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**NEXT
CHAPTER
MEETING
11:30 AM
Third
Sunday
MAY 15**

**CHECK TWICE
FOR MOTORCYCLES**

**LET THOSE WHO
RIDE DECIDE!**

**MAY IS
MOTORCYCLE
MONTH**

**ABATE of Florida, Inc.
PALM BEACH CHAPTER
MAY 21, 2016 1PM-5PM
MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS RALLY**

ANCHOR INN

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ABATE PALM BEACH CHAPTER

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President's Message

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke



At our last chapter meeting we held the nominations for chapter board members and trustee positions. I don't mind telling you things did not go well. We have almost 200 members in our chapter and still nobody wants to step up for anything. This is very discouraging to me and the other board members. Some of us have been on the board for a while and have more than one position. We need a break! At the next chapter meeting in May we will hold the final round of nominations. If you are a member of our chapter please try to attend and nominate someone or step up and nominate YOURSELF. Remember without board members we do not have a chapter. Don't just leave it up to someone else because if you do you may find yourself without a chapter.

Also May is Motorcycle Month so in honor of that this year we will be having our event in May at the Lakeside Anchor Inn in Lantana. All of the proceeds from this event are going to be donated to ABATE of Florida. Please come out and have a great time with us at our Motorcycle Rights Rally May 21st 1-5 pm Lakeside Anchor Inn. Located 1/4 mile west of I-95 on Hypoluxo road on the north side of the road. Go down the road to west of the church lot where the Anchor Inn sign is. Then down Floral Drive to the Inn's parking lot in back.

Ride Safe Ride Smart!!!

SNOOZE

CELEBRATE
Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month
with
ABATE of FLORIDA, INC.
LIGHTHOUSE CHAPTER
May 1st
Blessing of the Bikes

Start your day with breakfast provided by
Ralph's Stand-Up Bar
173 Center St., Jupiter 33458
9:00-10:00AM

Join us for a **SPECIAL MOTORCYCLE Service 10:00-11:30**
Followed by Group Blessing in parking lot @11:45

Christian Family Church
430 Center St., Jupiter 33458
\$10.00 per bike donation
To benefit ABATE Safety and Awareness Program

Blessing followed by a celebration at
720 Park Ave., Lake Park, FL 33403

BREWHOUSE
Music by String Assassins
Food specials and door prizes
12:30-4:00

For more information contact: Doug Yungate duyg009@aol.com © 772-343-9948
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Mission Statement

WHO WE ARE

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

OUR GOALS

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

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



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

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

WHEREAS, over 1.1 million drivers in Florida have a motorcycle endorsement on their driver license; and

WHEREAS, May 2016 is being commemorated as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month; and

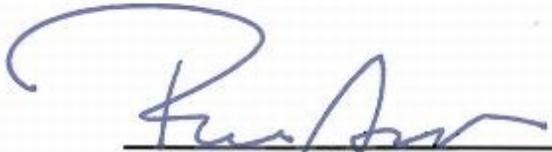
WHEREAS, motorcycles can easily be hidden in traffic; therefore; it is important for motorists to always be aware of their surroundings; and

WHEREAS, to keep everyone safe on Florida's roadways, motorcyclists and motorists must be vigilant in their efforts to share the road;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of Florida do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2016, as *Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this fourth day of April, in the year two thousand sixteen.



Governor

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

# UPCOMING Event Schedule

**MAY 1 ABATE Lighthouse Bike Blessing Jupiter**

**Friday May 6 Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House WPB**

**Saturday May 7 Palm Beach Harley Customer/Family Appreciation Day 11-4**

**Saturday May 7 International Female Ride Day**

**Sunday May 15 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 Blue Heron Blvd. go east to Broadway (Federal Hwy., US- 1) turn right, go south 1 block the V.F.W. is on the east side. Look for the flag.

Breakfast will be served at V.F.W. Post 4143 9:00 AM 'til Noon.

**Sunday May 15 USMV MC Annual**

**Tuesday May 17 Dayna & Kim's Birthday 6 pm Steak Dinner Lone Legion 7pm**

**Thursday May 19 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night 6-10 45th St. West Palm Beach**

**Saturday May 21 ABATE Palm Beach Motorcycle Month Rally Anchor Inn**

**Sunday May 22 Nam Knights Rock n Roll Sunday**

**Thurs May 26 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar 113 Center Street Jupiter**

**May 28-29 Bikes on the Beach Marriot Hollywood Beach**

**Sunday May 29 Southeast ABATE Memorial Day Event**

**Sunday May 29 Southernmost ABATE Memorial Day Ride in Keys**

## REMINDER: EVERY

**Monday Night is MOB OF BROTHERS MC OPEN HOUSE**

**Tuesday Night is LONE LEGION MC OPEN HOUSE**

**Last Tuesday Night is MILITIA RIDERS OPEN HOUSE at LONE LEGION**

**Wednesday Night is STATES MC OPEN HOUSE**

**Wednesday Night is Anchor Inn Bike Night**

**Wednesday Night is Gorilla Motors Bike Night at Island Jack's**

**Thursday Night is BLACK PISTONS MC OPEN HOUSE**

**Every other Thurs. Havana Hideout Bike Night Lake Worth**

**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**

# HUMP DAYS at the ANCHOR INN

ALL  
BIKERS  
WELCOME

ALL  
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WELCOME

WEDNESDAY  
**HUMP DAY**  
GET HAPPY  
ALL DAY WITH

**\$5** DOMESTIC PITCHERS

AND  
**\$10** IMPORT PITCHERS

MAKE ANY SINGLE LIQUOR  
DRINK A DOUBLE  
FOR \$1

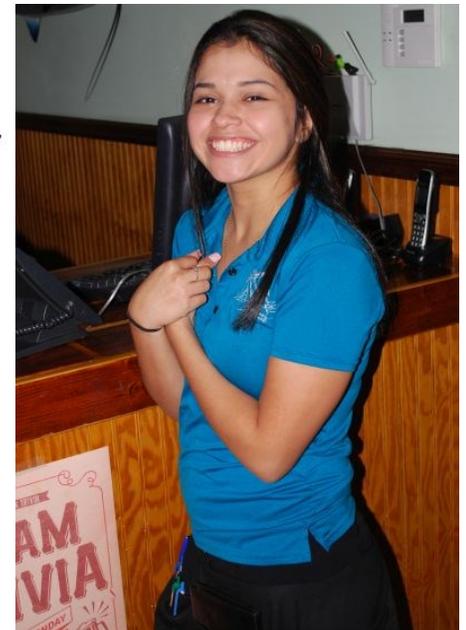


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**ABATE Palm Beach Chapter**  
**P.O. Box 32215**  
**West Palm Beach, FL 33420-2215**

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

ABATE of Florida Inc. Peace River Chapter presents:

# RUN A MUCK

**Saturday, May 14, noon-6**  
**Peace River Campgrounds**  
 2998 NW Highway 70, Arcadia 34266

**PEACE RIVER Campground**

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# May 17th, 2016

## JOIN US TO CELEBRATE DAYNA & KIM'S BIRTHDAYS

Doors Open at 6pm  
 Steak Dinner Served at 7pm

Entry: \$3 Single / \$5 Couple / \$8 Steak Dinner

~ ALL WELCOME ~  
 WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY TO ANYONE

**50/50 Raffle & Music by Shovel Head!!!**  
 2950 NW Commerce Park Dr. Boynton Beach FL 33426

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PALM BEACH COUNTY

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MILITIA RIDERS MC  
USA National Chapter  
Palm Beach County Florida

Mystique Entertainment & Productions Presents

# BIKES ON THE BEACH

**CUSTOM BIKE SHOW & FESTIVAL**  
 South FL

MEMORIAL WEEKEND | MAY 28-29TH 2016  
 MARRIOTT HOLLYWOOD BEACH

**Rock 'N' Roll Sunday**  
 PRESENTED BY: NAM KNIGHTS OF AMERICA MOTORCYCLE CLUB  
 MAY 22, 2016 FOR THE 18TH ANNUAL ROCK N' ROLL SUNDAY

Make your plans now to be at the American German Club from NOON — 6 :00

**ASPHALT**  
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Classic Car Show

**GORILLA MOTORS**  
Motorcycle Show  
(561) 602-9884

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Motorcycle Show  
(561) 602-9884

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Amusement rides for children

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Military vehicles, helicopter and additional military displays

**EVENT INFORMATION:** 561 723-5956  
**VENDOR INFORMATION:** 727 858-6734

This year's event will be bigger and better than ever.  
**Special musical guest appearances**, Scheduled to return once more this year, **Sparky Matejka** from the Lynyrd Skynyrd band. He rocked the house last year!

All the family fun you have come to expect from our annual fund raising event which supports our Veterans and Law Enforcement Charities right here in our community.

Great live musical acts  
 STILL ON MISBEHAVIN' BAND

Amusement rides for children

- The best food trucks in Palm Beach County, BBQ / Seafood / Sandwiches / Deserts
- All kinds of vendors ... Jewelry / novelties / services & much more
- Veterans Administration Representatives
- Military vehicles, helicopter and additional military displays

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 Ages 3-10 parents attendance required

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AMERICAN GERMAN CLUB 5111 LANTANA ROAD LAKE WORTH FL. 33463

With May being Motorcycle Month it is a time to review our area motorcycle accidents. Just in the last week of March while driving home I saw a bike in the median of Clint Moore Road between Lyons and Jog in Boca Raton surrounded by police. The next day the school Secretary told me of an accident on Yamato Road between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Boca Raton. We never saw anything on either in the news. - What got me started on this report was an email from Dennis, our own "Data". Here it is, since many reports are copyrighted, you may read from the links. Then a Channel 5 newscaster contacted Snooze about all the recent motorcycle accidents, Ken had him to call me which he did much later and I had him contact Doc. I did find the April 13 story (video) WPTV 5 did on the Boynton accidents and mentioned the rider education course —Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

## There is no shortage of MC fatalities recently.

Sept 30, 2015 [One dead after motorcycle crash west of Boynton Beach](#)

The next day another biker gets killed. This time a 20 year old girl. Oct 1, 2015 [Woman, 20, killed in Boynton Beach traffic crash and Boynton police ID woman killed in motorcycle crash](#) and [20-year-old who died in crash remembered for love of horses](#)

Oct 25, 2015 - very suspicious - this couldn't have happened the way the driver said. [Motorcyclist dies after crash throws him into car's backseat](#) and [Gardens man killed when his motorcycle clipped car in suburban Lake Worth](#) and [26-year-old killed in motorcycle accident loved kids in need](#) Only one way this could have happened - The car changed lanes abruptly when he saw the biker approaching from the rear. This is the only way inertia would have hurled the biker into the back seat. If, like the driver claims, the biker was behind the car and swerves to the right to pass but hits the car's bumper instead, then inertia would have hurled him away from the car - not toward it. Since the driver didn't admit to changing lanes, it means he did it on purpose.

Jan 8, 2016 [Luis Gonzalez-Vinces Killed in Motorcycle Accident](#) and [Family, friends remember Boynton crash victim](#)

April 1, 2016 - not an April fools joke unfortunately [Boynton police: One dead in fatal motorcycle wreck](#)

No ID yet, but some say it was a gold sport bike.

Data.

I attempted to Google those two March Boca accidents in paragraph. All I could find was story from Feb. 3, 2016 about motorcyclist killed coming off I95 at Glades Rd. exit Boca Raton.

<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/palm-beach/boca-raton/fl-boca-fatal-motorcycle-crash-20160203-story.html> and one from May 14, 2015 of a sport bike (seen in video report) hit at Dixie and Glades road in Boca Raton when a Jeep Liberty making a left turn turned into its path and the Deerfield Beach rider died <http://www.wptv.com/news/region-s-palm-beach-county/boca-raton/serious-motorcycle-crash-in-boca-raton> .

Then I got two more links in emails from Cary our Sgt-At-Arms 4-3-2016. One follow up on the April 1 Boynton crash in the 1100 block of North Congress Ave where the van made a left run in front of the motorcycle and killed Ernesto Coronel, 45, of Boynton Beach. <http://m.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/local-govt-politics/boynton-police-release-name-of-motorcycle-driver-k/nqxyB/> . The other one - [pbf.com/news/two-dead-after-motorcycle-crashes-into-truck-in-boynton-beach](http://pbf.com/news/two-dead-after-motorcycle-crashes-into-truck-in-boynton-beach) – the page was not found to read.

April 6 at Dixie and Linton in Delray Beach a Toyota dealership mechanic was test driving a Lexus at a high rate of speed, swerved to avoid a car and stroke a Goldwing injuring the male and killing his female passenger. Charges pending, names withheld. <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/palm-beach/delray-beach/fl-delray-beach-fatal-motorcycle-crash-20160406-story.html> First report was <http://cbs12.com/news/local/fatal-motorcycle-crash-on-dixie-hwy-in-delray-beach> then <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/local/delray-police-motorcyclist-killed-in-south-dixie-c/nqzsd/> The couple was from Canada <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/palm-beach/delray-beach/fl-delray-fatal-motorcycle-fofo-20160407-story.html> <http://cbs12.com/news/local/car-dealership-employee-on-test-drive-hits-kills-motorcycle-rider-police> Names of couple and car driver ID'd in <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/palm-beach/delray-beach/fl-delray-beach-motorcycle-crash-id-20160408-story.html> Later the husband biker died <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/crime-law/delray-police-second-person-dies-after-motorcycle-nq55J/>

The next day a Greenacres man was killed on his motorcycle when a car did a left turn into him in west Lantana. <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/local/motorcyclist-killed-in-crash-west-of-lantana/nq2XH/>

April 13 MIAMI (WSVN) reported multiple Express lanes (both north and south) on I-95 were closed due to a fatal motorcycle accident at Northwest 103rd Street. The accident happened in the northbound lanes, however, the body landed in the southbound lanes. <http://www.wsvn.com/story/31715480/fatal-motorcycle-accident-closes-multiple-i-95-express-lanes>

In printing up some accident stories from Florida that I give to our lobbyist, I found a few more local ones to include here. Back in early February two New Yorkers were killed when they ran a red light on Pratt Whitney Road –tcpalm.com. Also about that date or late January a motorcyclist was injured in the Acreage when hit by a garbage truck near 140th Avenue North at 75th Lane North, just north of Acreage Pines Elementary School – Palm Beach Post. Also on Feb. 3 south of us, a motorcyclist in his late

20s was killed in Oakland Park near Commercial Boulevard, due to his speeding he crashed into a car – Sun Sentinel. Feb 16 a 43 Pompano Beach man was killed when his bike hit a SUV made a left hand turn into Patch Reef Park –Palm Beach Post. March 7 there was a crash between A1A and Holly Drive in Palm Beach Gardens, no further information provided – WPEC CBS12. March 17 WPLG Local10.com reported a 17 year old died after colliding with a car at the intersection of Northwest 29th Terrace and Northwest Fifth Street. The car was turning left when the bike lost control and hit it. More on the two riders killed in Boynton April 1 <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/boynton-police-motorcyclist-and-passenger-killed-i/nqyN4/> And again at <http://cbs12.com/news/local/two-dead-one-injured-in-deadly-motorcycle-crash>

Trying to research more I came upon Accidentdatacenter.com and tried searching there but it seems more for reporting accidents. report and there were more to read. In their About Us “Accident Data Center was created to help people who have been affected by accidents find information, resources, and community connections. Our main goal is to be the most comprehensive, no-cost online resource for the many related topics and a network of organizations surrounding accidents, including the safety, transportation, insurance, legal, medical, and social aspects of accidents.” It did have some interesting articles and for once did not seem to have bias against motorcycles. The following is one

## Motorcycle crashes often result in more serious injuries and death than other types of accidents

Motorcycle accidents are not more frequent than other kinds of crashes but are significantly more likely to end in serious injuries and death for the motorcycle rider. According to **statistics compiled by the federal government**, motorcycle crashes resulted in 35 times more deaths than car crashes did.

One way to improve motorcycle safety and reduce accident rates is to be aware of the common causes of crashes, including:

- **Vehicles turning left:** Statistically, the most dangerous setting for a motorcyclist occurs when cars are making left-hand turns. These types of collisions account for 42% of all crashes between motorcycles and other vehicles.
- **Head-on collisions:** The vast majority of motorcycle crashes with cars occur when they collide head-on. These head-on crashes result in a higher fatality rate than other types of crashes.
- **Lane Splitting:** Lane splitting refers to when a motorcyclist drives between two lanes of cars, typically in heavy traffic when car movement is slowed or stopped.
- **Speeding and alcohol impairment:** Statistically, approximately half of single-vehicle motorcycle crashes have speeding and alcohol use as factors.
- **Crashes between motorcycles and stationary objects:** Motorcyclists crashing with fixed objects result in 25% of motorcyclist deaths.

**Road hazards:** Hazards such as potholes, icy conditions, uneven lanes, and objects in the road pose significant danger to motorcyclists whose vehicles are smaller and less stable.

The nature of the motorcycle itself, as a smaller, lighter-weight, harder-to-see form of transportation traveling in a world of larger vehicles, means that motorcyclists need to exercise greater caution to avoid accidents and injuries. Awareness of the typical causes of collisions is a great place to start.

## After a serious or fatal motorcycle crash, it is crucial to get help for the victim

After an accident, many things need to happen at once. The injured rider needs top-quality medical care, the police need to determine how the accident happened, and an **injury attorney** needs to launch an insurance claim, to help the motorcyclist and the family members recover financially after a motorcycle crash. If someone is killed in a collision, a **wrongful death claim** will begin the process of financial recovery for the family left behind.

Also this page has other interesting articles like:

PORTLAND, OR

Crashes involving a single motorcyclist don't always mean it's the driver's fault

There is a bias out there about motorcyclists, and some unfortunately do ignore speed limits or safety requirements, much like any driver. So if you are involved in a single motorcycle crash, does this automatically mean you are the only one at fault? There are certain considerations that may apply, and there could be more to your accident than is obvious

<http://accidentdatacenter.com/topic/accidents/accident-type/motorcycle-accident>

AMA April 06, 2016

## Women motorcycle riders prepare for 10th International Female Ride Day on May 7

*The following is an industry press release from Motoress International...*

**TORONTO (April 6, 2016)** - Passion and enthusiasm will fuel thousands of motorcycles piloted by women as they take to the world's roads on Saturday, May 7, for the 10th edition of International Female Ride Day.

International Female Ride Day (IFRD) is a global ride day occurring yearly on the first Saturday of May. Across all cultures the event brings women together through the common platform of motorcycling no matter the form or style. The event highlights and profiles the many women who ride while shifting preconceived perceptions of motorsport for women.

IFRD has developed an ongoing momentum throughout its 10-year rise building to activities for the one-day synchronized ride day event. Serbia, Ireland, Canada and India are on the long list of countries the world over joining in unison to "Just Ride!" – the event's theme - on May 7. The event ignites female rider camaraderie, builds awareness for motorcycling and inspires others to take up the sport. The world's largest women's motorcycle ride day and 10th edition will assemble motorcycling's diverse women riders across all borders, ages, brands, experiences and styles.

The significance IFRD plays in the lives of women riders and to the expansion of women and motorcycling has been a game changer to the activity. A decade ago women riders in countries such as Hungary, South Africa, or Australia to name but a few, were nameless. Through the calling IFRD has made to the planet's female riders and to the role of every woman enjoying motorcycling, an extensive network has been revealed of motorcycle aficionados. Clubs and friendships have formed - history has been made (2008 saw the first ever group of women riders ride through the streets of Tel Aviv) all as a result of this phenomenal supported action led by women who ride.

IFRD continues to be a prime influencer to the global motorsport industry. Its popularity underlines the strength and importance of this market segment. IFRD has grown to be a platform through which the industry continues to speak and reach out to women riders.

IFRD makes one request of women - "JUST RIDE!" - get on your bikes, be out there and be visible. The decennial celebrations will set another record of the event's prominence as thousands of rider participants join in unity around the world. It continues to ride forward women's involvement in motorsport. A "movement" as it's often referred to - which has become not only unstoppable, but a must in every woman rider's agenda.

More information about about International Female Ride Day, visit: <http://motoress.com/international-female-ride-day/> and <https://www.facebook.com/InternationalFemaleRideDay/>

### About MOTORESS

MOTORESS is the number one women's motorcycling lifestyle magazine in the world engaging its readers within the passion they seek in every aspect of their motorcycling lifestyle. From knowledgeable and inspiring moto reviews, riding tips, and gearstyle coverage - MOTORESS celebrates women across all moto-cultures. MOTORESS International head office is located in Toronto, Canada.

<http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/News/16-04-06/>

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## PRESS RELEASE

# Wheels of Victory Productions Announces New Book and Movie Project Highlighting the U.S. Military Motorcyclist

*Initial book and filming will include a focus on the "Brotherhood of Thunder", including major military motorcycle events and interviews with those who Ride to Serve.*

**Bryan/College Station, TX, April 19, 2016:** Wheels of Victory Productions, a Texas film and documentary firm, has announced its latest project, "**Brotherhood of Thunder: The Story of American Warriors and their Motorcycles.**"

Austin Hines, Managing General Partner, states, "We are very excited about this project and what it will mean to America's warriors. Our goal is to tell the long-overdue and compelling story detailing the growth of and importance of U.S. military motorcycle clubs and the veterans who ride with them."

Continuing, Hines comments, "The response to this project has been overwhelming, and we are looking forward to a long-term effort that does a worthy job chronicling the many warriors and heroes who ride with America's military motorcycle clubs. They do awesome work helping fellow veterans and their communities, and these efforts have often been carried out in anonymity."

Founder of Double A Pictures, Hines is a respected Fort Worth producer. The members of the joint venture include Task Force Home Front, the Brotherhood of Thunder, and Hines's organization. Substantial funding is provided by AmeriVAL Group and several soon-to-be-announced major sponsors.

According to Hines, the production will provide both a narrative and documentary film, focusing on the history of military motorcycling and the stories of the clubs and their members. The work will also feature highlights from such events as the annual Run for the Wall and Rolling Thunder. Hines additionally points out that all net proceeds from the project will go to support approved projects assisting U.S. veterans.

Christopher Inman, CEO of AmeriVAL Group, adds, "We believe all Americans will be fascinated with this story, and our team will be providing ongoing insights into this important movement with:

- An ongoing web channel and series
- A significant docu-series available on DVD
- A feature length documentary to be released on the film festival circuit
- An illustrated book to serve as a definitive resource on this subject

Inman concludes with, "Many Americans have seen those men and women faithfully riding down the highways and byways of our nation, flying flags and escorting our nation's fallen heroes. However, this work will provide a totally new insight into what we call a **Brotherhood of Thunder** and their selfless and continuing service. AmeriVAL is proud to play a part in making this project a reality."

### About Wheels of Victory Productions, LLC

WOVP is a joint venture supported by several groups who work with veterans and support veterans causes. The joint venture is managed by Double A Pictures of Fort Worth.

*For further information about Wheels of Victory or Double A Pictures, contact:  
Austin Hines at 817-938-3244, Email: [austin@doubleapictures.com](mailto:austin@doubleapictures.com)*

### About Task Force Home Front

Task Force Home Front is an IRS 501.c.3 and Texas non-profit organization that seeks to work with local organizations and agencies to facilitate the onboarding of all veterans and their loved ones for the help and assistance they need.

Headquartered in Jacksonville, TX, Task Force Home Front is working to expand its work nationally and does not accept any government funds. The group sponsors the use of the From a Grateful American Challenge Coin to recognize individual Americans and to fund in part its activities.

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Christopher Inman at 979-307-4167, Email: [info@brotherhoodofthunder.com](mailto:info@brotherhoodofthunder.com)  
Website [www.taskforcehomefront.com](http://www.taskforcehomefront.com) and [www.brotherhoodofthunder.com](http://www.brotherhoodofthunder.com)*



## STATE MEETINGS

### Host Chapter - Location

June 11, 2016 Inerstate - Sebring Elks Lodge

August 13, 2016 Forest -

October 7-8, 2016 Peace River Campground

December 10, 2016: Gator Alley -

## DELEGATE REPORT

Ken "Snooze" & Deb "Foxybabe"

Gerecke

Hamby

### State Meeting April 9 in Cocoa FL

The State President said that ABATE as a corporation in financial decent shape, it is the State Office funds that are short. Chapters complained that they could not sell the cash drawing tickets so it was decided to Do a December 10 Christmas Drawing with first prize a new Henry .30-.30 Lever action rifle and second prize a new 12 gauge Over & Under shotgun. 4000 tickets were printed to be sold at \$5. So this overrides our gun raffle for the present time.

With membership dropping incentive benefits and rewards where discussed. Level 1 - Bring in 5 new members get a recruiter/wings pin or patch. Level 2- 10 gets you pin and T-shirt Level 3 -25 members gets you pin, t-shirt year membership (Lifers get jacket) Level 4 – bring in 50 new members gets you all of above and \$50 Visa/MC gift card. Another idea is the member who brings in the highest amount of cash donations gets a prize.

Beside the \$4000 ADD insurance benefit, Coastal Insurance Company offers ABATE (Life?) members up to 10% discount and \$3000 parts and accessories coverage. They are at 190 Hwy A1A Suite, Satellite Beach FL 32937. Agent Doug Guido's phone is 888-596-2453. In our area Leslie Kay's Progressive offers an ABATE discount. Their rep at PB Harley Chili Cook off said the \$3000 accessory package is normal. So these are two more options to compare with your company.

The Legislative report is included in Slo Mo's report on page 22.

N.C.O.M will be working with the MRF against a National Motorcycle Profile bill and actions.

With no more Spooks n Scoots, the October State meeting will be held at an Old School Biker Party at the Peace River Campground October 7-9. Tent camping will be \$35 for the weekend with advance tickets going for \$30. Details on RV camping was a bit vague but for hookup you need to deal with the campground. We will get this cleared at next state meeting. If you know of vendors, a 10 x 10 is \$75 for weekend.

### OLD BUSINESS

State Meeting Hosting many months available, requests due at June meeting

Membership rate proposals to take back to chapters to select one from the four.

In summary:

- 1 Year \$20 split 10/10 and Life \$600 with \$400 to state
- 2 South West. Year \$20, Life \$150 all going to State
- 3 First Coast. Year \$20 all to State. Life would be earned by 5 or 10 years in good standing and served ABATE on Boards, events or betterment of ABATE. Chapter would submit once year at June meeting with \$10 maintenance fee to State
- 4 Southeast. Year \$30 (\$20 to State) and \$300 Life to State

By Law Proposal by Southernmost to have the chapter pay \$850 annual dues.

Chapter receives \$650 credit for event insurance to have 4 events a year.

Lobbyist Proposal. By Laws state must have lobbyist. Only one from Doc where he dropped \$14000 off old amount. \$36,000 TWO year deal. He has devoted 26 years as lobbyist.

Elections: all position nominated but with no opposition. Doc Reichenbach President, Darren Brooks VP and Legislative, Secretary Shelly Johnston, Treasurer Patti Nasrallah returns with Debbie Hamby assisting, Safety Victor Piorkowski, Larry Crow Legal and new names for other trustees.

### NEW BUSINESS

Voted to do the Tallahassee Run in April with the state meeting moving from Saturday to Sunday.

Yes to having the Leadership seminars in July, somewhere central Florida, perhaps Ocala.

Next state meeting June 11 hosted by Inerstate chapter in Sebring – see flyer

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**ABATE of Florida, Inc.**

### State Meeting Hosted By

### Inerstate Chapter

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Meeting Held at: Elks Lodge - 2618 Kenilworth Blvd - Sebring, FL 33870

State Board Meeting: 12:00 PM

Designated Hotel: Sunset Beach Motel  
1001 Lakeview Dr  
Sebring, FL  
(863) 385-6129  
866-280-1821

Room Rates: Single \$ 60.00, Double \$65.00, King w/kitchen \$ 70.00, Lakeview Suite \$ 75.00. These rates minus 15% ask for ABATE when making reservations. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, June 1, 2016 for ABATE Room Block. To meeting location, turn left out of hotel onto Lakeview, keep left at stop light & go 0.7 mile to Kenilworth Blvd and turn left. Meeting location on right.

**Directions to meeting location:**

**From North (top map)**

Go South on US 27 to Sebring Parkway (Stop light at Wal-Mart). Turn left on Sebring Parkway & go 4 miles to SR 17N Ridgewood Dr. and turn right. Go South on Ridgewood and right around Sebring Circle Park and turn right on to S. Ridgewood Dr. Merge onto Lakeview Dr. & go South 0.4 miles and turn right on Kenilworth Blvd. Elks Lodge is on the right.

**From the South (right map)**

From the intersection of US 27 S/Hwy 88/Hwy 66, go 2.8 miles North and turn right onto S. Highlands Ave/CR 17A (Hospital on right). Go 1.5 miles to the stoplight at Kenilworth Blvd (Sebring HS on right) and turn left. Go 0.5 miles and Elks Lodge is on




For more information contact: President, Ernie Gelinias, 863-873-6202 or [inerstatepres@gmail.com](mailto:inerstatepres@gmail.com)

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

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WED 6-9PM RSVP REQUIRED

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Dist. 34  
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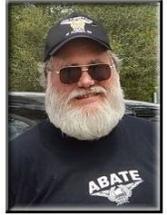
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Lori Berman

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# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

## DAN "SLO-MOTION" HENDERSON



The Florida session did not go well for us. The \$300,000 that was requested to fund our ABATE Safety and Awareness program was well received by both the House and Senate so it was included in the State Budget. The Governor's Office told us there was no problem with it Then Scott vetoed it AGAIN. He said the DOT was doing the job but have you ever seen them at any event doing what we do?

The Vulnerable Road Users bill, CS/CS/HB 253 Highway Safety, passed through committees and the House. But died on the Senate floor and again as an amendment. The opposition was by Palm Beach Senator Jeff Clemens (D) District 27 and Kelli Stargel (R) District 15 (parts of Orange, Osceola, Polk counties) saying if we don't wear helmets we don't deserve protection. Senator Maria Sachs (D) District 34 (NE Broward and SE Palm Beach) as the Deputy Minority Whip condemned them showing her continued support of ABATE. We had more support from the Democrats than Republicans and Sachs vs Clemens shows interparty conflict. Clemens has vowed to put in a mandatory helmet bill next year. Since his seat is up for re-election we need to get him voted out. So find out if he is your State District 27 Senator, see map below for general idea, we need your support in the August primary and November election.



**August 30 Primary Election Register by 8/1/16.** It will need someone to replace US Senator Marco Rubio. In Palm Beach Florida Senate seats for District 25 Joe Abruzzo (D) and District 27 Clemens are open for re-election. Joe Abruzzo covers two thirds of the county in the west and is the Minority Whip. All of the county House seats are up for re-election. Lori Berman District 90 has been a supporter of us. The rest I'm not sure of after being misled by Clemens. I will contact them as to their re-election plans and arrange to meet. I need YOUR help in gathering more data on them and other candidates before the August Primaries. The State Legislative Rep and Lobbyist will soon give us a list of biker friendly legislators.

### EVERS, GAETZ POISED FOR PANHANDLE BATTLE

In what could be one of the state's most hotly contested congressional primary battles, state Sen. Greg Evers said Monday he is running for an open Northwest Florida seat being vacated by veteran U.S. Rep. Jeff Miller. Evers, a Baker Republican, enters an already-crowded GOP field, which includes state Rep. Matt Gaetz and James Zumwalt, an Iraq war veteran who also served as an aide to Miller. After toying with the possibility of running for weeks, Evers on Saturday filed a statement of candidacy for Congressional District 1 with the Federal Elections Commission, setting up what could be a grudge match with fellow state legislator Gaetz, who announced his candidacy for the seat almost a month ago. "After prayerful consideration, I'm humbled and honored to announce my candidacy for CD 1. Many of the residents of the Panhandle have asked me to run because we need someone that will uphold the Panhandle values in D.C. As a lifelong resident of the Panhandle, I'm ready to carry our message to D.C., just as Jeff Miller did," Evers told The News Service of Florida in a telephone interview Monday. Evers, a 60-year-old farmer, said he intends to formally announce his entrance into the race at a press conference

Tuesday morning in Milton. Evers in 2001 won a special election for the state House, where he served until his election to the Senate in 2010. The Northwest Florida district --- one of the state's most conservative --- abuts the Alabama border and spans Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton counties and includes most of Holmes County. The winner of the Aug. 30 GOP primary is almost certain to go to Washington, and a match-up between Gaetz and Evers could result in the type of political slugfest that the Panhandle is known for. Gaetz has already raised more than \$350,000, including putting more than \$100,000 of his own money into the race. But Evers, known among reporters for a droll wit delivered in a thick Southern drawl, didn't flinch when asked about Gaetz's campaign war chest. "The last time I checked, it's the voters that elect, not dollars," he said. **\*\*\*Please remember that Greg Evers has been a HUGE supporter of ABATE since the beginning of his career. He would continue to be a HUGE ally to all motorcyclist if elected to the US Congress. We would have another pro-motorcycle friend in Washington to help us battle ethanol, motorcycle only checkpoints, NHTSA and whatever else may come down the road.**

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: The underlined District # and names are links in the online version.  
: Precinct Finder (<https://www.pbcelections.org/PrecinctFinder.aspx>)  
: Palm Beach Elections Site - put in your address and get ALL your  
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## FEDERAL

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District 18  
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District 20  
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District 21  
Ted Deutch

District 22  
Lois Frankel

**SCOTT SIGNS TREATMENT, MILITARY BILLS**

Gov. Rick Scott on Friday signed two bills that are expected to help people get mental-health or substance-abuse treatment and make it easier for military personnel from Florida to vote. Scott also vetoed a controversial overhaul of alimony laws (SB 668). With those moves, Scott finished acting on all 272 bills --- including the state budget --- approved by the Legislature this year. He signed all but three. The treatment measure (SB 12) includes what is known as a "no wrong door" policy, which would allow people who need mental-health or substance-abuse treatment to get it no matter how they enter the systems --- whether through criminal offenses or personal crises. To do that, the bill would create central receiving facilities to function as single points of access to emergency care and intervention services. Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Chairman Rene Garcia, R-Hialeah, sponsored the bill, with House Children, Families and Seniors Chairwoman Gayle Harrell, R-Stuart, and Rep. Kathleen Peters, R-Treasure Island, spearheading the issue in the House. The military-related measure (SB 184) creates a task force to review the development of an online voting system for overseas military voters as a way to return completed absentee ballots. The new law, sponsored by Sen. Aaron Bean, R-Fernandina Beach, and Rep. Greg Steube, R-Sarasota, also requires landlords to act within seven days on lease applications submitted by service members. The bill also makes clear that former members of the Florida National Guard are eligible for the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame.

**NRA SEEKS VOICE IN OPEN-CARRY COURT BATTLE**

The National Rifle Association is seeking to file a friend-of-the-court brief in a Florida Supreme Court case that challenges the constitutionality of a state ban on people openly carrying guns. The NRA on Thursday filed a motion asking for permission to file a brief in the challenge brought by Dale Norman, who was arrested in 2012 in Fort Pierce while openly carrying a gun in a holster. After a jury found Norman guilty of a misdemeanor charge, the 4th District Court of Appeal upheld the state's ban on openly carrying guns, ruling it does not violate constitutional rights to bear arms. The NRA's motion did not present extensive arguments, but the document said it is "critical that this (Supreme) Court hold that the open and peaceful bearing of arms is constitutionally protected conduct." In the motion, the NRA also noted it was "deeply involved" in supporting Florida legislation this year that would have allowed people with concealed-weapons licenses to openly carry firearms. That legislation was approved by the House but died in the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Supreme Court has allowed the national group Everytown for Gun Safety to file a brief in the Norman case. That group opposes the open carrying of guns and used its brief to trace a long history of restrictions, saying "Florida's law does not even implicate the Second Amendment --- let alone violate it." The Supreme Court is expected to hear arguments in the case June 8.

**ALL 2016 SESSION BILLS HAVE REACHED SCOTT**

All 272 bills approved by the House and Senate during the 2016 session have now been sent to Gov. Rick Scott, with the delivery Monday of a measure (SB 668) that would set up a new formula for judges to decide alimony payments. As of Monday afternoon, Scott had signed 207 of the bills. That included a wide-ranging transportation bill (HB 7027) that the governor approved Monday. The signed bills include an \$82 billion budget (HB 5001) for the fiscal year that starts July 1. Scott has only vetoed one bill (HB 1355), which would have created an authority to manage and operate city-owned Gainesville Regional Utilities. Scott objected to a part of the bill that would have provided compensation to appointed board members of the authority.

**SCOTT SIGNS BILL TO LOWER CONCEALED WEAPONS FEES**

The cost to get concealed-weapons licenses will be reduced under a bill signed into law Wednesday by Gov. Rick Scott. The measure (SB 772), one of 14 bills Scott signed, reduces the license fee from \$70 to \$60 on the initial application and from \$60 to \$50 for renewals. With nearly 1.5 million concealed-weapons licenses currently issued in Florida, the change is projected to reduce state revenue by \$2.99 million next fiscal year, according to a Senate analysis of the bill. Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, whose agency oversees concealed-weapons licenses, has said the measure is part of efforts to make the application process "more convenient and affordable."

**April 21, 2016 Modified Motorcycles Potentially Under Attack**

Members of both Houses of Congress have introduced proposed legislation that would protect the rights of Americans to modify their vehicles for racing purposes. Dubbed the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2016 (RPM Act, H.R. 4715 and S. 2659), this legislation would ensure that converting any motor vehicle (including street motorcycles) into a competition-only vehicle remains legal.

This proposed legislation became necessary after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under the guise of maintaining emissions as outlined by the Clean Air Act, announced plans to regulate the conversion of street motorcycles and other motor vehicles into race vehicles. This attempt is reminiscent of the EPA's efforts back in 2003 to regulate motorcycling through another unrelated proposed regulation aimed at heavy equipment, steam engines and diesel engines that would have prohibited owners from changing anything on their motorcycles except for paint color or chrome.

Through the Color and Chrome initiative, the MRF was successful in separating motorcycles from the EPA's regulations and created exemptions to protect the custom and aftermarket industries and our lifestyle.

On April 15, 2016, the EPA announced that, under pressure from Congress, it would drop the language from its proposed regulations; nevertheless, it shows the clear intent of the EPA to attempt to overstep its bounds, as outlined by the Clean Air Act, in an effort to strip motorcyclists of the rights to modify their motorcycles as they see fit.

The MRF urges its members to contact their U.S. Representative and Senator and ask them to support H.R. 4715/S. 2659, the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2016, so that the EPA makes no further attempts to erode motorcyclists' rights.

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Louisiana's helmet choice bill Liston to the ABATE talk radio on this at <http://www.wsvn.com/story/31715480/fatal-motorcycle-accident-closes-multiple-i-95-express-lanes> on the false reports of helmets. 31 states have freedom of choice with only 13 mandatory. More on this at <http://www.ksla.com/story/31731066/strong-reactions-to-la-voluntary-motorcycle-helmet-bill>. Final result was the bill was closely defeated. <http://theadvocate.com/news/15532606-184/legislation-to-repeal-motorcycle-helmet-law-narrowly-fails>

Missouri House is looking to pass a bill "Riders 21 and older wouldn't have to wear a helmet if they've had their motorcycle license at least two years or if they complete a safety course. They'd also need to meet insurance requirements." A similar bill passed the House before but was killed in their Senate.

# May 2016

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# WEEKLY EVENTS

**Mon** Mob of Brothers MC  
Open House  
**Mon** Dinner 6:30 States MC  
Pompano Clubhouse

**Tues** Lone Legion MC  
Brotherhood Open House  
**Last Tues** Militia Riders  
Open House @ Lone  
Legion clubhouse

**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  
**Wed** Anchor Inn Bike Night

**1st Thurs** Renegades Bike Night  
**3rd Thurs** Harley Davidson Palm Beach Bike Night 5-10PM  
**Thurs** Black Pistons MC WPB  
Open House

**Fri** Outlaws MC WPB Open House at 7PM  
**1st Fri** Soldiers for Jesus Open House  
**1st Fri** Enforcers MC Party

**Sat** Fly-In Wheels MC WPB open house  
**1st Sat** Palm Beach Harley Appreciation Day 11-4  
**Sat** FREE hot dogs soda's Harley Palm Bch, 10-2  
**3rd Sat** Treasure Coast Harley Biker Appreciation

**Sun** Flossie's Famous Tiki Hut  
Biker Sunday  
**1st SUN** Lugnut's Biker Appreciation Horsefeathers Hobe Sound  
**Sunday** WindRider Church  
Mickey's Tiki Bar 10:30am  
**3rd Sunday** ABATE FL Palm Beach Chapter Meeting 11:30  
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- May 2016**  
15 - U.S. Military Vets M.C. Annual  
21 - ABATE Palm Beach Annual  
22—Nam Knights Rock n Roll Sunday
- June 2016**  
11 - AOA South FL GBNF 1%'ers Memorial
- July 2016**  
3 - AOA Party  
24 - Soldiers For Jesus M.C. Annual
- August 2016**  
14 - AOA South FL 49th Anniversary Party
- September 2016**  
11 - AOA Legal Defense Fund Party
- October 2016**  
23 - Alternative M.C. Annual
- November 2016**  
6 – AOA Party
- December 2016**  
4 – Toys in the Sun Run  
6 – UBCPBC Christmas Party

**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: KELTS 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: USVMC 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: Wingso of Gold MC MIAMI - TOY RUN  
17: SFLCOC - CHRISTMAS PARTY  
25: Christmas

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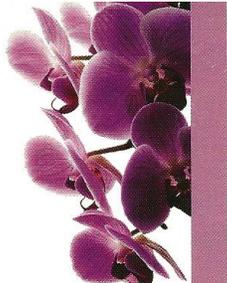
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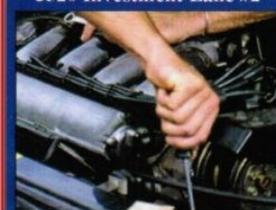
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# John Eldredge's motorcycle movie is about dreams

By: Emily McFarlan Miller, RNS April 18, 2016 Updated: April 18, 2016 at 5:17 pm

(RNS) The idea to attempt a 1,000-mile motorcycle trek through the Colorado mountains came after best-selling Christian author John Eldredge and his three sons watched the 2004 miniseries “Long Way Round,” documenting actors Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman’s trip around the world on motorcycles.

It was an idea that came up again and again when the Eldredge boys — Sam, Blaine and Luke — on visits home from college, talked about their dreams, the things they hoped to do together someday.

There was only one catch: None of them were bikers.

But, Sam Eldredge said, “Once we had our (motorcycle) licenses, it was just a matter of dreaming.”

Now that dream has become a documentary titled “A Story Worth Living.”

And John Eldredge, counselor and president of Ransomed Heart Ministries, and a writer who seeks to put Christian men in touch with their masculinity, says he hopes the trip he took with his three adult sons, who run *And Sons Magazine*, and two friends will inspire others the same way they were inspired by McGregor’s and Boorman’s. He hopes their story will get audiences thinking about the stories they are living.

“What we’re hoping the film does is to get people asking questions both about their own story, understanding their own story, but also looking for answers on ‘What is the story my life is meant to be a part of?’” he said.

At first, the six riders dreamed of the Australian outback, Sam Eldredge said. Then Patagonia.

Then they realized how many people travel to their own home state on similar journeys, and they realized, he said, “It doesn’t have to be NASA’s next moon landing. This could be something we could pull off.”

They started collecting BMW F800 GS adventure bikes — all used motorcycles, just to prove how attainable the dream could be, according to Eldredge family friend Jon Dale, the only one who made the trek who had been on a long motorcycle trip before. And they started mapping their route.

“We had the criteria of something being fun to ride, beautiful to shoot, and we wanted to filter in these other stories of guys who own ranches who had been longtime friends,” Sam Eldredge said.

Six months and one training school later, the Eldredges set off on the trip with Dale and psychologist Dan Allender.

Along the way, they had a run-in with a bull and a bone-crushing crash. They had long conversations around campfires and poker tables to encourage audiences to have meaningful conversations with their family and friends. They fished and visited friends and shared passages from more of their favorite stories.

They felt like the Blue Angels riding together, Sam Eldredge said.

But, John Eldredge said, “As I’m reflecting back on the trip, I think the opportunity to do something like this with my sons and with friends, to produce a film of meaning — that’s the highlight.”

“Part of the motive behind the film was adventure films are the No. 1 genre on YouTube ... and they have nothing to say. There’s no meaning to the adventure. There’s no content. We wanted to go out and make a beautiful adventure film with rich content.”

They wanted to tell a good story in order to talk about story, to tap into the same longing for story and adventure the author said his book “Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man’s Soul” had 15 years ago. The book — with its premise every man dreams of being a hero, being a warrior and living a life of adventure and risk — has sold 4 million copies, he said.

Story is the way we make sense of our lives, he said. And the message of the film is our stories point us to “the larger story of God and the story God is telling in the world” — each a chapter that doesn’t make a lot of sense until you find the story it came from, he said.

“A Story Worth Living” will be shown one night only on May 19 in theaters around the country, followed by a taped interview with Boorman, whose story had helped inspire it.

(Emily McFarlan Miller is a national reporter for RNS)

<http://gazette.com/john-eldredges-motorcycle-movie-is-about-dreams/article/1574379>

## Samsung Just Made a Motorcycle Windshield That Checks Your Texts, Calls and Emails

But the point is to keep your eyes on the road By David Gianatasio March 21, 2016, 10:35

Every day, it seems, our modes of transportation become more like high-tech companions, geared to enhance our comfort and safety while providing vital real-time information.

The latest example comes from Italy, where Samsung partnered with Leo Burnett, motocross star Edo Mossi and local YouTube influencer Cane Secco to develop a "Smart Windshield" prototype for motorcycles.

Fitted on a Yamaha Tricity 125 scooter in the video below, the screen accesses smartphone information through a connected app, displaying voice calls, social messages, emails and such, while riders keep their hands on the grips and their eyes (mostly) on the road.

When messages flash on screen, you can choose to pull over and engage, or the system can send an automatic "I'm driving" reply. Set below the bike's actual windscreen, the Smart Windshield also shows GPS navigation data.

In Italy, smartphone use contributes to 25 percent of accidents among young motorists, Burnett says, so the Smart Windshield was designed to appeal to tech-savvy millennials seeking enhanced safety. Samsung and Burnett have driven down this road before. Notable efforts have included a life-saving truck-screen system in Argentina (winner of numerous prizes, including Adweek's 2015 Project Isaac Gravity Award for innovation), and 2014's "Smart Bike" concept for Italy.

In a broader sense, such concepts point toward a (very near) future where passengers and vehicles are always in sync as they share the ride. The counterargument to this particular innovation is that it's probably safest not to check emails or texts at all, in any form, while driving—though that's probably wishful thinking these days.

Hey, if self-driving scooters someday allow us to browse the Internet, snack or even snooze while we zip down the highway, well, maybe humanity is better off if the machines win the battle for global supremacy after all.

<http://www.adweek.com/adfreak/samsung-just-made-motorcycle-windshield-checks-your-texts-calls-and-emails-170294>



## Motorcycle braking system gives earlier warning when bikes slow down

The Heads-Up Braking System uses brake lights to alert nearby traffic not only when a motorcycle is braking but when it is decelerating, too. By Neal St. Anthony Star Tribune MARCH 26, 2016 — 1:18PM



John Henry, founder and CEO of Heads-Up Braking System, created his system because of a bad accident he witnessed involving a motorcycle in 1997.

John J. Henry, a radio operator in the Army 40 years ago, demonstrated a knack for electronics that led eventually to a post-service degree from the old Control Data Institute and a job for several years in the disk drive business of Control Data.

Henry also earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Minnesota and worked for several years as an administrator before departing for a successful career in pharmaceutical sales at Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Henry, an avid motorcycle rider, witnessed a bad accident in 1997 that led to a decade-long quest to design a wireless safety system for riders that advocates hail as an innovative safety breakthrough. It was introduced at retail and on at [headsupbraking.com](http://headsupbraking.com) several months ago at an introductory price of \$259.

"I'm an engineer's nightmare," quipped Henry, 60. "I know just enough because of my electronics background to know what you can and can't do. I wanted to make sure that this product wasn't just a third brake light. It has other features that I knew would be of value."

Henry said he and his wife, Julie, have invested \$1.3 million in cash and time over the last decade to develop, patent and manufacture the product.

The 1997 accident occurred when a trailing motorcyclist struck a lead bike, which was decelerating but did not trigger the brake lights. They only work when the brakes are tapped. Both riders were seriously injured. And there have been other accidents in which a rider at night was struck and killed after leaving the lights-on motorcycle. Car drivers, including some who pulled over to help, didn't see the driver who had separated from the bike.

The simple-to-install Heads-Up Braking (HUB) System illuminates the bike and helmet with "smart illumination" technology that glows when the motorcycle is decelerating or the brake applied, and also when the rider separates from the motorcycle, even if the engine isn't running.

"I really am convinced John has a solid market opportunity," said Dan Cook, president of OPS America, a contract engineering and operations firm that helped Henry get the Heads-Up system engineered, designed and manufactured. "He's a great guy. He's got patent protection, and he's been very methodical.

"He's probably the biggest perfectionist and most adamant customer about what his product will do. And this product does what he wanted. It turned out to be more sophisticated than any product we'd worked on before. He's not compromising. We got everything dialed in to his satisfaction. The product also works for snowmobiles and ATVs."

The challenge now for Henry is to generate excitement in the marketplace. And he doesn't have much budget for that.

"It's a great product but trying to get the customer to buy it so far is another thing," said Randy DuPaul, owner of Dr. Mudspringer, a motorcycle retailer in Spring Lake Park who carries the HUB product. "A lot of motorcycle folks don't think enough about safety. Not even everybody wears a helmet.

"But it's a great product, and I stand behind it 100 percent. It's real technological and safety advancement.

"And it has proximity-sensing feature so when you get away from the motorcycle the helmet lights on its own. It also works while the motorcycle is on a trailer [and not running]. Nobody has anything close to this. John's heart and soul is in this. And the time, effort and money he and his wife have put into this is phenomenal. I'm rooting for them."

Henry relishes the recognition as a safety pioneer. But that doesn't guarantee marketing success. He's looking for a national distributor.

"I think I'm on the front edge of a new safety technology," Henry said. "Now we've got to get this product rolling."

<http://www.startribune.com/motorcycle-braking-system-gives-earlier-warning-when-bikes-slow-down/373523921/>

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### NCOM CONVENTION HONORS FALLEN RIDERS; INVITES NAMES FOR TRIBUTE

With the 31st Annual NCOM Convention in Atlantic City just weeks away, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists is requesting that MROs, motorcycle clubs, and riding associations submit the names of those members and supporters who have died since May 2015, so that we may honor their memories during the traditional "Ringing of the Bell" tribute to fallen riders during the opening ceremonies. Dedications can be hand-delivered at the Convention to "Doc" Reichenbach, NCOM Chairman of the Board, or e-mailed in advance to Bill Bish at [NCOMBish@aol.com](mailto:NCOMBish@aol.com).

Attendees are also encouraged to bring an item on behalf of their organization for the Freedom Fund Auction, with proceeds benefiting the motorcyclists' rights movement nationwide through Getting Our People Elected donations, NCOM Speaker Program, lobbying activities and other pro-motorcycling projects as determined by the NCOM Board of Directors.

The 31st annual NCOM Convention will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 5-8, 2016 at Harrah's Resort, located at 777 Harrah's Blvd in Atlantic City, New Jersey. This annual gathering will draw bikers' rights activists from across the country to discuss topics of concern to all riders, so reserve your room now for the special NCOM rate of \$109 by calling [\(888\) 516-2215](tel:8885162215).

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$80 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$45 for the Convention only. All motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to attend. Meetings, seminars and group discussions will focus on legislative efforts and litigation techniques to benefit our right to ride and Freedom of the Road.

To pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at [\(800\) 525-5355](tel:8005255355) or visit [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com).

### ANTI-PROFILING BILL HEARD IN MINNESOTA

A minority group claims its members are being unfairly profiled and stopped by police, and it's demanding a bill to prevent it. That group is motorcyclists, and the legislation, put before Minnesota's Senate Judiciary Committee by State Senator David Osmek (R-Mound), would require Minnesota's Board of Peace Officer Standards & Training to develop a statewide policy to eliminate motorcyclist profiling, including methods to identify and avoid it. SF1509 in the Senate, and companion bill HF59 in the House, would also require every law enforcement agency in the state to have "a written anti-motorcycle profiling policy."

In testimony, several members of Minnesota motorcycle clubs laid out a litany of their own experiences: Officers they believed had pulled them over on trumped-up pretenses questioned them about who they were and why they were in their community and, in some cases, photographed their tattoos & patches. "It's my constitutional right to be in a Motorcycle Club," said Jim Jahnke of Rochester, the National V.P. of the Sons of Silence MC.

Frank Ernst of Chanhassen, MN representing ABATE of Minnesota, and also chairman of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists - Legislative Task Force (NCOM-LTF), described an instance in which he said he was pulled over by an officer who claimed he hadn't seen Ernst's protective eye wear, which he was wearing, but Ernst didn't file an official complaint.

Sen. Osmek admitted the bill is based largely on anecdotal evidence, but told the state's Daily Globe newspaper that "I'm focusing on something that constituents brought to me that they had issue with," and he urges motorcyclists to file complaints and collect data on their own in order to make a stronger case.

Meanwhile, a motorcycle profiling bill is gaining momentum in Maryland, having passed the state Senate unanimously 47-0 on March 3 and now moves to the House, positioning Maryland to become the second state in the country behind Washington to pass such anti-discrimination legislation.

### FEWER AMERICANS GETTING A DRIVER'S LICENSE

It used to be a rite of passage into adulthood, but today fewer and fewer U.S. residents are lining up at their local DMV to get a driver's license, and new data indicates that all age groups are affected.

Analyzing decades of data from the Federal Highway Administration, a team from the University of Michigan's Transportation Research Institute found that since 2011, the number of U.S. citizens with drivers licenses across all age groups, from 16 to 70, has decreased.

A recent University of Michigan report analyzed decades' worth of Federal Highway Administration records to show how licensure across all age groups has declined in the period stretching from 1983 to 2014.

Last year, nearly 77% of 20- to 24-year-old drivers held a license; in 1983, nearly 92% in that age bracket had one. Four years ago, the number was about 80%. For 16- through 44-year-olds, there has been a continuous decline in the percentage of people with a driver's license.

The news may not be surprising for younger generations, who are more likely to use public transit or a ride-sharing company, or telecommute, but researchers also found a decline in the number of older adults with a driver's license.

Other reports have detected related trends, such as a decrease in the distance driven per person and less travel time overall, but even as the age of driverless cars approaches, a driver's license will continue to be mandatory for years to come.

### WHITE HOUSE PUSHES DRIVERLESS CARS

The Obama administration aims to remove hurdles to making autonomous cars more widespread, and the President's fiscal 2017 budget proposes spending \$4 Billion over the next decade to accelerate the integration of driverless cars on U.S. roadways.

The administration's multi-billion dollar proposal, which would require Congressional approval, calls on federal regulators to work with auto makers and others to craft policies and rules regarding autonomous vehicles and their development.

"We are going to do everything we can to advance safe, smart and sustainable transportation innovations," announced Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx at the Detroit Auto Show, "We are bullish on automated vehicles."

In addition to the new testing programs, Foxx also unveiled ambitious federal guidelines that he says will get self-driving on the roads quicker -- and more safely -- than ever thought possible. "(These actions) will provide the foundation and the path forward for manufacturers, state officials and consumers to use new technologies and achieve their full safety potential" he said.

Now, NHTSA will seek input from automakers and others as the auto agency tries to wrap its arms around the deployment and operation of fully self-driving cars as the norm, not an anomaly.

In addition, the agency plans to team up with state partners and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators to develop a model driverless car policy states can implement, hopefully laying the groundwork for a consistent national policy.

### **CONGRESSIONAL RPM ACT WOULD PROTECT THE SPORT OF RACING**

The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is attempting to regulate racing by prohibiting the conversion of street motorcycles and automobiles into competition-only racing vehicles, but newly-introduced legislation in Congress would prevent the EPA from impacting the lives of tens of thousands of armature and professional racers, their support teams and millions of race fans across the country.

Members of both chambers of Congress have introduced bipartisan versions of a bill that would protect the sport of racing by blocking the EPA from over-regulating the industry and ensuring that it remains legal to convert street legal motor vehicles for racing purposes.

The RPM Act (Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2016); "A bill to exclude vehicles used solely for competition from certain provisions of the Clean Air Act" H.R.4715, was introduced March 7, 2016 in the House by U.S. Representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC) with 13 bipartisan co-sponsors, while companion measure S.2659 "to reaffirm that the EPA cannot regulate vehicles used solely for competition" was offered in the Senate on March 9 by Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) and three original co-sponsors.

H.R.4715 states, in part: "at the time the Clean Air Act was written, and each time the Clean Air Act has been amended, the intent of Congress has been, and continues to be, that vehicles manufactured for, modified for, or utilized in organized motorized racing events would not be encompassed by the Clean Air Act's definition of "motor vehicle".

The EPA recently re-opened the proposed regulation for more public comment. The regulation is scheduled for final approval this summer, so the time to act is NOW.

### **WISCONSIN BILL WOULD RESTRICT ACCESS TO BLACK BOX DATA**

A bill that would require an owner's consent to access data in "black boxes" in cars and motorcycles seems more likely than ever before to come up for a vote in January 2017, according to members of ABATE of Wisconsin, a grassroots lobbyist group that deals with motorcycle issues but now finds itself leading the charge in fighting for privacy.

The bill covers not only Event Data Recorders or EDR's but any device that is recording any information or tracking user behavior. Anyone that took the information without consent faces potential fines ranging from \$200 to \$2000 per incident.

The bill says insurance companies would not be able to link the issuance or renewal of a liability policy to whether the vehicle has such a box, or whether the motorist allows the insurer to access or use data it collects.

Currently, the boxes record such data only in the seconds before, during and after a crash. But critics like ABATE, worry about how much more information the devices might collect as they become more sophisticated. ABATE says while the timing of the recordings may be limited now, safe guards need to be in place should that change.

At least 23 other states have passed laws defining who owns EDR data, according to Steve Panten, a spokesman for ABATE of Wisconsin, which supports the bill.

### **EX-COP SUES OVER MOTORCYCLE NOISE**

A former Texas police officer is suing Arkansas officials over motorcycle noise. Rick Holtsclaw, a 31-year veteran of the Houston police department who placed an emphasis on noise enforcement, has sued city officials in Fort Smith and Fayetteville, Arkansas for their failure to enforce federal, state, and local laws regarding motorcycle noise.

Holtsclaw's lawsuit cites the Noise Control Act of 1972 that makes it illegal for motorcycle exhausts to be altered or removed for the purpose of making noise. In addition, the Arkansas muffler statute requires every motor vehicle to be equipped with the quiet factory-installed muffler or a muffler duplicating the specifications of the factory-installed muffler.

Holtsclaw stated that "the law enforcement community in Arkansas has failed to intercede on behalf of the noise-beleaguered citizenry," particularly at rallies "where there are thousands of motorcyclists making illegally loud noise," and is seeking \$1,000,000 (one million) in damages from each municipality.

### **DRIVER WHO DELIBERATELY ASSAULTED MOTORCYCLISTS STILL IN JAIL**

A viral video showing a Texas driver who without provocation intentionally crashed into a motorcyclist last October, causing serious injuries to the rider and his passenger, has been languishing in jail unable to post bail since the incident.

William "Bill" Sam Crum was indicted by a Hood County grand jury on two aggravated assault counts carrying punishment of up to 20 years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000 and is currently being held on \$150,000 bail in Hood County Jail since his arrest October 20, 2015.

While motorcyclists can take comfort knowing that Mr. Crum has been in jail nearly 6 months awaiting trial on criminal charges, because he purposefully crashed into the victims, his auto insurance won't cover any civil judgment due to the intentional act exclusion in every policy.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it."

~ Mary Flannery O'Connor (1925-64) American writer and essayist

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### WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH IS NOT PLANNING TO PROTEST 2016 BIKER RALLIES

A few weeks ago, a purported news story made the rounds about the federal government instituting a curfew on all bikers, and now the latest trending UNTRUE story claims the "Westboro Baptist Church Announces Plans To Protest 2016 Motorcycle Rallies."

Citing a long list of major bike events, the article says a church spokesperson "confirmed that arrangements have been made for Westboro Baptist Church members to attend and protest multiple motorcycle rallies throughout 2016." This spam is sourced from a known hoax website, but many have unknowingly forwarded and shared the "news" across the Internet.

WBC has no such planned interactions with bikers, although the group's vile protests at soldier's funerals were themselves the catalyst for bikers to come together to shield funeral-goers from the hateful signs and chants, and forming the Patriot Guard Riders.

While you obviously can't trust everything you read on the Internet, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists has been a proven source of timely, reliable and valuable motorcycling information for more than thirty years, and NCOM encourages you to confidently share NCOM Biker Newsbytes with fellow concerned riders via print and social media.

### ANTI-PROFILING MEASURE APPROVED BY MARYLAND LEGISLATURE

Maryland is set to become the second state in the country behind Washington to pass a law restricting police from profiling motorcyclists. Companion bills HB 785 (passed 136-0) and SB 233 (passed 47-0) call for a statement condemning motorcycle profiling to be included in police policies and require training of officers on "motorcycle profiling," defined in the legislation as "The arbitrary use of the fact that an individual rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related clothing or paraphernalia as a factor in deciding to stop, question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search the individual."

The motorcycle anti-profiling legislation passed unanimously through committees and both chambers of the Maryland legislature, without a single no vote and without opposition from law enforcement, and heads to Governor Larry Hogan who is expected to sign it into law.

"Having the Police Training Commission add information on motorcycle profiling in their current training materials can only benefit everyone, by helping to raise awareness of any implicit bias officers may have against those who ride motorcycles or wear clothing associated with those who ride motorcycles," stated the ACLU in written testimony in support of the measure, and drawing comparisons to racial profiling.

### WHITE HOUSE RESPONDS TO RACING PETITION

The White House has been flooded with nearly 170,000 signatures from racing enthusiasts and race industry stakeholders concerned over an over-reaching regulation from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that would prohibit street-legal vehicles, including motorcycles, from being modified for racing, and the Obama Administrations "We The People Team" recently responded, noting that the EPA is still considering the proposed standards and the issue is still in review.

The EPA has reopened the proposed regulation for further public comment, with final approval expected this summer.

While the battle over the EPA proposal continues, the U.S. Congress has introduced the bi-partisan Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports (RPM) Act (HR 4715) which would ensure that street vehicles can continue to be modified for the track. Regardless of whether the EPA removes the onerous provision to prohibit racing conversions from its regulation, the RPM Act would guarantee that the longtime practice of modifying street vehicles into dedicated racetrack competitors is continued today, and protected for future generations of race fans as well.

### CONGRESSIONAL BILL WOULD PROMOTE USE OF E15 GAS

Despite controversy over the proliferation of E15 fuel, which is not approved for use by any motorcycle manufacturer and can invalidate warranties, Congress will consider a bill to expand existing infrastructure utilized in the "process of dispensing fuel containing covered renewable or alternative energy."

HR 4673, the "Renewable Fuel Utilization, Expansion, and Leadership Act" (REFUEL Act) would provide federal grant money to subsidize the installation of blender pumps and equipment necessary to expand the availability of E15 gasoline, a fuel blend containing 15% ethanol.

The measure directly conflicts with earlier Congressional action taken in the FARM bill to prohibit funding for ethanol blender pumps, in an effort to restrict E15 expansion in the U.S. marketplace.

### APEHANGERS LEGALIZED IN GEORGIA

A bill in Georgia modifies their existing handlebar height law to allow for taller bars. House Bill 166, the "Motorcycle Mobility Safety Act," passed the state Senate by a vote of 45-4 after clearing the House unanimously 166-0, and is headed to Governor Nathan Deal for signature.

The new law increases the maximum measured height of a motorcycle's handlebars from 15 inches above the seat to 25 inches.

Discriminatory in nature, handlebar height laws were never about rider safety, and most were adopted by states in the sixties to give law enforcement a tool for pulling over bikers on choppers.

### MINNESOTA IDENTIFIES "AUTOCYCLE"

Is the Slingshot a car or a motorcycle? BOTH, says Minnesota legislators, in deference to Twin Cities-based Polaris Industries, which began manufacturing the reverse three-wheeler with an open cockpit and a steering wheel in 2014.

The state House says such a three-wheeled vehicle fits in a category of its own, and representatives recently voted 129-1 to create an "autocycle" category, between a car and a motorcycle, allowing Minnesotans without a motorcycle operator's license endorsement to drive

the vehicle, which will be considered a motorcycle for insurance and license plate purposes.

Many states remain divided over such distinctions between three-wheels and two, but Minnesota's bill includes several requirements for an autocycle, including antilock brakes, a steering wheel (instead of handlebars, like cycles) and car-like seats (not a straddling seat like a motorcycle). Helmets would not be required on an autocycle, but eye protection and seat belts would be. A companion measure awaits a Senate vote.

## NYPD TO TELEVISION CRUSHING OF CONFISCATED BIKES

As a deterrent to illegal riding, New York police are planning to publicly crush hundreds of non-road-legal bikes and quads that have been confiscated from their owners in an effort to battle a growing craze for riding dirt bikes on the road.

The New York Post newspaper reported that during the first quarter of this year alone the NYPD has seized 312 illegal bikes, more than twice as many as in the same period last year. Now it's planning to destroy them and broadcast the carnage.

Police Commissioner Bill Bratton and Mayor Bill de Blasio announced the scheme, with the mayor stating: "We are going to crush them on TV to make a point."

Commissioner Bratton confirmed the report, saying: "We will, a little later this spring, have a big crush-in, where we intend to take all of these things and crush them."

According to authorities, large groups of bikes riding in New York, often on non-road-legal dirt bikes or quads, have been a growing problem.

## NEW YORK 'TEXTALYZER' COULD IDENTIFY DISTRACTED DRIVERS

Drunk driving is dangerous, and so is texting while driving, but while police have long had a breathalyzer test for drivers who imbibe too much, until now they haven't had similar tools to combat distracted driving.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, distracted driving causes 8 deaths every day, and now New York lawmakers are considering a bill that would allow police to use a piece of technology to see if a phone was in use during an accident, causing a distraction. The device is called a "textalyzer," a roadside device that can read cellphones to detect recent activity.

The unprecedented piece of legislation would require drivers who have recently been in a crash to submit their cell phones to police for testing. The textalyzer wouldn't be able to read contacts or content, such as what you write in your texts, but it would tell the cops if the phone was in use before the crash.

The textalyzer also would work like a breathalyzer in another way -- refusing to have your phone scanned would result in having your license immediately revoked.

## CALIFORNIA CONSIDERS TRAFFIC SCHOOL FOR MOTORCYCLISTS

Traffic violators in California have long enjoyed the option of completing an authorized "Traffic Violator School" in lieu of adjudicating certain minor vehicle code infractions, thereby avoiding "points" against their driving record and dismissing the citation. These traffic schools originated in California, where violators have a choice of approved defensive driving courses, everything from comedy to singles and even online courses, but nothing for motorcycle riders even if their ticket was on a bike.

Now, Assembly Bill 1932 would "authorize a person who is ordered or permitted to complete a course of instruction at a licensed traffic violator school as a result of an offense committed while operating a motorcycle to instead complete an advanced-level motorcyclist safety training course." The bill authorizes the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol to adopt standards for course content, contact hours, curriculum, instructor training and testing, and instructional quality control for the advanced-level motorcyclist safety training course.

## PENNSYLVANIA ROLLS OUT FREE MOTORCYCLE TRAINING

Professional motorcycle training is recognized as the most important part of riding, and with warmer weather ahead the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) recommends free motorcycle training through the Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Program (PAMSP) as part of a rider's preparation for the 2016 riding season.

Whether totally new to motorcycles or an experienced rider, there are courses available for everyone. From the 15-hour Basic Rider Course (BRC) for novices, to the six-hour Basic Rider Course 2 (BRC2) to refresh skills, or the one-day Advanced Rider Course (ARC) for more seasoned riders, free course are being offered at 76 state-wide locations.

Motorcycle learner's permit holders who successfully complete a basic rider course will be issued a motorcycle license.

## FEDS RESUME CONTROVERSIAL ASSET SEIZURE PROGRAM

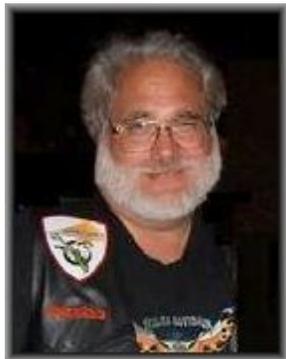
Bikers have become all too familiar with the law enforcement tactic of asset seizure, with club patches and trademarks coming under fire in recent years, and now the Justice Department has just announced that it is resuming the controversial practice that allows local police departments to funnel a large portion of assets seized from citizens into their own coffers under federal law.

Asset forfeiture is a contentious practice that lets police seize and keep cash and property from people who are never convicted - and in many cases, never charged - with wrongdoing. The "equitable-sharing" program gives police the option of prosecuting asset forfeiture cases under federal instead of state law. Federal forfeiture policies are more permissive than many state policies, allowing police to keep up to 80% of assets they seize.

The Justice Department had suspended payments under this program back in December due to budget cuts included in last year's spending bill, raising hopes the department was reining in the practice, but law enforcement groups recently rallied members of Congress to call on the Justice Department to restore the payments.

Reports have found that the use of the practice has exploded in recent years, prompting concern that police may be motivated more by profit and less by justice. In 2014, federal authorities seized over \$5 billion in assets.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "News is the first rough draft of history." ~ Philip L. Graham (1915-63), journalist & newspaper publisher



# GOOGLE MOTORCYCLE ALERTS, NEWS, and RANDOM EDITOR THOUGHTS

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

Alta Motors is a new player in the electric motorcycle market. They have performance and even been entered in a San Jose race. Zero has been the most successful, while San Francisco's Mission Motors, for went bankrupt last year. Oregon's Brammo, another electric motorcycle pioneer, was purchased by Polaris Industries. <http://www.sfchronicle.com/business/article/Alta-Motors-builds-a-hotter-motorcycle-powered-7218750.php>

The St. Louis Blues hockey team are raffling off a 2008 Victory motorcycle to benefit the foundation called [Emily's Ride](http://www.kmov.com/story/31707032/st-louis-blues-raffle-off-motorcycle-to-help-two-special-foundations) in memory of 17 year Emily Linneman who died of cancer. She had an impact on the players and local bikers. <http://www.kmov.com/story/31707032/st-louis-blues-raffle-off-motorcycle-to-help-two-special-foundations>

MASON CITY — ABATE of Iowa District 7 will have its 30th annual North Iowa Motorcycle Expo April 9-10 at the North Iowa Events Center, Mason City. The event will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday in the Olson and All Seasons buildings. According to organizers, this is North Iowa and southern Minnesota's largest motorcycle expo. Bikes on display range from imports to Harleys. There will be 24 classes for two- and three-wheel bikes, including the special-interest class for kids. Awards include best paint, best display and people's choice. [http://globe-gazette.com/entertainment/local\\_entertainment/motorcycle-expo-planned-in-mason-city/article\\_85d966dc-293a-5388-b4e9-a4d077a43098.html](http://globe-gazette.com/entertainment/local_entertainment/motorcycle-expo-planned-in-mason-city/article_85d966dc-293a-5388-b4e9-a4d077a43098.html)

Motorcycle Safety Helmets Law Intrudes Our Civil Liberties Post on: April 13, 2016 President of the American Bikers Acton Toward Education, Randy Postlewait, joined Jim Engster to talk about his organization urging the state legislature to allow the option of wearing motorcycle safety helmets. Was on a talk radio site listen at <http://talk1073.com/2016/04/13/motorcycle-safety-helmets-law-intrudes-our-civil-liberties/>

The Minnesota state House says a three-wheeled vehicle like Minnesota-based Polaris produces fits in a category of its own. On a Thursday 129-1 vote, representatives created the "autocycle" category, between a car and a motorcycle. A similar bill awaits a Senate vote. It allows Minnesotans without a motorcycle driver's license endorsement to drive the vehicle, even as the device with two wheels in the front and one in the rear is considered a motorcycle for insurance and license plate purposes. Other states are divided over whether a motorcycle driver's license is needed. While most discussion on the bill centered on the Polaris Slingshot, it also would apply to other similar vehicles such as the newly introduced enclosed Elio. The Slingshot is an open-cockpit vehicle. The bill includes several requirements for an autocycle, including antilock brakes, a steering wheel (instead of handlebars, like cycles) and car-like seats (not a straddling seat like a motorcycle). Helmets would not be required on an autocycle, but eye protection and seatbelts would be. <http://www.dglobe.com/news/4010007-house-slingshots-3-wheeled-motorcycle-bill>

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (WICS) — This week, the House unanimously approved legislation to offer motorcyclists an opportunity to purchase Route 66 license plates. <http://newschannel20.com/news/local/route-66-motorcycle-license-plate-bill-advances>

The record for the Longest motorcycle burnout was recently achieved by Joe Dryden (USA) at Orlando Speed World in Orlando, Florida, measuring 3.58 km (2.23 mi) on a 2017 Victory Octane™ motorcycle. <http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/news/2016/4/american-rides-new-victory-bike-to-set-longest-motorcycle-burnout-record-425125>

Remember the fight and shootout between the Mongols and the Iron <http://kdvr.com/2016/04/19/no-charges-filed-in-deadly-colorado-motorcycle-expo-shooting/>

Facebook Executive and 12-Time Motorcycle Speed Record Holder Erin Sills Races to 219.3 MPH on Her BMW S1000 RR, Announces San Diego BMW Motorcycles. The American Motorcyclist Association's 2014 Female Athlete of the Year joins both the Mojave Mile 200 MPH Club and the Mojave Magnum 200 MPH Club. <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/facebook-executive-and-12-time-motorcycle-speed-record-holder-erin-sills-races-to-2193-mph-on-her-bmw-s1000-rr-announces-san-diego-bmw-motorcycles-300253470.html>

In *Purple Rain* (1984) Prince rode a customized Honda CM400A twin-cylinder starter bike that was notable for its low seat height and its automatic two-speed transmission in articles by Maxim <http://www.maxim.com/rides/purple-rain-motorcycle-perfect-prince-ride-2016-4> and BOLDRIDE <http://news.boldride.com/2014/08/purple-rain-turns-30-and-so-does-princes-awesome-custom-motorcycle/53208/>

Louisiana's helmet choice bill Liston to the ABATE talk radio on this at <http://www.wsvn.com/story/31715480/fatal-motorcycle-accident-closes-multiple-i-95-express-lanes> on the false reports of helmets. 31 states have freedom of choice with only 13 mandatory. More on this at <http://www.ksla.com/story/31731066/strong-reactions-to-la-voluntary-motorcycle-helmet-bill>. Final result was the bill was closely defeated. <http://theadvocate.com/news/15532606-184/legislation-to-repeal-motorcycle-helmet-law-narrowly-fails>

Missouri House is looking to pass a bill "Riders 21 and older wouldn't have to wear a helmet if they've had their motorcycle license at least two years or if they complete a safety course. They'd also need to meet insurance requirements." A similar bill passed the House before but was killed in their Senate.

# Learning to tackle motorcycle trauma

Shelby Shepherd Published: March 19, 2016, 11:00 pm

There are a lot of differences between responding to car and motorcycle accidents, and as the weather turns warmer, ABATE, or A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education says now is the time to learn how to approach injured motorcyclists.

“I think everybody should take it,” said Genesis EMT, Samantha Krider.

“With knowledge you can keep your head better there’s not the panic involved,” said motorcyclist Scott Moeller.

First responders, nurses and avid riders spent their Saturday learning how keep one-another safe.

“When you go out in a group of riders you’re going to be the first one on the scene of a motorcycle accident,” Moeller said.

He says he’s put this training into action. “We’re riding out to a rally over in Western Iowa, and going into a park a car stopped suddenly in front of a loose gravel road,” Moller said. He says it was a scene right out of what he learned in two wheel trauma training.

“The bike went down it was still running, she was on the ground underneath it,” Moller said. “It’s the same thing they’re going to teach in here how to handle the situation.” He says he didn’t panic because he knew exactly what to do.

Unlike cars, motorcycles have things like “hot spots” that need to be avoided. Today this class learned about those, kill switches and lift points.

“I’m kind of dumb to motorcycle community,” Krider said. Krider says her EMT training didn’t really tackle bike accidents. “I don’t think we really talked about motorcycle injuries a whole lot,” she said. “And I think maybe we should because that’s just it in the spring and summer you know as the nice weather hits everybody wants to be on their bikes.” But after today she feels much more confident, and is happy to know she can keep family and friends safe.

“My dad and my cousin are really big riders and so I think I’ll even take some of this information back, and I’m actually going to my dad’s house after this so I can tell him all about it,” Krider said. This program happens every year, and ABATE members encourage everyone to sign up. The course is free. Organizers say although it might not be the warmest weather yet, now is the time to start watching out for more motorcyclists on the road.

<http://kwqc.com/2016/03/19/learning-to-tackle-motorcycle-trauma/>

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New member sign-up and a safety presentation will be available at this event. For more info contact Garry Finch at FINCHGARRY54@HOTMAIL.COM or 305.481.0535

# ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

## April 17, 2016

**PRESIDENT** -DOC HAS AGREED TO TAKE A REDUCTION IN SALARY TO \$36,000. INFORMED EVERYONE OF THE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE. NOMINATIONS WILL BE HELD TODAY FOR BOARD MEMEBER. STILL NEED A PRESIDENT. FINAL NOMINATIONS NEXT MEETING

**VICE PRESIDENT** - SORRY TO HEAR OF DINOS PASSING AND IT WAS NICE THAT THERE WAS A PPROXIMATELY 150 RIDERS THAT SHOWED UP FOR THE FUNERAL.

**SECRETARY**— MARCH MINUTES AS IN NEWSLETTER WERE APPROVED

**TREASURER** - EXCUSED FOR MEETING. FINANCES ARE IN GOOD SHAPE

**MEMBERSHIP**- THE CHAPTER HAS APPROXIMATELY 196 CURRENT MEMBERS.

**SGT AT ARMS** - EXCUSED FROM MEETING

**SAFTEY**—BRIT BIKE MIKE HAS AGREED TO TAKE OVER THE SAFETY TABLE FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS.

**STATE DELEGATES** - ABATE OF FLORIDA CHRISTMAS DRAWING TO HELD DEC 10, 2016.

**LEGISLATIVE REP** - REGISTER TO VOTE ! OUT OF APPROXIMATELY 196 MEMBERS 127 ARE REGISTERED VOTERS.

**PR/COMM** - LEESBERG BIKEFEST IS NEXT WEEKEND. PAPER SUPPLY IS GOOD AT THIS TIME

**PRODUCTS** - EXCUSED FROM MEETING

**NEWSLETTER**- IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMETHING IN THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS APRIL 25TH.

**OLD BUSINESS** - JUNE STATE MEETING WILLD BE HELD JUNE 11TH IN SEBRING. NEXT MONTH WE WILL VOTE OF PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP FEES

**NEW BUSINESS** - LOOKING FOR WAYS TO INCREASE NEW MEMBERSHIPS.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER** - LOCAL EVENTS DISCUSSED.

MAY 1ST LIGHTHOUSE CHAPTER WIL HOLD A BLESSING OF THE BIKES AT RALPHS BAR IN JUPITER STARTING BETWEEN 9 AND 10 AM.

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## AMA Proposed Expansion of E15 Fuels Could Endanger Motorcyclists

In March 2016 a bill was introduced in Congress that would provide grants for developing the infrastructure to deliver fuel containing more than 10 percent ethanol.

Introduced by U.S. Rep David Loebsack (D-Iowa), the Renewable Fuel Utilization, Expansion, and Leadership Act (H.R. 4673, otherwise known as the "REFUEL Act") would provide federal grants for the purchase and installation of equipment (pumps, storage tanks, pipes, etc.) specifically for "dispensing fuel containing covered renewable or alternative energy." This equipment would be key in expanding the availability of E15 fuel, a blend of gasoline that includes up to 15 percent ethanol.

In cooperation with our Sustaining State Motorcycle Rights Organizations, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) opposes the implementation of any fuel blend that contains anything higher than a 10 percent ethanol content without further research on the effects of these blends on motorcycle engines.

To date, none of the motorcycles in use in the United States are certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to operate on fuel containing more than 10 percent ethanol, and use of E15 fuels in motorcycles may damage fuel systems and void manufacturers' warranties.

Because this bill directly violates the Agricultural Act of 2014 (also known as the FARM Bill) that prohibited funding for special ethanol blender pumps, and because E15 fuels can damage motorcycles, the MRF encourages you to contact your U.S. Representative and ask him or her to oppose H.R. 4673.

Darrin S. Brooks  
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**REQUIREMENTS**—must be at least 18 years of age. It does not matter what you do 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. The State *MasterLink* newsletter is available online on [abateflorida.com/](http://abateflorida.com/). The chapter newsletter is available online [palmbeach.abateflorida.com/](http://palmbeach.abateflorida.com/) so is in color and with Internet links. We print black and white copies for members and the general public to be informed available at various establishments. Members get free classified ads and free business card ad. Also can get reduced ad rates.

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**MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE** ABATE of FL. Inc. Palm Beach Chapter members do get an insurance discount with Leslie Kay Progressive insurance company. Contact them for a quote 1-866-367-1788 [www.LeslieKays.com](http://www.LeslieKays.com) Their rep at PB Harley Chili Cook off said the \$3000 accessory package is normal. Coastal Insurance Company offers ABATE members up to 10% discount and \$3000 parts and accessories coverage. They are at 190 Hwy A1A Suite, Satellite Beach FL 32937. Agent Doug Guido's phone is 888-596-2453. So these are two more options to compare with your company

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