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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.

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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).

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President's Message

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

Well by the time you read this the Avon Park Autumn Bike Fest will be maybe over. If not, plan on going. We really need it to be successful and I sure hope it is.

Whether you made it to Avon Park or not, try to make it to Spooks n Scoots. There is talk about how this could be the last one. In recent years there has been a decline in participation and if turnout is light this year, this great event may go away. This is why we need you to support all the events you can through the year. Remember if you don't go there might not be a next year. All info you need is in this newsletter please try to attend whatever you can whenever you can.

Also there has been a rash of motorcycle accidents lately one of which involved one of our own, Vinney "Rebar" with States M.C. who also is an ABATE member. He suffered some broken ribs and a broken collar bone. Let's hope he gets well soon ! Also in this newsletter there is info on some of the recent motorcycle accidents in our area. So for God sake be careful out there!!!!

Ride Safe Ride Smart!!

SNOOZE



EDITOR or POSTMASTER?

Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson

The new free program, Mail Chimp, for our email notifications appears to be working well so far. Of the 178 emails from our membership rolls, about 30 failed to get delivered, the same amount when I did get the mail merge to work. But that failed on second try. So I figure those emails were no longer valid as I did not recognize those member names. So if you want to get these emails, send a message at palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com with all your information to add you. I like that it has an unsubscribe feature (works I tested it) plus you can recommend it to other users. It is only text based so still a few things to work out in format but it looks good on a cell phone!

ABATEPALMBEACH is dead. Not the Chapter but the domain name, website, and email we had with Network Solutions. Our new website has been **PALMBEACH.ABATEFLORIDA.COM** for quite awhile and I believe most have learned that. I have been telling everyone for the last few month NOT to use the old emails as they are totally gone now, use **PALMBEACH.ABATEFLORIDA@GMAIL.COM** just insert the @gmail into our web address. I had hoped it could forward to all the board but only does one so I have to manage and forward all mail to the proper board members..

Bad News for Wheels on the Road. "Phil Peterson, President of Harley-Davidson of Miami, and an awesome man with literally 1000's of friends, passed away last night at the age of 92. Funeral arrangements are being made and will be available on FB and separate emails. Motorcycles and riding was truly in his blood. You could not have asked for a better friend. His loss puts an end to an era - but rest assured his Key West Poker Run will go on for many years under the capable hands of his son Drew... and the rest of the Peterson clan." Miami Mike

UPCOMING Event Schedule

October 2-4 Avon Park Autumn Bike Fest

October 4 Mystic Seven Annual

October 9-11 Spooks and Scoots

October 10 New Attitudes MC Annual

October 11 Southeast ABATE Rights Rally

October 15 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night

October 15-18 Biketoberfest Daytona Beach

October 18 Sunday ABATE PBC Chapter Meeting Meeting 11:30

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.

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October 24 Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party

October 25 Sunday Alternative MC Annual

October 29 Turboz Cycles Bike Night at Ralphs Stand Up Bar Jupiter

November 1 Palm Beach Harley Anniversary Party and Poker Run

November 15 Sunday ABATE PBC Chapter Meeting

REMINDER: EVERY

Monday Night is MOB OF BROTHERS MC OPEN HOUSE

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Friday Night is AOA OPEN HOUSE

Saturday Night is FLY-IN WHEELS MC OPEN HOUSE

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

COME TO THE FIRST AVON PARK AUTUMN BIKE FEST

Below are some places to stay local hotels, Camping at the Moose, and as in President's Report Palm Beach are going to be at another local campground. Get the collector's FIRST Tshirt, priced well to sell. Also the local ABATE chapter will be having a Poker Run, also below.

COME AND BE A PART OF HISTORY

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Date: Saturday, October 3, 2015

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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 who 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.

Part Three Tadpole 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. From Wikipedia “A **three-wheeler** is a vehicle with three wheels, either "human or people-powered vehicles" (HPV or PPV or velomobiles) or motorized vehicles in the form of a motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or automobile. Other names for three-wheelers include trikes, tricars and cyclecars. The term tricycle is used somewhat interchangeably, but the term *three-wheeler* is more often applied to motor vehicles. They can be legally classed as either automobiles or motorcycles.

Many three-wheelers which exist in the form of motorcycle-based machines are often called trikes and often have the front single wheel and mechanics similar to that of a motorcycle and the rear axle similar to that of a car. Often such vehicles are owner-constructed using a portion of a rear-engine, rear-drive Volkswagen Beetle in combination with a motorcycle front end. Other trikes include ATVs that are specially constructed for off road use. Three-wheeled automobiles can have either one wheel at the back and two at the front, (for example: Morgan Motor Company) or one wheel at the front and two at the back (such as the Reliant Robin).

Due to its superior safety when braking, an increasingly popular form is the front-steering "tadpole" or "reverse trike" sometimes with front drive but usually with rear drive. A variant on the 'one at the front' layout was the Scott Sociable, which resembled a four-wheeler with a front wheel missing.

Three-wheeler cars, usually microcars, are often built for economic reasons: in the UK for tax advantages, or in the US to take advantage of lower safety regulations, being classed as motorcycles. As a result of their light construction and potential better streamlining, three-wheeled cars are usually very economical to run



BRP Can-Am Spyder Roadster

“The **Can-Am Spyder** ("Spyder") is a three-wheeled motorcycle made by Bombardier Recreational Products. The vehicle has a single rear drive wheel and two wheels in front for steering, similar in layout to a modern snowmobile. The Spyder uses an ATV-like chassis. The manufacturer refers to it as a "roadster," but in technical terms it is more of what has been traditionally called a trike. The Spyder was officially launched in



February 2007 “

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BRP_Can-Am_Spyder_Roadster

For more information on the 2016 Spyders http://can-am.brp.com/spyder/?utm_source=Facebook_Contest-#3&utm_medium=email&utm_content=main&utm_campaign=Newsletters . So the Spyder evolved from snowmobiles and jet skis. There are not many conversion kits available to make a front two wheeled motorcycle



Now the only front wheel conversion kit was the Tilting Motorworks <http://www.tiltingmotorworks.com/>. Here the two wheels are added to the front and the power is still the rear wheel for the standard install of about \$10,000. I like the look of the front grill. Their website has video of it running. In the video it looks like it steers like a normal 2 wheeled motorcycle not like a trike. From the site FAQ page: "Tilting Motor Works has developed a break-



through leaning 3-wheel conversion that offers the stability and safety benefits of 3 wheels with the handling of a motorcycle. The conversion involves removing the front fork and the front wheel and replacing it with a new front end that bolts to the frame. Conversions are performed by TMW or its authorized dealers. It is not available as a do-it-yourself kit. **What's good about having 2 wheels in the front?** It's the most efficient design for a 3-wheeler that leans. And a vehicle has to lean if it's going to feel like a motorcycle. A front conversion also puts more traction up front where it belongs, improving cornering and braking. **How does it handle compared to a motorcycle?** A TMW-equipped 3-wheeler steers, countersteers, leans and handles just like the original motorcycle. If you don't look below the handlebars you might not remember that you have two wheels in the front. **What motorcycles can be converted?** The current production unit is designed to fit all models in Harley-Davidson's Touring line including the Road King, Road Glide, Street Glide and Electra Glide models. We are now also equipped to handle Softails, Dynas, Sportsters and V-Rods such as the Heritage Softail Classic, the Fat Boy, the Wide Glide, and the XL 1200C. We can't yet convert a Tri Glide or a Spyder! :-). In addition, TMW can now convert Honda Gold Wing GL1800s and related models including the Valkyrie and F6B." I had emailed them about dealers and got this "We are currently working on setting up our dealer network but we do not have a dealer located in Florida. Do you know a dealer with experience in trike conversions that you would recommend?"

So are these your only choices for 2 front wheels? I was beginning to think so until I found this. The Chinese have copied the Can-Am Spyder look with the Hofia Sunday 250MB. The YouTube video on this did not give it a good review. Also on YouTube were several front two wheeled scooters. Although I can't find it again, thought I'd saved was a big name custom styled front wheel trike. Also I have found a reverse trike Honda Gold Wing photo from 2010 <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Reverse-trike-tim-shockley-st-louis-hondahoot2007.jpg>

So many of these reverse "trikes" are under dispute of being classified as motorcycles. While at present some do use a motorcycle engine, most use steering wheels and seats like cars. At present they are registered and insured as motorcycles. While there are several of the Polaris Slingshots in our county (like the one on the cover), while watching YouTube's "Is This A Motorcycle Shootout? Polaris Slingshot vs. Can-Am Spyder F3 vs. Morgan 3 Wheeler" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zuXWHGEBPT0> they mentioned that in Texas half of the State does NOT consider them motorcycles. So as I have mentioned in past newsletters there is a bill in the Federal Government to reclassify them as autocycles. There are many of these three wheeled vehicles presently under development, such search YouTube and the Internet.

There are plenty of three-wheeled vehicle options, including the Elio, Toyota i-Road, Tanom Motors Invader, Campagna T-Rex, the Morgan and the Polaris Slingshot, each sharing two wheels UP front and one in the rear. Currently, these vehicles are considered motorcycles by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which is clearly not what they are, according to the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). The group assembled a collection of officials, the Three-Wheel Vehicle Working Group (3VWVG), to help set the rules for what constitutes a motorcycle and what is an autocycle and what rule should be in place for the latter. This will be something to watch.



Toyota i-Road seats two people tandem style and has a range of 31 miles

U.S. Senator introduces federal autocycle safety bill

Publish Date: Mar 19, 2015 By Holly J. Wagner

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator David Vitter has introduced the Autocycle Safety Act, which creates the new classification “autocycle” for enclosed motor vehicles with three wheels and would set standards for autocycles under safety rules and the federal Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards.

It’s no surprise that S. 685, introduced March 10, comes from Vitter, (R-La.), as Elio Motors is setting up its factory in Shreveport.

So far, 26 states have enacted or are developing classifications for enclosed, three-wheeled vehicles as autocycles. At least five states have struggled to define Polaris’ Slingshot, and most of them have bills working through their respective Legislatures. Two states, Connecticut and Maryland, have sent Polaris letters outlining safety concerns.

It’s not clear how Slingshot would fare under the federal bill, which defines autocycles as “a passenger automobile with 3 wheels and an enclosed occupant compartment, which meets applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards, as determined necessary by the Secretary of Transportation through regulation.”

“We are in the process of reviewing the bill and formulating comments,” a Polaris spokesperson said, promising “additional comments once we have fully reviewed the proposal.”

The six-page bill includes interim safety standards specifying that between the bill’s passage and effective date, autocycles must meet both automotive and motorcycle safety standards. The auto standards would include seating systems, seat belts, child restraints, air bags, roof crush protection and flame-resistant interiors, while the motorcycle standards cover brake hoses, lamps and reflective devices, rearview mirrors, brake fluids, pneumatic tires, rims, brake systems, controls and displays, and glazing materials. (Maryland cited glazing materials as an issue in its letter to Polaris.)

It goes on to say that “In determining which motor vehicle safety standards are applicable to autocycles, the Secretary of Transportation shall -- (1) apply motorcycle safety standards to those aspects of an autocycle’s performance regulated through the motor vehicle safety standards applicable to motorcycles; and (2) apply passenger car safety standards to those aspects of an autocycle’s performance regulated through motor vehicle safety standards that are not otherwise regulated through a motorcycle standard.”

The legislation is intended to provide consistency across jurisdictions, according to Vitter’s office. “Creating this recognition for autocycles will ensure their safety, create jobs, and encourage the same entrepreneurial spirit that created motor vehicles and motorcycles,” Vitter said. “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 by the same safety standards that domestic manufacturers will follow.” <http://www.dealernews.com/dealernews/article/us-senator-introduces-federal-autocycle-safety-bill>

S.685 includes interim safety standards specifying that between the bill’s passage and effective date, autocycles must meet both automotive and motorcycle safety standards.

Summary: S.685 — 114th Congress (2015-2016) Sponsor: [Sen. Vitter, David \[R-LA\]](#) (Introduced 03/10/2015) Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation Latest Action: 03/10/2015 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Introduced in Senate (03/10/2015)
Autocycle Safety Act This bill defines "autocycle" as a motor vehicle with three wheels, an enclosed occupant compartment, and a steering wheel, which meets applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards. Specified interim automotive and motorcycle safety standards apply to autocycles until at most three years after enactment of this Act, by which time the Secretary of Transportation shall issue appropriate final rules, interpretations, and test procedures. Automotive fuel standards also apply to autocycles.

[H.R.2892](#) Autocycle Safety Act Related bill CRS 06/26/2015 Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade. Introduced in House (06/25/2015)

This bill defines "autocycle" as a motor vehicle with three wheels, a **fully** enclosed occupant compartment, and a steering wheel, which is subject to applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards. Rest is same as above

Nothing new to report on the status of these bills



STRIKER SPECIFICATIONS

Brand: Travertson **Country of origin:** USA (Florida)
Type: Motorcycle **Wheel:** 19in in the front 20in in the rear
Engine: All aluminum, 2.0 liters, 16 valves, Four cylinder in line. **Horse power:** 160@6500 rpm
Torque: 146@4450 rpm **Compression ratio:** 12.0:1
Bore X Stroke: 3.44 x3.27 **Fuel delivery:** injection direct (Regular or E85)
Brakes: 3 Disc, ABS.
Transmission: 6 speed automatic dual clutches with Select Shift or 5 Speed Manual - Reverse
DIMENSIONS: **Width:** 71in. **Length:** 131 in. **Height:** 41in.
Weight: 1480LBS **Features:** Electronic stability

control (ESC), state of the art suspension system (adjustable), power steering, seat belts, Radio, smart connection, charging plugs, large cargo space, xenon lights. <http://travertson.com/Models/STRIKER>

Honda's latest concept is part car, part motorcycle, totally rad

Project 2&4 combines the body of an open-wheel race car with the high-revving heart of a MotoGP racing bike.

September 9, 2015 by *Antuan Goodwin@antgoo*



Honda's two-wheel and four-wheel racing roots come together in Project 2&4, a conceptual racer that combines the look and handling of an open-wheel race car with the open feel and high-revving heart of a racing bike.

Project 2&4 is powered by Honda's RC213V competition motorcycle engine, which we've already seen in action in the **RC213V-S sport bike**. This is a MotoGP motorcycle racing engine that's been modified to run on public roads. The 2&4's 999cc, four-stroke V-4 boasts a screaming 14,000rpm redline and makes its peak 212 horsepower (215 PS) at an only slightly less lofty 13,000rpm. The engine's 87 pound-feet of torque (118 Nm) is sent to the rear wheels via a six-speed DCT transmission.

The concept wraps that engine in a lightweight, compact chassis that resembles an open-wheel race car or oversize go-kart. Project 2&4 weighs a scant 893 pounds (405 kg) and has an extremely low center of mass. The overall footprint is 10 feet long (3,040mm) by 6 feet wide (1,820mm), giving the concept a wide, planted look.

One of the most interesting bits of Project 2&4's design is its "floating seat" cockpit design, which suspends the driver's seat (the only seat) just inches above the asphalt. This open configuration is designed to combine the feel and freedom of driving a motorcycle with the grip and characteristics of a low-slung race car. More importantly, it looks amazing.



Project 2&4's "floating seat" design suspends the driver just inches above the asphalt.

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From Niagara area, my old stomping grounds—Slo Motion

No rough riders allowed at this motorcycle event

EVENT: Riders dress up to support prostate cancer research Sunday.
Posted: Friday, September 25, 2015

A group of gentlemen bikers are ditching leather vests and chaps on Sunday — heading out for a ride in a suit and tie.

The event is the Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride, hosted locally by Mark Milanovich, and part of a global event in support of prostate cancer research. The ride will start at noon Sunday at Niawanda Park in Tonawanda and ends at Fort Niagara in Youngstown. *(just down the road where I used to live—Slo Mo)*

This custom motorcycle event is held in 400 cities throughout the world, said Milanovich, who is owner of George's Appliance on Pine Avenue. Globally, the ride is expected to attract more than 30,000 smartly-dressed gentlemen who will straddle the saddles of their café racers, bobbers, scramblers and other custom motorcycles to raise awareness and help fund the cure for prostate cancer.

Riders are asked to follow the theme of the event, Milanovich said. "You have to have an older style bike and you have to dress up in a suit," he explained. Ladies are welcome to participate, but also are asked to dress up for the day.

In 2014, more than 20,000 participants in 257 cities in 58 countries raised more than \$1.5 million for prostate cancer research. The fundraising goal for 2015 is \$3 million, with riders getting sponsored by friends and family.

The Distinguished Gentlemen's Ride was founded in 2012 in Sydney Australia, inspired by a photo of Don Draper, star of the TV show "Mad Men," astride a classic bike and wearing his finest suit. It was decided a themed ride would be a great way to combat the often-negative stereotype of men on motorcycles, while connecting niche motorcycle communities together. That first ride brought together over 2,500 riders across 64 cities. The success of the event encouraged the founder to consider how it could be used to support a worthy cause. Prostate cancer research became the beneficiary of funds raised at the ride.

Milanovich hosted the first local event last year, but after waiting for approval from the Distinguished Gentlemen's organization, only had time to attract a handful of riders. This year, about 20 have registered and more are expected to sign up by Sunday's start at Niawanda Park. First stop is at Starbuck's on Third Street for a coffee, and then on to Lewiston and Youngstown. The ride ends at Fort Niagara with a complimentary barbecue courtesy of Bucks Motorsports Triumph of Buffalo, at about 2 p.m.

Milanovich will be riding his Triumph Bonneville, in tribute to the event's sponsor major supporter, Triumph. He expects that people will enjoy watching the dressed up riders cruise by, just as they did last year. "It's kind of funny," he said. "Generally, on a motorcycle, I dress completely differently. Dressing up for this ride feels kind of elegant and a lot of people stop and stare."

As for the funds raised for prostate cancer research, Milanovich said, "I have had some friends and relatives who have had issues with their prostate. Obviously cancer is the biggest issue and you worry about that. It touches so many people and there are so many different types, but prostate cancer is a mens' thing," he said.

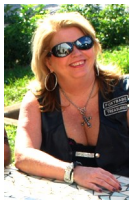
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DELEGATE REPORT



By the time you read this we will be in Avon Park for the first annual Avon Park Bike Fest. I strongly urge everyone to attend! This festival is of major importance to us all. As you may or may not know it has been about 4 years now since we have received any financing from the state. ABATE of Florida needs our help. So please try to attend as proceeds are going to ABATE of Florida they need it and so do we.

Don't have a lot to talk about that wasn't in the last issue. Our next state meeting will be in Brooksville you guessed it SPOOKS N SCOOTS !!! On Oct. 9 to 11. Personally I never miss this one it is a couple of days of camping with my fellow ABATE members from all over the state. This one is always a good time so grab your camping gear and join us for a great time!

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Ducati boosts sales with retro **motorcycle**
FNC Automotive Editor Gary Gastelu on
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1st Thurs Renegades Bike
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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 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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OCTOBER

- 4 Rough Riders MC Party
- 10 US Military Vets MC State Chapter
- 15-18 Biketoberfest

NOVEMBER

- 8 Treasure Coast Black Pistons Party
- 15 Tuckahoe MC Annual
- 15 AOA Treasure Coast Annual
- 22 Wings of Gold MC Annual
- 29 USMVMC Treasure Coast Toy Run

DECEMBER

- 5 UBSPBC Christmas Party
- 6 SFPC Toys in the Sun Run

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OCTOBER 2015

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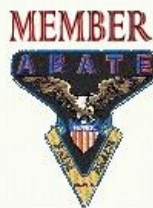
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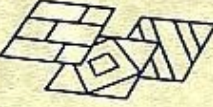
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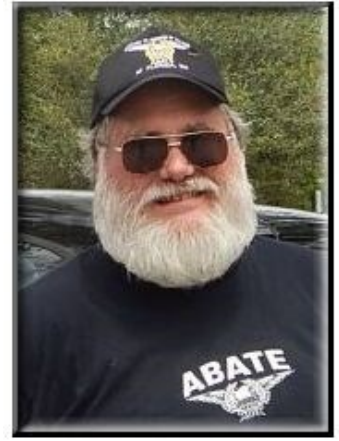
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DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

Tally news this week 9.2.15

STATE SEEKS TO CLEAR WAY FOR DOCTOR-PATIENT GUN LAW

Attorney General Pam Bondi's office argued this week that a potential challenge at the U.S. Supreme Court should not prevent the state from carrying out a law aimed at restricting doctors from asking questions about patients' gun ownership. A three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in July upheld the controversial law --- dubbed the "docs vs. glocks" law. Opponents last month asked the full appeals court to hear the case. If that request is rejected, the opponents indicated they will take the issue to the U.S. Supreme Court. The 2011 law has effectively remained on hold during the lengthy legal battle. If the case ultimately goes to the U.S. Supreme Court, opponents contend the law should remain on hold. But in a filing Monday with the appeals court, Bondi's office rejected that argument, saying a legal stay should be lifted. "(Opponents) argue only that denying a stay would 'impair the doctor-patient relationship,' and would 'eliminate --- or at the very least sharply limit---doctors' standard practice of preventive medicine,'" the filing said. "But they offer only speculation that this would occur." 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.



HOUSE PLANS THREE DAYS OF SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Starting to gear up for the 2016 legislative session, the House has released a schedule outlining plans for three days of committee meetings in mid-September. The schedule lists as many as 12 subcommittees that would meet Sept. 16. That would be followed by as many as 16 committees and subcommittees on Sept. 17 and five committees on Sept. 18. The House and Senate previously announced that the first in a series of committee weeks would be held in mid-September. The Senate last week posted a schedule indicating it will hold committee meetings Sept. 16 and Sept. 17. Preparations for the 2016 session are happening earlier than usual because the session will start in January. Ordinarily, annual legislative sessions start in March.

PROPOSAL WOULD RESTORE FELONS' VOTING RIGHTS

A South Florida Democrat on Thursday proposed a constitutional amendment aimed at automatically restoring the voting rights of many convicted felons. Sen. Jeff Clemens, D-Lake Worth, filed the proposal (SJR 192) for consideration during the 2016 legislative session, which starts in January. If approved by the Legislature, the proposal would go on the November 2016 ballot. The measure seeks to restore the voting rights of felons who have completed their sentences. People with restored rights also would be eligible to

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SENATE EASES BACK INTO COMMITTEES

While lawmakers will return to Tallahassee next week for the first round of committee meetings before the 2016 legislative session, the majority of Senate committees will remain idle. The Senate is scheduled to hold seven committee meetings, while 14 other panels will not meet, according to a calendar published Wednesday. Also, the Joint Legislative Budget Commission, which includes senators and House members, will meet. Probably the heaviest debates next week will focus on bills in the House and Senate that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns on college and university campuses. The Senate Criminal Justice Committee is scheduled to take up the proposal (SB 68), filed by Chairman Greg Evers, R-Baker, at 9 a.m. next Wednesday. That will be followed at 10:30 a.m. by the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee considering the House version (HB 4001), filed by Rep. Greg Steube, R-Sarasota. The 2016 session will start in January.

HOUSE BALKS AT ANOTHER REDISTRICTING SESSION

House Speaker Steve Crisafulli on Tuesday all but ruled out a special session to take another stab at drawing new districts for Florida's congressional delegation, making it increasingly likely that the task will fall to the courts. In a memo sent to state House members, Crisafulli indicated he would not back off a demand that lawmakers approve a "base map" aimed at satisfying a July Supreme Court ruling, which found that existing congressional districts violate the anti-gerrymandering "Fair Districts" standards approved by voters in 2010. During a special session last month, several senators tried to amend the base map, but House leaders said that could cause the courts to strike down districts yet again. The session imploded after the House and Senate failed to reach agreement.

STATE LEADERS EXPECTED TO HAVE \$600M SURPLUS

Gov. Rick Scott and lawmakers will have more than \$600 million in extra money as they craft budget proposals for next year, according to a draft report issued Tuesday by economic forecasters. The projection included in the Long-Range Financial Outlook, which will be considered by a legislative committee next week, marks the first official estimate of the state's surplus after accounting for continuing expenses and other spending decisions lawmakers generally make each year. For the 2016-2017 budget year that begins July 1, there will be an estimated \$635.4 million left, after normal spending and \$1 billion in reserves --- meant to help cushion the state against unexpected expenses -- are taken care of. However, about \$426.8 million of that surplus would come from one-time money. The surplus is expected to decline after the 2016-2017 budget year, with the state having \$583.7 million the next year and \$222.2 million the year after that, with all of the leftovers being one-time money. Part of that is due to the continuing cost of recent tax cuts supported by Scott and Republican lawmakers.

LAWMAKER SEEKS TO REPLACE STATUE OF CONFEDERATE GENERAL

The bronze statue of Confederate Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith, which has stood in the U.S. Capitol since 1922, would be replaced by a statue more representative of Florida, under a bill filed Tuesday by a Republican state lawmaker. Rep. Jose Felix Diaz said he's been considering the proposal (HB 141) for several years, and the bill comes as people across the country have reconsidered Confederate symbols after the racially motivated slaying in June of nine black church members in South Carolina. "I think that the shooting in South Carolina created an awareness that wasn't there before," Diaz, who represents parts of Miami-Dade County, said. "When I first started asking questions about Gen. Kirby (Smith), the political appetite wasn't there for this conversation to be had. People were not intrigued by him or Statuary Hall." The Smith statue in the National Statuary Hall Collection is in the Capitol Visitor Center. The Florida Senate is considering similar legislation, Katie Betta, a spokeswoman for Senate President Andy Gardiner, R-Orlando, said in an email.

CORCORAN GETS SPEAKER NOD NEXT WEEK

House Appropriations Chairman Richard Corcoran, R-Land O'Lakes, is scheduled to be formally designated as the next House speaker during a Sept. 16 ceremony. The House Republican Conference will meet and choose Corcoran to serve as speaker for a two-year term starting after the 2016 elections. Republicans are able to make the choice because

they hold a massive majority in the House. Corcoran, who was elected to the House in 2010, has long been in line to become speaker. He will succeed Speaker Steve Crisafulli, a Merritt Island Republican who began his two-year term after the 2014 elections.

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PROPOSAL WOULD ALLOW OPEN CARRYING OF FIREARMS

A House Republican on Monday filed a proposal that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to openly carry firearms. The bill (HB 163), filed by Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fort Walton Beach, will be considered by lawmakers during the 2016 legislative session, which starts in January. The bill also would make other changes in gun-related laws, including giving direction for judges to use "strict scrutiny" when reviewing laws dealing with the right to bear arms or self defense. "The right to bear arms is a fundamental and individual right that exists in any place that a person has the right to be, subject only to exceptionally and narrowly tailored restrictions that employ the least possible restriction on the right in order to achieve a compelling government interest," the bill says.

GAETZ JOINS SON IN FILING OPEN-CARRY BILL

Sen. Don Gaetz on Wednesday joined his son, Rep. Matt Gaetz, in seeking to allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to openly carry firearms. The elder Gaetz, R-Niceville, filed a bill (SB 300) that is identical to a measure (HB 163), filed Monday by Matt Gaetz, R-Fort Walton Beach. The proposals, which will be considered during the 2016 legislative session, also would make other gun-related changes, including giving direction for judges to use "strict scrutiny" when reviewing laws dealing with the right to bear arms or self defense.

CAMPUS GUN BILLS ADVANCE IN HOUSE AND SENATE

A proposal that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to pack heat while hitting the books on college and university campuses notched its first two successes Wednesday. The legislation (SB 68 and HB 4001), which won support from criminal-justice committees in the House and Senate, is widely opposed by academic leaders. Proponents argued that the proposal would make colleges safer, while opponents questioned the need to allow weapons into an already stress-filled atmosphere. "I don't feel like your constitutional rights should stop at a line in the sand," said Senate Criminal Justice Chairman Greg Evers, a Baker Republican who is sponsoring the Senate bill. The Senate committee voted 3-2 along party lines to support the proposal, which is filed for the 2016 legislative session. The Senate proposal must still get through three additional committees, including the Judiciary Committee, which did not take up the issue during the 2015 legislative session. The House Criminal Justice Subcommittee voted 8-5, with Rep. Ray Pilon, R-Sarasota, joining four Democrats in opposing the measure. Pilon, saying he is a National Rifle Association member, noted a desire for additional training for campus law enforcement. House bill sponsor Greg Steube, R-Sarasota, indicated the measure could make schools safer since concealed-carry permit holders must be 21. Also, he said current law prohibits military veterans who have returned to school on the "GI Bill" from carrying weapons. "Most of those people have more training than our law-enforcement officers do," Steube said. "I was an infantry officer. We trained for years on how to execute different scenarios, and so have all these different military members."

BURDEN OF PROOF WOULD SHIFT IN SELF-DEFENSE CASES

A key supporter of Florida's controversial "stand your ground" law filed a bill Tuesday that would shift a burden of proof to the state in cases in which people argue they used force in self-defense. The bill (HB 169), filed by Rep.

Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala, came about two months after the Florida Supreme Court ruled that people who use "stand your ground" defenses have the burden of showing they should be shielded from prosecution. In such cases, pre-trial evidentiary hearings are held to determine whether defendants are immune from prosecution under the law. But Baxley's bill, which will be considered during the 2016 legislative session, would place the burden of proof on prosecutors in the evidentiary hearings. The bill said it is "intended to correct misinterpretations of legislative intent made by the courts" and would apply retroactively to



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defensive force as permitted by general law at a pretrial evidentiary hearing substantially curtails the benefit of the immunity from trial provided by this section (of law)," the bill says. "The Legislature intends to make it explicit that the state shall bear the burden of proof in establishing beyond a reasonable doubt whether a defendant is entitled to immunity at a pretrial evidentiary hearing in order to disprove a prima facie claim of self-defense immunity. The Legislature has never intended that a person who acts in defense of self, others, or property be denied immunity and subjected to trial when that person would be entitled to acquittal at trial."

Tally update 9.19.15

SENATE COMMITTEES COULD GEAR UP IN OCTOBER

After a relatively light schedule this week, the Florida Senate could hold committee meetings over four days when it returns to the Capitol in early October. The Senate and House this week held their initial round of committee meetings to prepare for the 2016 legislative session, which starts in January. They will return the week of Oct. 5 for another round. Many committees in both chambers did not meet this week, but a Senate schedule indicates the upcoming committee week could be busier. The schedule sets aside time for committees to start meeting late in the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 5, and continue into the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 8. House committees likely will start the morning of Oct. 6 and continue into the morning of Oct. 8, according to a House schedule.

MILITARY MEMBERS GET FAST-TRACKED WEAPONS LICENSES

The state has fast-tracked 7,549 concealed-weapons licenses for active-duty members of the military and honorably discharged veterans since Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam announced July 27 that those people would be moved to the front of the line when seeking licenses. "If we get a complete application and a clean background, we're turning it over roughly in six days," Grea Bevis, director of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Division of Licensing, told members of the House Military and Veteran Affairs Subcommittee this week. Another 900 applications are pending, Bevis said. The goal when the fast-track program started was to get the licenses application completed within 30 days, Bevis added. "So we've made great strides to meet that mark," he said. The fast-tracking was part of Florida's reaction to a shooting rampage at a military-recruiting center and a Navy Reserve facility in Chattanooga, Tenn., that left four Marines and a sailor dead in July. Gov. Rick Scott called for the state to expedite processing of new concealed-weapons licenses for members of the National Guard. Putnam expanded that to all active-duty military members and honorably discharged veterans.

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America's biggest motorcycle rally and the mirage of the violent gang apocalypse

Bart Schaneman September 10, 2015

STURGIS, South Dakota — This was supposed to be the biggest week ever. The 75th year of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The Granddaddy of the Granddaddy of them all.

Come the first week of August, this small South Dakota town of 6,900 was to be overrun by a horde a million strong, the metal apocalypse descending from the Black Hills, bearded brutes mounted on gleaming, death-roaring Harley-Davidsons as their sex-crazed female passengers, with their breasts painted the colors of the American flag, screamed at the moon. There were even rumors that the Bandidos and the Cossacks would converge for a revenge brawl after the gang fight in Waco, Texas, earlier this year left nine dead and dozens injured. Everyone agreed it was going to be a bad one. The worst ever.

Over the years, Hell's Angels have gunned down Outlaws in Custer State Park. Sons of Silence members have shot and stabbed Outlaws in a Sturgis tavern. But to stand at the railing of the Easy Rider bar overlooking the street on the first weekend of the rally, to stand among these people — well, it puts the lie to all the fear and loathing of Sturgis biker culture.

A lot of what you think you know about motorcycle gangs is wrong. Walk through downtown Sturgis during the rally, and the only patches you see belong to the Christian motorcycle clubs. Gray-goateed men in black leather and bandannas help their ladies take off their studded, leather pony-tail sheaths. Everyone wears sporty sunglasses. The riders hail from varied socioeconomic backgrounds, though yes, far and away the majority of rally goers are white.

The street smells like barbecue and exhaust; it sounds like engines and bottles tossed onto other bottles. Police are stationed at the end of every block. They arrive in a paddy wagon that stays empty during most of the day, but is there when it's needed. Over the entire week, the cops made 246 non-traffic arrests and 212 traffic arrests. That's a lot — and more than last year. And this was the deadliest rally on record, with 17 rally-related traffic deaths, counting deaths in South Dakota and Wyoming. But many of the accidents were self-inflicted and involved single bikes, often as the result of control problems, namely the loss of it.

A violent gang apocalypse, this was not.

Police said there were no stabbings, shootings, or major violent assaults at this year's rally. Maybe that's because some motorcycle gangs, many sworn enemies, chose to have their annual meetings elsewhere. For example, the Hells Angels had their convention in Clarksville, Virginia, this year, thousands of miles away. Or it might just be that these people are just like you and me and want to have a good time without stabbing or shooting each other. I spoke with an older woman who had lived in Sturgis her whole life. She said it used to be the rally-goers would come the weekend before, stay through the week, then leave the next weekend. Now they stay for a whole month, she said.

There were probably 1 million rally goers in Sturgis this year. But before they settle on an official estimate, the city will spend months counting people in pictures, analyzing traffic data, and tallying up how much trash the bikers left behind.

I've heard that the real action is in the campgrounds. But I decided to avoid the Buffalo Chip when I saw that press had to sign a waiver agreeing that: "The undersigned will not videotape or photograph any person who appears in a state of nudity or semi-nudity. Nudity and semi-nudity are defined as: (1) Less than completely and opaquely covered human genitals, anus, or female breasts at or below the top of the areola; or (2) Human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered." It also demanded that "interviews taking place at the Chip shall be identified as having taking place at 'The Legendary Buffalo Chip' or the 'Sturgis Buffalo Chip.' No other representation is acceptable."

We saw plenty of off-color behavior in the bars. Buddies taking body shots off of traveling strippers, for example. I didn't see anything wrong with any of it. Everyone thought Sturgis was going to devolve into slobbering drunken mayhem. But it seemed to me that most of these people just got drunk and then got tired.

Rural America has changed. The farm kids have grown up, moved to town, and traded their tractors for choppers. Now they find their community in places like Sturgis and Daytona, the nation's second-largest motorcycle event. While bands like Diamond Rio and Sawyer Brown still play the Saturday night county fair circuit, new outlaw

country star Brantley Gilbert rocks the motorcycle rally campgrounds, just as soon as the homemade bikini contestants vacate the stage. That country twang sounds poor. No country kid wants to be associated with poverty. Leather, chrome, and loud engines are far more seductive.

In a time when anti-government vitriol is dressed up as patriotism, outlaw culture has never been more relevant, or attractive. There is something deeply American about the scene.

But fear not. No motorcycle gang revolution is going to explode. There are still more strippers to pay, more body shots to take, more tires to blow in burnouts. There is anger here, and dissatisfaction, that the country is not headed in the right direction. But it dissipates as soon as the biker takes to the road. Like the heat lines shimmering off the hot black top, it's all a mirage.

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Committee addresses motorcyclist safety

On Sept. 10, two motorcycling-related amendments were approved by the Subcommittee on Research and Technology of the U.S. House Science, Space and Technology Committee as part of the “Surface Transportation Research and Development Act of 2015.” The bill – as part of the broader surface transportation authorization bill – prioritizes research and development activities within the U.S. Dept. of Transportation. It passed by voice vote.

The two motorcycle-related amendments were introduced by U.S. Rep. Randy Hultgren on behalf of U.S. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner.

Amendment No. 036 would require the DOT engage the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study on the most effective means of preventing motorcycle crashes. While this study is being conducted, no federal funding would be provided to states to conduct motorcycle-only checkpoints. The Senate version does include language to prohibit federal funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints. The federal dollars from this program should be used exclusively for proven highway safety strategies and not sporadic, discriminatory checkpoints.

The amendment was approved by voice vote.

Amendment No. 037 would prohibit the DOT from lobbying for any activity on any pending federal, state or local legislation. This is commonly known as the “NHTSA Lobby Ban.” Sensenbrenner included similar language in the Surface Transportation Research and Development Act of 1997.

It was approved by a vote of 7 – 6.

The American Motorcyclist Association applauds these amendments and will work to include them in the next highway bill. On Sept. 17, the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is tentatively scheduled to consider the highway bill.

To ensure these amendments are included, urge your representative today to include these amendments as part of a six-year highway bill.

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Mississippi Gov. Bryant to lead charity motorcycle ride

Associated Press 7:01 a.m. CDT September 18, 2015

PASCAGOULA, Miss. - Gov. Phil Bryant has once again agreed to lead the motorcycle fleet during the Home of Grace Ride and Festival, better known as the annual HOG Ride, on Sept. 26.

The Mississippi Press reports the charity motorcycle ride begins at Trent Lott Airport and cruises along the Gulf Coast beach route in a 44-mile trek to Gulfport.

More than 260 motorcycles and 1,200 festival-goers participated last year. Attendance is expected to grow this year.

The HOG Festival is free and includes live music, food and vendors. It's open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Founded by Bryant in 2010, the HOG Ride is a fundraising and a awareness event supporting the scholarship program at the Home of Grace addiction recovery center, which is celebrating its 50th year of service.

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ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

Sept 20, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:38am 18 members attended, 3 guests

PRESIDENT 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, even if only for one day. There has been a rash of motorcycle accidents. One in particular involved a drunk driver with multiple DUIs, but because the car was still registered, the driver continued to drive. This may be something to discuss – not allowing drivers to register their cars if their licenses are suspended. Chapter needs to do a better job at recruiting members. Membership is falling both for the Chapter and statewide. Safety Director is excused from attending the meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT VP stressed the importance of everyone attending the Avon Park event – even for one day.

TREASURER Beginning and ending balances were announced, Chapter is financially stable. Drawing tickets for Bike Week are available for sale.

MEMBERSHIP Membership is down again this month. Chapter is down to 215 members.

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

SARGENT AT ARMS Meet and Greet dinner scheduled for end of September has been postponed due to conflicts. Will try to reschedule after October.

SAFETY Safety Director excused. Still looking for Assistant Safety Director – President requested volunteers.

DELEGATE State meeting will be held during Spooks and Scoots weekend – weekend after Avon Park (October 9-11) Avon Park – Quality Inn is giving room discounts to ABATE members. Camping on site is more fun.

LEGISLATIVE Legislature not in session. Dan stated not much info regarding motor cycles being discussed. More info regarding gun control is in discussions right now.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS Avon Park – very important to attend. Nighthawk has campsites available. Requested everyone participate. Dan is taking over email updates. Need toner. AmVets Post requested newsletter – board agreed to increase production by 25 to 300 per month to accommodate this request. Debbie will deliver.

PRODUCTS No new products are being purchased or pursued until after Avon Park event.

NEWSLETTER Network Solutions subscription ends 9/22. There is only one email address for the chapter now: palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com. Please make sure everyone uses this email address only going forward.

Webmaster compiling articles regarding crashes. Data sent in an article about a crash, and Dan emailed the author to get any follow up information and to educate about Abate – trying to get positive coverage. Dan cleaned up the email list. He is now using Mail Chimp (an outside company FREE) using that to send out the notifications and it is working much better. Dan requested members to email the chapter if they want to be added to the email list. All changes are reflected in the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS Avon Park – again asked members to attend. State meeting in Tallahassee is on hold, waiting for state to notify us if it will be held and when. VFW is still selling raffle tickets for the screaming eagle. Tickets are \$5 and Kenny encouraged everyone to purchase one.

NEW BUSINESS Donna Green from Seminole chapter asked Kenny if we would want to join them in a ride next year from Miami to Tallahassee, benefiting Forgotten Soldiers. Kenny wondered if a similar ride would be worth doing and donating any money raised to Abate of Florida. The idea was discussed and we will discuss again at next meeting. Annual event is to be held December 13th at Renegades. Nighthawk will run 1000 fliers to hand out. Kenny asked for volunteers to go to the toy run and hand out fliers. Kenny may have new vendor for event – giving info to Debbie. The band for the event will be Unleashed. Flyer and insurance are done. Need vendors and door prizes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER Next Chapter meeting to be held on 10/18/15 50/50 drawing won by Karen from the VFW – \$34.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:24 pm.

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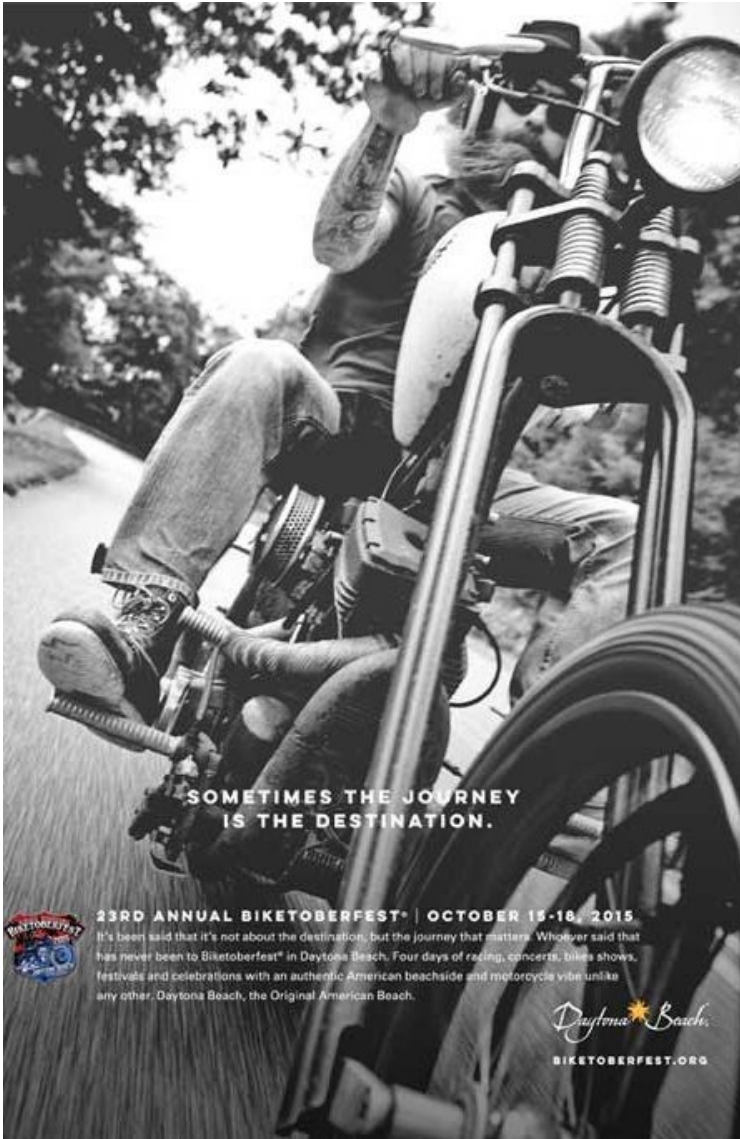
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Driver who hit motorcyclist and fled scene, charged with DUI-manslaughter

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OKEECHOBEE — A woman who has a history of driving while under the influence has been charged in the death of a local motorcyclist.

A Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) arrest report states Lisa Marie Kramer struck the motorcyclist on U.S. 441 S.E. around 5:20 p.m. Friday evening, Sept. 4, and then fled the scene at speeds topping 100 mph.

That motorcyclist — Clinton Lewis Griffin, 46, of Okeechobee — was pronounced dead at Raulerson Hospital.

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) reports indicate Kramer, 45, was taken into custody at her residence in the Blue Cypress RV Park, 13801 U.S. 441 S.E. Trooper Corporal Mark Zook's arrest affidavit indicates Kramer was charged with failure to remain at a crash involving death, DUI manslaughter and driving while license suspended with a death involved.

Kramer is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on \$325,000 bond.

Assistant State Attorney Don Richardson, who will be prosecuting the case, said in a phone interview Tuesday that Kramer has a history of driving while under the influence.

Mr. Richardson then detailed the woman's criminal history: on Sept. 4, 2009, Kramer was convicted of DUI in Palm Beach County; on Nov. 3, 2014, she was convicted of driving while license suspended — a misdemeanor; on Aug. 14, 2015, she entered a guilty plea in a Palm Beach County court to charges of DUI with property damage, DUI leaving the scene of an accident with property damage and reckless driving causing injury to person or property; and on Sept. 1, 2015, she was convicted of grand theft-motor vehicle in Palm Beach County.

The prosecutor went on to point out Kramer was given probation on all of her convictions. She was allegedly under the influence again Friday evening when she reportedly struck Mr. Griffin.

Cpl. Zook's affidavit indicates Mr. Griffin had stopped his 2006 Suzuki motorcycle on U.S. 441 S.E., and was apparently waiting to make a left-hand turn into the Thornberry RV Park. That RV park is located across the road from VFW Post #10539, 3912 U.S. 441 S.E.

Mr. Griffin, stated an FHP press release, was not wearing a helmet at the time of the incident.

Kramer, continued the affidavit, was southbound on the two-lane highway in her silver 2003 Kia Spectra four door when she struck the stopped motorcycle.

"The defendant's vehicle struck the rear of the motorcycle which propelled the operator into the air," stated Cpl. Zook. "After striking the motorcycle, the defendant's vehicle pushed the motorcycle onto the outside shoulder.

"The defendant stopped her vehicle, backed up and then proceeded south on S.R. 15 (U.S. 441 S.E.) leaving the scene of the crash," added the trooper.

The report goes on to detail how a witness to the incident followed Kramer southbound at speeds topping 100 mph.

OCSO Deputy Matt Crawford reportedly found the Kia stopped in the 13000 block of U.S. 441 S.E. near the county line.

Deputy Crawford then deployed his K-9, Mick, to find the driver of the automobile. The deputy's report stated Mick picked up the driver's scent and went to the south side of the highway, but then lost the scent.

"After speaking with several people who reside in the area, the suspect left the car and went to the south side of the roadway where she was later picked up by a dark-colored vehicle," stated Deputy Crawford.

Kramer was later found inside her residence at Blue Cypress and was taken into custody.

She was taken back to the scene where OCSO Deputy Stephen Pollock conducted field sobriety tests and then determined Kramer was under the influence.

"There was no odor of any alcoholic beverage on or about the defendant," stated Cpl. Zook.

Mr. Richardson said Kramer was taken to Raulerson Hospital for a blood draw. He said that sample will be sent to a laboratory for analysis.

http://okeechobeenews.net/crime/driver-who-hit-motorcyclist-and-fled-scene-charged-with-dui-manslaughter/?utm_source=feedblitz&utm_medium=FeedBlitzRss&utm_campaign=okeechobeenews



Lisa Marie Kramer

MORE LOCAL ACCIDENTS REPORTED IN SUN-SENTINEL

9/19/2015 Davie motorcycle crashes with dump truck on State Road 7 Sun Sentinel Motorcyclist, 37, dies in Davie crash James Goins on South State Road 7 in Davie, when he was struck by a dump truck while on a motorcycle and had died at the scene. He was on his step father's motorcycle. The investigation into what led to the fatal collision will take a while, and neither driver was faulted in the crash on Friday. Accident was at 8 am.

<http://www.sunsentinel.com/news/broward/fldaviemotorcyclefatalfriday20150918story.html>

Another local motorcyclist was killed Sept 15 in Boca Raton at intersection of Spanish River Blvd and Federal Highway just after 2 pm. Police said the motorcycle collided with an SUV, but are not saying exactly how that occurred. They have not released the identity of the driver of the SUV or of the motorcyclist.

<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/palm-beach/boca-raton/fl-boca-raton-motorcycle-crash-20150915-story.html>

Follow the links for the complete stories. Thanks to Data for the first link which let to the second. Carey send it the following accident however not much able how it happened or whose fault.

Motorcyclist crashes into truck hauling airboat on Southern Boulevard

Andrew Ruiz Sep 24, 2015

SUBURBAN WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. - A motorcyclist was injured Thursday afternoon after crashing into a truck hauling an airboat on Southern Boulevard near Lyons Road.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office said the motorcyclist was taken to St. Mary's Medical Center in critical condition.

The cause of the wreck is under investigation.

<http://www.wptv.com/news/region-c-palm-beach-county/motorcyclist-crashes-into-truck-hauling-air-boat-on-southern-boulevard>



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Big Bad Fred, our VP, mentioned at the last meeting that he purchased a new motorhome so his old one is for sale. Was waiting on more information but added these photos taken Aug. 2014 at ABATE state meeting at Peace River Campgrounds. “Big Bad Fred” Joseph 561-723-3712





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