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11:30 AM
Third
Sunday
Jan. 17**

**CHECK TWICE
FOR MOTORCYCLES**

**LET THOSE WHO
RIDE
DECIDE!**



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DECEMBER 13, 2015 1PM-5PM
Annual Freedom Rights Rally
RENEGADES
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We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. We ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG. We fund our work through events, toy runs, poker runs, campouts, and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors & friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community. We serve and support our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others. We are Pro-choice NOT anti-helmet

OUR GOALS

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.
To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms.
To motivate the bikers to write letters to legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.
To furnish a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to upcoming legislation.

MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

President's Message

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

Happy New Year!!! Hope everyone had a great Holiday season!

First I would like to thank everyone who helped make our annual Freedom Rights Rally at Renegades a huge success and a lot of fun too. Looks like 2016 is starting out with a bang on January 10th there will be a very special event out at Palm Beach International Raceway FREEDOM MOTORCYCLE FEST!!! This event is being brought to you by Palm Beach Harley Davidson and South Florida Bikers For First Amendment Rights. As everyone by now should know our government is slowly trying to take away our rights don't let them do it, come out and show your support for our Bill of Rights as we know them !!

Also in January is an ABATE Favorite the South Florida Fair this year there will be two bike nights! There will be a \$5 admission if you ride in the parade. Dates will be January 21st and 28th 6:00 pm. Don't miss out on this one its always a lot of fun.

Ride Safe Ride Smart!

SNOOZE



We have lost a couple of members in the past two months. I found a better photograph of Phil Moore above. Michael Steffy was a Life member but not seen much. I remember meeting him at Turn 3.

STATES

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BLESSING OF THE BIKES

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ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter GBNF

Ed "Gunner" Bassett

Robert "Torch" Lyle

Niurka Crespo

Phil Moore

Michael Steffy

UPCOMING Event Schedule

Friday January 1 Soldiers for Jesus Open House 1015 S Congress Ave, WPB 7-10

Sunday January 3 States MC Pompano Blessing of the Bikes

Thursday January 7 Renegades Bike Night 6 to 10pm

Jan. 8 to Jan 10 Miami Motorcycle Show Miami Beach Convention Center
Friday 3-7 pm Sat. 9:30 am to 7 pm Sunday 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday Jan. 10 Freedom Motorcycle Fest and Poker Run
Palm Beach International Raceway

Sunday Jan. 17 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. 11:30 am
V.F.W. Post 4143 located at 2404 Broadway, Riviera Beach 561-844-5718. From I 95 exit
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Breakfast will be served at V.F.W. Post 4143 9:00 AM 'til Noon.

Sunday Jan. 17 Southeast Chapter ABATE of FL. Inc. Event. Noon to 5 pm
Chester's Harley Davidson 201 International Parkway Sunrise

3rd Thursday Jan. 21 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night 6-10 45th St. West Palm Beach
Thursday Jan. 21 South Florida Fair Bike Night & Parade

Thursday Jan. 28 South Florida Fair Bike Night & Parade
Thursday Jan. 28 Turboz/Ralph's Bike Night Jupiter

Saturday Jan. 30. Dania Beach Vintage Bike Show 19 am to 5 pm Frost Park
Sat. Jan. 30 & Sun. Jan. 31 Treasure Coast Bike Fest Stuart Memorial Park
Sunday Jan. 31 Der Krieger MC Annual Blowout Cagney's House of Rock

REMINDER: EVERY

Monday Night is MOB OF BROTHERS MC OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday Night is LONE LEGION MC OPEN HOUSE

3rd Tuesday Night is MILITIA RIDERS OPEN HOUSE at LONE LEGION clubhouse

Wednesday Night is STATES MC OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday Night Gorilla Bob's Bike Night at Crabby Jacks

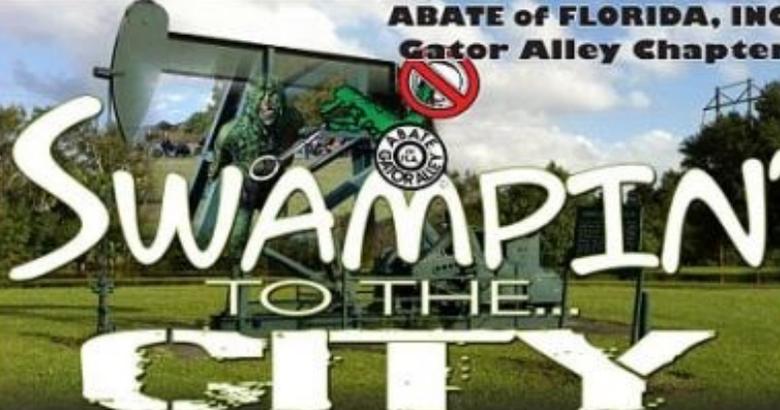
Thursday Night is BLACK PISTONS MC OPEN HOUSE

Friday Night is AOA OPEN HOUSE

Saturday Night is FLY-IN WHEELS MC OPEN HOUSE

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

ABATE of FLORIDA, INC.
Gator Alley Chapter



SWAMPIN' TO THE CITY

BLESSING OF THE BIKES & POKER RUN
JAN 3RD, 2016

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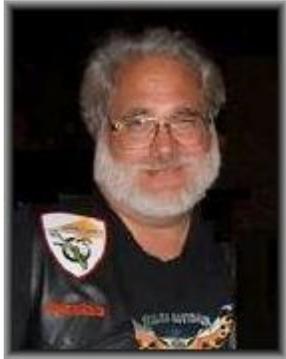
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GOOGLE MOTORCYCLE ALERTS, NEWS, and RANDOM EDITOR THOUGHTS

Some brief info and the links to follow for more. Dan Henderson

SAD NEWS

There have been two Palm Beach Post stories about a 65 old former Lottery winner dying when his trike flipped from the front tire hitting the median. Michael Steffy was a Life Member of ABATE Palm Beach chapter since 2009. I saw him a few times at Turn 3. He was riding in west Boca Raton Dec. 2 after 4:20 a.m. on Southwest Third Street near State Road 7.

<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/local/lottery-winner-killed-in-motorcycle-crash-west-of-npZ7G/>

<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/pbso-suburban-boca-man-dies-in-motorcycle-crash/npZnC/>

Channel 7 did a follow up report from a bike accident back in the summer. "Andrew Harris nearly lost his life in a motorcycle accident, but now he's just learning how to get around He lost his leg in August when he was riding his motorcycle and was hit by an elderly man in Tamarac. "He ran into me. He never saw me," Harris said." Read the full story and how you can help <http://www.wsvn.com/story/30664212/motorcycle-driver-grateful-to-be-alive-after-gruesome-accident>

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE....

Last month a story came up that isn't going away. Yes, it was "Man loses lawsuit claiming BMW motorcycle gave him an extended erection <http://boingboing.net/2015/11/28/man-loses-lawsuit-claiming-bmw.html> - It pops up again with more: **Man Loses Lawsuit Claiming His Motorcycle Caused an Unusual Condition** "The case of the bike boner is closed. ... In case you haven't been keeping tabs on the case of the bike boner, let us give you a refresher. The biker in question claimed the vibrations of the "ridge-like" seat of his 1993 BMW motorcycle gave him an insufferable hard-on (the four-plus-hours-call-your-doctor-kind). The lawsuit—filed against BMW North America and the seat manufacturer Corbin-Pacific Inc.—cited "product liability," "negligence," and "negligent infliction of emotional distress."

<http://www.maxim.com/tech/motorcycles/article/lawsuit-bike-boner-2015-11> and it came up again at

<http://www.breitbart.com/california/2015/11/29/motorcycle-erection-lawsuit-loses/>

And I thought a bike's vibration was just a turn on for women – anyone remember the VibeRider?

And this story just won't go away, it even popped on the airwaves as more at

<http://wrrv.com/man-sues-motorcycle-manufacturer-over-erection/>

And still going..... Popping up it made the Lawsuit of the Day at the Above the Law site including "The whole opinion is available on the next page..." <http://abovethelaw.com/2015/11/shockingly-court-rejects-motorcycle-boner-appeal/>

BUT BUSTED. A man from Springfield, MO was involved in a motorcycle accident that caused him to be hospitalized. While at the hospital doctors had to remove his clothes to access his injuries when they made a discovery. He had drugs, money, and what appeared to be a drug ledger in his possession. The police were notified and a report was filed, in the meantime doctors had to give him a CT scan which lead to a discovery of 28 grams of meth, 8.5 grams of marijuana and at least five generic Xanax pills, according to a police statement. [Police: CT scan leads to drug bust in Springfield; surgery required](#) Springfield police say they found more than \$1,200 cash and three different types of drugs on - or in - a man who was hospitalized following a motorcycle crash. John E. Julian, 48, was charged Tuesday with three counts of drug distribution after police say surgery was required to recover some of the narcotics he was carrying earlier this year. [Read the article on news-leader.com >](#)

Read review of the new **BMW 2016 R1200RS** with a "gear-shift assist pro," which basically means you can shift up or down just with the foot shifter. Has keyless starter, and cruise control as options.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2015/12/06/bmw-r1200rs-motorcycle-review/76765764/>

On my way tour December event, I noticed a Vespa dealership on Okeechobee Blvd. Then I saw two girls on a scooter that could barely keep it up. Shouldn't there be some training for them as their accidents go on our stats.

BIKES IN ART. Easy Rider: Will Ryman On The Motorcycle Sculpture He Made Out Of Paper Towels

<http://www.artnews.com/2015/12/04/easy-rider-will-ryman-on-his-new-paper-towel-motorcycle/>

Read a review of the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee with lots of photos http://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowUserReviews-g60097-d1095429-r330246106-Harley_Davidson_Museum-Milwaukee_Wisconsin.html

If you liked the Indian Larry style custom bike, check on how his legacy is still alive at

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/photo-essays/2015-12-18/not-your-cookie-cutter-motorcycle>

This is the season of Toy Runs. Sunday December 6 there was two choices; the SFLPC Toys in the Sun Run to Markham Park in Broward and Brevard ABATE of FL. Inc. Christmas Bikefest in Palm Bay at Space Coast Harley Davidson. I decided to go north to support a fellow chapter after the tragedy at last years Toy Run that mad this a one stop event. Debbie and CB also attended riding in a brief sun shower. It was a good. Day. Now President Snooze, Nighthawk and Ladyhawk went south. Ken told me it was muddy and a low turn out. But Nighthawk texted that he made the Sun-Sentinel. "This is the 14th time in the past 16 years I've done this," said Ed Lattari, 53, one of the stalwarts of the Toys in the Sun Run. "It's for the kids, and I hate to miss it." Read the whole story and see a video at <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/fl-toys-in-sun-run-20151206-story.html>

Driving to work I heard on the radio a with motorcycle start and then "Friday night and I need a fight ... My motorcycle and a switchblade knife ... Handful of grease and my hair feels right ... But what I need to get me tight are those .. Girls, girls, girls". Yes, it was the Mötley Crüe tribute to strip clubs. So guess we can call this a biker song as Wikipedia says this about the video production "Filmed on the night of April 13, 1987, Mötley Crüe shot their video for "Girls, Girls, Girls" with director Wayne Isham. With a strip club theme planned for the video, they originally wanted to use The Body Shop, but since that venue is all-nude and doesn't serve alcohol, they end up shooting it at The Seventh Veil on the Sunset Strip. By the time they finished at the club, none of the band members were functioning properly. They left the club on their motorcycles to go to Wayne's studio nearby to film inserts, stopping off at a Mexican restaurant for shooters and taquitos on the way." Go to YouTube and search for the video. Strippers and bikers - what a concept!

A video from Thailand has a monkey sitting on a motorcycle, a guy throws a shoe at it and the monkey attacks. <http://lanesplitter.jalopnik.com/this-assaulted-monkey-motorcycle-enthusiast-deserves-ju-1746526115>

Speaking of videos you can find anything on YouTube including the full version of *On Any Sunday* and many of the biker episodes from *Gangland*. That is useful as when I see the season collection in stores you have no idea of what is included and their website doesn't tell contents either.

If you want to see how bike shows are in the UK and photos check <http://www.mirror.co.uk/lifestyle/motoring/motorcycle-live-2015-crowds-flock-7001223>

Cycle Gear West Palm Beach Has Moved! In the same center 858 North Military Trail West Palm Beach, FL 33415

More women are riding motorcycles, -- "they're younger, better educated and better trained to ride than their male counterparts. women now account for 14% of all U.S. motorcycle owners. Among Gen X riders, women account for 17% of bike owners compared with 9% of baby boomers. In the Gen Y cohort, the number is closer to 18%.

Slightly more than a third of women owners ride cruisers -- . Slightly fewer like scooters. Sport bikes accounted for only about 10% of the female-owned motorcycles. " by Charles Fleming

<http://www.latimes.com/business/autos/la-fi-hy-more-women-riding-20151217-story.html>

From another article on Women Riders "Among motorcycle owners in Generation Y – people between the ages of 19 and 31 – 17.6 percent are women. In Generation X, ages 33 to 50, that number is 17 percent. And among baby boomers, 51 to 70 years old, just 9 percent of motorcycle owners are women. " <http://www.oregister.com/articles/motorcycle-697044-women-riding.html>

ELECTRIC BIKE NEWS.

"At last minute, Congress keeps electric motorcycle tax credits. Tax Credit Is Worth 10% Of Purchase Price, With A \$2,500 Max. Zero Motorcycles Helps Deliver Tax Credits For Electric Motorcycles. Electric Motorcycles Again Eligible for 10% Federal Tax Credit <http://www.autoblog.com/2015/12/22/at-last-minute-congress-keeps-electric-motorcycle-tax-credits/>

"**San Francisco, December 16, 2015** – Alta Motors, the San Francisco-based electric vehicle company and creators of the Redshift – a line of electric motocross and supermoto motorcycles – today announced that the company delivered its first motorcycle to customers Eric Gauthier and Jeannine Smith, who own and operate Suspension Performance in Mountain View, CA."

Read more at <http://motocross.transworld.net/news/1000186156/#K80AHcrphdi7PrYY.99>

Italian company Energica has created a new electric motorcycle, Eva, capable of going 124 miles on a single charge.

<http://www.techinsider.io/italian-company-energica-creates-electric-motorcycle-2015-12>

"2016 Could Be The Year Of The Electric Motorcycle Lanesplitter - Jalopnik Electric motorcycles have been slow to take off, and rightfully so. Until now, they haven't been able to offer riders the performance or range of gas"

<http://lanesplitter.jalopnik.com/2016-could-be-the-year-of-the-electric-motorcycle-1749875077>

One of the stories that has been going on this past month is the shooting at the Eagle Nation Cycle shop in Milwaukee. There have been many reports of this conflicting event. This one seems to explain it best. Some reports the man shot dead was a bystander but this says "went to Eagle Cycles to get back a bike he considered stolen and pulled a gun on Michael Funk and others, according to Winnebago County prosecutors. He began shooting when police arrived.

<http://wtop.com/national/2015/12/suspect-faces-murder-charge-in-motorcycle-shop-standoff/>

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MEET THE SOCAL BIKERS TRYING TO GIVE MOTORCYCLE CLUBS A BETTER IMAGE

"You know that Janis Joplin song where she says, 'Freedom's just another word for nothin' left to lose'?" asks Tombstone. He's the 68-year-old founder and chairman of an organization created to improve the image and foster alliances among the Southland's myriad motorcycle groups, the Southern California Confederation of Clubs (a.k.a. the Confederation or SCCOC). For the past two hours, the Vietnam War vet has described what he says is the American government's campaign against the sovereignty of his brothers and rivals alike, as well as the importance of uniting against such tyranny.

He looks across a nearly deserted parking lot in the central OC industrial park where his repair shop stands. In just a few hours, Tombstone—an officer with the Vagos MC, one of the most feared biker troupes in Southern California—will stand in front of hundreds of members of dozens of SoCal's biggest (and smallest) chopper clubs for the monthly SCCOC town hall. Everyone from the Hells Angels and the Apache Devils (an all-Native American club) to Vagos, Mongols and more will politely sit in the biggest conference hall of an OC Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) building and hear Tombstone preach: about breaking news, about safety, about threats to their cause. He'll crack jokes, update attendees on upcoming fundraisers, and even scold anyone who's too busy texting, talking or doing a crossword puzzle to pay attention.

But Tombstone is stuck right now on "Me and Bobby McGee," Joplin's classic paean to life on the open road. He grits his teeth and stares ahead. "I think that's a bunch of shit," he finally spits out. "Freedom is all we have as Americans. It's what life's about. If you don't have your freedom, you don't have anything."

While motorcycles are Tombstone's lifestyle, the SCCOC represents the culmination of his dream. After years of attending funerals for friends and family lost to clashes between clubs, he decided about 30 years ago it was time to stop the violence—by talking to one another. Unsurprisingly, the biker world thought his vision was impossible.

"No one wanted to be the first club to sit down and talk to another club," he says with a slight snarl, lounging in one of the parking lot's two green lawn chairs before going back to work. "They said, 'I'll talk to you, but I won't talk to them.' You might've gotten along with one or two people from other clubs, but most of the communication between the clubs was just the finger."

Over time, as the feds began cracking down on clubs across the country, bikers began to see Tombstone's wisdom: The government was the bigger common enemy, not one another. The first SCCOC meeting was held in central OC in 1988, with about 20 local clubs attending. Almost three decades later, the SCCOC represents more than 100 clubs, with more than 60 similar confederations across the country, a National Coalition of Motorcyclists that governs them all, and even a few more internationally. Relations between motorcycle clubs are better than ever before, if you ask members, with everyone relatively united under a common cause of improving their business and image. Think *Sons of Anarchy* . . . but *nicer*.

"I just want people to see that this has been my dream for a long time," Tombstone says, as he begins prepping for the SCCOC meeting. "I think a lot of the motorcycle clubs now are striving for the same goal, and they see the same big picture. They'd rather get along than not."

Just two weeks before the SCCOC's town hall, six board members gather in the back of a motorcycle-restoration shop to discuss the last meeting, the next meeting and everything that occurs in between. Men representing the Mongols, Hessians and Vagos sit in a small room, sans the cuts that would identify them on the streets and potentially get one another's blood boiling. But here, there's camaraderie—maybe not the chumminess of, say, a Kiwanis Club or even Rotary International, but it's there.

"You think you've been riding for a long time?" Tombstone shoots at a younger member during a break in the agenda. "I've been riding since you were in diapers."

"But you were riding a dinosaur back then," the guy responds. Everyone laughs.

Although TV shows might make an onlooker expect discussions of murder, drug trafficking and porn production, the truth is far more mundane. With all the gray hair, silver beards and frayed jeans, the members resemble your dad's poker club. Members sit on an aging couch or a mix of chairs. Topics such as lane-sharing and helmet laws get discussed, as well as some

of the fundraisers for local clubs that need to pay for things such as attorneys' fees. But at this particular meeting, one event weighs on everyone's mind: a massive May 17 shootout in Waco, Texas, that happened before a regional Confederation of Clubs meeting and brought back into the national spotlight biker "gangs," as police and media often label them.

"My heart goes out to the family and friends of those that suffered a loss from Waco," Tombstone says. "I find it, in my mind, very hard to believe what I saw and heard on the television. I find it very difficult to accept the fact that over 170 people were arrested and that nine lost their lives for the reason that they said."

Spike, a longtime officer with the Hessians, adds, "I think when all these investigations are finished and they find the results, things are going to look a lot different than they do right now. What they're saying so far just doesn't add up."

"It's another example of a terrible situation involving our lifestyle and only one side of the story being told to the people," Tombstone says. "No one spoke for our side of the story on Waco—just the other side of the story was heard."

Negative press and intrusive government agents are mostly what brought the SCCOC together in the first place. Dating back to Marlon Brando's star-making role as a renegade biker in 1953's *The Wild One* to Hunter S. Thompson's notorious exposé, *Hell's Angels: A Strange and Terrible Saga*, through too many NatGeo specials, *Gangland* episodes and ATF raids to count, motorcycle clubs feel as if they've never gotten a fair shake in the public sphere. Even today, plenty of restaurants and bars won't allow vested bikers inside, fearing mayhem. Efforts such as the SCCOC's offer a unified voice representing hundreds of clubs—together, a voice far stronger than each club on its own.

"Even though a lot of the clubs today look like they did in the late '60s and early '70s as far as their dress and actions, we're very different," Tombstone says. "We're a lot smarter in the sense that it's not about who is the toughest guy; it's about who is the smartest guy. The tough-guy image still may be portrayed by some, but in the mind and in the heart of the majority of us, it's not that way."

Tombstone's life spans the trajectory of motorcycle clubs, originally founded by World War II veterans who rejected Cold War suburbia. He remembers trips as a kindergartner on a hog through the Illinois countryside with his uncle. Tombstone's family moved to Whittier when he was a teenager. There, he'd regularly run into a pair of Hells Angels while on candy runs to a liquor store.

"I would always check their bikes out, and then one day, one of them said, 'Hey, let me give you a ride,'" Tombstone says. "One thing led to another, and before you know it, I'm in their garage and they're showing me how to work on the motorcycles."

After working with those Angels to build a bike nearly from scratch, Tombstone's new friends told him the old panhead was his to keep once he learned to ride it. Unfortunately, his dad flipped out when he saw the bike in the driveway and insisted Tombstone's friends come pick it up.

"They knocked on the door, and I told them my dad said I can't have the bike, so they said, 'Well, let us talk to your dad,'" Tombstone remembers. "I went and got my dad and told him my friends were here. He walked outside to talk to them and, to make a long story short, my dad said, 'Okay, you can have the bike.'"

Tombstone went to college for a few months after graduating from high school before deciding he really wanted to be an Army helicopter-door gunner in Vietnam. After returning in 1969, he found himself restless. He started hanging out at OC bars and meeting bikers, many of them fellow vets. By 1974, he joined the Hessians, founded in Costa Mesa in 1968 and infamous for a patch that features both the Iron Cross and a dagger going through a skull.

Being in a club introduced Tombstone to a world of partying the likes of which he'd never seen before. More important, it also gave him the friendship he missed from the military. "During that time, I noticed a lot of brotherhood within the club, but also tension," Tombstone says. "Only a handful of guys from each club would even talk."

Back then, you could get stabbed or shot over a spilled drink or a game of pool gone wrong, according to Tombstone. "There were a lot of guys dying," he says. The list includes fellow Hessians: in 1984, founder Thomas Maniscalco and member Daniel Duffy were arrested for the 1980 triple murder of a former Hessian, his girlfriend and a bodyguard; Maniscalco and Duffy were both convicted and sentenced to 46 years to life and life in prison, respectively.

"It bothered me, not in the sense that I could be one of them, but the fact that [the clubs] couldn't get along," he continues. "I kept noticing there were so many more similarities than differences between the members of the clubs. We all wore dirty Levis. The majority of us rode Harley-Davidson choppers. We all had cuts with our club name on the back. We even talked alike."

The only difference Tombstone could find between the clubs' members was the name and color of the patch on their backs, so he began buying beers and playing pool with his supposed rivals. While individual members were willing to mingle with someone from a different group, he struggled to convince full clubs to make peace with one another. "They were all afraid to be the only club wanting to get along," Tombstone says. "Finally, we had a sit-down with just a handful of clubs, and I said, 'Look around—we have more similarities than differences. Why the hell can't we get along?'"

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The monthly meetings grew in attendance, but Tombstone noticed people getting restless after months of relative peace. "Getting along was getting boring, so I could see it was going to regress back to fighting and killing each other again," he says. "There was still something missing."

At the time, two motorcyclists'-rights groups existed in California: MMA (Modified Motorcycle Association) and ABATE (A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments), mainstream organizations focused on lobbying politicians and researching legal defenses against government overreach. While appreciating their efforts, Tombstone saw an opportunity to bring everyone together. "I thought, 'We need this information, but most of these people are afraid of us,'" he recalls. "I knew we had to work together on it, and eventually, they agreed to come to our meeting and talk about bikers'-rights issues."

The meetings finally had a purpose. The SCCOC was created within the next few years; OC's biker wars leveled off. But the authorities still targeted them. In 1994, more than 200 local, county, state and federal officers staged a predawn raid targeting the Hessians after a yearlong, undercover investigation; Tombstone was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm. He left the Hessians shortly after to raise a family.

But the SCCOC continued, undeterred. When Tombstone came out of retirement to join the Vagos, the Confederation welcomed him back to his chair. Even among rival clubs and those who don't see eye-to-eye with Tombstone, everyone knows how well he can lead.

"Tombstone's a great friend of mine and a very good leader for the SCCOC," says board member Rick Robison.

"He's followed [his vision] through to see it to fruition. Clubs are getting along and supporting one another better than they ever have before," says Spike, who is SCCOC's vice-chairman and its rep at the National Coalition of Motorcyclists meetings. Though the Oxford graduate moved to Orange County when he was 25, he still has a trace of a British accent. "Law enforcement and the media are still using statistics and information from back in the '60s and '70s. Yeah, a couple of bad things may have happened back then, but the way they see it is if you suck one cock, you're a cocksucker for the rest of your life."

Spike has been around nearly as long as Tombstone, and he's usually the first person to greet folks at SCCOC events. He's respected as much for his intelligence and wit as his time spent in clubs. While his mates work office jobs or in fields such as construction and auto repair, Spike collaborates on high-tech startup ideas and inventions that he sees changing the world, including a tiny battery that he claims will revolutionize energy storage. "We're just like you and everyone else," Spike says. "People don't realize we're all the same under the colors and the patches. We just want to have our rights like any other group of people. Black people have the NAACP, gay people have everyone fighting for their rights, Muslims have people defending them, but we have nothing."

"I was in the Vagos for over 18 years," chimes in Sarge, SCCOC secretary and an official in several national societies benefitting motorcyclists. "Not once was I asked or told to do anything illegal. Do some people in motorcycle clubs do something bad? Yeah, but you got people who do something bad in the Elks, the [Fraternal Order of] Eagles, the [Loyal Order of] Moose, the Catholic Church, probation officers, police. We're no different.

"Because we wear patches on our backs, they look at us as one-percenters or a criminal element," he continues. "If you go back and do some research on the [Los Angeles County] sheriff's department, there was a group that actually had matching tattoos on their arms and were beating inmates up and having fights at parties. If we do that, we're a gang. But if they do that, they're law enforcement."

As the sun sets over the hills north of Los Angeles, about 100 men in leather or denim cuts mull around a VFW parking lot. Bikes are parked four rows deep on the other side of the dirt lot; significant others (some with "PROPERTY" patches across their backs) and families are scattered throughout the horde of guys. Dozens of young bikers introduce themselves to members of other clubs, while their older brethren reconnect with pals they haven't seen in years.

Everyone gets checked for weapons on their way in, just in case someone didn't read the flier that screamed, "NO WEAPONS OR ATTITUDES." It's party time: a benefit for the Save the Patch fund for one of the local clubs that has had a run-in with the law. Everyone shows their support by paying \$20 (\$25 if you're with a guest) for a Mexican dinner politely put together by burly men. "Is three taquitos good?" asks a 6-foot-tall biker with a reddish goatee at the buffet line, who's followed by a slightly larger man who offers sour cream and cheese.

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"Most everybody here just likes to ride motorcycles and belong to a brotherhood of like-minded people," says Zap of the Devils Diciples. A DJ spins Cream's "White Room" in the background. "A lot of people have watched too many 1970s B-movies about motorcycles—that's where a lot of the misconceptions come from. If you go around an event like this, most everybody here gets up and goes to work every single day, just like everybody else does. We just really like to ride motorcycles. It's what we live and breathe."

Zap goes on to explain that Save the Patch fundraisers are necessary to fend off the *federales*, who'll use everything

from trademark law to physically removing patches during raids; they steal the patches and names from MCs on the basis of "just because somebody did something wrong, everyone's guilty by association." The Devils Diciples themselves are fighting off such a move, while also battling a court case for a variety of offenses that range from racketeering to drug trafficking. (The ATF did not respond for a comment by press time.)

As with any other organization, the SCCOC requires fees to join, with money going to help causes such as legal costs for member clubs and aid for families who lost someone. Clubs can lose their membership because of nonpayment, disrespecting the main goal of unity or poor attendance, among other reasons. All of Southern California's largest clubs are members, and the Confederation represents nearly every imaginable type of grouping, from firemen and ironworkers to LGBT and most minority groups. None is turned away as long as it follows the rules—except law-enforcement-themed MCs, of course.

One of Robison's responsibilities with the Confederation is to lead the prayer that kicks off the beginning of town hall meetings—which makes sense, since the Garden Grove resident is an officer with Soldiers for Jesus MC. "We're a Christian club, so we abide by the same rules and protocol as any other club," says Robison, who acts as a liaison between the SCCOC and the outside world. "The only thing is we keep the Christian part. We don't drink; we don't cuss. Not that we think we're better than anyone else, but being in a Christian club is just a little bit different because you're adhering more to God's law than man's law."

Robison, whose neatly trimmed silvery hair and goatee and easily covered tattoos prevent him from looking too much like a stereotypical biker, explains that several of the club's members used to struggle with substance abuse and other problems, so they'll head out of an event if it starts to get too crazy. But don't think Soldiers for Jesus are somehow a lesser club. "We're just like any other of the three-piece clubs," he says, referring to an MC's traditional cut that features the club's name on top, logo in the middle and territory at the bottom. "And that's how we get the respect. We have that three-piece patch with an MC nugget. We're just like the red-and-white [Hells Angels] or the black-and-white [Mongols]. We abide by the same laws, but we have a line in the sand."

He knows all about the respectability politics the SCCOC is trying to push. The cut of Soldiers for Jesus has the Messiah's name stitched in black and yellow across the back, and Robison claims cops have let him off with a warning, while someone wearing a different club's cut might have gotten detained.

"Being in a club, it's like you have a big target on your back," he says. "No matter where you go, the cops are checking you out. Some clubs, they might check you out more than other clubs, but where I live, the cops still watch me. I had a parolee looking to stay at my house, and when the cops came in to check everything out, they said, 'Oh, we know about you already.' I don't cause trouble; I've been clean and sober for 20-plus years. But profiling is a really big deal right now."

The SCCOC holds about a dozen town halls every year and just as many board meetings, each held at a different, secret location in OC in an effort to avoid unwanted attention. The Confederation hosts only a couple of official fundraisers each year (the next one is in January), but board members encourage everyone to attend the various events that other clubs hold on an almost weekly basis, from toy drives to cookouts to rides.

At tonight's town hall meeting, Nancy "BUZZZ" Nemecek of San Diego's Graveyard Gamblers MC, Julie "Leggs" VanTrieste of Mended Sisters MC (a clean and sober club) and Devil Dolls MC's Goldie represent the SCCOC's all-female clubs.

"The women's clubs all get along really well, and there's the same diversity among us as there is with the men," Nemecek says. "There are still some men who you could class as chauvinistic, but it's a pretty rare occasion that it'll ever play out. It's played out before and been taken care of by the individual's club without our asking."

Tombstone and Sarge walk the VFW interior and parking lot to call everyone into the conference to start. The room quickly fills up. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited; Robison leads a prayer. A moment of silence follows for victims of the Nov. 13 Paris terror attack. Finally, roll call. While Spike reads off club names as though a high school teacher taking attendance, another board member, Lizard, calls out those who haven't paid dues yet.

The SCCOC's ABATE representative, Gill Mellen, updates everyone on the lane-sharing and anti-profiling laws currently being discussed in California legislative meetings before Sarge takes over.

"There's a white Toyota and two bikes parked behind it that are blocking a lane right now," he yells from the lifted stage, where he sits with Spike, Lizard and the Confederation's attorney, Richard Lester. "If any of those are yours, we need you to move it."

Lester follows with some legal victories bikers have seen across the country. Then, since it's still on everyone's mind, he gives a brief update on Waco before giving way to Sarge so he can catch up on official business. "For any of you who didn't go to the Save the Patch fundraising event this weekend, or for you newer clubs, you can contribute by volunteering your time for January's big party."

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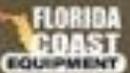
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3 States LW FL Blessing of the Bikes Pompano	4 Mob of Brothers MC Open House	5 Lone Legion MC Open House	6 States LW MC Open House Island Jack's Bike Night	7 Renegades Bike Night Black Pistons MC Open House Dinner States MC Pompano	8 Miami Bike Show AOA WPB MC Open House Pizza States MC Pompano	9 Miami Bike Show Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
10 PBC Freedom Fest & Run Miami Bike Show	11 Mob of Brothers MC Open House	12 Lone Legion MC Open House	13 States LW MC Open House Island Jack's Bike Night	14 Black Pistons MC Open House Dinner States MC Pompano	15 Gibtown Bikefest AOA WPB MC Open House Pizza States MC Pompano	16 Gibtown Bikefest Fly-In Wheels MC Open House Heathens MC Pirate Party
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28 Hermandad MC Annual	29 Mob of Brothers MC Open House		March 4 -13 Daytona Bike week	March 13 Keltic MC Annual	March 20 USMV MC Chapter 1 Party	March 27 CMA Easter Service

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mon Mob of Brothers MC
Open House

Every Tues Lone Legion
MC Open House

Last Tues Militia Riders
Open House at Lone Legion

Wed States MC Lake Worth
Open House 8pm

Wed Island Jack's Bike
Night with Gorilla Motors

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

1st Thurs Renegades Bike
Night

3rd Thurs H-D Palm Bch
Bike Night 5-10PM

Thurs Black Pistons MC
WPB Open House

Thurs Dinner 6:30 States
MC Pompano Clubhouse

Fri Outlaws MC WPB Open
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1st Fri Soldiers for
Jesus Open House

1st Fri Enforcers MC
Party

Sat Fly-In Wheels MC WPB
open house

Sat FREE hot dogs soda's
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3rd Sat Treasure Coast
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JANUARY 2016

- 3 States MC Pompano Blessing of the Bikes
- 10 Wings OF Gold Biker Appreciation Day
- 16 Heathens MC Annual Pirates Ball
- 17 Southeast chapter ABATE of FL event
- 31 Der Krieger MC Annual

FEBRUARY 2016

- 6: USMV MC HOMESTEAD - ANNUAL
- 14: AOA FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL
- 20: WHEELS OF MAN MC - 43rd ANNUAL
- 28: HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL

MARCH 2016

- 4-13: DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
- 13: KELTICS MC - ANNUAL
- 20: USMV MC CH.1 - PARTY
- 27: CMA EASTER SERVICE

APRIL 2016

- 3: STATES MC - 50th ANNUAL
- 9: MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
- 16: OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL
- 22-24: LEESBURG BIKEFEST

MAY 2016

- 1: SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL
- 15: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL
- 22: LOS COQUIS MC - ANNUAL
- 29: S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
- 30: Memorial Day

JUNE 2016

- 11: AOA SO FL MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers
- 12: WINGS OF GOLD MC FT.LAUD. ANNUAL
- 19: Fathers Day
- 26: USMV MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL

JULY 2016

- 4: Independence Day
- 10: ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL
- 17: SOLDIERS FOR JESUS MC - ANNUAL
- 23: WHEELS OF MAN MC CHILI COOK-OFF

AUGUST 2016

- 7: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
- 8-14: 76th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
- 12-14: S. FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION
- 14: AOA FT. LAUD. ANN. & MOLDY'S BDAY
- 20: LOS COQUIS MC SMOKEY & DIESEL
- 27: OUTCAST MC PARTY

SEPTEMBER 2016

- 4: SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN
- 5: Labor Day
- 11: STATES MC KEY WEST TUNEUP Party
- 16-18: Peterson's KEY WEST POKER RUN
- 25: KELTICS MC - PARTY

OCTOBER 2016

- 2: MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL
- 8: NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL
- 9: S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL
- 14-16: DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
- 22: Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party
- 30: CMA - MEMORIAL

NOVEMBER 2016

- 5: HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL
- 11: Veterans Day
- 12: USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL
- 19: LEATHERNECKS MC - ANNUAL
- 20: ALTERNATIVE MC PARTY
- 24: Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER 2016

- 4: SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
- 10: Peterson's TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
- 10: Hermandad MC Alfredo Pino Toy Run
- 11: Wings of Gold MC MIAMI - TOY RUN
- 17: SFLCOC - CHRISTMAS PARTY
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- 21 - Mob of Brothers M.C. Annual
- 27 - Lone Legion Brotherhood M.C. Annual

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- 20 - AOA Stinky 1%er Birthday Party

April 2016

- 10 - Black Pistons M.C. Annual
- 17 - AOA 420 Party

May 2016

- 15 - U.S. Military Vets M.C. Annual

June 2016

- 11 - AOA South Florida GBNF 1%ers Memorial
- 26 - ABATE Annual

July 2016

- 3 - AOA Party
- 24 - Soldiers For Jesus M.C. Annual

August 2016

- 14 - AOA South Florida 49th Anniversary Party

September 2016

- 11 - AOA Legal Defense Fund Party

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- 23 - Alternative M.C. Annual

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3rd Sunday Jan. 17
3rd Sunday Feb. 21
3rd Sunday March 20

MEET THE SOCAL BIKERS TRYING TO GIVE MOTORCYCLE CLUBS A BETTER IMAGE from page 15

That reminds Tombstone of how few people attended the taquito-slinging fundraiser the weekend before. "We had a piss-poor turnout at the event on Saturday—embarrassing," Tombstone scolds as he takes the podium. "If you didn't go, I hope you had a good reason. These fundraising events, they're not just for that club's patch; they're for all our patches and all our freedom."

Seeing as it's almost Thanksgiving, Tombstone announces that he has some gifts for them. "What's more important than our motorcycles?" he asks.

"Our women?" one biker suggests.

"Our families?"

"Our freedom?"

"What's just as important as our freedom?" Tombstone states in the same stern tone.

Crickets.

"Our lives and our health," Tombstone answers. "So tonight, I'm giving you a gift that may save your life."

A member of the Vagos who owns a medical-supply company stands in front of the room. For the next 25 minutes, he and an industry friend go over various motorcycle-related medical situations. Knowledge such as "Never remove someone's helmet after a crash," "You will probably know what happened better than they did" and "Never suck the poison out of a snake bite" are shared.

Following the presentation, new clubs display their patches to guarantee they're not stepping on anyone else's boots—the first step of joining the Confederation. Another club is up for a membership vote, but that gets postponed because its members didn't attend enough events leading up to the meeting, so Sarge urges the group to be more involved.

About two hours later, Tombstone closes the meeting with another gift: no December meeting. "Be safe," he says.

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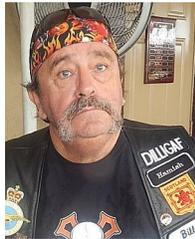
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DELEGATE REPORT



“Hamish”
Bill Black

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STATE MEETINGS

Host Chapter - Location

February 13, 2016 - State—Central FL location TBA
 April 9, 2016 Brevard,
 June 11, 2016 Inerstate,
 August 13, 2016 Forest,
 October 8, 2016 Hillsborough,
 December 10, 2016: Gator Alley

The December State meeting was held in Naples by the Gator Alley chapter. With the hotel right off Alligator Alley, it made the trip over and back easy as we stayed over Friday and left after the meeting to be back for our event. Attending were Ken “Snooze”, Slo Motion, and Bill “Hamish” & Charlie covering for Deb. Waking Saturday to flashing lights of ambulances and police cars caused worry with this collection of aging bikers. What had happened was one of the delegate’s wife had passed away during the night. After all the paperwork that took forever, amazing he attended and was involved in the meeting. Whether it was just being there without anything else to do or his way to cope, it did show his dedication to ABATE.

Before the meeting we had a guest speaker was the local House Representative Matt Hudson who is pro tempore Speaker (2014 – 2016) and an ABATE member. Read more on this in Legislative report. ABATE of FL, Inc. still has money issues and looking for donations from chapters to help pay operating bills. You though Avon Park was going to help? The profits from that went into the new safety corporation to help supply chapters with safety products. We did not much as much as could due to some of the city’s demands and why we likely will not be returning. We are talking with other cities. Also in plans are for a more “adult” party like the old Flashback parties. They are looking at Port Charlotte Fairgrounds in November. We are hoping not that first weekend as we have Palm Beach Harley Anniversary Party plus other things in state like Roscoe’s Chili Cook Off that weekend.

The big change was in membership rates. Lifetime has been too low for too long. It was raised to \$600 with 200/400 chapter/state split. Many chapters were losing money with the mailing of newsletters overtime, something will do not have issues with. With much discussion yearly membership with rate of \$30 year and 50/50 split. The Life went right into effect while the yearly does have some play for renewals. Even at \$20 as a special rate the state would get their \$15 and \$5 to chapter so better than when we ran membership special and got nothing. Membership continues to go down. We need to get more members, reach the younger riders, and get them involved politically. That was how ABATE of Louisiana went from 100 to 1000 members. Gator Alley and Peace River tied for most new members in September, Treasure Coast won October. First Coast got the highest % of growth for both September and October. The Orange County chapter was the latest to close due to lack of a board.

Another change might be with insurance. By our by-laws and the sue society we live in, it is a necessary. After the lawsuit of the toy run, we know how important it is. Our insurance policy ends in June and it might even be hard to get it renewed. ABATE spends \$20,000 a year or event insurance but at present the chapters don’t even pay back half of that. The State Office can’t afford to subsidize the chapters. Options are the chapters pay higher for event insurance or get their own event insurance. At least we have time to research these options.

The Tallahassee Rally and Run to the Capital has been suspended for this year as cannot get a confirmation for the date. The Governor has taken over the calendar and appears to be doing nothing. Without a date, police escort, and parking on the steps, time to get hotels/time off from work, plus a possible cold ride in February was not a good outlook for a descent turnout. So we will need more work on remote communications with the legislators. The February State meeting will Saturday the 13th somewhere in central Florida. Even our support to have the NCOM in Orlando in 2018 has been tabled.

The State Safety Trustee has resigned as had not been attending meetings. Imagine the next elections will see many changes. Patti the Treasurer wants to retire to take care of family. He will help train the next person but if no one steps up she is gone. She also has been doing the web site maintenance so a new webmaster will be needed. There is a candidate with all the skills, and no, it is NOT Slo Motion. Bob hasn’t mastered the newsletter software and is hoping to find someone to do it. Time will tell the story of State elections.

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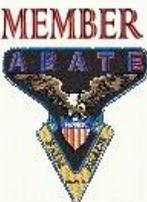
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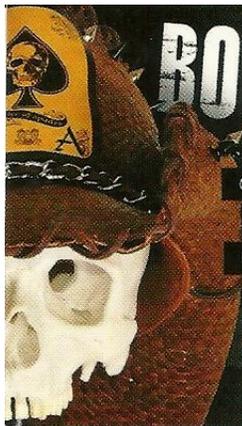
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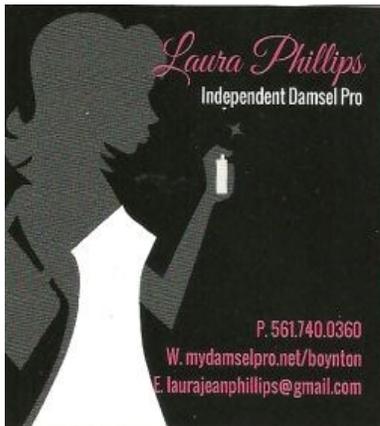
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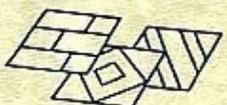
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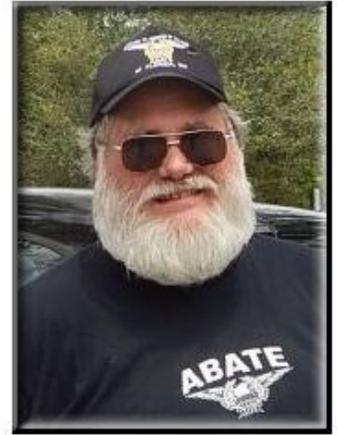
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

Before the meeting we had a guest speaker was the local House Representative Matt Hudson who is pro tempore Speaker (2014 – 2016) and an ABATE member. He told us of the events and conflict between the House and the Senate that caused the early session ending last year. From the fact that many of our friends will be timed out and others chances it appears the future will be tougher for us with legislation. So it looks like we will need to really get working on our local legislators.

Blue gas, ethanol free, is available at NEW Raceway stations at LOW prices, even as low as \$2.02 a gallon! Anyone know of new Raceways?



State meeting December 2015 Legislative notes by Scribe

HB 253 did make it through its' first of three committees, we are just waiting on the next committee which is the Appropriations Committee Chairman to put it on the agenda. The Chairman of this committee is Rep. Richard Corcoran from Pasco County area. The best way to encourage him to place HB 253 on the agenda of the Appropriations Committee is to call his office and ask nicely. His Office numbers are 813-792-5177 and 850-717-5037

SB 322 is still waiting to be placed on its' first committee which is the Transportation Committee. The Chairman of that committee is Sen. Jeff Brandes. He represents parts of Pinellas / Hillsborough Counties. He can be reached at 850-487-5022 and 727-563-2100.

Currently the committees are all on hiatus until after the Holidays. The session starts January 12th and run until March 11th.

AMA

Congress passes a 5 year Highway Bill with wins for motorcycles...
Waiting on Obama to sign it.

Continued funding for the Recreational Trails Program, which provides funding to states for maintaining, improving and expanding off-highway recreational opportunities;

A prohibition against using federal funds for discriminatory motorcycle-only checkpoints and continuation to prohibit NHTSA from lobbying States using taxpayers money.

Reestablishing a Motorcyclist Advisory Council to coordinate with and counsel the U.S. Department of Transportation administrator on specific infrastructure concerns to motorcyclists;

Funding of highway safety grants that include programs to reduce distracted driving, including language that make it easier for states to successfully qualify for and receive the money;

Measures to ensure privacy and security in vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure technology

No expansion of pilot programs to place tolls on the nation's existing interstate highways under the Interstate System Reconstruction & Rehabilitation Pilot Program.

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EPA Raises Ethanol Blend Levels

EPA last week raised the amount of ethanol and other renewable fuels that must be blended into the nation's gas supply, announcing that 18.11 billion gallons of renewable fuels must now be blended into the nation's gasoline supply in 2016. The MRF and all SMRO's do not support the use of ethanol fuels higher than E10 (10% ethanol) or any other newly developed fuel blends, including alternative renewable fuels, without further testing on motorcycle engines and obtaining specific recommendations from motorcycle manufacturers approving their use. This increase comes as part of the Renewable Fuel Standard, a mandate that was meant to encourage the use of domestic ethanol in U.S. gasoline supplies, and supporters claim it helps reduce carbon pollution and cuts American dependence on foreign fuel. Higher ethanol blends, however, void new motorcycle warranties and have been reported to cause damage to motorcycle fuel systems and other engine components. While the EPA announcement of the 18.11 billion-gallon figure is significantly above the 17.4 billion gallons initially proposed in May, it falls far below the 22.3 billion-gallon amount laid out by Congress in 2007 legislation and raises new questions about the viability of the controversial Renewable Fuel Standard moving forward. As part of its 2016 Legislative Agenda, the MRF will continue to call for further motorcycle engine testing with these blends and seek manufacturer recommendations regarding their use, and as always, the MRF will continue to keep its members apprised of any actions regarding the ethanol issue.

I hope that you and your families have a joyful Christmas, happy Hanukah and an incredible New Year. Please take a moment to remember those that we have lost this year, the military protecting our freedoms and the blessings of our friends that we all too often take for granted.

I appreciate each and every one of you. I could not do this without your help and support!

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Schedule:
Friday Jan 22nd
 UnderCover Betty - 5pm - 7pm
 Greg Billings - 8pm - 10pm
Saturday Jan 23rd
 Jeff Vitolo - 12noon - 2pm
 Jasmine Cain - 2:30pm - 4:30pm
 Black Honkey's - 5pm - 7pm
 Metal Band with Lita Ford - 8pm - 10pm
Sunday Jan 24th
 Bearded Brothers - 12non - 2pm
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Festival Produced By & Proceeds Benefits Suncoast Charities FOR CHILDREN

Presenting Sponsors: SARASOTA Ford, POWER STROKE DIESEL, Manatee River Harley-Davidson

OFFICIAL EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday - January 7	Friday - January 8	Saturday - January 9	Sunday - January 10
Sporting Clay Tournament Knight's Trail Range Registration 8:30 a.m. \$600 Team/\$125 Person "Born To Be Wild" Kickoff Party Sarasota Ford Dealership 6:30 pm until Midnight - \$100 pp Friday - January 8 "Hogs On Hillview" Block Party "Light Up The Night" People's Choice Bike Show Hillview Street 6:00 pm until 11:00 pm Free Admission - Vendors - Food Bike Show Entry - \$20 Live Entertainment 7:00 pm - 8:30pm The Billy Rice Band 9:15 pm - 10:30pm Sean Chambers Band	Finz Finds "Cruise for Cash" Charity Ride Registration 10:00 am until Noon Sarasota Ford \$20 Entry (For Three Draws) \$4,000 in Cash Prizes!! Breakfast Included - Prize Giveaways At Both Harley-Davidson Dealership Stops Downtown Festival Main Street / Downtown Sarasota 11:00 am until 11:00 pm - Free Admission Vendors - Demos - Great Food Live Entertainment 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Category Three 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Edge of Red 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Trezz Hombrez ZZ Top Tribute Band 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Keep the Faith Bon Jovi Tribute Band 9:00 pm - 10:30pm Highway To Hell AC/DC Tribute Band	Downtown Festival Main Street / Downtown Sarasota 11:00 am until 6:00 pm - Free Admission Vendors - Demos - Great Food Live Entertainment Noon - 1:30 pm Nuthin Fancy Lynrd Skynrd Tribute Band 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Lazy Bonez 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Bobby Friss Band 17 Class Bike Show South Palm Avenue - Downtown Sarasota Registration 11:00 am until 1:30 pm \$20 Per Entry	Media Partner Road King Stage Sponsor

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ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes December 20, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:40am 21 members attended

PRESIDENT - ABATE of Florida is in poor financial state. State organization may go after Chapter money to stay afloat. An event is being held at PBIR on 1/10/16. It is an all-day event and we need volunteers to work. Members of the Bikers Council will not be charged to exhibit. It is being put on by the South Florida. Bikers for First Amendment Rights to raise money for defense of club patches. Leslie Kay Insurance offer to members their families and friends – free quotes. \$10 goes to Chapter for each quote. Deadline is 12/30/15.

VICE PRESIDENT - Very important to attend the event on 1/10/16. Please try to attend other events and open houses.

TREASURER - Beginning and ending balances were announced, Chapter is financially stable. December event was successful. 201 people attended. We are looking at a date in May for the next event.

MEMBERSHIP - Change in membership rates was announced at December state meeting: Life Members: \$600 – state gets \$400. Annual Members: \$30 – 50/50 split with state The Board voted to honor old rates through January. Any member who renews before 12/31/15 will renew at old rate. After 12/31/15, new rates apply. Membership is down.

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

SARGENT AT ARMS - Meet and greet pushed back until February. Date will be announced once determined.

SAFETY - Safety Director will be having a tent set up at the 1/10/16 event. Asked for volunteers.

DELEGATE - February state meeting will be held on 2/13/15 – location unknown – somewhere in Ocala area. Avon Park was not successful: Will not happen again next year - State looking at holding event in Lake Placid instead- There is an event being discussed for Charlotte Fairgrounds to be held in November 2016 Orange County chapter closed. State Safety Director has resigned. Discussing having each Chapter obtaining own insurance for events. Debbi to look into rates and will bring to next Board Meeting for further discussion.

LEGISLATIVE - Pro Tem speaker of the house is an ABATE member. Next year is not looking friendly for us. Bills in second committee of House, first committee of Senate. Please contact your local legislators and ask for their support.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS - Nothing to report – no supplies needed

PRODUCTS - New products will not be ordered until old stock sells out.

NEWSLETTER - Harley of Palm Beach has renewed their ad for another year. Leslie Kay Insurance may become an advertiser. Need more advertisers.

OLD BUSINESS - No old business

NEW BUSINESS - Lake Placid event will replace Avon Park. Old fashioned bikefest being discussed for November 2016 in Port Charlotte area. More info on these two events to come.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

January Freedom Fair – 1/10/16

1/3/16 – States MC Pompano blessing of the bikes

1/8/16 – 1/10/16 – Miami Motorcycles Show

1/16/16 – Gilberts in the Keys Heathens MC Ball

1/17/16 – SE Chapter event- Chesters HD in Sunrise

1/30/16 – Dania Beach Vintage Bike Show and Treasure Coast Bike Fest

Next Chapter meeting to be held on 1/17/16

50/50 drawing won by Tink – \$37 donated back to Chapter.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:34 pm.



A Day In A South Florida Park
 10th Annual Dania Beach
 Vintage Motorcycle Show

January 30, 2016

Frost Park
 300 NE 2nd Street • Dania Beach, Florida

Classes include: American, European, Japanese, English, Competition & Scooter 35 years and older
 Featured Class: Triumph Bonneville
 Sign up 7am - 10am • Show 10am - 5pm

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SOUTHERNMOST CHAPTER

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Entry is free for the chili makers

Sunday, January 31st From Noon to 3pm

At Coconuts On Big Pine Key

Prizes awarded for Best, Second Best & Worst Chili

New member sign up and safety info will be available at this event.

For more info contact Garry @ 305-481-0535

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

REQUIREMENTS—must be at least 18 years of age. In does not matter what you or even if you ride. You can be an independent or member of a club or association. All are welcome at meetings. **Join for the cause.** Everything is voluntary, we understand work and family comes first. We hope you can help in any small way, vote and spread the word. \$20 for Year or \$150 Life which is split between chapter and state.

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

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

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

ABATE members do get an insurance discount with Leslie Kay Progressive insurance company

CLASSIFIEDS These ads are free to members so send in your items.

Check with Vice President Big Bad Fred Joseph as to if his Winnebago is still available.

A.D.D. INSURANCE POLICY UPDATE We all realize the \$4,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance policy if on of the best benefits of being an ABATE member. That is one reason to keep your membership up to date. You MUST name someone to get the money in case of death to prevent taxes and being in probate court. So when you receive the yellow card mailed from our state office, you can complete it and mail to insurance company. Most likely an agent will contact you even if you said not to. If they do be, SURE to get their name and number upfront. They do NOT need to visit you even to deliver the certificate. If they insist or get push, contact ABATE of FL. main office and report it but you MUST have the agents' name and number for action to be taken. Otherwise you may just return the completed yellow card to ABATE to have on file. Then be sure your survivors know to contact ABATE for the benefits.

Have something to sell or something you need? Put in an ad.



ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Membership Dues: \$30 for 1 year or \$600 for Life Membership per person Fill out form, print, sign attach your check or money order and mail to:

**ABATE — Palm Beach Chapter
P.O. Box 32215
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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY Will Palm Beach Chapter be your HOME voting Chapter
 NEW Member: Year or Life Renew: Transfer: Address Change:

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

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

SIGNATURE _____

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

	MEMBERSHIPS FEE	\$	<input type="text"/>
Large Chapter Patch 10" by 10.5"	\$35 each # <input type="text"/>	Total \$	<input type="text"/>
Small Chapter Patch 5" by 5.5"	\$10 each # <input type="text"/>	Total \$	<input type="text"/>

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

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

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Jan 30th & 31st, 2016

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Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting VFW POST 4143

THIRD SUNDAY January 17, 2016 11:30 am

Directions: 2404 Broadway (US1), Riviera Beach - Exit I-95 at Blue Heron Blvd, go east to Broadway (US1) turn south and is 1 block on east side. **Bike Parking is on south side of building.**

Come early, enjoy a good breakfast deal and socialize with other members.

GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

- To** print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.
- To** become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.
- To** provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.
- To** promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.
- To** promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.
- To** educate the public about motorcycle awareness.