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President's Message

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

Well it's September already and the Avon Park Autumn Bikefest is just a few weeks away! I sure hope everyone is planning on going to the first annual bike fest in Avon Park. I can't say it enough how very important this event is to the very survival of ABATE of Florida. As you problem know ABATE of Florida lost its funding from the state government a few years ago and has been in trouble ever since. This event is one of the ways they have come up with to try to ease their financial woes. So make your reservations now and plan on attending the first ever Avon Park Bikefest. Our chapter has reserved a camp site at the Lake Letta RV park, just 3 miles from down town Avon Park. We will have room for RVs as well as tent camping!! So grab your tent or RV and come stay with us for a good time as we make history at the first ever AVON PARK AUTUMN BIKEFEST OCT.2,3, and 4TH.

Also our chapter is in need of an assistant safety director to help out at our event safety tables when our safety director is not able to do it. Please think about this very important job and let me know if you are interested.

Ride Safe everyone!!
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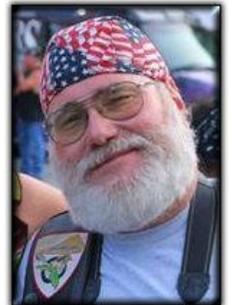


EDITOR: It Is ALL About the Email

Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson

You will notice on the pervious page the officer @abaterpalmbeach.com emails are gone. So will our old site abatepalmbeach.com be gone soon as we let our Network Solutions hosting expire. There were too many problems with it for the cost. However they keep trying to renew it no many how much I tell them we are NOT renewing. Thank goodness we changed banks so they don't have the information. So for now we are using the single email

palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com (notice that is our new website using a Gmail account). I had thought it would be possible to forward it to all board members but that is not working So to be sure it gets directed to the right person Put in the subject: ABATE and the officer to whom should see it and what about to so that message can go to the right person. I am looking in an email form for our website so the email will prevent spam.



We had trouble with the email notification emails coming back as spam so the email database was rebuilt from our active members list. But even that didn't work. So I found a way to do a mail merge. The instructions said could do up to 400 so perfect I thought. However that was in 2012 and now it is limited to 100 in 24 hours. So in did a test about the 22 and 25 of August. Still some came back but I felt these were incorrect addresses. So they have been removed for the next email likely the weekend of August. So watch for them. IF do not get an email and want to be on the notification list, email **palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com** and put in subject **ABATE add to email** and in the body put your name and email. IFyou received in error or do not what to be included do NOT add to SPAM - email **palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com** and put in subject **ABATE remove from email** and in body your name and email. If this is not the email you want it to come to email the same address with subject **ABATE change email** and provide name and correct email in the body. Thank you and I hope we have the correct emails as I think some updates were not included, it even had me at my old bellsouth email which hasn't been used in years but might still have been forwarding. I'm looking into other systems so can do just one email, not two, and better.

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.

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September 12 Outcast MC Party

September 13 States MC Key West Tune Up Party

September 14 Mob of Brothers MC Monday Open House will feature a Domino Tournament

September 17 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night

September 17-21 Petersons Key West Poker Run

September 20 ABATE PBC Chapter Meeting

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

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

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

Wednesday Night is Gorilla Motors Bike Night at Island Jacks

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

MOTORCYCLE THIRD WHEEL OPTIONS

Dan “Slo Motion” Henderson

It has been a long time since I have ridden due to last summer’s shoulder replacement and this summer’s knee replacement. That has given me time to wonder if I will ever be able to ride two wheels again and what are the choices for those that are no longer able due to accidents or such. So if one wants to continue to ride, one usually adds a third wheel. So I updated the **BikerOnlineGuide.com** page **3 Wheels—Trikes and Sidecars** page (found on site map at <http://marmotweb.com/motorcycles/3wheels.htm>). This page contains many links of the manufactures, the conversion kits, and other links related to three wheeled motorcycles.

It has been strange that when I started this series last month, I found articles online about sidecars in general and new designs of them. My physical therapist on his last home visit for my knee noticed last month’s newsletter on my table. He commented that they might be in style again as he has seen several on the road. I wish I could have as interested in what types. Geico Insurance has been running an ad with (the caveman?) riding a Ural towing a trailer. So maybe they are coming back. I’ve mainly seeing more trikes, I shall call them motertrikes.

This month as I start the trikes, NCOM announced the Federal proposed classification of autocycles. Since they are three wheeled I wonder if that could even effect the open trikes. See these stories later in this issue.

Part Two Delta Trikes

A trike's wheels are arranged in one of two configurations: delta or tadpole. A delta trike has one wheel in front and two in back, and the tadpole trike has two wheels in front and one in back. The tadpole configuration is thought to be the more stable yet still providing plenty of power to the rider.

Three wheels have been around as long as bicycles. But when did they become motorized? The **Harley-Davidson Servi-Car** was a three-wheeled utility motorcycle manufactured by Harley-Davidson from 1932 to 1973. The Servi-Car was designed during the Great Depression when Harley-Davidson was desperate to expand its product base to increase sales. Targeted at the automotive service industry, the vehicle was designed to be towed behind a car to be delivered to a customer; when the car was delivered at its destination, the driver would unhitch the Servi-Car and ride back to the garage. For this reason, it was available with a tow bar at the front and a large 60 Ah battery. In addition to its intended use for car delivery and retrieval, the Servi-Car was also popular as a utility vehicle for small businesses and mobile vendors. They proved to be particularly popular with the police departments, some of which still used Servi-Cars into the 1990s. Favored my metermaids.

Another source Wing World History of Trikes http://wingworldmag.com/wing_featured/history-trikes/ says they started from 1970s with the customization movement, trikes often had other engines like the VW Beetle one.

Trikes are attractive to people wishing to carry multiple passengers, folks with mobility or balance problems or to avoid helmet use regulations. They are generally custom-built and often finished to a very high standard. A hard front brake on a delta (two rear wheels) requires the vehicle to steer almost straight to avoid tipping. The balance of friction patches and rolling resistance also means that tadpoles tend to under-steer and deltas over-steer.

Another popular option is to turn your motorcycle into a trike via a conversion kit. Several manufactures make a reliable kit for the do-it-yourselfers or to be purchased and added by a licensed mechanic. A typical kit will cost between . Additional custom paint can individualize your ride while enhancing the value of your motorcycle. <http://www.streeteagle.com/road-tales/history-of-the-motorcycle-trike/> One of the least expensive is the Voyager where “training wheels” are added like a child’s first bicycle. I’ve found that only Harley Davison produces it’s own trikes,



Indian farms out it's trike like the one pictured to the left, a 2015 Roadmaster at \$41,400.

Harley has two in their catalog. The Tri Glide Ultra, starting at \$33,499 is the one you most see. It is a full "bagger" style and has the luxury Queen passenger seat. It can be customized with choices of wheels, paint, engine trim and console trim.

Now I am not a fan of the bagger style, more old school. So in 2015 Harley came out with the Freewheeler. It has the Fatboy look

with bobbed fenders. Base price around \$25,499 for 2016, but it is ready for additions. It has the attachments for a detachable windshield and pop in sissy bar. Standard are mini-apehangers for better steering. Check the bike builder option on the model page for all the possible add-ons. I was not so impressed with the black one I saw at Palm Beach. While at last State Leesburg area meeting I stopped at Gator Harley and was taken by the Amber Whisky color, a metal flake burnt orange. I also saw one like it at Space Coast when I stopped there for their Sturgis Party, see photos. I'm very disappointed checking Harley site that is NOT an option for the 2016. At the Gator dealership they let me attempt a test drive. But it was very short as my replacement knee wasn't fit to handle the heal toe shifter. It was very weird trying to adjust to that AND the opposite style of steering, so I cut that drive short.



While I was at Space Coast this guy rode in on one, pictured below. He had a lot of add-ons. I would do the back rest and luggage rack like he did. He also added the windshield and other items. I had a long talk with him about the ride and all. He said it did not take long to adjust to the steering. Since it is opposite of the gyro steering I think it might take a while. I thanked him for his help.



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DELEGATE REPORT



Aug 8 State Meeting Tavares FL

Last month's state meeting was held in Tavares Florida and hosted by the Lake County chapter. Debbie and myself rode up and had a great ride up only running into one downpour of rain just before we got there. As usual Lake County did an excellent job hosting the meeting at the Lake County Shriners club.

Our next state meeting is a personal favorite of mine SPOOKS N SCOOT!! This is primarily a camping event and is dedicated to our brothers and sisters lost. You don't want to miss this one it is always a lot of fun.

Now i know it is going to be tough for some of you with Avon Park Bikefest the weekend before so if you have to choose one or the other please choose the Avon Park Bikefest. This event is very important to the survival of ABATE of Florida. As you know our funding was cut out of the state budget a few years ago and as a result ABATE of Florida is struggling to exist. We all need this event to be a great success .Please try to attend this event if you can Oct. 2-3-4, even if you just want to ride up for the day! Come show your support for your chapter and ABATE of Florida!!!! Remember if they go under there will be no ABATE of Palm Beach :-(

Ride Safe Ride Smart !!! SNOOZE

PRESIDENT Doc Reichenbach: Doc reported on the arbitration between parties involved in the Brevard County toy run. Putnam County chapter will be closed as of this meeting. State Office received only 13 responses, 4 wanted to keep it open, 9 said to close. They cannot stay open and use ABATE name to do fundraising in their county. There are only four executive officers in the corporation. They are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Sargent-at-Arms can be signature on check if need be. No chapter by-laws can supersede State by-laws. You can have a meeting without a forum, Can discuss and make decision. Still need 3 executive officers to agree (can make phone call to get vote). If 2 executive officers are present may teleconference with 1 more to conduct meeting. Doc went to the COC meeting. All were patch holders except Doc and Jerry T. One of the patch holders told everyone to join ABATE so they can tell us what to do. Doc got up to speak and told them they would not take over. After he received calls from Jerry T and a couple other patch holders who were livid, he told them they are welcome to join. He also got an anonymous email demanding we change our by-laws to benefit them. He has no objection to us being club members. ABATE stopped a gang bill last year for motorcycles. Doc met with a congressman who agreed not to introduce it.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT Dennis "Mudder" Rudoi: Main concern is growth of the organization. Chapters need to expand their rank and file in their areas. Attrition has claimed many members. If you are excited about ABATE then work with new members, educate the public, light a fire, save lives. Discussion concerning junior membership for ages 16-18. Dawn (Duval) thought it was good idea but it was shot down in the past. Questions raised about what their function would be and it was noted that most meetings are held where alcohol is served. Doc said send proposals to him. Sally will look into junior memberships a little more. They also raise questions regarding increased liability to ABATE.

TREASURER'S REPORT Patti Nasrallah: Income/expense report and balance sheet in packets as usual. Selling of tickets is critical to us meeting expenses every month. There is also a grant application form for chapters to request grants from ABATE of Florida Safety and Education Inc. as well as forms for the "Receipt of Charitable Donation" and "Contribution of Volunteer Services". Contact Patti for help in completing these. Motion carried to accept Treasurer's report.

SARGENT-AT-ARMS TJ Painter: Still need help with Avon Park. We've had a lot of rain lately, roads are wet. Take time to look bike over.

STATE MEETINGS

Host Chapter - Location

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,

December 10, 2016: Gator Alley

STATE OFFICE Ms. Boots: Some chapters turned in sold ticket money today and some were signed out. One chapter turned in unsold tickets. Suggested selling at events, neighboring events. Sally (Seminole) asked if a winning ticket was put back in drum for chance at next prize. A ticket can win only one prize.

MEMBERSHIP Grace Lord: excused absence. The chapter with the most new members for May was Daytona Beach, June was Gulf Coast. Highest % of growth for May was Lake County, June was Alachua. Life cards were given to Estero River, Gator Alley, Gulf Coast, Inerstate, Lake County, Lighthouse, Polk County, Southeast, Southernmost, West Coast.

MASTERLINK Bob Alexander: Deadline for submission is today. Masterlink copies are up front. All submissions are approved through Boots. Greg (Black Creek) asked if there were different deadlines for chapter flyers and paid advertisers. The deadline date is the same for everyone. If it is submitted a few days late and the Masterlink has not been published and there is room we do try to include it in the issue.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS SaraBeth Kohl excused absence: The updated SOP's for social media need to be signed and returned.

WEBSITE Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson: Abateflorida.com tracking info is in packet. In the time period 7/9-8/5/2015 there were 139,965 page impressions. Most frequent accessed pages were index, helmet law, newsletters, Board of Directors, and events. Dawn (Duval) said that in order to protect privacy rights of members use BCC when sending emails, it will put all addresses in blind copy.

SAFETY DIRECTOR John Massoth: excused absence: One MSAP certificate was handed out to Susan Hedrick from Vintage chapter. Doc would like to purchase a lot of safety products after the Avon Park event. He needs to know what main items we need. Delegates will go back to chapters to see what they need and send a list of top 3 items to John. Also bring the list to the October Sate meeting.

PRODUCTS TRUSTEE Steve Knee: Chapter products have been picked up. He has ordered 50 more bells for selling at Avon Park.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT Darrin "Scribe" Brooks: Sent out the long version of the "letter to the editor" to any newspaper who would publish it. This came about because he received an email from a mother whose daughter was killed in Melbourne. She is willing to help us use her story to go to legislators. They may react differently to a grieving mother who lost her daughter because someone ran a light and hit her. Last BOD teleconference Doc brought up doing a letter to the editor in newspapers asking for families who have lost loved ones to contact him. ABATE members should contact the small papers and see if they will publish it. The original is 400 words but he does have one as short as 150 words to accommodate any paper's word limits. There will be a special session in August to redraw the congressional district map and in October to draw Senate district. The legislative session starts in January 2016, know who your legislators are, start talking to them now.

LOBBYIST Doc Reichenbach: We have Republican legislature in Florida. Will be interesting to see how far the issues go in the Presidential debate. He received phone call from a former FL senator asking if Doc would speak to parole board on behalf of a guy serving 10 years for broadsiding a motorcyclist in Lake County. His wife said he has served enough time (4 years) for the crime. He would not. No such thing as an accident, somebody is at fault or careless. Please give Doc suggestions on what bills we want to do this upcoming session. Election 2016 coming up: we will elect a new president, all new House of Representatives and 1/3 Senate. On the state level all the House, 1/3-1/2 Senate. Governor Scott will be in office until 2018. The biggest complaint about the court ordered redistricting is coming from Corrine Brown who feels it is unfair to minorities.

NCOM: There still have not been any indictments regarding the events in Waco. The 90 days will be up in about 2 weeks. They are all out on bail.

MRF& AMA: MRF did not name ABATE of Fl. Inc. as being instrumental in getting amendment approved so now NHTSA can't lobby state legislators. AMA is still fighting the ethanol in gas and had article on off-road riding.

AVON PARK: October 2-4, 2015: We still need volunteers. We have 3 bands, a DJ and will have Bobby Friss as headliner Saturday 10/3 at 6 p.m. Brevard, Vintage, Treasure Coast doing beer garden... Gator Alley will do liquor bar and will take donations of liquor from chapters. They will be on the mall where the Gazebo is, and the safety booth. Richard Lester (AIM) will have a table there as well. We will have events for kids. Any child who participates will receive a ribbon so no one will feel left out. Possibly have hay bale maze. The bouncy house people carry their own insurance, make sure we are named under it. We are still looking for more vendors, including a peanut

vendor. Anyone interested have them call Billy Bird. Vendor fees are \$150 for the whole weekend for a 10 x 10 space, \$200 for a 12 x 24. Electric for weekend is \$60. We will have car show and bike show. We will be doing an honor guard ceremony to raise the flag and start the event Friday at 10:00 am. Set up for event will be Thursday 10/1, clean-up Monday 10/5 if not completed Sunday. There will be camping at the Moose, anyone who works 6 hours will get free camping. After 9 pm they will have 2 bands, food and a bar for campers and Moose members only. We will sell 50/50 tickets on Friday and Saturday, at least 2 drawings each day so people will not have to wait all day for drawing. Must be present to win, we will tell when the drawing will take place. We will draw a ticket until we have a winner for that drawing.

BIKE WEEK: 3/4/2016-3/13/2016: 6000 drawing tickets have been printed. We will be selling tickets at the Avon Park Autumn Bike Fest. Drawing will be at State Office Saturday March 12, 2016 at noon.

TALLAHASSEE: 2/20-2/22, 2016 Boots has not received confirmation yet on Monday 2/22 for the capital. They have changed the system for confirmations. This is George Washington's birthday, the original freedom

fighter. Doc is going to Tally this week and he will find out if they have us scheduled. The state meeting will be Sunday 2/21 in Monticello, still need confirmation on that also.

OLD BUSINESS: Website hit stats was covered under Website above. More input is needed on membership rates. Jim Burrow will be talking to chapters.

NEW BUSINESS: None at this time.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Lake County is celebrating their 28th birthday, cake for everyone! Save the date for Spooks & Scoots

Inerstate is having the Frisco Poker run Saturday Oct. 3 Avon Park

Alachua is having a sports car-like road rally on September 19

Thanks to Lake County for hosting the meeting and for the awesome lunch and endless desserts! Leftover food will be donated to the Veterans Association.

Drawing, silent auction.50/50 won by Charles J.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:
5:28 pm

Respectfully submitted by Shelly Johnston 8/15/2015

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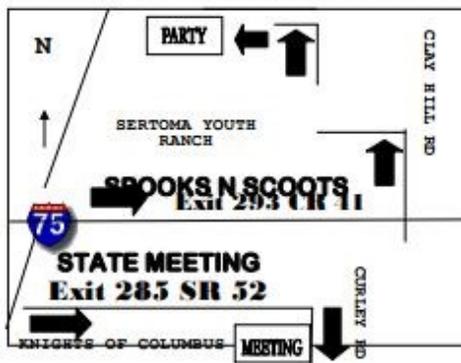
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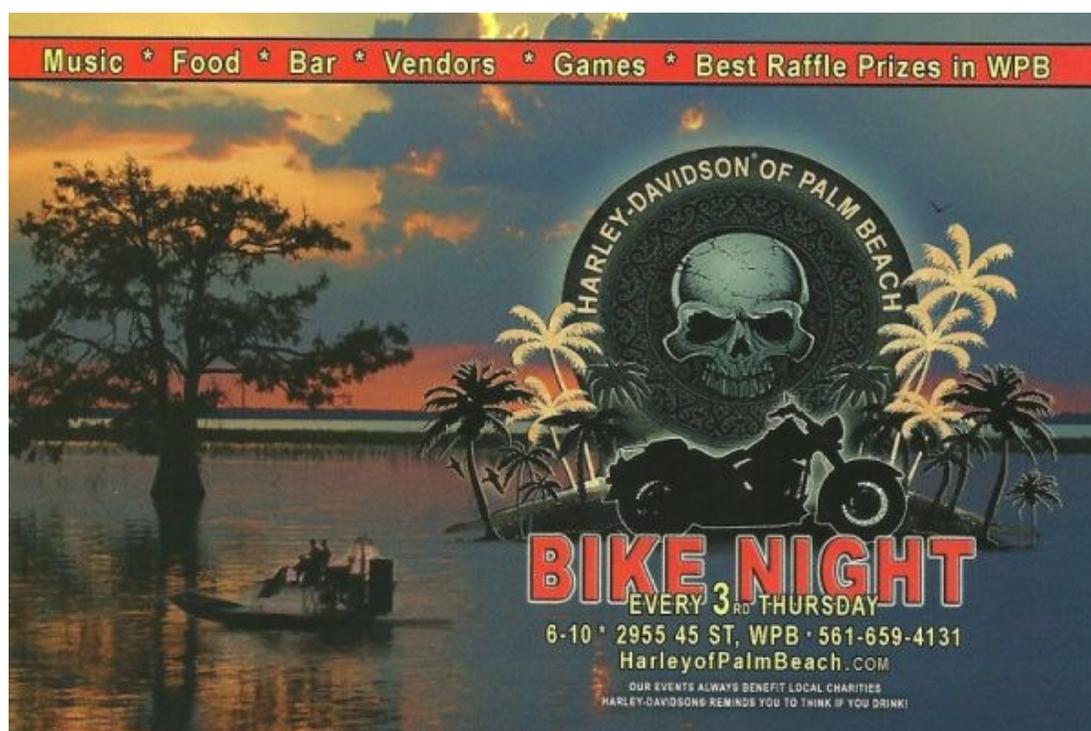
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- 4 Mystic Seven MC Annual
- 10 New Attitudes MC Annual
- 11 SE ABATE Rights Rally
- 16-19 Daytona Biketoberfest
- 25 Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party

NOVEMBER 2015

- 7 US Military Vets MC Chapter 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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SEPTEMBER

- 19 WPB Black Pistons MC party
- 26 FLNY MC Annual
- 27 Alternatives MC party

OCTOBER

- 4 Rough Riders MC Annual
- 10 US Military Vets MC state chap
- 15 - 18 Biketoberfest

NOVEMBER

- 8 Treasure Coast Black Pistons MC party
- 14 Tuckahoe MC Annual
- 15 AOA Treasure Coast Annual
- 22 Wings of Gold MC Annual
- 29 USMV MC Treasure Coast toy run

DECEMBER

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6 Southern MC Teddy Bear Run	7 Mob of Brothers MC Open House	8 Lone Legion MC Open House	9 Island Jack's Bike Night States LW MC Open House	10 Black Pistons MC Open House	11 AOA WPB MC Open House Pizza States MC Pompano	12 Outcast MC Party ABATE Black Creek Bears for Bears Run Outcast MC Party Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
13 States MC Key West Tune Up Party	14 Mob of Brothers MC Open House & Domino Tournament	15	16 Island Jack's Bike Night States LW MC Open House	17 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night Dinner States MC Pompano <u>Petersons Key West Poker Run</u>	18 AOA WPB MC Open House Pizza States MC Pompano <u>Petersons Key West Poker Run</u>	19 <u>Petersons Key West Poker Run</u> Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
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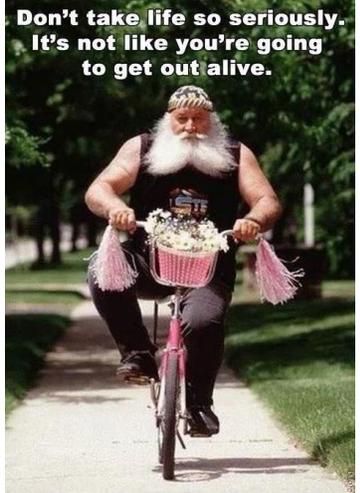


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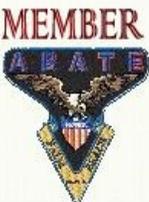


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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

SPECIAL SESSION IN OCTOBER FOR SENATE REDISTRICTING July 28, 2015

Florida lawmakers will hold a special session in October to redraw Senate districts, Senate President Andy Gardiner and House Speaker Steve Crisafulli announced Tuesday afternoon. The special session is scheduled from Oct. 19 through Nov. 6 and stems from a Senate agreement with voting-rights groups that have challenged the constitutionality of the Senate districts.

Lawmakers also are scheduled to hold a special session starting Aug. 10 to redraw congressional districts. The News Service will have a full report later Tuesday.

APPEALS COURT UPHOLDS DOCTOR-PATIENT GUN LAW
By JIM SAUNDERS THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, July 28, 2015..... For the second time in little more than a year, a federal appeals court Tuesday upheld a controversial Florida law that restricts doctors from asking questions and recording information about patients' gun ownership.

The 2-1 decision by a panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was a victory for the National Rifle Association and other gun-rights advocates and a defeat for medical groups that argued, at least in part, that the law infringed on doctors' First Amendment rights.

The appeals court last July also upheld the 2011 law but issued a revised ruling Tuesday. After last year's decision, medical groups continued challenging the law, including asking for a rehearing before the entire Atlanta-based appeals court.

Dubbed the "docs vs. glocks" law, the measure includes a series of restrictions on doctors and other health providers. As an example, it seeks to prevent physicians from entering information about gun ownership into medical records if the physicians know the information is not "relevant" to patients' medical care or safety or to the safety of other people.

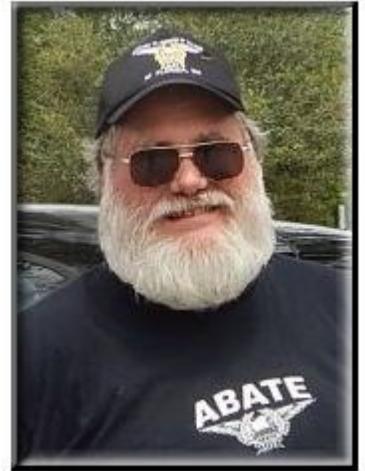
As another example, the law says doctors should refrain from asking about gun ownership by patients or family members unless the doctors believe in "good faith" that the information is relevant to medical care or safety. Also, the law seeks to prevent doctors from discriminating against patients or "harassing" them because of owning firearms.

A federal district judge in 2012 sided with opponents of the law and issued an injunction against it. But the appeals court last July and again Tuesday overturned the injunction.

"The purpose of the act, as we read it, is not to protect patient privacy by shielding patients from any and all discussion about firearms with their physicians; the act merely requires physicians to refrain from broaching a concededly sensitive topic when they lack any good-faith belief that such information is relevant to the medical care or safety of their patients or others," said the majority opinion, written by Judge Gerald Tjoflat and joined by Judge L. Scott Coogler.

But Judge Charles Wilson wrote a lengthy dissent arguing that the law violates the First Amendment rights of physicians.

"Simply put, the act is a gag order that prevents doctors from even asking the first question in a conversation about firearms," Wilson wrote. "The act prohibits or significantly chills doctors from expressing their views and providing information to patients about one topic and one



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topic only, firearms."

The Republican-dominated Legislature and Gov. Rick Scott approved the law after hearing accounts of doctors unnecessarily asking questions about gun ownership or even refusing to continue providing care if such questions were not answered.

In Tuesday's majority opinion, Tjoflat repeatedly pointed to instances in which doctors can continue justify asking about firearms, such as in the case of a patient considered at risk of suicide.

"Thus, a physician may make inquiries as to the firearms-ownership status of any or all patients, so long as he or she does so with the good-faith belief --- based on the specifics of the patient's case --- that the inquiry is relevant to the patient's medical care or safety, or the safety of others," the majority opinion said. "If, for example, the physician seeks firearm information to suit a personal agenda unrelated to medical care or safety, he or she would not be making a 'good-faith' inquiry, and so the act plainly directs him to refrain from inquiring."

But Wilson's dissent raised questions about whether the law stemmed from anecdotal incidents. He also argued that doctors should have the right to ask questions about guns in addressing the well-being of patients.

"There is nothing to suggest that the doctors' inquiries or messages regarding firearms were not genuinely believed to be in the patients' best medical interest when given," Wilson wrote. "But there is evidence in the legislative history to suggest that the harassment provision (of the law) is designed to prevent these conversations from taking place in the future. That is certainly the result it will achieve. Doctors will largely cease inquiring into and counseling on the topic of firearms, lest they be accused of crossing the line between providing life-saving preventive medical information and promoting an anti-firearm political agenda."

TEXTING, DRIVING RE-EMERGES FOR 2016 SESSION

A South Florida Democrat on Monday filed a proposal that would toughen penalties for motorists who text while driving in school zones or at school crossings. The bill (HB 25), filed by Rep. Richard Stark, D-Weston, is an indication that lawmakers during the 2016 legislative session will again consider tightening restrictions on texting behind the wheel. Stark's bill calls for doubling fines for motorists who violate the state's texting-while-driving ban in the designated school areas. Though Florida has a texting-while-driving ban, some lawmakers contend it is not strong enough. In part, they have pushed unsuccessfully to make texting while driving a "primary" offense --- meaning police could pull over motorists who violate the ban. Under current law, it is considered a "secondary" offense. That means motorists can only be cited for texting while driving if they are stopped for other reasons.

BREAKING NEWS: SPECIAL SESSION COLLAPSES August 21, 2015

A special legislative session to redraw congressional districts collapsed Friday as the House and Senate could not reach agreement on a map. The Senate sought to extend the session until 6 p.m. Tuesday to negotiate, but the House declined to go along. The special session started Aug. 10 and was scheduled to last until noon Friday. The Senate adjourned at 11:59 a.m., and the House followed two minutes later. The collapse likely means that a court will decide the shape of congressional districts.

MISMATCHING MAPS

In April, a number of senators were downright indignant when the House ended its regular legislative session more than three days ahead of schedule.

The Senate even got a majority of the Florida Supreme Court to declare that House leaders violated the state constitution when they called it quits early because of an impasse over the budget. On Friday, it was the Senate's turn to pull the walkout routine. Led by Senate Redistricting Chairman Bill Galvano, a group of senators stood up and exited a committee meeting, leaving Galvano's counterpart, House Redistricting Chairman Jose Oliva, in the lurch just hours before the two-week special session's noon deadline. For most of the week, the Senate had refused to budge from an amendment prodded by Sen. Tom Lee, R-Brandon. The proposal would have altered the staff-drawn base map (HB 1B) by consolidating eastern Hillsborough County into a single congressional district. House members expressed concern that the "parochial nature" of the proposed Hillsborough County lines, and the impact the change would have on districts in and around Orange County, would violate the anti-gerrymandering "Fair Districts" constitutional requirements approved by voters in 2010. On Friday, Oliva --- who characterized the current state of the Legislature as "dysfunctional" just before Galvano and his entourage exited --- argued that the Senate map wouldn't meet Supreme Court muster. "These amendments have put upon us an insurmountable obstacle," Oliva, R-Miami Lakes, said. "My concern is the interpretation of the court. The court has shown its tendency to use circumstantial evidence and place the burden upon this Legislature. And that is what I'm trying to free us of." The special session was called when the court tossed eight of the state's congressional districts, saying they violated the new constitutional requirements.

Galvano maintained that the Senate has followed the dictates of the court in its amended map. "That's why we recorded our meetings," Galvano, R-Bradenton, said. "That's why we had open discussion in committee. That's why we made sure that everything we did along the process was corroborated and so the genesis of ideas and amendments was known." Oliva then resisted

Galvano's request to have the two chambers "conference" over the issue, something usually reserved for budget negotiations. "Chairman, I think at this point I'm going to respectfully reiterate the Senate's request for conference and leave it at that. Thank you," Galvano said. Before Oliva could reply, Galvano and his cohorts were on their way out. "Well, certainly, members of the House, I think that probably speaks a little bit to the nature that this has taken," Oliva said. "Up until now, these meetings were held in a very courteous fashion. What you see here is probably what should concern all of you, and certainly anybody out in the public, about the function of their government. "The House later rejected two attempts by the Senate to extend the session until Tuesday evening. The matter will now probably have to be resolved by the Supreme Court, which House Speaker Steve Crisafulli said will have to decide "whether or not they want to redraw a map, take a plaintiff map or take one of the maps produced here through the House or Senate." Lawmakers are scheduled to return in October to redraw Senate districts. At least the weather should be a tad less hot.

SENATE WILL RETURN FOR TWO DAYS IN SEPTEMBER With the 2016 legislative session starting earlier than usual, the Senate plans to spend two days in September holding committee meetings, according to a schedule posted on the Senate website. Legislative leaders had previously announced that committee meetings would be held in the middle of September. But the schedule posted on the Senate website indicates senators will hold up to 10 committee meetings on Sept. 16 and will follow with as many as 11 meetings throughout the day on Sept. 17. Lawmakers also are expected to hold committee meetings the week of Oct. 5, the week of Oct. 19, the week of Nov. 2, the week of Nov. 16 and the week of Nov. 30. The annual legislative session will start Jan. 12, which is almost two months earlier than normal.

LAWMAKER SEEKS TO BAN CONFEDERATE FLAGS AT GOVERNMENT SITES

A Democratic lawmaker this week filed a proposal that would ban the display of Confederate flags on state and local government property in Florida. Under the bill, filed Wednesday by state Sen. Geraldine Thompson, D-Orlando, any flags now flying would have to come down. The bill says the ban would apply to "the flag or emblem of the Confederate States of America or any flag or emblem used by the Confederate States of America or its military or naval forces at any time within the years 1860 to 1865." The flag issue has been heavily debated since a racially motivated massacre of nine black churchgoers in June in Charleston, S.C. With the flag continuing to fly at some local-government sites in Florida, Thompson said it's time for lawmakers to act. "We haven't seen the county level move to remove the flag," she said. But House Local & Federal Affairs Chairman Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala, said the bill will die if it comes to the committee he leads. "It's unfortunate that we've gotten tied up in this discussion of cultural cleansing," Baxley said. "The problem is once you start moving on this, then it goes to monuments, then it goes to roads, then it goes to disturbing graves." The bill (SB 154) is filed for the 2016 legislative session, which starts in January.

BATTLE CONTINUES OVER DOCTOR-PATIENT GUN LAW

Raising concerns about First Amendment rights and public health, opponents of a controversial Florida law aimed at restricting doctors from asking questions about patients' gun ownership have asked a full federal appeals court to take up the issue. A three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last month upheld the constitutionality of the 2011 law, which has drawn heavy attention and was dubbed the "docs vs. glocks" law. The 2-1 ruling was a victory for gun-rights supporters such as the National Rifle Association and a defeat for medical groups. Attorneys for opponents filed documents Tuesday asking the full appeals court to hear the case, a move known as seeking an "en banc" hearing. The documents also make clear that opponents plan to go to the U.S. Supreme Court if they continue to be unsuccessful at the Atlanta-based appeals court. "The (appeals-court panel) majority's decision breaks with established precedent and will invite other attempts to silence professional speech because of its message," one of the documents said. "(The law), on its face, restricts professional speech on the basis of its content, and disagreement with a particular viewpoint is what spurred its passage." The law includes a series of restrictions on doctors and other health providers. For example, it seeks to prevent physicians from entering information about gun ownership into medical records if the physicians know the information is not "relevant" to patients' medical care or safety or to the safety of other people. Also, the law says doctors should refrain from asking about gun ownership by patients or family members unless the doctors believe in "good faith" that the information is relevant to medical care or safety. Also, the law seeks to prevent doctors from discriminating against patients or "harassing" them because of owning firearms.

COURT CLEARS INSURER FROM CLAIM IN SHOOTING

An appeals court Wednesday said a homeowner's insurance company cannot be required to defend or pay a claim stemming from a family shooting incident in South Florida. The 4th District Court of Appeal upheld a Broward County circuit judge's ruling in favor of Universal Property & Casualty Insurance Co. The case involved a Universal customer, Harvey Stein, who loaned a gun to his sister, Cheryl Hepner. She was alleged to have then used the gun to shoot her son-in-law, Salvatore Miglino, who was in the midst of divorce proceedings with Hepner's daughter, according to Wednesday's ruling. Miglino filed a personal-injury lawsuit against Stein and Hepner. Universal argued that it did not have a duty to defend Stein and potentially pay a claim because of a coverage exclusion in the homeowner's policy. The exclusion did not specifically address intentional shooting incidents but applied to incidents of "physical abuse," according to the ruling. Miglino argued that the "physical abuse" wording should not justify a coverage exclusion in the case, but the appeals court disagreed. "He specifically likens the definition of physical and mental abuse to torture or actions meant to humiliate or demean," said the ruling, written by Chief Judge Cory Ciklin and joined

by judges Burton Conner and Ted Booras. "We must disagree, as the plain meaning of the words 'physical abuse' includes an instance such as the subject shooting." The court noted that it is leaving "for another day, however, the question of which other types of occurrences may reasonably be excluded within the framework of the policy exclusion."

We are seeking the "publics" help in getting ready for the next session. We are going to get as many individuals as possible to help us testify and reach out to the legislators. It will be harder for the legislators to ignore a grieving mother and I think it will help to personalize the "cold statistics" and give them a face.

Below is the "Long" version of a Letter to Editor that I have been sending to every newspaper that will let me submit something. Each newspaper has a different limit on words so my letter will be anywhere from 400 words to 150 words.

One must have already been published because I received a email from a guy in Margate FL telling about his brother getting killed by a drunk driver.

Keep your eye out, hopefully one will appear in a paper near you.

Scribe.....

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is looking for families who have lost a family member or friend in a motorcycle crash that was the fault of another vehicle. The majority of people who kill or seriously injure a motorcyclist get a failure to yield, running a red light or some other minor traffic citation. It is time for the voice's of those that have suffered this terrible loss to be heard up in Tallahassee. It is time to address this problem before more loved ones are lost.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is Florida's largest Motorcycle Rights Organization. We have Chapters all across the State of Florida made up of men and women who love riding and who want to promote motorcycle safety and motorcycle awareness to the general public. ABATE of Florida, Inc. is contacted many times each year by people who have suffered a loss and feel that a great injustice was done when the driver of the other vehicle only gets a small ticket. A recent example, I was contacted by a mother who lost her 21-year-old daughter while riding home one evening. Her daughter was wearing a full face helmet, armored riding jacket and gear. The person who killed her turned left, running a red light, crossing several lanes of traffic before killing her daughter. The person was only given a ticket for running a red light.

We are not just talking about motorcycles. We need to protect all the vulnerable road users on Florida roadways. Bicyclist, pedestrians, road construction workers, and all the others who have a legal right to travel on or near roadways. If you know someone who has been killed or seriously injured as a result of another vehicle driver's negligence, please contact ABATE of Florida, Inc. and tell us your story.

Sometimes the legislative / legal system needs a reminder that there is a problem. We are asking for your help to put a face and a story to the cold statistics. Your story can help to change the law to help protect other vulnerable road users so that more families do not have to suffer a needless loss.

If you would like to share your story and help us show the legislators that the vulnerable road users need help, contact ABATE of Florida, Inc. at this email address statelegislative@abateflorida.com

Thank you,

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

I just received an email from a mother who has replied to our "Letter to the Editor" and I have copied it below. Please take a moment to read it because this is the reason ABATE of Florida, Inc. exists. This is why we come together to fight for motorcyclists rights, This is why we promote motorcycle safety awareness. This is why we need to stay together and mend our quarrels. We cannot fail this mother or the many others that have responded. We need to focus on what matters and why we are ABATE of Florida, Inc. Scribe PS... Read her very last sentence

This is in response to the letter to the editor in the Bradenton Herald Aug 5th. I may be too late sending this but if you are able to use our tragedy please do so.

My youngest son, Charles Ray Erickson, was killed in a motorcycle vs. car accident Nov 6 1990. He had just turned 19 in Sept. The driver of a Chevy Suburban pulling an Air Stream trailer was at the stop sign of the off ramp of I-75 south and SR 70 (the intersection now has a traffic signal but not because of this accident). Charlie was heading west on SR 70 on his way home. The driver of the car made a left turn to go east, in front of my son. My son was entangled under the trailer. Airbags had to be used to lift the trailer off of him so that emergency personnel could extricate and treat him. While Charlie was still pinned under the trailer emergency personnel knew he was severely injured but he was conscious and they thought he was ultimately going to be all right. But that was not to be. When the trailer was lifted he went into shock - the trailer had acted as a tourniquet. He was airlifted to Tampa General where he died while he was in the MRI machine.

We lived with my parents, so when the call was made to notify me of the accident my Mother took the call. She was naturally in a panic which became worse because she couldn't find me. I had already left work and had gone Christmas shopping. Cell phones were not common then and she had no way to reach me. When I got home about an hour later she had to tell me the horrible news that Charlie had been in an accident and had been taken to Tampa General. She and I left right away. I never got to see my son - he died before I could get there. I couldn't hug him, I couldn't hold his hand, I couldn't tell him I loved him one last time. They wouldn't even let me see his body because his injuries were so severe. His right leg was almost amputated, left leg broken, fractured pelvis, broken ribs, and severe head trauma. Autopsy found grey matter in his ear canal. YES, he was wearing a full face helmet. He wanted a black one but chose white because it was more visible. The investigating officer stated in his report that skid marks indicated that Charlie had employed an expert maneuver and laid the motorcycle down in an attempt to avoid or lessen the impact.

The driver of the car was charged with "failure to yield the right of way". Family and friends were outraged that he could kill a man, however unintentionally, and not be charged with vehicular homicide or manslaughter or something other than "failure to yield the right of way", a proverbial slap on the wrist.

My eldest son, Paul, was serving in the Army in Belgium. I had to call him and let him know that his brother had been killed. He was on duty when I called that night so his wife of barely two months had the onerous task of telling him. Thankfully Charlie and I had gone to Belgium, on borrowed money, for the wedding (I had to borrow money again to bury him). We had not seen Paul for almost two years. At least we were able to have a memorable time together before Charlie was killed.

I think about Charlie every day even after almost 25 years - it doesn't seem like that long ago. I wonder what the future would have held for him. Who would he have married? Would he have been a father some day? But these are things I will never know. I still have days that the pain just envelopes me and it's hard to get through the day - but I manage somehow.

I take great delight in my eldest son Paul and my grandson Marcus and thank God for them every day. They are the shining lights in my life. But, there should have been more. Maybe I'm too greedy, but there should have been more.

The pain, the anguish, the heartbreak, the depression you go through when you lose a child is indescribable. There is no such thing as "getting over it". You NEVER get over it. You gradually learn to function but can't begin to live yet. Functioning isn't living. Eventually you will learn how to live again but it is never the same because an integral part of your heart and soul has been ripped from you. Yes, you still enjoy and take delight in your other child(ren) and the rest of your family and your friends. But your life has been changed forever.

No parent should have to bury a child. It doesn't matter how they die. No parent should have to bury a child! I pray that you never have to experience this type of hell. ***I may have rambled on too long but if this helps save even one person it is worth dredging up some of the painful details/memory.***

_____ Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, State Legislative Trustee, ABATE of Florida, Inc. www.abateflorida.com

ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:40am 22 members attended, 1 guest

PRESIDENT VFW holding raffle for motorcycle – 2006 Screaming Eagle. Avon Park event is fast approaching – hoping everyone attends. ABATE of FL is in financial trouble and the chapter strongly encourages everyone to attend and support the state organization. Chapter needs to do a better job at recruiting members. Membership is falling both for the Chapter and statewide. The Sun-Sentinel ran an article relating to ABATE of FL asking for volunteers trying to reach people who have lost someone in an accident. Spooks and Scoots is the weekend after the Avon Park Event. Always a fun event and encouraged people to attend. SE Cycles in Lantana is going out of business. The owner has parts for sale. Dan will put a notice in the newsletter.

VICE PRESIDENT Vice President would like to see more members to attend council rides and events.

TREASURER Beginning and ending balances were announced, Chapter is financially stable. Drawing tickets for Bike Week are available for sale. State organization requested that this be mentioned again so that Chapter members would participate.

MEMBERSHIP Membership cards have changed, we are required to purchase them through the State organization. We are down to 224 members. A lot of club members did not renew this year.

SECRETARY Secretary made motion to accept July meeting minutes – called for vote – motion carried

SARGENT AT ARMS Asked for suggestions from Chapter members for location for next meet and greet dinner. Planning for end of September Dan suggested a dinner get together at the Avon Park event as well.

SAFETY Still looking for Assistant Safety Director – President requested volunteers. Dan suggested doing Safety table at other types of events such as car shows.

DELEGATE State meeting was held in Leesburg on 8/8/15. Discussed an email from someone suggesting there should be separate people holding the positions that Doc holds. Doc explained that a patch holder told him that their club was going to join ABATE and declared that they would take over the organization. Doc believes this is where the email stemmed from, and that it is not the general opinion.

LEGISLATIVE Legislature not in session. Dan will keep us up to date on any changes. Dan is collecting articles regarding local accidents and sending to Doc.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS There are big problems with the email list. Dan is investigating. Nighthawk suggested putting an update link on the website instead of sending out a blast email each week. Dan and Debbie working on getting the email list updated.

PRODUCTS We are not purchasing any new items until old items are sold. Decision was made to sell Tshirts for \$10 and Tanks for \$6. Lisa has an appointment with a vendor to see if they can make a catalogue so people can buy items directly. She is waiting for final design of new patch before moving forward with any new items. Nighthawk suggested waiting until after Avon Park event to see what state organization's plans are for the future.

NEWSLETTER Website is Palmbeach.ABATEFlorida.com Old ABATE Palm Beach domain is going away. As such, all email addresses must change. We will no longer personalize email addresses for each board member. We will have a single email address for the Chapter (Palmbeach.ABATEFlorida@gmail.com) Emails to that address will be auto-forwarded to all board members personal email addresses. Dan will set up forms page on website for members to email the chapter. Dan stressed the need for more advertisers.

OLD BUSINESS No old business do discuss.

NEW BUSINESS December Chapter event – need official date - December 13th was approved by the Council. Kenny wants to hold the event at Renegades, however we need more vendors at the event.

GOOD OF THE ORDER Next Chapter meeting to be held on 9/20/15 50/50 drawing won by Quiet Dan – \$50.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:00 pm.



Senate Passes Highway Bill

July 31, 2015

The United States Senate passed a robust, six-year highway bill as well as a three-month extension to current funding, reports the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF). With a healthy bi-partisan majority of the Senate supporting the bill, the DRIVE act or Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy act, was passed off the floor by a vote of 65-34.

The legislation includes language that would end the federal funding of motorcycle-only roadside checkpoints as well as defining autocycles as their own class of vehicle.

The bill now moves on to the House of Representatives where it will receive attention in the fall.

The Senate also passed a three-month extension to the current funding of transportation programs. That extension runs out just before Halloween, so the House is likely going to act before then.

Bill managers, Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman Jim Inhofe (R-OK) and Ranking Member Barbara Boxer (D-CA) worked together to create the bipartisan majority needed to pass the bill, with approximately three quarters of the Republicans and slightly more than half of the Democrats (including Democrat-leaning Independents) voting in favor of it.

The funding portion of the bill, however, remains a stumbling block. As of now, the bill contains revenue offsets to fund its first three years from 2016 thru 2018. If enacted, Congress would have to find additional revenue sometime before October 2018 for the final three years.

The MRF will keep you updated on this issue.

See more on bill at <http://www.thedetroitbureau.com/2015/03/elio-forces-feds-to-set-autocycle-rules/>

What the Hell is an Autocycle?

In any conversation about autocycles, one of the first questions to pop up is generally, “What the heck is an autocycle?” For the past several years, it’s been an unofficial classification, but with David Vitter, a senator from Louisiana, recently introducing a bill to make it a federal vehicle classification, they could soon become a lot more important. Doing so would set safety regulations and fuel economy standards on top of creating an official classification.

“Creating this recognition for autocycles will ensure their safety, create jobs, and encourage the same entrepreneurial spirit that created motor vehicles and motor cycles,” said Vitter in a statement, per The Detroit Bureau.

But what exactly is an autocycle? Largely, it’s a three-wheeled, enclosed vehicle that’s essentially part motorcycle and part car. Currently, though, these three-wheelers are classified as motorcycles by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and there are all kinds of conflicting laws across the country that regulate them. Vitter’s bill aims to set a single standard for all three-wheeled road vehicles, hopefully making it easier for companies to bring autocycles to mass market.

Actually, that should probably be singular, not plural. It’s no coincidence that a senator from Louisiana introduced this bill. At present, one of the better-known autocycle companies, Elio Motors, has plans to produce its vehicles at a former General Motors plant in Shreveport, La. The three-wheeled Elio is slated to cost just \$6,800 and claims to get 84 miles per gallon.

“This update to an outdated law will also help spur job creation in Louisiana, since Elio Motors has selected Shreveport for their manufacturing plant, and it will also ensure that imported vehicles of similar types will be covered of its completed engine being dyno tested in March.

The advantage of an autocycle being part car and part motorcycle is that drivers get more wind and weather protection than they would on a motorcycle, but the compact, light construction allows for small engines that still get motorcycle-like fuel economy. With urban congestion becoming more of a problem and a rise in gas prices inevitable, autocycles have the potential to change the way people use cars in cities.

The last GM vehicles built at the Shreveport plant were Hummers. Looking at the tiny orange Elio prototype, it's humorous that the little two-seaters will one day roll off the same assembly line. At the company's first major press event at the New York Auto Show, company founder and CEO Paul Elio was quick to point out that while the Elio would be legally classified as an autocycle, it should be thought of as a car. "This is a disruptive product that won't disrupt the automotive industry," said Elio.

Speaking next to his prototype from the borrowed podium in the basement of the Javits Center, Elio sounded like a modern-day Preston Tucker while working to ensure that his car doesn't share the same fate. With each technical question comes a definitive answer. The Elio has front and side airbags, anti-lock brakes, and full roll cage. A five-speed manual and automatic transmissions will be offered. The company has just developed its own 0.9-liter three-cylinder engine — the first American independent car company to build its own engine since the 1950s. It develops 95 horsepower, has 95 pound-feet of torque, and hits zero to 60 miles per hour in less than 10 seconds.

Inside, the Elio feels even more car-like than you'd expect. Despite being a tandem two-seater, the interior is familiar-feeling and spacious, and the rear seat will be certified to hold a child seat by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Whatever wasn't developed in-house was sourced by the world's largest automotive suppliers, keeping costs low and reliability high. The car is targeted at single commuters, not families, and priced accordingly. "This is an 'and' purchase, not an 'or' purchase," said Elio at the New York Auto Show.

After years of being doubted by skeptics, the company has recently had a few major developments go its way. In April 2014, it partnered with the Pep Boys auto parts chain to provide service on the car, instantly giving it more than 800 service centers across the country. It partnered with Cooper Tires to develop unique low-resistance tires to help achieve its fuel economy goals. And after several delays, it [released video](#) of its completed engine being dyno tested in March.

Like any startup, the biggest issue plaguing Elio Motors is money. The company has an impressive 41,481 reservations to date and has raised \$65 million in the past few years. Unfortunately, the company needs another \$230 million before its three-wheelers can begin streaming out of its massive Shreveport plant, with its capacity of 250,000 cars per year.

The company has applied for the low-interest Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing loan from the Department of Energy, the same type of loan afforded to Ford, Tesla, Fisker, and Nissan in 2009. Elio has a long way to go before its three-wheelers hit the streets, but many of the important pieces are already in place, and if its successful, the autocycle debate could quickly become a much larger issue.

Elio isn't the only company trying to change urban driving with autocycles. Toyota has an electric three-wheeler called the i-Road that seats two and has a 31-mile range. Toyota has already launched a trial program in both Japan and France with stations that commuters drive to before switching to an i-Road to complete their commute.

The future of autocycles isn't just efficiency, commuting, urban driving, and basic transportation. While autocycles are certainly well-suited to all of those things, the three-wheel, motorcycle-like setup is also perfect for some incredibly fun to drive vehicles. While the focus of these vehicles isn't fuel economy, their lightweight construction provides most of the fun of riding a motorcycle but gives the driver more protection and creature comforts.

Vehicles like the Campagna T-Rex, Polaris Slingshot, Tanom Invader, and Morgan 3 Wheeler all place the emphasis on fun over fuel efficiency. They all definitely drive differently than motorcycles but offer a more visceral driving experience than you can get in a car. Whether it's the classic British style of the Morgan or the starfighter look of the Polaris, enthusiasts can find an autocycle to get excited about if they're looking for more speed and tire smoke than you'll find in an Elio or i-Road.

Currently, though, because these vehicles are technically motorcycles in the U.S., drivers are required to wear a helmet and obtain a motorcycle license. While no one would confuse these autocycles for full cars, the need to go and get a second license is a hassle for a lot of potential owners. Hopefully legislation can be put in place that allows drivers to use a regular drivers license, as well as operate them with without a helmet.

There may also need to be regulations added about where these autocycles can drive, as well. It's less of a concern with the performance versions — if these new autocycles are optimized for city driving and can't keep up with highway traffic, letting them drive there would be dangerous for everyone on the road. Similar prohibitions already exist for certain types of motor scooters, so it wouldn't be unheard of to restrict highway access.

If Vitter's legislation works as it's intended, in 20 years, city traffic could look drastically different than it does today. Suburban and rural America will likely hold onto traditional vehicles longer, but congestion, limited parking, and expensive operating costs already make it difficult to own a car in the city. Combined with a better public transportation system, ride sharing programs like Uber, and car sharing programs like Zipcar, autocycles could end up being an important part of the way city transportation changes.

Additional reporting by [James Derek Sapienza](#) Check out [Autos Cheat Sheet](#) on Facebook



<http://www.cheatsheet.com/automobiles/the-legacy-of-elio-and-why-defining-the-autocycle-is-important.html/?a=viewall>

There are videos of the Elio (84mpg, \$6800) on YouTube the test drive of prototype one is very good. Interesting that it takes a normal license, no helmet in most states, but can be registered and insured as a motorcycle. There are many other videos on the Elio and other similar vehicles. If you visit <http://www.autocycles.org/> you can learn more about Litestar and Pulse vehicles that look jet like. - Slo Motion



Harley-Davidson Street Series Recalled

Harley-Davidson's 2015 Street 500 and Street 750 series of bikes have been recalled for a defect in the fuel pump inlet which affects more than 600 bikes, but the Motor Company wants to confirm that there's not a problem with more models.

From HDForums.com:

"According to the company, the fuel pump module inside the tanks has a poor seal at the inlet; this can cause an interruption in the fuel supply under acceleration, which could bring about an erratic behavior from the motorcycle engine. Harley states that the erratic combustion could potentially be dangerous to the ride and want those affected by the recall to immediately bring their motorcycles into their dealers for fixing."

To find out if your bike is one of the actual models being recalled, enter your VIN here:

https://www.harley-davidson.com/content/h-d/en_US/home/owners/maintain-your-bike/service-recalls.html



Stop the decade of E15 misinformation:

Urge your representative to protect your access to safe fuel Act now!

The first 10 years under the Renewable Fuel Standard, established in 2005, represent a decade of misinformation from the ethanol lobby concerning safe fuel for your motorcycle.

To protect your access to safe fuel, urge your representative to cosponsor the RFS Reform Act of 2015 (H.R. 704). The American Motorcyclist Association needs your help to pass this bill. You can send a prewritten email to your representative immediately by following the "Take Action" option and entering your information.

The AMA encourages riders to personalize their message by drawing on their own personal riding experiences.

In an effort to prohibit the spread of E15 fuel, which contains up to 15 percent ethanol by volume, the AMA supports H.R. 704, sponsored by U.S. Reps. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.) and Peter Welch's (D-Vt.). The bipartisan bill would amend the Renewable Fuel Standard to recognize market conditions and realities. It also would prohibit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from allowing any station to sell gasoline containing more than 10 percent ethanol by volume and require those already selling it to stop.

In other words, the sale of E15 will not be permitted if this legislation becomes law.

The AMA has repeatedly expressed concerns to government officials and federal lawmakers about possible damage to motorcycle and all-terrain-vehicle fuel systems and engines from the inadvertent use of E15. Allowing the higher ethanol blends to become more readily available greatly increases the chance of misfueling.

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

Passing H.R. 704 will help protect the estimated 22 million motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles currently in use on America's roads and trails that are not approved to use E15, and the riders who depend on safe fuel for their operation.

Preventing inadvertent misfuelings has been one of the AMA's top priorities, because motorcycles and ATVs are not designed to run on ethanol blends higher than 10 percent, and many older machines favored by vintage enthusiasts have problems with any ethanol at all in the fuel. Using fuel with more than 10 percent ethanol can void the manufacturer's warranty, potentially leaving motorcyclists with thousands of dollars in additional maintenance costs.

**With Florida being one of the leading states for lightening strikes, I thought this was important.
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Colorado Army Sergeant 'Beyond Lucky' to Have Survived Lightning Strike on Motorcycle During Rush Hour

BY JOHNNY DODD @Johnny_Dodd 08/22/2015 AT 02:45 PM EDT

Eugene Villines has spent the past week stuck in a hospital bed, doctors and nurses tending to his broken body, as he asks himself why he is still alive.

"I feel beyond lucky to still be here," Villines, a Colorado National Guardsman, tells PEOPLE.

He should.

On Aug. 17, while riding his motorcycle back to Greeley, Colorado, from his active-duty post with the National Guard's aviation unit, Villines noticed an afternoon storm rolling in.

Minutes later, while he barreled down I-25 north of Denver, a blinding flash of lightning lit up the highway – and horrified motorists watched helplessly as the 31-year-old Army staff sergeant slumped over his motorcycle after being struck, his hands still tightly gripping the handlebars.

Time seemed to slow down as the unconscious Villines drifted across lanes of rush-hour traffic, miraculously avoiding the cars around him, eventually veering off the right shoulder of the highway as his bike went airborne and crashed.

"The second I got hit, I was completely out," says Villines, who woke up seven hours later in a hospital bed at the University of Colorado Hospital Burn Center. "I don't remember anything. But people who saw what happened told me it was like the traffic all around me opened up, like it was all meant to be."

A handful of motorists pulled over and tended to his unconscious body, which had three broken ribs, a collapsed lung and a variety of scrapes and bruises, along with burns on his shoulder and hand where the lightning entered and exited his body.

On average, 49 people die each year from lightning strikes, mostly due to injuries to their hearts and lungs.

"I've done three tours and done some pretty dangerous stuff," Villines says. "But this takes the cake." (It even came with a new nickname, courtesy of his buddies, who now call him "Volt.")

Villines's wife Katie says she is still "in shock" over the fact that her husband is alive. She tells PEOPLE she has her own theory about what happened.

"Everyone is saying his helmet saved him, but I think God had a little to do with it," she says. "We're so lucky we still have him. We're going to make sure we get our butts back to church and try to understand why he wasn't killed."

<http://www.people.com/article/eugene-villines-survives-lightning-strike-motorcycle-crash>

Greeley man talks about motorcycle crash after being struck by lightning

On Friday, Greeley resident Eugene Villines was involved in a motorcycle crash after he was struck by lightning, while traveling north on Interstate 25. Villines' motorcycle was destroyed in the wreck. In an effort to help him replace it, as well as ease his pending medical expenses, friends have launched a GoFundMe account.

It was typical, albeit cloudy, evening when about 5:30 p.m. Friday, Eugene Villines left work at Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora bound for his home in west Greeley.

A husband and the father of a 9-year-old son, Villines, 31, is on active duty with the aviation unit of the Colorado Army National Guard. Although there was a storm rolling in from the west, it appeared to Villines the brunt of the system was going to miss northern Colorado, so he climbed onto his motorcycle for his usual commute home, which consists of a northbound leg on Interstate 25.

"There wasn't any rain or thunder; it was a pretty typical cloudy evening, so I got on I-25 thinking I would miss the storm," Villines said. "I remember riding under the 136th Avenue overpass. I never saw 144th."

About 6 p.m. somewhere between 136th and 144th avenues — a distance of about one mile — motorists recall

seeing a bright flash of light followed by Villines, who was now slumped over on his motorcycle, veering off the right shoulder of the interstate from the fast lane. When he woke up about seven or eight hours later at the University of Colorado Hospital Burn Center in Aurora, Villines learned he crashed his motorcycle because he had been struck by lightning.

Dr. Arek Wiktor, a burn and trauma surgeon at University of Colorado Hospital, said it's likely the bolt struck the highway first and that Villines caught some "current splash back." Villines has contact injuries on his right shoulder, right hand and left thumb, as well as a punctured lung, three broken ribs and several scrapes and bruises.

But Villines is lucky for a number of reasons, Wiktor said. Although being struck by lightning is a rare phenomenon — accounting for about 300 of the 3,000 reported electrical injuries in the U.S. each year — about 100 people die annually from lightning-related injuries. About two-thirds of those people die within an hour of being struck, usually from cardiac arrest or complications from severe lung damage, Wiktor said.

Villines' case is unique among a category of rare hospital cases because he was riding his motorcycle at the time he was struck by lightning, which Wiktor said could have resulted in his death had he not been wearing safety gear, particularly a helmet.

Although he didn't sustain a direct strike, Villines caught enough of a jolt from the lightning he was almost certainly rendered unconscious. Despite having the contact burns to prove it, Wiktor said the majority of the injuries Villines sustained occurred after he laid his bike down and crashed off the highway.

That point isn't lost on Villines, who said he always wears a helmet and safety gear whenever he drives his motorcycle. He recommended all bikers do the same. As for getting back on a motorcycle, Villines said he's been riding since he was 16 years old, and he wouldn't hesitate once he saves up enough money for a replacement — that is, if his wife, Katie, approves.

"It wasn't Eugene's fault and it wasn't another driver's fault; it was an act of God," Katie Villines said. "But, motorcycles are scary in general, and when you add lightning, you get a very scared wife. I can't tell him he can't ever ride again, but he's going to have to convince me."

Villines remained at University of Colorado Hospital on Monday, as doctors continued to monitor the hole in his lung. He and his wife are hoping he will be released today.

<http://www.greeleytribune.com/news/local/17760411-113/greeley-man-talks-about-motorcycle-crash-after-being>

More with video and accident details

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/man-struck-lightning-crashes-motorcycle-fast-lane-miraculously/story?id=33131941>



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