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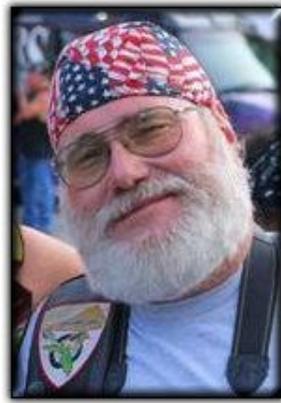
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EDITOR'S 2 CENTS

Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson



With the elections over, the new board is now listed on the previous page with appropriate changes. It looks like we have someone to fill the open Products position and that should be confirmed at next meeting. One thing that will need to change soon is the emails as the abatepalmbeach.com expires in September. So I am seeking another, hopefully free, email system for non-profit groups. I am open to ALL suggestions.

We had some problems with our email distribution list and I am working to clean it up with Debbie. We had a lot of invalid emails so deleted non-members. If you do want or do not want to be on the list best to email me at bikeronlineguide@gmail.com but the newsletter and webmaster ones are supported to forward to that also.

Cover has some of the photos from our event. More on our ABATE Palm Beach [Facebook](#), my [Facebook](#), [BikerOnlineGuide.com](#), and Facebooks of [Rogue](#) and [Ada](#) of ABATE Southeast. The lovely Valerie also contributed some photos. We got a lot of photos!

MY DINNER WITH ABATE

Anyone get the movie link for this? On May 30 Sargent At Arms Cary arranged for meet and greet dinner at the Olive Garden. 31 people attended. Everyone enjoyed it. Already received requests for another one. Looking for suggestions as to venue. Potentially incorporating a ride. Probably in August. Thanks to Cary for coordinating. See the photos at ABATE Palm Beach [Facebook](#).



ABATE of Florida, Inc. Black Creek Chapter

Meet & Greet

JULY 3 - JULY 5, 2015



Nowhere Poker Run
\$10 per hand
50/50 Tickets
Cornhole, Volleyball, Horse shoes, pool table and swimming



Ft McCoy KOA
15991 NE 243rd Place Road
Fort McCoy, FL 32134
Reservations 800-562-9389

This event will run from 3 PM July 3 - ending
Noon July 5 2015

For Information: Chapter President - Joe Turner 904-860-3218, VP Herb Hilderbrand 904-7045501 (blackcreeknews@gmail.com)

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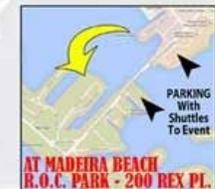


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1:00PM - FULL THROTTLE DRIVEN BAND
4:00PM - THE BEARDED BROTHERS BAND
7:30PM - DeLOSA'S PIZZA EATING CONTEST
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ABATE of Florida, Inc. Mission Statement

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



Wow, it's been hot out there hope everyone is remembering to keep hydrated out there. Well our election process is over and the changes to our board of directors are official. I will be your President once again and I would like to thank everyone for their support. Big Bad Fred is now vice President, Cary will remain as sgt. at arms, Lynn is now our secretary. I'm sure they will do a fine job.

I am running a membership drive for all club members, 10 dollars to sign up for the remainder of this month. I am trying to get them to renew their memberships. We need all the members we can get during these days of state budget cutting. The more members we have the louder our voice will be in Tallahassee. The problem we have in the motorcycle community is visibility it is critical that we are seen out there. They know we have 250 members but yet all they ever see is 1 or 2 if we are lucky 3 or 4 Abate members. We need to do a better job of representing our chapter in the motorcycle community. You see it works like this, the more we show up the more respect we earn and the more they feel respected in return. So let's all try to do a better job representing our chapter out there.

As for the Avon Park Autumn bike fest in Oct. the campground the state is proposing doesn't look good so we are currently looking for a better camp site nearby. I have put Nighthawk on the job. I am sure he will find us a great campground that we will all be happy with so spread the word.

For anyone wishing to go to Lone Legion open house on Tues. Nights, there are some changes you need to be aware of. their house will be closed June 30th and July 14th Then starting in Aug. open house will be closed 1st and 3rd Tues. of every month.

I am looking forward to the challenges this year will bring as your president. Hope to see you all out there representing our great chapter!!

As always Ride Safe Ride Smart !! Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

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NO BOOZE - NO DRUGS - NO ATTITUDES
 We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone

UPCOMING Event Schedule

JULY 5 Sunday AOA West Palm Beach LDL1%er 4th of July Birthday Bash held at their clubhouse.

JULY 12 Saturday ABATE of Florida Leadership Seminars being held in Vero Beach

JULY 13 Sunday ABATE of Florida President and Vice Presidents meeting

JULY 19 ABATE PBC Chapter Meeting 11:30 AM

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

Breakfast will be served at V.F.W. Post 4143 9:00 AM 'til Noon. \$5.00 per plate

July 26 Sunday Soldiers for Jesus Annual

August 8 Lone Legion MC Anniversary Party & BB's Birthday 4:00pm Lone Legion MC

August 9 Sunday AOA South Florida Memorial Event

August 16 Sunday ABATE PBC Chapter Meeting

September 17-21 Petersons Key West Poker Run

September 20 ABATE PBC Chapter Meeting

October 2-4 Avon Park Autumn Bike Fest

October 9-11 Spooks and Scoots

October 15-18 Biketoberfest Daytona Beach

October 18 Sunday ABATE PBC Chapter Meeting

October 25 Sunday Alternative MC Annual

November 15 Sunday ABATE PBC Chapter Meeting

REMINDER: EVERY

Monday Night is MOB OF BROTHERS MC OPEN HOUSE

2nd & 4th 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

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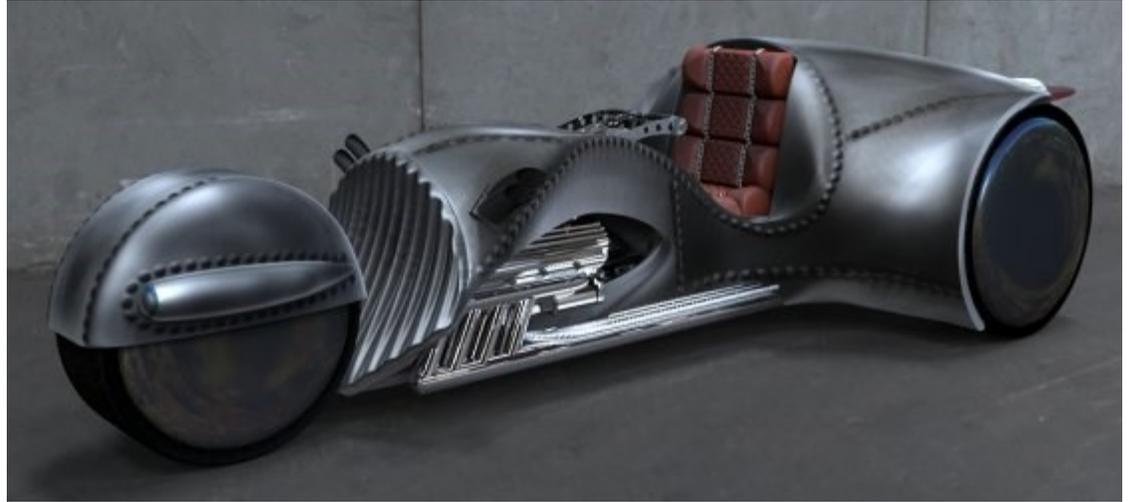
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Thank you for all the support of ABATE of Florida, Inc. and the Palm Beach Chapter.

William Shatner Embarks on Cross-Country Motorcycle Trek

by Susan Carpenter 6/22/2015

The 84-year-old 'Star Trek' icon will travel from Chicago to Los Angeles in a motorcycle prototype he helped design.



William Shatner raises horses, flies airplanes and rides motorcycles, but the erstwhile Capt. Kirk is about to boldly go where he has never gone before: The 84-year-old actor and irony mascot will throw a leg over the saddle of a custom-made three-wheeler and "trek" across the U.S.

Shatner takes off Tuesday morning from Chicago on an eight-day, 2,400-mile odyssey aboard the retro-futuristic Rivet One, built by American Wrench, a custom motorcycle manufacturer in Aurora, Ill. (putative setting of *SNL*'s "Wayne's World" sketch). The tour will stop in St. Louis, Kansas City, Las Vegas and four other cities before ending in Shatner's hometown of L.A. on June 30

"I visited the bike yesterday, and it spoke very softly to me," Shatner told *The Hollywood Reporter* in an interview Monday from Chicago. "I'll be ready," it said in a whisper."

Whether Shatner is fully prepared is another matter. As of Monday, he still hadn't ridden the 1,000-pound behemoth with a 500-horsepower Cadillac engine. The longest motorcycle trip Shatner has taken until now is about 100 miles, he said. The first, and shortest, leg of this trip is 300 miles. He was anxious about the Midwest's summer-time thunderstorms and looking forward to the daily weather reports he'll receive directly from **Al Roker**. He even consulted a psychic.

A support crew of 24 will travel with Shatner, including two mechanics, three Rivet staffers, four American Legion members and multiple cameramen who will film a documentary of the journey. Also along for the ride is Shatner's wife, Elizabeth.

"This whole thing is a test for our marriage," Shatner said. "It's what every couple should do. Instead of seeing a marriage counselor, I recommend two seats on a motorcycle."

Shatner was signing autographs at Comic-Con in Chicago two years ago when an American Wrench employee approached him about co-designing a motorcycle. Shatner said yes and is now a co-owner of Rivet Motors, the company formed by American Wrench to build the bike. Shatner's design contributions were limited to the suggestions that it should have two wheels in the back — he had recently fallen off his own cycle and wanted to avoid a repeat performance — and that it emulate the shape of a wing on a Bombardier jet.

"The difference between any other motorcycle you could name and Rivet is the difference between the Taj Mahal and a little mud hut," said Shatner.

If all goes well, Shatner plans to set the phasers to stun. He'll be back in the saddle on another, all-electric Rivet prototype for a trip to Europe.

<http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/william-shatner-stars-motorcycle-trek-804301>

I covered this design in a past newsletter. There was a lot of coverage of these in my Google Motorcycle alerts. Good to have something more positive in the news—Slo Mo

DELEGATE REPORT

From the State Meeting Minutes
Attended by Snooze, Foxybabe, So Mo,
Big Bad Fred, Nighthawk, Ladyhawke, and
Joe and Paulett

STATE MEETINGS

Host Chapter - Location

July 12, 2015 Leadership Meetings - Vero Beach
Aug. 8, 2015 Lake County Tavares
Oct.10, 2015 Hillsborough Spooks n Scoots Brooksville
Dec.12, 2015 Gator Alley
February 21, 2016 - State Tallahassee
April 9, 2016 Brevard,
June 11, 2016 Inerstate,
August 13, 2016 Forest,
October 8, 2016 Hillsborough,

Well, it's July, half the year gone already! Last month's state meeting was hosted by Interstate chapter in Sebring Florida. I would like to thank all those who rode up with us we had a great ride up and back the same day thus saving the chapter money on hotel accommodations.

We found out at the meeting that in this year's state budget ABATE of Florida was to receive 150,000 dollars for safety and education all we needed was the governor to sign it.

He decided once again to cut it out of the bill along with many other cuts.

Don't forget to tell everyone you know about the Avon Park Autumn Bike Fest in October!!!! A lot about this festival is still up in the air so we will keep you posted between now and the hopefully things will come together and it will be successful. God knows we need it to be!!!

July is leadership seminars time! This year they will be held in Vero Beach. So if you want to learn more about our chapter board and trustee positions, please attend these seminars. You will learn a lot and have fun doing it. That's all I got for now till next month. - *Snooze*

PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach: We need to look at the way we do toy runs and poker runs. We are all aware of the events that happened at the Brevard toy run. Our insurance company has asked us to approve settling. Doc refused, we did nothing wrong. The route was planned, there were so many police at that corner. We are being told that we are responsible for the guy on bike, the guy who lent him the bike and the police. Insurance said we have to do something different. We did not cause the accident and it was an accident. Doc does not want to settle, wants input from delegates. If driver didn't have insurance and wasn't wearing a helmet he was breaking law. He was only ticketed for careless driving. Question was asked to Larry what we are legally at fault for. The problem is at this point we are the only ones with insurance. The insurance co can settle within policy limits. If insurance co settles it essentially says we are at fault and we have no recourse. A claim like this may hurt us in the future for getting insurance. Don says we will have to demonstrate to insurance companies that we have made changes to runs to avoid such situations in the future. Brevard has already stopped toy run. Their attorney said we were negligent and didn't protect bystanders on sidewalk. Doc is worried about poker runs stopping at bars. Question was asked if we could have waiver about drinking, Larry said it wouldn't stand up. Marie asked is the state attorney office was contacted to see if more charges are to be filed. The investigation is still ongoing. Question was asked exactly what we should be taking back to chapters. We don't have time to take back to chapters as Doc has meeting with them next month. Delegates need to make decision if we settle or fight it. Either way insurance company will do what they want. Insurance company has renewed our policy for another year. Larry (Estero River) made motion not to settle, 2nd by Rick (Brevard). Motion was carried to not settle. Settlement cannot place blame on ABATE. If they do settle ABATE will look into doing press release. The waiver we have each participant sign before an event does not apply to spectators. Doc had meeting with new director for Florida of AIL about the \$4000 ADD. Doc listened to what AIL has to offer, said it was pretty good insurance that would cover your whole family for very reasonable rates. He asked Doc if he could come to each chapter and speak to the members. If so, he will call the chapter Presidents to set up time to meet with chapter. If you send in yellow card to the company they will call you for an appointment.

STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots: The officer update list goes to state office as soon as elections are over, then the Masterlink will be updated with new officer information. Insurance will be covered under leadership seminars. She will be going around to chapters who did not get the tickets at the April meeting. Must sign their own name on the print and sign waivers, cannot sign for spouse. Secretaries' minutes: some chapters are good, some minutes haven't been sent in a long time. She will be sending out emails for missing minutes. Chapters cannot sell MSAP products. If they want to make donation that's fine, but can't charge for it. Can't put in raffle, can't be door prize to anyone showing up. Found out a store that was selling our bumper stickers, confronted them, they threw away. State is running low on MSAP supplies, if you don't send in paperwork you have fat chance of getting supplies. Go back to chapters about this. Doc said all Presidents are responsible that paperwork gets out.

MEMBERSHIP Grace Lord: The chapter with the most new members for March was Estero River, April was Southeast. Highest % of growth for March was Estero River, April was Treasure Coast. Life cards were given to Alachua, Black Creek, Freedom, Lake County, Lighthouse, Polk, Southeast, Seminole, Southernmost, Southwest, Vintage, West Coast.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS SaraBeth Kohl: Echoed the plea for people to sign up to help work the event at Avon Park, there will still be plenty of help needed in all areas. Hope to see all the chapters send representatives to the all the seminars; not just those new to a position because it never hurts any of us to be reminded of things from time to time. Sent out invites on Facebook to the posted event on Avon Park. She is using "Boost My Event" for Facebook posts about Avon Park. After checking chapter websites she saw one chapter out of 10 had posting for the event. Told chapters to get the flyer on websites and out to communities. She will send updated flyer to all chapter presidents.

WEBSITE Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson: Will be at leadership seminars to help chapter webmaster. They need to know pw and user id and anything special you want to put up. Has templates, software, graphics programs he can share. He will help with websites also can mirror the Palm Beach website which is easy to use, can help set up.

SAFETY DIRECTOR John Massoth: Will have safety booth at Avon Park. Would like help from anyone with instructor patch, safety directors or anyone wanting to earn patch. Presentations will be done for people wanting to earn patch.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: Recap of the 2015 Session- things moved very well. Vulnerable Road Users bill moved very well, passed all the committees, passed thru house and senate. House passed the house version morning of 5/28 and then quit for the session 3 hours later. All bills in middle died. All-American Flag Act, traffic enforcement quotas, and concealed carry during evacuation in declared state of emergency all passed. Waco-has heard from members of ABATE and people who don't ride what ABATE's opinion is. We have no comment at this time. Because ABATE of FL., Inc. is quiet on this doesn't mean we are weak, ignorant or accepting of it. ABATE exists in a different world than it was born in. More is dealt with behind the scenes, phone calls, conversations. Politics is all about getting re-elected, if we go quietly more things get done. Long and winding road a bill takes is in packets. 2015 special session is all about the budget. Thanked all who emailed and called representatives, it really did help. Talk to your reps about the VRU bill this summer.

LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach: As soon as the house quit they were sued by Democrat senators and senate won but the judge said he wouldn't order them back because only 3 days left in session. Senate would not take up the house stuff and they left also. Budget is now about 90% agreed upon. Decided they would not hear anyone before the house. Got call saying members of house were going to call him and ask why we should get \$ after what happened in Waco. We don't know what happened in Waco so no comment. Texas AIM attorney and COC rep sent statement to Doc to sign as chairman of NCOM. He gets calls daily, they have asked for us to stay out of their business. Many are still being held who have made bond but are waiting for ankle bracelets which they had to order. This is a matter of basic human rights, treat those who were injured. NCOM has made statement for everyone. Life, liberty and pursuit of happiness is guaranteed and they are not getting those rights. Doc asked for \$300,000 knowing

it would be whittled down. Senators Evers and Latvala made agreement with house rep that ABATE would get \$150,000 for safety money. Does have to pass Pres of Senate and Speaker of House. He will talk to chief of staff for transportation. Then it will go to governor, if he doesn't cross it off we should get it. We will get 2 years of safety products. Get yard signs, small magnets (3000), large magnets, sun screens for back window. Cloth bags go good. Bracelets/bands, lip balm, pens, crayons, coloring books, first aid kits, registration and insurance card holder, black and yellow keychains. Would also like to do a new video but last one cost \$40,000. Nothing spoke on helmet law. Motorcycle gang bill had a whisper, may pick up speed next year. No guarantee now because of Waco. Won't know until October when session begins again. Question was asked by Forest chapter if chapters could have communication from ABATE BOD when such events happen. Asked Doc who in Texas (COC, attorneys) asked us to not get involved. Mudder: the worst thing ABATE could do is put out misinformation. Until it all comes out in an investigation we would do them an injustice. This needs to be addressed nationally once the facts are out, not just ABATE of FL. Until then we will honor their requests and we will not compromise the situation. You could send letter to Waco representatives as individual, not as ABATE. We are the only MRO in the state capital. GPS gas tax-proposed tracking device to tax drivers on mileage driven.-Tracy from Brevard asked if we could get more info for August meeting.

MRF& AMA: MRF asked Doc to speak to committee to approve amendment to strike the provision that would have allowed the lobby ban to be overturned. The amendment was approved, so now NHTSA can't lobby state legislators. Florida led the way. AMA has blurb about petition on ethanol in gas. It hurts our bikes, period.

AVON PARK: October 2-4, 2015 Brevard, Vintage, Treasure Coast doing beer garden... Gator Alley will do liquor bar. We are trying to get a beer trailer, beer and liquor will be located in same area. Need to determine when last call should be, thinking midnight. Check noise ordinance... if it is 9 then maybe run band 5-8. Will ask city what the time curfew is, if we need variance he would have to go back to city council. We had contract for campground (lawn mower track) signed by city mayor and Doc. Doc offered \$100 a day for 5 days (Nasgrass only pays \$1 a year). Abate workers would camp free, others pay nominal fee to cover the \$500. Then he was told that Nasgrass was also on contract but Maria (city secretary) said we were good to go. Nasgrass sent list back to city council. #1 on list was who was going to do lawn maintenance. Also wanted us to pay electric and water, so they would not sign contract. Doc will go back down to city council meeting next Monday. Attorney for city sent letter to Larry saying we expect you to deal with Nasgrass or you will not occupy the area for campground. We will have a campground despite not having the lawn mower track. Anyone who wants to walk thru Avon Park be in lobby at 9 am tomorrow. So far the list Doc has for specific areas are: campground - Lake, bike games-Polk, kids games-Alachua, Putnam, security- TJ and Frenchie and need all chapters to help, trash pickup- have a couple people, need a few others, will have golf carts to use. We have a copy of the schematic. The street will be shut down to traffic between the blue lines. We have the gazebo for bands, beer garden, products, AIM booth, safety booth will be in grassy malls as well as the vendors. The roll-off will be behind the museum where we will dump the trash. Lamas coming with 400 members and families. Close to 20,000 attended Sebring event last year. One bar in town wants to hold their own event, Doc has already talked to city about this.. Patti will scan the schematic and email to chapter presidents. Doc needs a committee to work on Avon Park, Mudder will be the chairman. Let him know after this meeting if you want to be on it. We need every chapter to help. ATF will be there checking on us be make sure that we don't sell to minors.

BIKE WEEK: 3/4/2016-3/13/2016 6000 drawing tickets have been printed, started distributing to chapters at state meeting 4/19. Drawing will be at State Office Saturday March 12, 2016 at noon.

TALLAHASSEE: 2/20-2/22, 2016 Boots has applied for, will be in 3rd week in February. Have to take vote on having run in 2016. Reminded delegates everyone who votes yes needs to come next year! Vote was taken on having the run to Tallahassee in 2016. Chapters voted 36 yes, 8 no so run will take place. Southwest made motion to move state meeting to Sunday the 3rd week of Feb, Gator Alley 2nd, motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Change in by-laws regarding chapters missing 2 consecutive (unexcused) state meetings to pay \$100 to reapply for their charter (vote by chapters required) vote: 35 yes, 3 opposed. The required 2/3 vote was met, change is approved. Doc said if a chapter misses every other meeting he will exercise his authority to pull their voting

right. Raising yearly or Lifetime membership rates was covered under Treasurer. Host chapters for 2016 state meetings will be: February will be hosted by State since the run on the capital was voted yes by the delegates. April: Brevard, June: Inerstate, August: Forest, October: Hillsborough, December: Gator Alley. Vote by chapters have run on capital Tallahassee 2016 see Tallahassee above.

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Bike fest December 6 Brevard admission is toy
- Monguls June 20 Edgewater North Florida COC benefit for trademark defense fund
- Vintage: Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser June 26 3-11
- Palm Beach 6/27 freedom rights rally
- Lake County: read flyer for August state meeting in Leesburg: July 7 reservation deadline
- Polk: VP involved in terrible accident
- Black Creek: 4th of July Fort McCoy KOA reservations let them know you are with ABATE for discount
- Forest: August state meeting do chapters want to donate shirts to put in quilt?
- Spaghetti dinner next week in Marathon (Keys)
- Thanks to Inerstate for the awesome lunch!
- Drawing, silent auction.
- 50/50 won by Monica M. who donated part back to state, Thank you!

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston 6/18/2015



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Saturday, July 11, 2015

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Sunday, July 12, 2015

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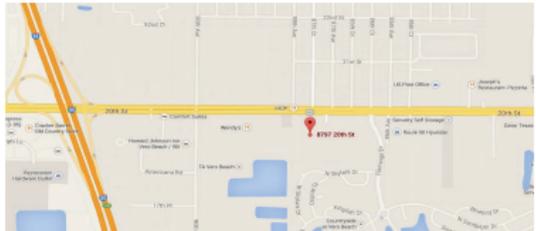
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9:00 - 10:00	Treasury (part 2)	Legislative	Membership
10:00 - 11:00	Treasury (part 3)	Sgt-At-Arms	Delegates
11:00 - 12:00	Treasury (part 4)	Lunch	Newsletters
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	Safety (part 1)	Websites
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SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015

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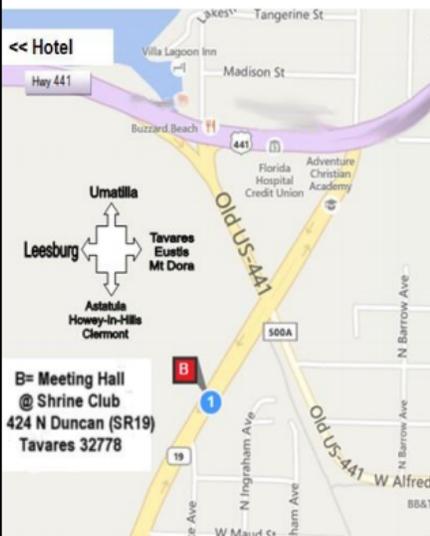


Lake County Chapter

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Motorcycle Week's future looks mighty gray

By DAN SEUFERT Sunday News Correspondent

LACONIA - Motorcycle Week is rolling to a climax, bringing to an end a yearly business boost to local stores and eateries, and a week of fun and camaraderie among the tens of thousands who came from many states.

But visitors who haven't been to the week of events recently will find that the complexion and the culture of this tradition has undergone a drastic change: Bike Week bikers have gotten older, and their children aren't following in their tire tracks.

"It's very simple. We're all pretty old now," said Nils Hammare of Ashland, who has been attending Bike Week events with his wife, Cathy, for more than 30 years. "From what I've seen, everyone's middle-aged or older."

Though bikers from past generations have tried to pass their love of motorcycles to younger generations, it hasn't worked. "For me, it's in my soul, anything that's got two wheels I can get excited about," said Sid Werthan of New Haven, Conn. "There's a love we have that hasn't been passed on. We're here because we're drawn here, not because it's popular. The younger people just aren't into it."

Culture change

Less than a decade ago, motorcycle week was a huge economic benefit for area businesses that carried some uncomfortable baggage. Laconia had been visited by violent motorcycle gangs, and small fights and drunken belligerence were common at night. And as they kept an eye on bikers pouring into the center of Weirs Beach, police also had to deal with hordes of young men, many in their 20s, drunkenly ogling the often scantily clad young women riding on the backs of motorcycles.

The city passed ordinances to deal with the drunkenness and indecent exposure problems, which didn't please everyone.

"They've taken a lot of the fun out of it," said Cathy Hammare.

"It's no fun anymore," said Nils Hammare, a Vietnam War veteran. "We used to watch from the fences along the road for hours and hours and hours on end. That was fun. We were a little crazy, but we were respectful."

Back in the day, bikini-clad, tattoo- and leather-covered "biker girls" accompanied many of the bikers as they drove and walked through the events. This weekend, even in 70-degree temperatures under bright summer skies, the streets of Weirs Beach were dominated by chrome, leather, and lots of gray hair. When two women in tight bikinis walked through the crowds on Lakeside Avenue, they were notable for being out of place. Twenty years ago, they would have drawn stares and men would flock to them.

This year, they were clearly an oddity. Husbands staring at them quickly stopped, and the two women walked mostly alone, their mostly bare skin in stark contrast to the heavily clothed bikers.

A man stopped the women when he noticed \$20 bills tucked in their bikini tops and bottoms. He gave the pair, who were exotic dancers from a nearby entertainment tent, a \$20 bill, and they posed for a photo.

Family days

In fact, the only "young" women at Bike Week's main drag were kids, age 12 or so and under. There were lots of young boys, too, and their parents, many of whom remembered the old days and ways of Bike Week.

Justin Dyer of the Walter Dyer is Leather kiosk on Lakeside Avenue looked around his tables and walls, which were covered in leather coats, pants, whips and other items. Shopping in his aisles were three sets of parents and their young children.

The Dyers have lots of items in childrens' sizes - another change from the past.

"It's a lot more family oriented, very much so," said Dyer of Framingham, Mass., whose family has been selling leather at Bike Week for decades.

"This used to be about bikers, now it's about bringing your family and your dogs," Dyer said. "We are seeing an awful lot of dogs this year."

Retailers have done well during Bike Week in recent years, business owners said, and are happy with the demographic change in visitors.

Hardcore holdouts

But for Motorcycle Week purists, this event has changed, and not all for the better. And the outlook for future Bike Weeks, while positive in many important respects, is for continued change.

"It's changed a lot, it's very different here than what we used to have," said Jimi Ricci of Waltham, Mass. "It really can never be the same, I don't think. The world has changed so much."

Those who might have been bike lovers in the past have "so much, too much else to pay attention to, they don't care much about bikes," said Werthan.

"You've got to realize what motorcycling is, to work on a bike like this, like we do, you got to sit down in a garage with a beer in your hand and a friend at your side for, like, six hours," he said. "Kids today have social media and the Internet, they don't want to spend time on motorcycles."

Local motorcycle dealers say the bike manufacturers have made a few entry-level, less expensive motorcycles in an attempt to attract young bikers to the sport, but those bikes aren't selling well. There were few people under 40 - very few under 30 - at the event this weekend.

Better things to do

The attraction to motorcycles just isn't there anymore, Willard said. "The monkey wrench is dying, the grease monkey is dying," he said, describing the average person attending motorcycle week as "gray-haired baby boomers with disposable income who want their bikes back."

"It's too bad, but I think the baby boomers are going to drop the hobby, we're going to get too old to pick it up anymore," Willard said.

Many of the older bikers have accepted the change, and said they expect motorcycle week to continue to evolve into a historical event for families, a week of looking at how popular motorcycle riding once was.

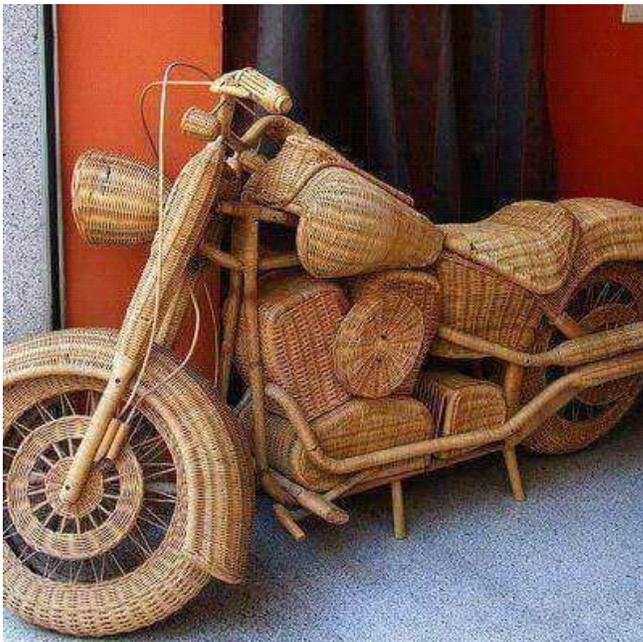
"From what I've seen this weekend, all we have left is the middle-aged ones and the older ones, which is already, everything has its time and the time for this may have come and gone," Hammare said.

"Now, mostly, this is a way to keep us old-timers going," he said. "I understand it, the younger ones don't have this type of enthusiasm for bikes. They like to run and raise hell and go as fast as they can. They don't want to cruise around and look at everything like we do."

"When I'm on the bike, I want to enjoy," he said. "The younger generations aren't getting the love, the excitement we feel when we see or hear or even think of motorcycles. I guess the time has passed."

"It's like when Elvis died, there's millions of Elvis fans, and now, it's like, 'who cares about Elvis,'" Willard said. "But if there's no one there teaching them, like our dads did with us, well . If the love is there, and you teach the next generation, it continues. If no, it will go away."

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- 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

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- 10 New Attitudes MC Annual
- 11 SE ABATE Rights Rally
- 16-19 Daytona Biketoberfest
- 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
- 22 Calvary Chapel Thanksgiving Service

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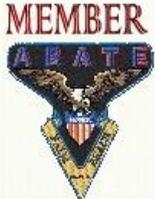


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DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

6-23 We just found out that Gov. Scott vetoed a record \$461.4 million from the budget and we were one of the cuts. Doc sent me a list of the other item vetoed and he really cut a bunch of good programs. "Scribe"

6-1-2015 LAWMAKERS START SESSION TO PASS BUDGET

Florida lawmakers convened at 1 p.m. Monday for a special session to pass a budget, with much of the controversy involving health-care issues. The special session could last through June 20, as lawmakers work to approve a budget before the fiscal year starts July 1. Much of the debate early in session, however, will focus on a Senate proposal to use federal

Medicaid money to offer health insurance to 800,000 Floridians. The House and Gov. Rick Scott oppose the proposal. Senate President Andy Gardiner, R-Orlando, said budget conference negotiations likely will start this weekend. The News Service will have full coverage later Monday.

FROM THE AMA

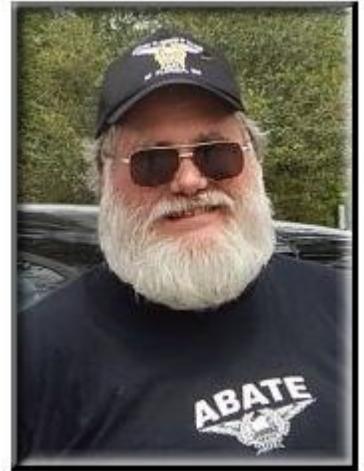
WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The U.S. Department of Transportation has called for additional safety requirements for motorcycle helmets to reduce the use of "novelty helmets" that offer little protection in a crash. The DOT proposal includes standards for helmet thickness, compression ability and other features. Novelty helmets generally cover less head area and are made of less impact-resistant material compared to DOT certified helmets, according to the DOT.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Motorcyclist fatalities appear to have dropped for the second straight year, according to preliminary 2014 data from the Governors Highway Safety Association. GHSA projects the final motorcyclist fatality total for 2014 will be 4,584 – about 1.8 percent less than the 4,668 recorded in 2013. This will be the second straight year in which this number has decreased, and the third decrease since 1997.

GHSA adjusts its numbers to account for underreporting. The report includes preliminary data from each state and the District of Columbia for the first nine months of 2014.

Compared to the first nine months of 2013, motorcyclist fatalities decreased in 27 states, increased in 19 states, and remained the same in four states plus the District of Columbia, according to the report authored by Allan Willams, former chief scientist at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Black Box Privacy Protection Act, introduced by U.S. Reps. Mike Capuano (D-Mass.) and Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.), 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 on their motorcycles.



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The bill – H.R. 2526 -- would clarify that the owner of the motorcycle owns the black box data and that the data may not be accessed without the permission of the owner. This bill also would require that manufacturers provide consumers with the option of controlling the recording function in automobiles or motorcycles that are equipped with black boxes, allowing owners could turn the recorder on or off.

From The MRF—Jeff Hennie

Motorcycle Rider Foundation, Vice President Government Relations and Public Affairs

A quick, short recess week saw little congressional or regulatory action. On Friday, Obama's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) dealt what could be the beginning of the end for ethanol fuel growth. The EPA has been sitting on a proposal for a year and, half to lower ethanol requirements for oil refineries. The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) is a law passed by Congress that mandates the amount of ethanol to be included in the nations fuel supply. Each year the RFS ticks up a little bit, until now.

The EPA has proposed that levels be slashed in 2015 and 2016 to the tune of about four and five million gallons, respectively. The drop in production requirements has angered those in the ethanol production world, and delighted those who do not want more ethanol in the fuel stream.

As for motorcyclists, the news is encouraging; the less ethanol being required will mean that the smaller amounts of ethanol will have to be spread thinner. This in theory, removes the need to increase the blend to E15 levels. The EPA knows that ethanol is unpopular and cites this as the main reason to lower production requirements. The market has spoken, and it is not in favor of ethanol.

Starting this Monday the short-term highway bill countdown begins. The new extension expires July 31. Look for another extension this summer, unless someone finds \$550 billion dollars lying around in the next 60 days.

6-5-2015

HOUSE READY TO VOTE ON TRIMMED-DOWN TAX CUTS

The House has positioned its dramatically streamlined tax-cut package for a vote on Friday. But it remains to be seen how the Senate, which has offered four individual tax-cut bills during the ongoing special legislative session, will handle the House proposal. Katie Betta, spokeswoman for Senate President Andy Gardner, would only say Thursday that the Senate's Finance and Tax Committee is "likely" to meet the final week of the special session. The session started Monday and could last through June 20. The House tax-cut package (HB 33A), stripped down as lawmakers work to cover health-care costs in the overall budget, offers \$273.2 million in savings for the upcoming fiscal year, with the number growing to \$436 million the following year. The overall numbers are down from a \$690 million plan (HB 7141) that had been proposed by the House during this spring's regular legislative session and the \$673 million in cuts requested by Gov. Rick Scott.

SCOTT BACKS RECORDS EXEMPTION FOR MILITARY MEMBERS

Gov. Rick Scott on Tuesday signed a measure that provides a public-records exemption to help shield information about military-service members and military families. The measure (HB 185), sponsored by Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fort Walton Beach, will allow current and past members of the U.S. armed forces, reserves or National Guard who have served since Sept. 11, 2001, along with their spouses and dependents, to request that home and personal information be exempt from state public records. The bill pointed to terrorist groups threatening service members and families. "The Legislature finds that allowing continued public access to the identification and location information of current or former service members and their families jeopardizes the safety of service members, their spouses, and their dependents," the bill said. The Tallahassee-based First Amendment Foundation, which advocates for open government, asked Scott to veto the proposal, pointing in part to unnecessary burdens for clerks, property appraisers and others government officials. (Disclosure: The News Service of Florida is a member of the First Amendment Foundation.) Scott on Tuesday also signed two other public-records exemption bills approved during this spring's regular legislative session. One bill (HB 7) dealt with court records related to the settlement of claims on behalf of minors, while the other (HB 7061) dealt with records held by agencies investigating violations of the Florida RICO Act.

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PENALTY FOR REFUSING BREATH TEST UPHELD

An appeals court Friday upheld the constitutionality of a state law that allows criminal charges to be filed against suspected drunken drivers who refuse to take breath tests. The 18-page ruling by the 5th District Court of Appeal came in a Volusia County case that stemmed from the October 2013 arrest of William Williams on a suspicion of driving under the influence. A police officer asked Williams to take a breath test but did not have a warrant. Williams refused to take the test. The case centered, at least in part, on a law that applies to people who refuse to submit to breath tests after also refusing to submit to tests in earlier DUI cases, according to Friday's ruling. That law allows such people to be charged with first-degree misdemeanors. Williams, who had previously refused a breath test, entered a no-contest plea in the October 2013 arrest, with the caveat that he could appeal. The appeals-court ruling weighed whether the Florida law violates the U.S. Constitution's Fourth Amendment, which prohibits unreasonable searches and seizures. The court focused on whether it is unconstitutional to file criminal charges when officers do not have warrants for breath tests. "Here, balancing the state's legitimate interest against the degree to which the breath-alcohol test would have intruded upon Williams' privacy, we conclude that the warrantless test would have been reasonable under the Fourth Amendment," said the ruling, written by Judge Jay Cohen and joined by judges Thomas Sawaya and Richard Orfinger. "The state clearly has a legitimate interest in decreasing and prosecuting drunk driving."

FROM THE MRF

On June 4th the United States House of Representatives agreed to an amendment to the 2016 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill that struck a provision that would have overturned the U.S. Department of Transportation lobby ban. The measure was approved on the House floor reports the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

The Amendment offered by Congressman Tim Walberg (R-MI) along with Mr. Sensenbrenner (R-WI) and Mr. Ribble (R-WI), eliminates a provision in the 2016 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations act that would have allowed the Secretary of Transportation to discuss motorcycle safety initiatives with state legislators. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation thanks Congressman Walberg, Sensenbrenner, and Ribble for their dedication to freedom and motorcycling.

In 1998 Congress passed a law that made it illegal for the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) to lobby state legislatures on any issue. Prior to 1998, according to the Government Accountability Office (GAO), USDOT had spent tens of thousands of dollars traveling to states whenever a state debated changing their own state helmet law or any other law that USDOT deemed worthy to interfere on. Seeing this as a waste of taxpayer money, the congress prohibited anyone from USDOT to lobby states uninvited.

Mr. Walberg had this to say, "The federal government should not be in the business of lobbying state and local officials with federal money." He added, "I believe the most effective way to reduce motorcycle injuries and fatalities is to prevent these crashes from occurring in the first place, Madam Chairperson, that means putting between the ears as opposed to simply on the head."

"I cannot think of a single issue where the federal government should waste resources lobbying a state entity for something that the state doesn't want", said Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations and Public Affairs for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation. He added "With such limited, precious motorcycle safety funds, they need to be used in areas of safety that are proven, not for bureaucratic waste."

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TIME TO TALK ABOUT THE \$4000 ADD INSURANCE POLICY

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Federal agency actions increase ethanol risks for motorcycles. Sign the AMA petition today!

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The Renewable Fuel Standard proposal announced on May 29 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would increase the risk of misfueling for motorcyclists and all-terrain-vehicle owners by forcing the widespread availability of higher-ethanol fuel blends, such as E15.

Act now by signing the American Motorcyclist Association's petition to voice your concern. The EPA proposed setting the renewable fuel standard for 2014 at the levels that were actually produced and used, which totaled 15.93 billion gallons. But for 2015, the standard rises to 16.3 billion gallons. And for 2016, the total increases again, to 17.4 billion gallons.

By increasing the amounts of ethanol into America's gasoline marketplace, the EPA will exceed the blend wall by hundreds of millions of gallons! The blend wall is the point at which no more ethanol can be blended without creating higher blends like E15 and above.

This means ethanol blends of 15 percent or higher likely will become more prevalent because of this proposed rule.

However, in a regulatory announcement released Aug. 6, 2013, "EPA Finalizes Renewable Fuel Standards," the EPA said that for 2014 "the ability of the market to consume ethanol in higher blends such as E85 is highly constrained as a result of infrastructure -- and market-related factors. EPA does not currently foresee a scenario in which the market could consume enough ethanol sold in blends greater than E10..."

The EPA is pushing higher ethanol limits despite its own acknowledgment that the market cannot consume these higher amounts due to "infrastructure and market-related factors." That's when the U.S. Department of Agriculture comes to the rescue. On the same day the EPA announced its proposed rule, the USDA unveiled a \$100 million plan to double the number of higher-blend renewable-fuel pumps. Under the blender pump subsidy program, the USDA will administer competitive grants to match funding for state-led efforts to test and evaluate innovative and comprehensive approaches to market higher blends of renewable fuel, such as E15 and E85.

The EPA calls for higher ethanol blended fuels and the USDA spends taxpayer dollars to make it happen, despite knowing that none of the estimated 22 million motorcycles and ATVs in use in the United States is approved to use E15 or higher ethanol blends. Using those fuels in motorcycles and ATVs is illegal and may cause engine and fuel system damage and void the manufacturer's warranty.

The EPA opened a comment period to allow the public to voice their opinion on the proposed rule. The AMA has the tools to make it easy for you to submit comments by signing our petition.

The AMA will submit every name and address with our comments to the EPA. There is nothing more powerful than thousands of riders joining to express their concern with unsafe fuel for their rides.

Riding a motorcycle on mirrored salt flats looks like flying in the sky

Casey Chan



Here's an awesome video from Speed Society that shows a motorcycle riding across the world's largest salt flat, the Salar de Uyuni in Bolivia. The ground basically mirrors the sky which makes it look like the motorcycle is just gunning it through the clouds. Not a bad way to spend a day.



Watch the videos at <http://sploid.gizmodo.com/riding-a-motorcycle-on-mirrored-salt-flats-looks-like-f-1709138578> also [Watch two maniacs ride a motorcycle through a 393-foot fire hell tunnel](#) listed below this story on page

ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:45am 21 members attended

PRESIDENT President thanked all who went to state meeting in Sebring. Avon Park – new fliers say there will be showers at campground. ABATE Palm Beach Annual Event – June 27, 2015. President asked for volunteers to work the event helping with flagging, safety table, products table. CB asked to man front door of Brass Monkey and he agreed. Discussed bringing trailer to event – agreed. State organization to receive \$150,000 in FL budget from motorcycle registrations. Governor still needs to sign. President encouraged all members to email the Governor's office requesting he approve the line item in the budget. Dan to send out link. Leadership meeting to be held on July 11th and 12th 2015. Lone Legion changed their schedule for their open house for July and August. Dan will look into other email accounts free of charge for the Board. Dan to make sure Network Solutions not on auto-renewal

VICE PRESIDENT Fred Joseph introduced as new Vice President.

TREASURER Beginning and ending balances were announced, Chapter is financially stable. Drawing tickets for State organization are available for purchase. Drawing will be held at Daytona Bike Week in March 12, 2016. First Prize is \$7,000. Second Prize is \$2,000. Third Prize is \$1,000. All proceeds go to the state organization.

MEMBERSHIP Chapter is down to 219 members. President requested list of who has not renewed – believe it is mostly club members 41 members did not renew for May. President will visit clubs to encourage renewals. Motion was made to make special offer to club members to renew at \$10. Called for vote – motion carried. A member asked if members can renew/join online. Dan stated that the state website allows for this, but at full price only. Discussed promoting renewals at event on June 27, 2015

SECRETARY Lynn Stine introduced as new Secretary. Secretary made motion to accept May meeting minutes – called for vote – motion carried

SARGENT AT ARMS Discussed dinner/meet and greet at Olive Garden in Green Acres held on May 30, 2015. 31 people attended and feedback was very positive. Sargent at Arms will plan second meet and greet, possibly incorporating a ride. Suggestions for venues requested. Sargent at Arms requested volunteers to assist with setup for Event on June 27, 2015

SAFETY. Safety Director excused from meeting. Suggestion to reimburse Safety Director for new canopy – motion made – vote taken – motion carried

DELEGATE ABATE discussing possibly not participating in poker runs due to lawsuit over fatality at toy run in December 2014. State Meeting – voted not to settle on lawsuit regarding incident at toy run in December 2014. Insurance company may settle under protest from ABATE. ADD Accident Insurance – new director, may be reaching out to individuals, may want to speak to chapters at monthly meetings. Encouraged to participate in Amazon Smile – allows ABATE to be selected as designated charity so that any purchase made on Amazon will give 0.5 % of sale to ABATE. Membership Fees – chapters voted on raising membership fees to \$300 for life member and \$30 for yearly membership. Committee will report at next meeting. The split between state and chapter was not disclosed. Bylaws – changed to state that if a chapter has two unexcused absences from state meeting their charter will be revoked and they will be fined \$100. Avon Park Event – chapters are encouraged to share invitation, and volunteers are needed to work event. President asked Nighthawk to research other campgrounds in the area for Palm Beach chapter. Tallahassee State Meeting – held in third week of February, 2016.

LEGISLATIVE Sessions start in January due to election year. Email sent with link to members to encourage Governor to sign bill regarding \$150,000 in motorcycle registration fees going to ABATE. Texas asked ABATE not to comment on incident in Waco, TX. Members are encouraged to visit their legislators now that they are home for the summer. Members are also encouraged to discuss ethanol with their legislators.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS Email and text lists to be cleaned up

PRODUCTS Need products person

NEWSLETTER Nighthawk needs toner. Minutes from state meeting will be in newsletter. Changes in board - Fred Joseph as VP - Lynn Stine as Secretary. Correction for AOA event – July 5

OLD BUSINESS June 27 Event – members are encouraged to bring friends

NEW BUSINESS Board discussed revising meeting dates based on potential conflicts. It was decided to leave September and October meeting dates as is. February 2016 meeting date to be discussed under old business at next meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

50/50 drawing won by Nighthawk, who donated back to the Chapter.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:25 pm.

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7 Things Everyone Needs to Do When Buying a Used Motorcycle

Collin Woodard June 18, 2015

Much like with cars, people looking to buy motorcycles often find the used market difficult to resist. Depreciation hits vehicles with two wheels just the same as it does those with four, which makes a lot of used bikes incredibly affordable. Even used, though, motorcycles tend to be fairly reliable and inexpensive to insure. Especially for beginning riders and riders who want to maximize the amount of bike they can get for their money, buying a used motorcycle is often the best way to go.

If you're fairly new to the process of buying a used motorcycle, it can be a little bit overwhelming when you consider how many different bikes are out there and how many directions you could go. Breaking any complicated task down into a series of steps usually helps simplify it, though, so here are 7 steps for buying a used motorcycle.

1. Assess your situation

How much you enjoy a new bike is going to depend on how well it fits your lifestyle. If you're looking to use your motorcycle as your daily commuter, you're going to want to buy something different than if you intend to use it as city transportation. Bikes that are great fits for either of those two scenarios probably won't be what you want if you're mostly going to be riding in the mountains on weekends.

The type of bike you buy isn't the only part of your situation that you need to consider. What's your financial situation? Are you capable of doing your own repairs? What's your experience level? Depending on how you answer those questions, you may want to change which motorcycles you look at buying.

My Honda Shadow 750 didn't exactly light my heart on fire, but at the time, I needed a bike that would comfortably handle a 90-mile daily commute while returning respectable gas mileage. Money was also tight, so I needed something that may as well have been guaranteed to never break down. My Shadow fit exactly that description, making it the best choice for me, even if it wasn't the most inspiring.

It's certainly possible to road trip a standard, commute on a sport bike, or enjoy a cruiser in the mountains, and if it's worth it to you, I don't see a problem with doing so. You may also be able to get away with riding a powerful bike without having much experience, and even if money is tight, you might be willing to skimp on meals to work on an unreliable bike you love. It's just important to go into a purchasing situation aware of how your needs and wants are going to have to be balance.

2. Research everything

Getting the most out of your purchase is going to require you to make informed, educated choices, and the best way to do that is to do as much research as you possibly can. At the very least, you want to know what a fair price range is for each bike you're considering buying, and you want to make sure you're aware of common problems you'll have to look out for.

If there is a particular part that wears out quickly, you want to know about that. If a bike is notorious for corrosion and rust, you want to know about that. If the one you were initially interested in isn't the best value for your money or if a competitor fits your lifestyle better, you want to know that.

As in most areas of life, the more you know when it comes time to start looking at motorcycles, the less likely you are to get taken advantage of. You're also more likely to end up being happy with what you buy if you've thoroughly researched your purchase ahead of time. Avoid becoming so obsessive that it takes all the fun out of the whole process, but rushing into a decision is a great way to end up owning an expensive garage decoration.

3. Weigh buying private party versus at a dealership

In general, you'll pay more money for a motorcycle at a dealership, but the purchase will probably be less risky. A private party sale will probably save you money, but the risk level is significantly higher. Those aren't hard and fast rules, nor is one better than the other. Much like choosing which motorcycle to purchase, it's smart to make sure you know what you're getting yourself into.

If you're shopping at a dealer, it will be exceptionally important to already be knowledgeable about the bike you want to buy before you walk through the doors. You won't look like a sucker, and you'll be more likely to end up paying a fair price. You'll also already know what a fair price is, so if the dealership is within that range, you'll know it.

If you decide you don't want to deal with the hassle of a dealership and that buying private party is worth the risk, having done your research will help you mitigate that risk. It will be easier to spot a reasonable seller, you'll have

a better idea of what you're looking at, and again, you'll be more likely to get a good deal.

4. Test and inspect the bike

Even if you find the exact motorcycle you want for what looks like a steal, it's incredibly important to make sure that you're buying something in good condition. You'll want to visually inspect each bike for worn out parts, rust, corrosion, or cracks, and you definitely want to check the oil.

What you feel is also just as important as what you see. Always ride before you buy, and if a seller doesn't want to let you take a test ride, move onto one who will. It's reasonable for sellers to be concerned that you may wreck their bike and then disappear without paying for it, but if you're willing to address those fears, it's entirely reasonable to expect a test ride.

On your ride, you'll want to make sure the major mechanical components are all still in good working order, but how you fit on the bike is equally important. If it feels too big, too small, or too uncomfortable to fix with some minor adjustments, go ahead and find a different bike. You can tailor the riding position on most bikes, but if it's clearly uncomfortable to ride in the first few minutes, there may be nothing you can do.

If you can, consider talking to the seller about taking it to a mechanic for a professional inspection. It will probably cost you \$50 to \$100, but even \$100 is worth the peace of mind that comes with knowing your new purchase is in good condition.

5. Request relevant documentation

Especially in private party sales, the most important document you want to see before you agree to buy a motorcycle is a title. Without a title, you can't register your new bike. If you're buying an motorcycle that's more than 25 years old, though, look up title laws in your state because older bikes may only need a bill of sale to be valid.

If a bike is new enough to need a title, don't hand over cash on the promise that a title will eventually appear. The seller's uncle's cousin might really have accidentally taken the title to Canada on vacation, and he might really be mailing it back in the next few days, but you need to be able to register and insure your new bike, and that means physically having a title to change over.

You'll also want to ask to see what kind of service history the owner has on hand. It's not the end of the world if there isn't a lot there, but the owner who pulls out a file folder with extensive documentation of service and repairs is more likely to be selling a quality bike. Even if the owner has what looks like the vehicle's entire history documented, it's also smart to run a VIN check to give yourself even more information.

6. Negotiate on price

Whether you're buying private party or at a dealership, there's going to be room left in the price to negotiate. A Craigslist seller may tell you the price is firm, but as long as your counter offer isn't insultingly low, it probably isn't. Don't just throw out an offer or sheepishly ask if the seller will take less than their asking price. Take the time to explain the reasons you're offering less than it was listed for, and phrase your offer as a statement instead of a question.

It's incredibly important to know what a fair price is because that information is going to influence just how hard you negotiate. It can't hurt to go lower if the price is already low, but if the seller pushes back don't get greedy. On the other hand, if the price is fair for a bike in excellent condition, but the bike itself ends up only being in fair condition, you want to walk away if the seller won't work with you.

7. Enjoy your new ride

Once you come to an agreement, make sure everything is signed and put everything in writing, then hand over your money, take your new keys. It's time to enjoy your new ride. You will, of course, have to arrange insurance for your bike and make sure you register it, but that stuff isn't exciting.

Do you know what is exciting? Zipping up your jacket, strapping on your helmet, and taking that bike out for a ride is exciting. Be safe, and be responsible, but motorcycles are meant to be ridden, and they're meant to be enjoyed. Hopefully you were able to find exactly what you wanted, which will lead to many miles and happy smiles over the next few years – until you decide it's time to buy another one and start the process all over again!

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Is motorcycle lane-splitting safe? New report says it can be

By Sarah Yang, Media Relations | May 29, 2015

BERKELEY — While inching along congested roadways, California drivers will often see motorcyclists zip by, eking out a path in the narrow space between two lanes of cars. This practice of passing other vehicles traveling in the same direction by sharing their lane is called lane-splitting, and a new report by UC Berkeley transportation researchers finds that no matter what some angry drivers might think, it does not necessarily pose a greater risk for injury.

An analysis conducted by researchers from UC Berkeley’s Safe Transportation Research and Education Center (SafeTREC) found that lane-splitting is relatively safe if done in traffic moving at 50 mph or less, and if motorcyclists do not exceed the speed of other vehicles by more than 15 mph.

“Surprisingly, we found that the difference in speed between the motorcycle and the surrounding traffic was a bigger predictor of injury than speed alone,” said study lead author Thomas Rice, epidemiologist at SafeTREC, which is based at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health. “Above a 15-mile-per-hour speed differential, the risk of injury rose significantly.”

California is the only state in the country where motorcycle lane-splitting is not illegal; a bill regulating the practice is making its way through the state legislature. The researchers analyzed data on motorcycle-involved traffic collisions in California from June 2012 through August 2013. Of the nearly 6,000 accidents reported by the California Highway Patrol, 997 involved lane-splitting at the time of collision. The researchers released their report today.

“We have learned that when lane-splitting motorcycle riders are involved in collisions, the most common scenario is a rider traveling too fast when a motorist attempts to change lanes,” said Rice. “I think any efforts to encourage riders to lower their speed differentials will prevent collisions and injuries. One result of legislation or other guidelines might be a heightened awareness among motorists about motorcycle lane-splitting.”

The data used in the UC Berkeley SafeTREC report included details about the manner in which lane-splitting occurred, such as speed of vehicles, time of day and the kinds of helmets used. Reports also included information about any injuries sustained.

“It’s important to note that from the data in our study, we are unable to estimate the risk of getting into a collision in the first place,” said Rice. “What we can do is look at motorcycle collisions that have occurred, and determine whether lane-splitting poses a greater risk of injury to riders, and whether the manner in which riders were lane-splitting was predictive of particular injury types.”

Compared with other motorcyclists, lane-splitting motorcyclists were more likely to ride on weekdays and during commute hours, use better helmets, and travel at lower speeds. Lane-splitting motorcyclists were also less likely to have been using alcohol and less likely to have been carrying a passenger.

Also compared with other motorcyclists involved in a collision, lane-splitting riders were less likely to suffer head injury (9 percent versus 17 percent), torso injury (19 percent versus 29 percent) and fatal injury (1.2 percent versus 3 percent).

Most of the motorcycle lane-splitters – about 69 percent – exceeded the speed of surrounding traffic by about 15 mph or less. But about 14 percent of lane-splitters traveled at least 25 mph faster than surrounding vehicles.

“It is clear that the greater the speed differential, the more dangerous it is, so as obvious as the advice may be, slow down to lower the risk of injury,” said Rice.

<http://newscenter.berkeley.edu/2015/05/29/motorcycle-lanesplitting-report/>

NCOM Affiliates to Hire Ex-Texas Ranger to investigate; Urges Confederation of Clubs to Continue to Meet

PRESS RELEASE - 06/08/2015 - The National Coalition Of Motorcyclists (NCOM) ties together all of the country's Confederation Of Clubs and Independents (COC&I) across more than 35 states. These organizations have successfully fostered a spirit of collaboration among diverse motorcycle clubs, independents and other legislative organizations from across the country for over 30 years. NCOM's board of directors along with a team of lawyers with Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) educate, help pass legislation, and provide legal guidance to help improve the quality of life for those who choose to enjoy the road on two wheels.

More than three weeks have passed and NCOM has reserved its reaction waiting for Waco Authorities to sort through the details about what happened that tragic afternoon. However, it is difficult to stand by and watch the continued abuse of American constitutional rights at every turn. More than 140 innocent citizens, who were not involved in the tragedy, have been locked up for an unreasonable amount of time. They have also suffered a basic lack of humanitarian services while being held with disregard for the financial impact on the livelihoods of individuals who happen to ride a motorcycle. These are all innocent victims.

Yes, a crime took place while the local COC&I organizers were preparing for the meeting. Yes, there were lives tragically lost. We want answers as to how and why this happened. We don't have confidence in local authorities after they continued changing stories, disregarded the facts, and continue to violate the rights of citizens. NCOM, the Confederation Of Clubs, and lawyers with AIM are hiring a former Texas Ranger to learn the truth as to who was responsible for the violence at our Texas Region 1 COC&I meeting and expose the many violations of basic human rights of those arrested and who continue to be held. We pursue claims against those who have, and continue to violate the rights of citizens merely because they ride a motorcycle.

We are also asking all COC&I regions in Texas and around the country to continue their meetings as scheduled. We are encouraging them to have a lawyer with AIM present to help work with local authorities and media to avoid any misunderstandings. This is an opportunity for COC&I's throughout Texas and around the country to raise awareness about all the positive, productive things that are being done for all American Bikers - both patch holders and independents.

NCOM, the Confederation Of Clubs, and lawyers with AIM are committed to making certain that the innocent lives lost, the devastating financial impact and the sacrifice of loved ones as a result of this tragic event in Waco will not be in vain. Our organizations will push forward continuing our collaborative work that will promote the truth that our rights as Americans are universal and should be upheld no matter if you ride a motorcycle or not.

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Motorcycle helmets that look like shaved heads

Designer Jyo John Mulloor created these custom motorcycle helmets to look like the bare heads of the riders underneath.

<http://boingboing.net/2015/06/23/motorcycle-helmets-that-look-1.html>

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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.

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**ABATE — Palm Beach Chapter
P.O. Box 32215
West Palm Beach, FL 33420-2215**

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

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**Vendors Contact
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PARTY-SERTOMA YOUTH RANCH - 85 MYERS RD, BROOKSVILLE, FL 34602

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LEAVING CAMPGROUND 11:00 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING

10 PM *ENFORCED*CURFEW FOR THOSE UNDER 18

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Friday Noon thru Sunday 5:00 pm \$30

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RV/Trailer Fee \$10

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VENDORS Pre-Registered Only

Contact James @ [813] 395-6621

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Call after 6 PM ONLY

Limited Spaces Available

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Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting VFW POST 4143

THIRD SUNDAY JULY 19, 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.