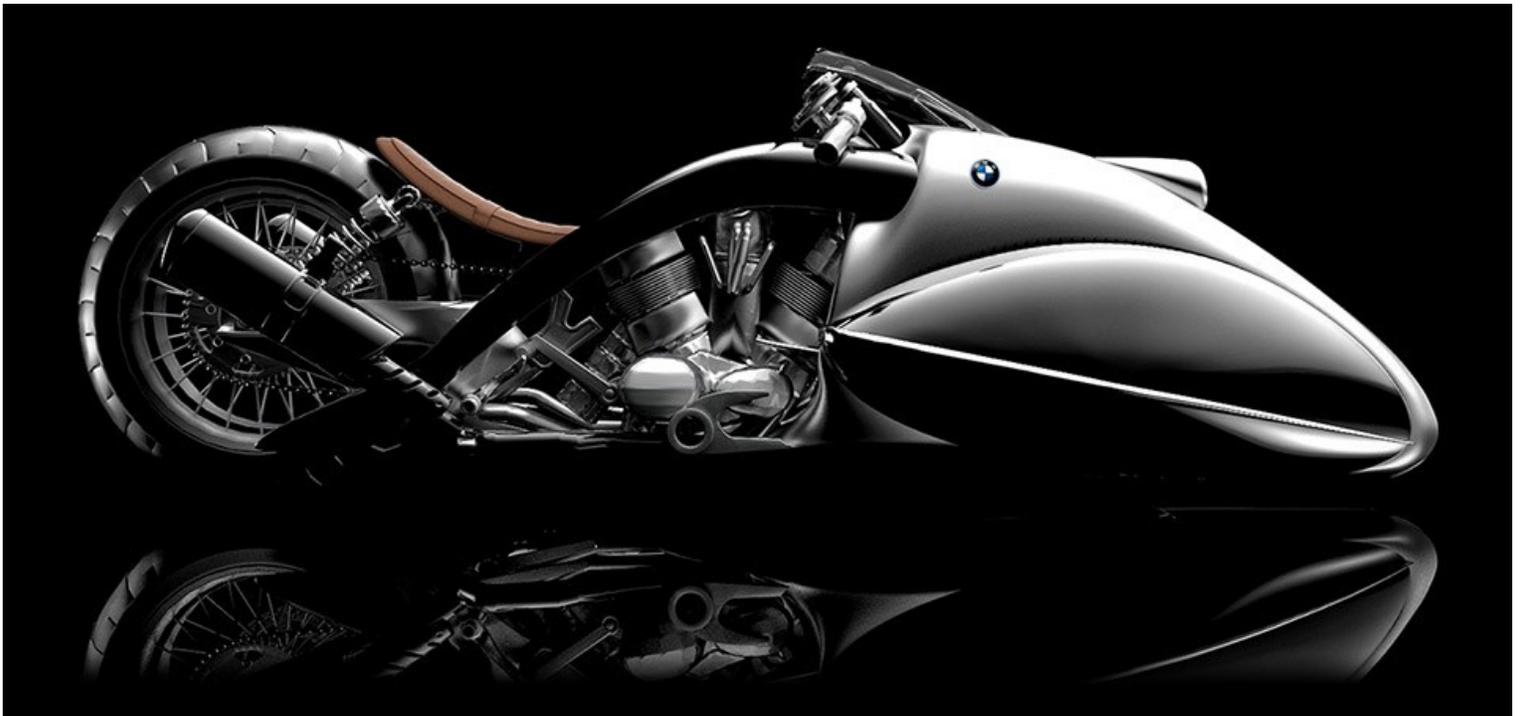
So next time you are out riding, watch out for those blue beamers with middle aged men in them. Scientific studies have now proven that they are the most likely to mess with you.

Ride safe and ride smart,  
Data.

I thought the new bad driver "luxury" car was the Lexus as I've seen many bad drivers with them. Bill "Hamish" Black sent me this you tube link... It looks like the Russian motorcyclists needs some rider training

Slo Motion

Difficult cohabitation of cars and motorbikes in Russia..... See at <https://www.youtube.com/embed/5vr66IMAcPA>



## BMW APOLLO STREAMLINER MOTORCYCLE CONCEPT

Built for pure speed, the BMW Apollo Streamliner Motorcycle Concept isn't meant for the road. It's meant for the salt. More specifically, its design — produced by Istanbul-based Mehmet Doruk Erdem — is tailored to speed record attempts, and mixes a sleek, futuristic sloping front section that minimizes wind resistance with traditional details like a brown saddle and an exposed engine and rear suspension.

<http://uncrate.com/stuff/bmw-apollo-streamliner-motorcycle-concept/>



## DELEGATE REPORT

Deb "Foxybabe"  
Wenger

Correction to dates for Avon Park. Should be Thursday Oct. 1 for set-up, event 2-4, clean-up 5th. State is low on money, the corporation as a whole is ok. Membership, 20% and fundraising are not covering all our expenses. The Finance committee asked for suggestions on membership cost increases at February meeting. Some suggestions from chapters were \$30 annual, \$200 Life, \$20 new members, \$30 renewal, Life \$ 300. Duval thought 50/50 split for life membership. Business memberships no. Business sponsors: as far as going to Avon Park, supposed to be a fundraiser for ABATE. If we give sponsors a free table they could turn round and give it to someone else, it would not be right. We are trying to save corporation, will not sell out for a few dollars. Greg suggested take back Seminole proposals to chapters to discuss. Doc said they should only get to say they are business sponsor, nothing else. Suggestions will be emailed to chapters to discuss. Our \$20,000 sponsor is only getting 3 tables. Send suggestions to Patti and financial committee. What chapter was asked to do was what increase individual, life, and business memberships they would accept. STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots: If you say you are going for a ride after your regular meeting you have to have insurance. Cannot be announced during meeting. If it is announced after the meeting then don't need.. Jim from Seminole had a question from student in school he presented safety program to why the video is so old. We need to show proper apparel, explain why we ride as a group. Doc asked to have suggestions send to him on how to update anything in videos or safety program. Make safety orders up, submit and John will see what he can get you. First thing we will do with money in budget to buy safety products, buy products, buy products first, then put up billboards and do new videos and PSA. We need products for safety booths. Going to try to get grant from federal government now that we are a c3, is easier to get grants. No problem using FDOT Ride Smart products if you have any. LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach: ABATE was behind the wording "serious bodily injury" and the \$1000 fine. A lot is done by amendments, a lot is done behind the scenes. Best bill is SB908, has left turns in it, HB231 does not. If House bill comes to Senate they will lay it on the table and pass their bill and send back to the House. Both bills are waiting for vote. They are \$2 billion apart on budget, mostly about Medicaid. Already talking about special session. They have

## STATE MEETINGS 2015 - Host - Location

June 13 Interstate Sebring  
July Leadership Meetings Vero Beach  
Aug. 8 Lake County  
Oct.10 Hillsborough Spooks n Scoots Brooksville  
Dec.12 Gator Alley



Just got back from our Freedom Rights Rally in Tallahassee where Debbie Wenger and I once again represented our chapter on the ride to the capital. The ride was awesome! For those of you that have never done this ride it is the one time we get to ride with our brothers and sisters from all over the state and have our voices heard. This year we had a special treat a tour of the House of Representatives they actually made us feel welcome! What a change from last year!!

The Legislative session ended May first, let's hope the listened to us and past all the bills that are important to us  
Well that's all for now our next issue will have a list of which bills passed.

Ride safe ride smart!!

SNOOZE

until July 1 to approve budget. Only 20 bills passed so far. You may have noticed signs along the roads that say watch for motorcycles, new Secretary of Transportation is pro motorcycle. Need to decide if we will do another drawing next year. TALLAHASSEE: Ride is getting smaller every year. Need to decide are we are going to have ride next year. A lot of things are being done by email, phone and some people can't take Monday off. Motion that "April 20, 2015 will be the last Tallahassee Freedom Rights run". Discussion about disappointment not being able to meet reps. Mondays are usually legislators travel days. Next year is presidential election year. Mudder said it was double edge sword, if we have a poor showing they may think we don't care. Could go on our "County Day" with other elected officials. Delegates can go back to chapters and ask if they want the run to continue next year. OLD BUSINESS: Vote on moving Leadership Seminars to Treasure Coast in Vero Beach. Have rate for rooms \$ 55-65, if enough rooms are filled we could get hall free. Recommendations to have new officer training online or by webinars. Other delegates expressed that getting together is a big part of the training. Motion to move to the Leadership Seminars to Treasure Coast was passed by a vote of 34 yes to 8 no.. Doc spoke to highway safety regarding Purple Heart tag. They don't want to do tag because it would add more tags, which is not true because Doc has one on his car. Doc talked to a legislator who is a bronze star recipient. He told Doc to come back and see him this week to see what can be done. NEW BUSINESS: Doc asked chapters to submit in writing to the state office if they are interested in hosting a state meeting in 2016. AVON PARK: The campground is a go. Lake County has offered to run the campground. Set up for event on Thursday, need help. Will have bike games (Polk County), vendors, bands. One lane of each side will be closed so bikes can park. We will have a flag raising Friday, Doc wants to get area vets from each conflict to attend. Doc will donate a flag he has to ABATE that was flown over the capital and in the future he has a congressman who can give us one that was flown over the capital. We will then present it to the city council. The flyer will be updated with new information.

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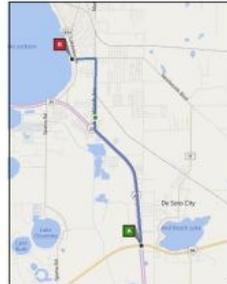
**State Meeting  
Hosted By  
Inerstate Chapter**

**Saturday, June 13, 2015**  
**Meeting Held at: Elks Lodge - 2618 Kenilworth Blvd - Sebring, FL 33870**  
**State Board Meeting: 12:00 PM**      **Delegate Session: 2:00 PM**



**Designated Hotel: Quality Inn & Suites**  
 (Point A on Map)  
 6525 US Hwy 27 N  
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 (863) 385-4500  
 (863) 382-4793

**Room Rate \$59.00 Plus tax, ask for ABATE when making reservations. Reservations must be made by Sunday, June 7, 2015 for ABATE Room Block.**



**Directions to meeting location:**  
**From North, & Quality Inn & Suites**  
 Go 2 miles South of Quality Inn on US 27 to Sebring Parkway (Stop light at Wal-Mart). Turn left on Sebring Parkway & go 4 miles to SR17N Ridgewood Dr. and turn right. Go South on Ridgewood and right around Sebring Circle Park and turn right on to S. Ridgewood Dr. Merge onto Lakeview Dr. & go South 0.4 miles and turn right on Kenilworth Blvd. Elks Lodge is on the right.

**From the South (right map)**  
 From the intersection of US 27 S/Hwy 98/Hwy 66, go 2.8 miles North and turn right onto S. Highlands Ave/CR 17A (Hospital on right). Go 1.5 miles to the stoplight at Kenilworth Blvd (Sebring HS on right) and turn left. Go 0.5 miles and Elks Lodge is on right.

**For more information contact: President, Ernie Gelinas, 863-873-6202 or inestatespres@gmail.com**

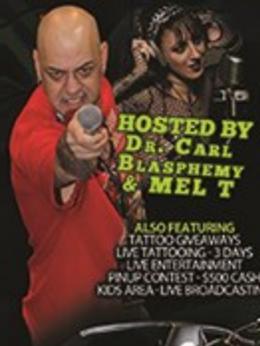
**Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Booth and New Member Sign-up available at this event**

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 JOSE MOTA ORTEGA · JUAN TORRES  
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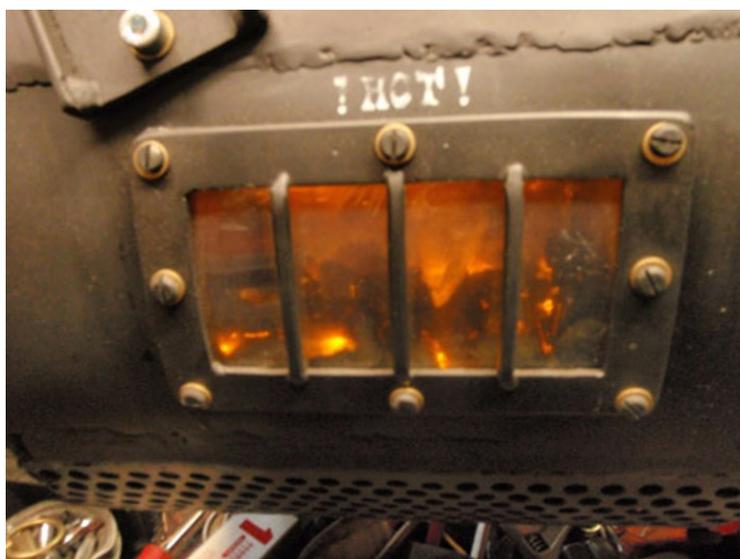
## Black Pearl, A Custom Motorcycle Powered by a Steam Engine

by E.D.W. Lynch at 8:10 pm on April 9, 2015

photo by Marc Quinlivan

Back in 2014 Netherlands-based custom motorcycle shop Revatu Customs unveiled Black Pearl, a motorcycle powered by a functioning steam engine. The bike may look fierce but it is by no means a speed demon—it tops out at about 5 MPH.

photos via Revatu Customs <http://laughingsquid.com/black-pearl-a-custom-motorcycle-powered-by-a-steam-engine/>



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**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

**2nd & 4th 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

**Sat** FREE hot dogs soda's  
Harley Palm Bch,10-2

**Sun** Flossie's Famous Tiki  
Hut Biker Sunday

**1st SUN** Lugnut's Biker  
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## Palm Beach County Events

### MAY 2015

16 U.S. Military Vets M.C. ANNUAL  
29-31 TattooMania

### JUNE 2015

27 ABATE Palm Beach 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

## TREASURE COAST

### MAY

2 Booze Fighters MC party  
9 Leathernecks MC party  
17 Rough Riders MC party  
23 VNVLV MC party  
24 Band of Brothers party

### JUNE

28 Alternatives MC Annual

### JULY

5 AOA WPB annual/ LDL birthday party

11 Wheels of Man MC Annual

26 Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual

### AUGUST

9 AOA South Florida

22 Booze Fighters MC Annual

## ABATE of FL Inc. PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEETINGS

11:30 AM V.F.W. Post 4143 at  
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(Federal Hwy., US- 1) turn right, go  
south 1 block the V.F.W. is on the  
east side. Look for the flag.

3rd Sunday May 17

3rd Sunday June

3rd Sunday July

3rd Sunday August

### MAY 2015

3rd - Southern MC - Annual

17 - Wings Of Gold MC Miami Annual

24 - S.E. Abate - Memorial Day Event

31 Los Coquis MC Annual

### JUNE 2015

7—New Attitudes MC Party

13 - AOA Lost Brothers Memorial Event

14 Wings of Gold MC Laud Annual

28 USMV MC S. Broward Annual

### JULY 2015

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

16 Daytona Biketoberfest

24 Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party

### NOVEMBER 2015

7 US Military Vets MC Chp 1 Annual

8 CMA Memorial Event

14 Heathens MC Annual

22 Calvary Chapel Thanksgiving Service

### DECEMBER 2015

6 SFPC Toys in the Sun Run

12 Petersons Toy Run Bike Drawing

12 Hermandad MC Alfredo Mem. Toy Run

13 Wings of Gold MC Miami Toy Run

19 SFLCOC Christmas Party

20 Calvary Chapel Christmas Service

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| <b>3</b><br>Southern MC<br>Annual<br>Lighthouse<br>ABATE<br>Biscuits &<br>Blessings                                                 | <b>4</b><br>Mob of Brothers<br>MC Open House                                                    | <b>5</b><br>Lone Legion MC<br>Open House  | <b>6</b><br>Island Jack's<br>Bike Night<br>States LW MC<br>Open House<br>Palm Bch Harley<br>Ladies Find Your<br>Freedom | <b>7</b><br><u>Brooksville Old<br/>           Fashion Biker<br/>           Rodeo</u><br>Renegades Bike<br>Night<br>Dinner States<br>MC Pompano | <b>8</b><br><u>Brooksville Old<br/>           Fashion Biker<br/>           Rodeo</u><br>AOA WPB MC<br>Open House<br>Pizza States MC<br>Pompano | <b>9</b><br><u>Brooksville Old<br/>           Fashion Biker<br/>           Rodeo</u><br>Fly-In Wheels<br>MC WPB Open<br>House |
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| <b>17</b><br><b>Palm Beach<br/>           ABATE<br/>           Meeting</b><br>Breakfast States<br>MC Lake Worth<br>Rock n Roll Sun. | <b>18</b><br>Mob of Brothers<br>MC Open House                                                   | <b>19</b><br>Lone Legion MC<br>Open House | <b>20</b><br>Island Jack's<br>Bike Night<br>States LW MC<br>Open House                                                  | <b>21</b><br>Palm Beach<br>Harley Bike<br>Night<br>Dinner States<br>MC Pompano                                                                 | <b>22</b><br>AOA WPB MC<br>Open House<br>Pizza States MC<br>Pompano                                                                            | <b>23</b><br>Fly-In Wheels<br>MC WPB Open<br>House<br>Lone Legion<br>MC Duel<br>Party                                         |
| <b>24</b><br>Southeast<br>ABATE of FL<br>Memorial Day<br>Event                                                                      | <b>25</b><br>Mob of Brothers<br>MC Open House<br>USMVMC Open<br>House @ Smoke<br>Inn Bike Night | <b>26</b><br>Lone Legion MC<br>Open House | <b>27</b><br>Island Jack's<br>Bike Night<br>States LW MC<br>Open House                                                  | <b>28</b><br>Black Pistons<br>MC Open House<br>Dinner States<br>MC Pompano<br>Turboz/Ralphs<br>Bike Night                                      | <b>29</b><br>AOA WPB MC<br>Open House<br>Pizza States MC<br>Pompano                                                                            | <b>30</b><br>Fly-In Wheels<br>MC WPB Open<br>House                                                                            |
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| <b>14</b><br>Wings of Gold<br>Lauderdale<br>Annual<br>Black Pistons MC<br>Annual                                                 | <b>15</b><br>Mob of Brothers<br>MC Open House<br>RIDE TO WORK<br>DAY | <b>16</b><br>Lone Legion MC<br>Open House                                                      | <b>17</b><br>Island Jack's<br>Bike Night<br>States LW MC<br>Open House                                                                                                | <b>18</b><br>Palm Beach<br>Harley Bike Night<br>Dinner States<br>MC Pompano                               | <b>19</b><br>AOA WPB MC<br>Open House<br>Pizza States MC<br>Pompano                                          | <b>20</b><br>Fly-In Wheels<br>MC WPB Open<br>House                                                               |
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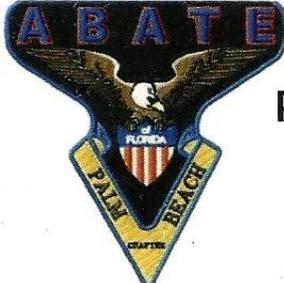
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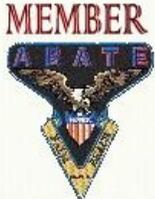
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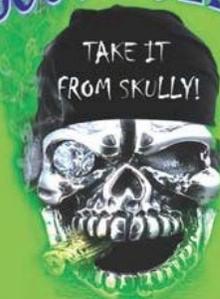
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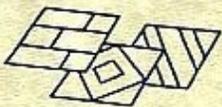
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

By the time most of you read this, the Session will be over and next time we will have to see the final status of bills. Since Marco Rubio is running for U.S. President Florida will again be on the National Political map. So I guess we will be needing a new Senator. So below is what the ABATE state Legislative rep Darian "Scribe" Brooks has send out, followed by some other States motorcycle related bills I've found online.

APRIL 30

As most of you know, the House unexpectedly adjourned Sine Die early on Tuesday afternoon, three and a half days before the normal end of the session. The House stunned everyone by doing this and in the process virtually killed all the Bills still waiting to be heard. This included the Vulnerable Road Users Bill that WE worked so hard to get it this close to the finish line.

On Tuesday, the House tabled HB 231 and picked up SB 908. They added two amendments that changed the Bill from what the Senate passed. The House then passed SB 908, but because they changed the Bill, it had to go back to the Senate for them to either: 1) accept the changes, 2) make more changes then send it back to the House, or 3) decide to do nothing and let the Bill die. At that point there was still a good chance to pass the Bill because we had three more days to fix it.

But at 1:15pm the House adjourned due to disagreements with the Senate over the Low Income Pool portion of the budget. Now that the House adjourned, the Senate could not send any Bills back to them unless the House decided to come back. The leadership of the House has been very clear that they will not come back until the Special Session starts.

So at this point the House looks like they will not come back tomorrow, which means all the Bills that are not already on their way to the Governor are dead. Not just the VRU Bill but so many other really good Bills that were on the way to passing died. It is a shame....

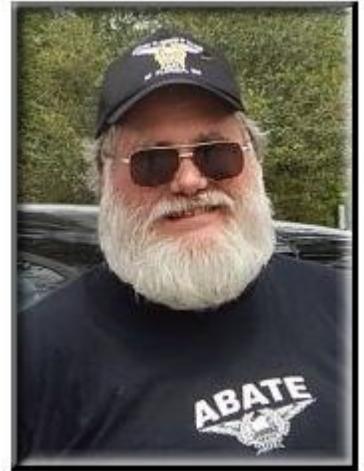
The Special Session will be called to pass the budget, something that they HAVE to do by July 1st. In the special session they could pick up some of the dead Bills and breathe life into them and pass them. But due to the toxic relationship between the Senate and House that is a long shot to happen.

However, if nothing else.... This session has taught us that ANYTHING can happen and NOTHING is over until Governor signs the Bill. Stay tuned.....

April 25

Rep. Workman did put SB 908 on the House special order calendar for Monday. HB 231 is also on the special order calendar for Monday so we will be watching to see what happens. We are still in that area where things can still go wrong, but at least we keeping moving it in the right direction. This year is a great example of exactly how hard and how much work it takes for something to go from a simple idea to a Bill, then the many twists and turns through the committees, to the House and Senate floor, all the readings, then hopefully to the Governor's desk for a signature.

Darian attached both a simple and a detailed map of the Bill



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Tally news April 16

SUPREME COURT TURNS DOWN RED-LIGHT CAMERA CASE

The Florida Supreme Court this week declined to hear an appeal in a potentially far-reaching case about the way local governments administer red-light camera programs. The city of Hollywood asked justices to hear the case after the 4th District Court of Appeal ruled in October that the city violated state law by relying on a private company to issue traffic citations to red-light runners. The case was filed by motorist Eric Arem, who received a notice that a camera caught him failing to comply with a red-light signal. Arem did not respond and then received a traffic citation generated by American Traffic Solutions, Inc., a company that had a contract with Hollywood to provide cameras and other related services. A county judge found that Hollywood had improperly delegated responsibilities to the private company and dismissed the citation. A three-judge panel of the appeals court agreed. The Supreme Court, as is common, did not give reasons for declining to consider the appeal by Hollywood. But in a brief filed in February, attorneys for the city noted that class-action lawsuits were filed against Hollywood and other local governments after the appeals-court ruling, with plaintiffs demanding refunds of fines for red-light camera violations. Also, the brief said the appeals-court ruling created "confusion in the administration of red light camera safety programs" throughout Florida. "This situation threatens the ongoing efficient administration of these red light camera safety programs, thus undermining the Florida Legislature's express authorization of these programs," the brief said. Arem's attorney filed a brief last month that said the dispute is a case of "first impression" --- a legal term that signals a first-of-its-kind question. The brief said the appeals court "concluded only law enforcement officers and traffic enforcement officers have the legal authority to issue citations for traffic infractions." An online docket indicates Hollywood last week filed a separate petition with the Supreme Court on the issue.

SCHOOL GUNS BILL LIKELY DEAD

A Senate bill that would allow school superintendents to tap employees or volunteers to carry concealed weapons on school property was effectively killed by a committee Wednesday, meaning that two high-profile proposals blending firearms and education could fail during the legislative session. The Senate Education PreK-12 Committee agreed to temporarily postpone --- a procedural move similar to tabling --- the "school safety" bill (SB 180). Because the committee is not scheduled to meet again, the legislation is bottled up and can't go before the full Senate. It also can't be added to another bill on the Senate floor. The bill was postponed as a courtesy to Sen. Greg Evers, the Baker Republican who sponsored the measure, according to Education PreK-12 Chairman John Legg, R-Lutz. It would have failed if the panel voted on it, Legg said. "It did not have the votes in this committee," he said. Technically, the language could still end up before the Senate. House lawmakers could attach the proposal to another bill, then send it over to the Senate. The upper chamber would then be free to vote on that legislation --- but Legg said he thought that move was unlikely.

Saturday April 12 2015

EMERGENCY GUN BILL EN ROUTE TO GOVERNOR

A measure that would allow people without concealed-weapons permits to pocket their legally owned guns during a declared emergency is now headed to the governor. The House voted 86-26 on Thursday to approve a proposal (SB 290) that would allow people to carry guns without concealed-weapons licenses for 48 hours during mandatory emergency evacuations. The bill would only apply to people who legally own guns. A spokeswoman for Gov. Rick Scott, who prodded the Florida National Guard to back a similar measure last year, wouldn't say on Thursday if Scott would sign this year's proposal. "If it gets to his desk he'll review it," Scott spokeswoman Jackie Schutz said. Last year's proposal died in the Senate, amid concerns by the Florida Sheriffs Association and some Republican and Democratic senators. But Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, made changes this year to address the concerns of law enforcement, such as adding the 48-hour limit. The timeframe can be extended by the governor during a crisis.

SENATE HOLSTERS UNIVERSITY GUN PROPOSAL

The Senate likely will not move forward with a controversial measure that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns on the campuses of Florida colleges and universities. Senate Judiciary Chairman Miguel Diaz de la Portilla, R-Miami, said Thursday he doesn't plan to have the proposal (SB 176) go before his committee, which would effectively kill the bill. "I've polled the members of the Senate, and there doesn't seem to be too much support for that bill," said Diaz de la Portilla, whose office has been getting calls from Second Amendment advocates about the measure.

The bill, which has cleared two committees, would need to get through the Judiciary and Rules committees to reach the Senate floor. A House version (HB 4005) is ready to go to the House floor after clearing three committees. House Speaker Steve Crisafulli, R-Merritt Island, said he was unaware of the latest development from the Senate. "Obviously there is a lot of legislation still before us, and we'll make those calls as they come along," Crisafulli said.

APRIL 7 I have good news to pass along tonight.

Both HB 231 and SB 908 were heard today in committee meetings up at Tally **and both passed without a single NO vote**.... This is a big deal, one to be proud of. Both bills have just one more committee to make it through before going to the floor. The Bills have come a long way, but they both have a tough journey remaining and those veteran's of the legislative fight know... anything can happen at any time.

I will let you know when they are placed on the agenda for the next committees, but until then you can contact the legislators from your Chapter area and let them know that HB 231 in the House and SB 908 in the Senate are moving along very well and that we look forward to them reaching each chamber. Ask them for their support and let them know you will alert them when it gets to the floor.

This moment right here and right now is the reason why you have been making a relationship with your local legislators for the past few years. Your local legislators know you... they have a relationship with you... they know that you are in their community... In many cases you know them personally... Ask them for their support... ask them for their help to save the lives of not just motorcyclists, but all the Vulnerable Road Users out there.

The way things are working out so far, our trip to Tally to walk the halls and meet face to face is coming at a most important time. This year we actually can make the most important impression at Tally. This year at Tally we can make a difference... This year can easily be one of the most historic years in ABATE of Florida, Inc. history. I cannot wait to go to Tally and help make history... I cannot wait to be up there with my Brothers and Sisters who have all worked so hard for the past several years.

I do have one sincere request for those of you that will be up there at Tally, but I won't tell you my request until we are up at Tally. So, congrats to all of you.. and see you in Tally! Darrin "Scribe" Brooks,

Tally news Saturday April 4 2015

CAMPUS GUN BILL HEADED TOWARD SHOWDOWN ON HOUSE FLOOR

A House bill that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns on the campuses of Florida colleges and universities passed its final committee Thursday and is headed to the House floor. The House Judiciary Committee voted 12-3 to approve the measure (HB 4005) by Rep. Greg Steube, R-Sarasota. In the Senate, an identical bill (SB 176), by Sen. Greg Evers, R-Baker, has passed two committees and faces two more. Lawmakers are moving forward with the proposal despite opposition from officials in the higher-education system. The debate follows a shooting incident in November at Florida State University that left three people wounded. Much of the discussion during Thursday's meeting focused on whether the measure would make campuses more or less safe. National Rifle Association lobbyist Marion Hammer, for instance, contended that potential victims of rape and other crimes can't wait for law enforcement to arrive.

"The plain truth is, campuses are not safe," Hammer said. "They are gun-free zones where murderers and rapists may commit their crimes without fear of being harmed by the victims. Police do the best job they can, but the reality is they are not there when the attack occurs." Other supporters, like gun-rights proponent Eric Friday, said people with concealed-weapons licenses are not to be feared --- but criminals are.

HOUSE KEEPS GUNS, AMMO IN SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Guns and ammunition remain in a proposed Independence Day sales-tax holiday on hunting gear that is part of a wide-ranging tax cut package that advanced Tuesday in the House. In supporting the \$690 million tax-cut package (PCB FTC 15-05), the House Finance & Tax Committee rejected efforts by Democrats to remove firearms and ammo from a proposed one-day sales tax holiday for July 4. Also, it rejected a separate amendment to remove a tax exemption on admissions and membership fees for gun clubs. The tax package, which is expected to next go to the House Appropriations Committee, awaits a Senate counter offer. "I think we've got a great broad-based tax package that's going to help millions of Floridians, all 20 million of them," said House Finance & Tax Chairman Matt Gaetz, R-Fort Walton Beach. Rep. Jose Javier Rodriguez, D-Miami, sought to remove firearms and ammo from the Independence Day tax holiday. He said the proposal sends mixed messages, as law enforcement will be telling people at the same time not to fire guns into the air. "It's not an exaggeration to say that it really is a bad policy when we have law

enforcement expending resources to address a public safety issue and in our tax code he have the exact opposite incentive and we're encouraging people to purchase ammunition for the holiday," Rodriguez said. But Rep. Frank Artiles, R-Miami, said the proposal could help increase tourism by promoting hunting and fishing in the state.

Tally news Saturday March 28, 2015

HOLIDAYS OFFER LITTLE BREATHER FOR LEGISLATURE

During some legislative sessions, lawmakers, lobbyists, staff members and, yes, reporters get a break around the Easter and Passover holidays. But this year, they shouldn't make any big vacation plans. The House and Senate plan to take off next Friday, as Passover starts at sundown. Schedules also indicate lawmakers will not have meetings April 6, the day after Easter. But committee meetings are set to resume April 7 as the Legislature heads toward a hoped-for May 1 end to the session.

RED-LIGHT CAMERA BILL SCALED BACK

A House panel Tuesday scrapped a proposal that would have prevented the use of red-light cameras to cite drivers for improperly turning right on red. The House Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee eliminated the right-hand turn provision from a broader bill (HB 7071) about red-light cameras. The panel then voted 7-3 to approve the remaining parts of the bill, sponsored by Rep. Bryan Avila, R-Hialeah. The bill would require local governments to use money from red-light camera violations for public-safety initiatives, rather than spending it on other programs. Also, the bill would require that notifications of red-light camera violations be sent to motorists by certified mail, rather than by first-class mail. Rep. Kathleen Peters, R-South Pasadena, argued in favor of eliminating the provision that would have prevented citations for turning right on red. She said she initiated the use of red-light cameras while mayor of South Pasadena to improve safety. "It really is about protecting the safety of pedestrians," she said. Peters was one of the three dissenters on the overall bill, along with Rep. Hazel Rogers, D-Lauderdale Lakes, and Rep. Richard Stark, D-Weston. Supporting the bill were Avila; Chairman Clay Ingram, R-Pensacola; Rep. Bruce Antone, D-Orlando; Rep. Colleen Burton, R-Lakeland; Rep. Brad Drake, R-Eucheeanna; Rep. George Moraitis, R-Fort Lauderdale; and Rep. Lake Ray, R-Jacksonville.

SENATE GIVES BACKING TO EVACUATION GUN BILL

After a debate that conjured memories of Hurricane Katrina, the Florida Senate on Tuesday overwhelmingly passed a bill that could lead to more people carrying concealed weapons when fleeing natural disasters. The bill (SB 290), sponsored by Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, would allow people to carry guns without concealed-weapons licenses for 48 hours during mandatory emergency evacuations. The bill would only apply to people who legally own guns. Brandes said people ordinarily can face third-degree felony charges for carrying concealed weapons without licenses. He said the bill would allow people to take firearms, along with other valuables, when they are forced to leave home because of hurricanes or other disasters. "This is about this incredibly rare instance, this incredibly tailored instance, where people are fleeing for their lives," he said. But some Democratic lawmakers blasted the proposal, saying it would introduce more guns into the chaos and emotions of a mandatory evacuation. Sen. Maria Sachs, D-Delray Beach, said supporters had not presented any evidence of why the bill is needed.

"I need to know why we need to change the law," Sachs said. Senators voted 29-10 to approve the bill, which has the backing of the influential National Rifle Association. The House version (HB 493), filed by Rep. Heather Fitzhagen, R-Fort Myers, has moved through committees and is ready to go to the full House

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

ACTION IN OTHER STATES

MADISON (AP) – Colored lights on motorcycles would be legal under a bill the state Assembly has passed.

Current Wisconsin law prohibits operating a motor vehicle with lights other than white or amber in front and red in the rear.

The bill's Assembly sponsor, Republican John Jagler of Watertown, says colored LED lights are becoming more popular on motorcycles. Under the bill, people could equip their motorcycles with any color lights aside from red, blue or amber as long as they shine down and don't flash or rotate.

Jagler says he introduced the bill at the request of a constituent who got a ticket for violating current light prohibitions. He says more lights will increase motorcycle visibility.

The Assembly passed the bill on a voice vote Tuesday. It goes next to the Senate.

<http://fox11online.com/2015/04/14/assembly-passes-bill-legalizing-colored-motorcycle-lights/>

MONTGOMERY — Alabamians would again need to have a motorcycle classification on their license, and take a written exam or safety course, under a bill that passed the state House on Tuesday with little debate.

Rep. Phillip Pettus, R-Greenhill, said Alabama is the only state that doesn't require a specific motorcycle license.

But it used to.

Trooper Kevin Cook, an Alabama Law Enforcement Agency spokesman, said the motorcycle license was accidentally omitted in the 1990s when lawmakers reorganized the license classifications.

"That's where all this stems from," Cook said. "In past years, we've tried to get that omission corrected."

Currently, only motorcyclists age 14 and 15 have to take a written test and get the M classification, Cook said. Those older than that may get the classification, but don't have to.

House Bill 212 now goes to the Senate. If enacted, it will become effective Jan. 1. Law enforcement will then be able to issue tickets to motorcyclists who don't have the M classification.

Pettus' bill was amended on the House floor so it doesn't apply to current license holders with a Class M designation.

"If you already have a M endorsement, you're grandfathered in," Pettus said.

The bill also allows drivers to complete a safety course instead of the written test.

There's a \$5 fee for the written test. It is expected to generate \$60,000 annually for the state's General Fund budget, according to a fiscal note on the bill.

Parking fine bill

In other ticket-related legislation, House Bill 25 sponsored by Rep. Ken Johnson, R-Moulton, would do away with the requirement that the potential fine be posted on signs designating parking spots for those with disabilities.

Under current law, signs marking spaces for the disabled are supposed to display the fine that those without a proper license plate or placard would face if they park there. But not all do.

Johnson said some people have argued they didn't have to pay a fine if it wasn't written on the sign.

His legislation has passed the House, and on Tuesday received a favorable Senate committee report. It applies to parking spots on private property, he said.

http://www.timesdaily.com/news/capital_notes_and_quotes/motorcycle-license-bill-passes-house/article_ea40ecf5-6266-5771-b65f-95ffd85aef3e.html

Bill would let motorcyclists drive between cars during jams

Motorcycle lane splitting may come to Oregon

JONATHAN J. COOPER, Associated Press 7:34 a.m. PDT April 24, 2015

SALEM, Ore. (AP) - The Oregon Senate on Thursday backed a bill allowing motorcycles to pass between cars or trucks during highway traffic jams.

Senators responded to motorcyclists who say it's safer for them to drive around vehicles than to face the constant risk of being hit from behind in stop-and-go traffic.

"This is for those situations, mostly in urban areas, where the road has become a parking lot," said Sen. Jeff Kruse, a Roseburg Republican who sponsored the bill.

The Senate's 18-10 vote sends the measure to the House.

Motorcycle and moped riders on a highway with a speed limit of at least 50 mph would gain the right to pass between vehicles if traffic moves at no more than 10 mph. They'd have to keep their speed below 20 mph and would be required to drive "in a cautious and prudent manner."

The practice, known as lane filtering, is common in much of Europe and Asia but is illegal in most of the United States. It's practiced in California, though it's not explicitly legal or illegal under state law there, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation. Proponents say lane filtering improves the flow of traffic in jurisdictions where it's legal and also creates incentives for people to drive motorcycles, which are more fuel-efficient than passenger vehicles.

Critics say bringing lane filtering to Oregon could increase the risk of collisions.

"Motorcycles are inherently very dangerous vehicles," said Sen. Rod Monroe, D-Portland. "Any time a motorcycle gets into a crash with an automobile, the motorcycle loses...There will be motorcyclists who will die if this becomes law."

The measure is the second highway bill approved this week. The House voted Tuesday to designate the far left lane as a passing lane on high-speed roads.

<http://www.kgw.com/story/news/politics/2015/04/23/bill-motorcyclists-drive-between-cars/26268919/>

Ga. lawmakers approve motorcycle change

Morris News Service Friday, April 3, 2015 8:15 AM

ATLANTA – Motorcycle riders won a long-sought victory Thursday when the General Assembly passed a bill allowing them to ease through red lights when their bikes don't weigh enough to trigger automatic signals.

The bill also included other amendments related to traffic safety, so many hung on it like ornaments for a holiday decoration.

"It's not quite the Christmas tree we'd like to see, but it's Christmas tree enough to take care of some of the traffic issues facing this state," said Rep. Alan Powell, chairman of the Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee.

Among the amendments is one to require motorists to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks signaled by flashing lights like the city of Athens has installed. Another amendment removes height restrictions on motorcycle handlebars.

"We call that the Easy Rider language because of the 1960s when there was a lot of prejudice against a lot of motorcycles," said Powell, R-Hartwell.

But Rep. Don Parsons, R-Marietta, disagreed that the iconic rebel-biker movie "Easy Rider" had anything to do with the provision.

"It is not about the prejudice against motorcycles but about being in control," he said.

The main issue about motorcycles and traffic lights has been something biker groups have pushed for in the legislature ever since the sensors began to be embedded in pavement. But permitting bikers to treat the lights like a stop sign could wind up boosting insurance rates for all motorcycles in the state, according to witnesses testifying before Powell's committee.

"You were sort of durned if you do and durned if you don't," he said.

The last-minute solution lawmakers added was to put the burden of proof on the biker if there is a crash.

Now, it's up to the governor to sign the bill into law if he agrees.

<http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/government/2015-04-03/ga-lawmakers-approve-motorcycle-change>

Bill to repeal motorcycle helmet requirement revived

Dave Boucher, dboucher@tennessean.com April 13, 2015

After opting against repealing Tennessee's law that requires motorcyclists to wear helmets, a state Senate committee changed its mind: The committee resurrected the bill and two senators changed their votes, moving the state a step closer to allowing motorcyclists to go helmet-free.

Full story at <http://www.tennessean.com/story/news/politics/2015/04/13/senators-reverse-course-revive-bill-repeal-helmet-law/25714145/>

Laws requiring motorcycle helmets differing from state to state

Motorcycle riders across the tri-state follow different helmet laws depending on where they ride.

ASHLAND, KY - Helmet laws are not the same in all states and that fact resonates along the boundaries of West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

If traveling along the streets of West Virginia, wearing a helmet is not just a fashion statement, it is the law. Yet, riding that bike over any of the bridges into Ohio or driving west into Kentucky will show the rider a different set of rules.

"If feels a lot better without [a helmet]," said Ironton resident Bob Sparks. "It's a symbol of freedom, letting the wind blow through your hair."

In Ohio, riders must only be older than 18 to ride without a helmet. In Kentucky, the age is higher at 21, but still requires no helmet beyond that.

Sparks said he and his Ohio-based American Legion riders do not wear helmets in the Buckeye or Bluegrass states, but do safeguard against injury.

"We always stagger in formation [and] give hand signals," Sparks said.

Some riders, like Dewey Greer, of Kentucky, wear helmets for their life-saving capabilities but understand the importance of being able to choose.

"I also feel it's a personal choice, like there should be no laws about people wearing seat belts," Greer said.

The Ashland, Kentucky police department's personal choice would be to see all riders wear helmets, Major Todd Kelley said. He said all of the overwhelming statistics show a no-helmet motorcycle accident leads to more serious injuries and deaths.

Charlie's Harley-Davidson, in Huntington, said they advocate wearing helmets in all of their safety courses.

It's safety verses freedom, something motorcycle riders wrap their heads around or don't.

<http://www.wowktv.com/story/28895261/laws-requiring-motorcycle-helmets-differing-from-state-to-state>

And one of the articles had a report on Motorcycle National Trends which I am including on our Safety page at PalmBeach.ABATEflorida.com. Here is a summary of its' six pages of data and charts.

Motorcycle registrations peaked in 1981 at 5.8 million then declined gradually but steadily until about 1994. Registrations have been increasing in more recent years. The year 2000 motorcycle registration level of approximately 4.3 million is 25 percent below the 1981 peak. Motorcycle travel has been increasing gradually during the past two decades. The average annual miles driven per registered motorcycle increased from 1,134 in 1975 to 1,833 in 1981 and to 2,411 in 2000. The smaller number of registered motorcycles and the larger annual mileage per motorcycle suggests that the typical motorcyclist in the year 2000 rides more miles than the typical motorcyclist 20 years ago.

Motorcyclist fatalities peaked in 1980, at about the same time that motorcycle registrations were highest, then generally declined over the next 15 years. However, fatalities have increased since the low of 2,028 recorded in 1997. Fatality rates also peaked at about the same time (1977 for fatalities per miles of travel and 1978 for fatalities per registered motorcycles). Both rates generally declined into the 1990's but have also turned upward in more recent years. Actually the Fatal per 10,000 motorcycles in 2000 was about same a 1975 in the chart, while the fatal per 10M miles travels dropped a lot from a peak a little above 6 1977-78 to below 3 in 2000

The National Occupant Protection Use Survey (Glassbrenner, 2002) estimates that in 2000, motorcycle helmet use was 81 percent in states with universal helmet laws and 59 percent in states without such laws. The 2002 survey found that helmet use declined considerably in both groups of states. However, this result might have been influenced by the 2002 survey having been taken in the summer whereas earlier surveys were taken in the fall months. That is, helmet use likely is lower in warmer weather.

In 2000, there were 719 more motorcyclists killed nationally than were killed in 1997. All states except Alaska, Delaware, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Vermont recorded increases. The five states that repealed universal helmet laws during this period experienced 230 of the increased fatalities - Texas (108), **Florida (63)**, Louisiana (38), Kentucky (12), Arkansas (9). Other states with substantial increases were Pennsylvania (59), California (41), Illinois (37), Colorado (35) and Maryland (25). A recent NHTSA examination of trends in motorcycle fatalities (Shankar, 2001) suggests that much of the increase has involved older motorcyclists (age 40 and older), motorcycles with large displacement engines, and more motorcyclist fatalities on rural roadways.

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/PEOPLE/injury/pedbimot/motorcycle/kentucky-la03/NatTrends.html>

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NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES

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AIM & NCOM FOUNDER RICHARD M. LESTER INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) and affiliated & supported groups and organizations, extend Congratulations to founder Richard M. Lester on his recent induction into the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame.

The Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame has announced their 2015 inductees into the Hall of Fame and one into the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame. Lester, a California attorney who founded AIM & NCOM three decades ago and numerous subsequent motorcycle outreach groups, is the first national bikers' rights attorney to be inducted.

"The Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame is designed to recognize individuals or groups who have made a long term positive impact on the motorcycle community," said museum Executive Director Christine Paige Diers. "The Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame recognizes the commitment and sacrifices individuals across the nation, and world, have made to protect the rights of motorcyclists, and who have made a significant impact through their work in grass-roots rights efforts."

Richard became an attorney at the ripe age of 45. While in law school he realized that motorcycle riders were an unrepresented group who didn't have a voice. His love for the sport prompted him to focus on the need of a voice in the motorcycling community. In 1982 after passing the bar, his work for motorcycling began. It took him a couple of years to organize a team of attorneys who rode motorcycles, and who also had an understanding of what was needed in the motorcycle community and how to go about finding the voice that was needed.

Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) was founded in 1984, and is a legal protection program that is free for all motorcycle riders, providing free medical information and emergency contact of next-of-kin. To date, over 2 million cards have been distributed nationwide, with A.I.M. attorneys in every state providing legal services for riders and doing pro-bono (free) work within the motorcycle community.

The following year, in 1985 Richard Lester founded the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) to provide a much-needed voice for the motorcycling community. Today NCOM is a national organization with over 2,400 motorcycle groups and organization that joined together as a whole to tackle the legal and legislative aspect of motorcycle riding.

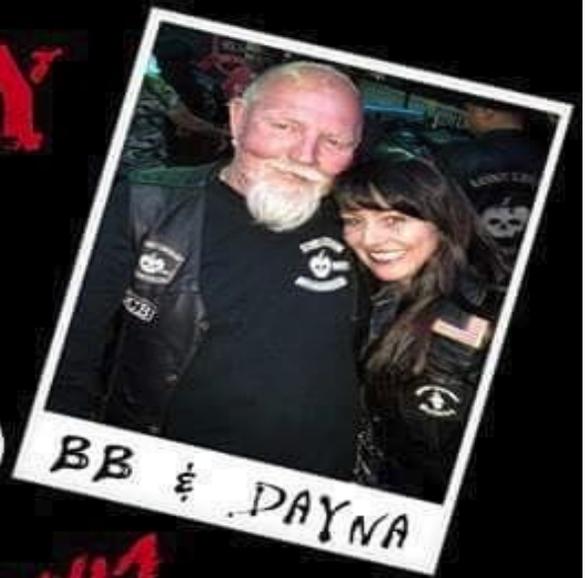
Today, more than 30 years later, Richard is still working hard for the motorcycling community. He has attorneys in every state, and has also founded three (3) additional organizations so that every motorcycle rider has a voice. One program is the Confederation of Clubs, which is comprised of motorcycle clubs, from 1%ers to family clubs. The Christian ministry sector came together in 2005 to form Christian Unity to improve networking with both secular and Christian bike groups. And the newest addition is the National Sports Bike Association, the sport bike division of NCOM to have a clear and unadulterated voice directly from the Sport Bike Community on issues that directly affect them.

"Richard has dedicated his life to the lifestyle of motorcycling and has contributed so much of his time and effort, not to mention the financial investment he has donated to the cause," reads his nomination for the Freedom Fighter Hall of Fame. "He is the only attorney who has always, and continues to give back to the motorcycling community by creating five (5) FREE and useful national programs, and by hosting many conventions and seminars to educate and inform all motorcyclists of their right to ride."

Individuals chosen for induction into the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame and the Freedom Fighters Hall of Fame will be honored at the annual induction breakfast ceremony on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at The Lodge at Deadwood during the 75th anniversary of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. This event is open to the public and tickets are available at www.sturgismuseum.com/hall-of-fame/freedom-fighters, or by calling (605) 347-2001.

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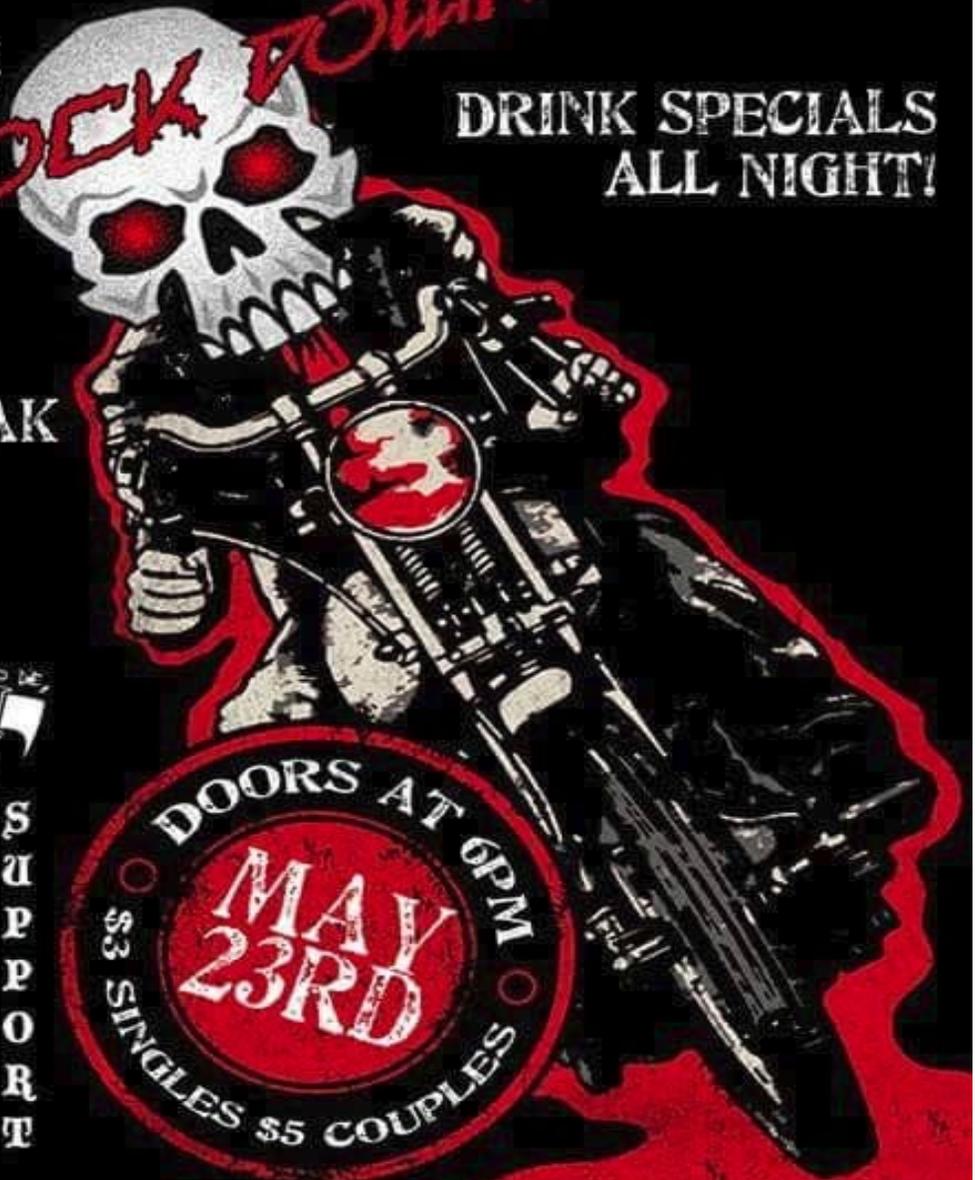


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Slo Motion is doing major house renovations this summer. Looking for someone that can screen in top of patio roof.

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Last Month we ran the FBI article as so close to press didn't have time to check but has been confirmed to be a hoax.

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

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

Miami Mike Wheels on the Road was one of the ones who I received this from. Later he was suspicious but I agree that this is very possible—I wouldn't put it past Homeland Security — Slo Mo

Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting VFW POST 4143

THIRD SUNDAY May 17, 2015 11:30 am

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