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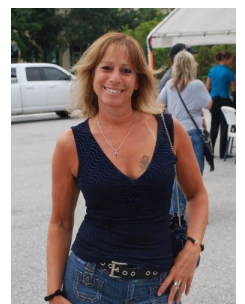
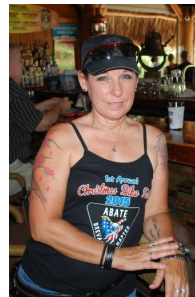
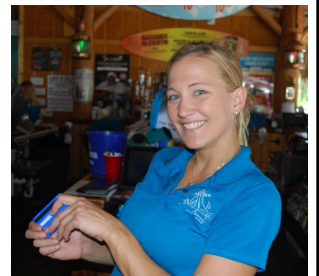
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CHAPTER
MEETING
11:30 AM**

**Third
Sunday
JUNE 19**

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President's Message

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

Well everyone I have some good news! Our chapter nominations went better than expected and we have some new editions to our board. First I would like to thank all those who stepped up for our chapter because without them we might not have had a chapter at all. I have enjoyed being your president for the last couple of years but i will be stepping down at this month's chapter meeting. Please try to attend our next meeting on June 19th and cheer your new board members on !!

On another note there has been a recent rash of motorcycle accidents out there so please be careful out there ! Remember they are not looking out for you !

Last month's ABATE Palm Beach annual at the Anchor in went well and was a lot of fun. I would like to thank everyone who came out and worked hard to make it a success.

Special thanks to the Lone Legion Brotherhood for loaning us their huge tent it really came in handy !

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PHOTOS FROM EVENT THROUGHOUT NEWSLETTER



ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Mission Statement

WHO WE ARE

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

OUR GOALS

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

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UPCOMING Event Schedule

Friday June 3 Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House WPB

Saturday June 4 Palm Beach Harley Customer/Family Appreciation Day 11-4

Saturday June 11 AOA S FL GBNF 1%er Memorial

June 11-12 Soaked & Sore Ass Ride Palmetto to Marathon Key

June 11-19 Laconia Motorcycle Week

Thursday June 16 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night 6-10 45th St. West Palm Beach

Saturday June 18 States MC Swap Meet Pompano Clubhouse

Sunday June 19 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.

Monday June 20 Ride to Work Day

Sunday June 26 USMV MC S Broward Annual

Thurs June 30 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar 113 Center Street Jupiter

Saturday July 2 Palm Beach Harley Customer/Family Appreciation Day 11-4

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

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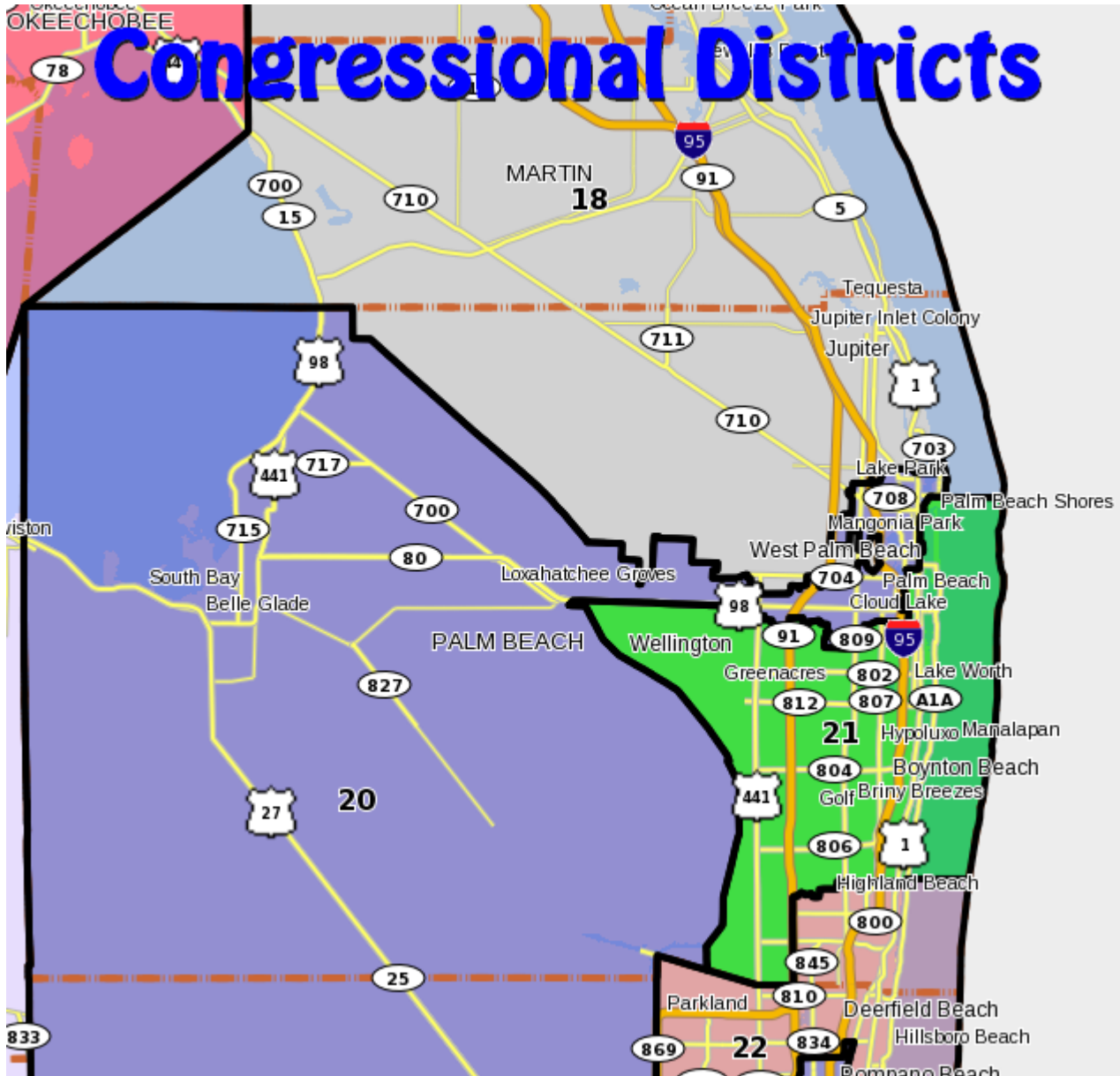
Palm Beach County Elections

The first way to check about elections is with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections site <https://www.pbcelections.org/PrecinctFinder.aspx> - all underlined text are Internet links if you are reading this online.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS

Beyond the Presidential race, there are US seats up for election. Marco Rubio's US Senate seat is one. There are 30 candidates listed at <http://www.pbcelections.org/ElectionCandidates.aspx?eid=140> . The one known name is former US Representative District 18 Patrick E. Murphy (DEM).

The US House of Representatives for Florida districts have changed. I went to the Election Office in Delray and they got me the link <http://www.flsenate.gov/session/redistricting> which has Maps and an interactive maps which I got maps for this article



U.S. Representative Dist. 18 Jonathan Chane (DEM) Carl J. Domino (REP) Marc Benjamin Freeman (REP) Marilyn Holloman (WRI) Rick Kozell (REP) Stephen Marks (REP) Brian Mast (REP) Melissa McKinlay (DEM) Tod Mowery (REP)
Rebecca Negron (REP) Noelle Nikpour (REP) Randy Perkins (DEM) Rick Roth (REP) Carla Arlene Spalding (REP) John (Juan) Xuna (DEM) Of all these names I recognize Carl Domino as he was biker friendly in his previous office

U.S. Representative Dist. 20 Incumbent Alcee L. Hastings (DEM) Jay Alan Bonner (REP) Gary Stein (REP).

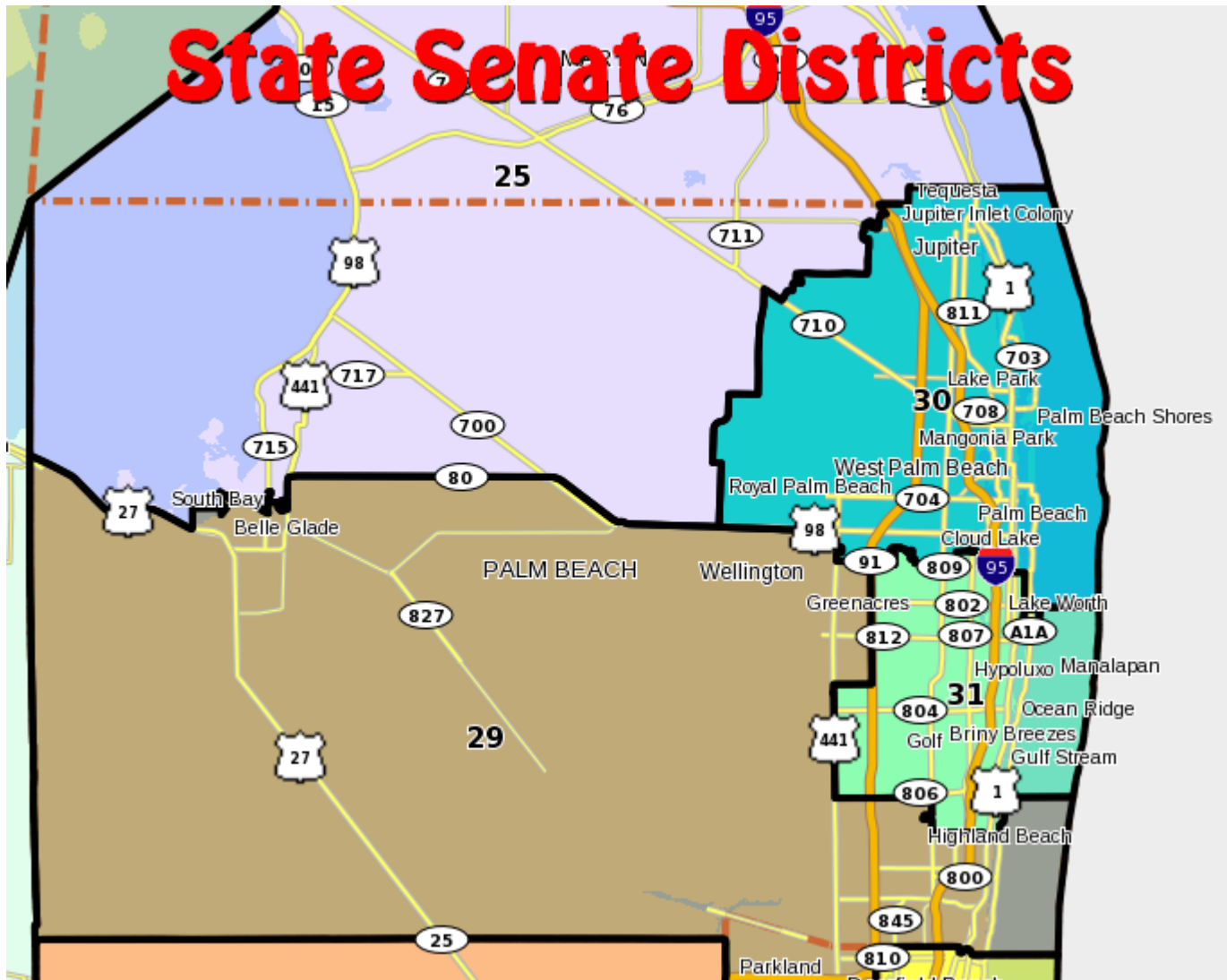
U.S. Representative Dist. 21 Lois J. Frankel (DEM) Carlos Fernandez (REP) Paul Spain (REP) Sean David Standard Sr. (REP) W. Michael Trout (NPA) I met Trout when paying my property taxes, his site is <http://campaignforgoodgovernment.com/>

U.S. Representative Dist. 22 Joseph Bensmihen (REP) Ted Deutch (DEM) Andrea Leigh McGee (REP)

So District 18 incumbent Patrick E. Murphy is running for the Senate and Carl Domino would be the biker's choice at this time. District 20 incumbent Alcee Hastings is running again. The rezoning of Districts 21 and 22 has flip flopped Ted Deutch and Lois Frankel as candidates .

STATE ELECTIONS

Here the House districts are same but the Senate was redistricted.



FL State Senator Dist. 25 Bruno E. Moore (DEM) Joe Negron (REP)

FL State Senator Dist. 29 Joseph Abruzzo (DEM)

FL State Senator Dist. 30 Tony Bennett (DEM) Ronald J. Berman (REP) Bobby Powell Jr. (DEM) Emily Ann Slosberg (DEM)

FL State Senator Dist. 31 Jeffrey Scott Clemens (DEM) Emmanuel G. Morel (DEM)

In District 25 would be nice to have Bruno Moore oust the biker non-friendly Joe Negron former of Dist. 32. District 29 is unchallenged so far and Abruzzo was former Dist. 25 Senator. 29 includes area that was Sachs' 34 and lost a lot of northern county. District 30 consists of old 27 and NE 25 so all are new to the District. Bobby Powell was House 88. Emily Ann Slosberg is the daughter of FL House District 91 Irv Slosberg. She was a student at a school I once worked at. Former Dist. 27 Senator Jeff Clemens is now running for District 31 and only challenge is same party Emmanuel Morel – so you Democrats need to vote for Morel in primary as Clemens has proven to be anti-biker.

The Florida House did not have changes and you can read the areas below the candidates.

State Representative, Dist. 81 Kevin J. Rader (DEM) running unopposed and I met him again when he visited the school I work at. AREA Lake Harbor, South Bay, Belle Glade, Pahokee, Canal Point, Parkland PBC/Boca Raton west of Turnpike north to 802 Lake Worth Rd

State Representative, Dist. 82 Incumbent MaryLynn Magar (REP) Mary W. Higgins (DEM) AREA: Martin Co. below Palm City, Jupiter (not Jupiter Farms) Limestone Creek, Tequesta

State Representative, Dist. 85 Incumbent Patrick J. Rooney, Jr. (REP) Gerald "Jay" Sherman Rideout II (DEM) AREA: Jupiter Farms, Palm Beach Garden, The Acreage, Juno, North Palm Beach, West Palm west of Turnpike and some area east to 809

State Representative, Dist. 86 vacated by Mark Pafford. Laurel S. Bennett (REP) Stuart Wade Mears (REP) Tinu Pena (DEM) Matt Willhite (DEM) AREA: Plantation mobile Home Park, Lake Belvedere, Haverhill, Stacey Street, Loxahatchee Groves, Royal Palm Beach, Schall Circle, Wellington

State Representative, Dist. 87 vacated by David Kerner. Darren James Ayoub (DEM) Virginia Savietto (DEM) David Ryan Silvers (DEM) AREA: Royal Palm Estates, Gun Club Estates, Westgate, West Palm Bch to Dixie Hwy, Lake Clarke Shores, Palm Springs, Acacia Villas, Pine Air, Kenwood Estates, Lakewood Gardens, Greenacres,

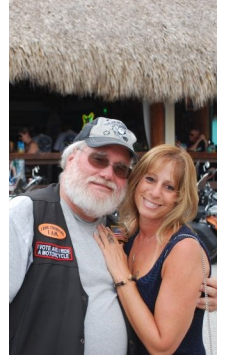
State Representative, Dist. 88 former Bobby Powell running for Senator Dist. 30. Edwin Ferguson (DEM) Angeleta "Angie" Gray (DEM) Al Jacquet (DEM) AREA: Lake Park, Riviera Beach, Mangonia Park,

State Representative, Dist. 89 Incumbent Bill Hager (REP) Nichole Sue Cyr (DEM) AREA: Boca Raton east of 441, Highland Beach, parts of Delray Beach, Gulf Stream, Briny Breezes, East of US1: Ocean Ridge, Manalapan, Hypoluxo, San Castle, Lantana, South Palm Beach, Lake Worth, Palm Beach, Palm Beach Shores

State Representative, Dist. 90 Incumbent Lori Berman (DEM) unopposed and biker friendly from AREA: Turnpike to 195: Atlantis, Seminole Manor, Boynton Beach north of 804

State Representative, Dist. 91 Incumbent Irving Slosberg (DEM) Ryan Lee Fleming (REP) AREA: Boynton Beach south of 804, Golf, Turnpike to Military Trail in Delray and Boca to Broward line

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GOOGLE MOTORCYCLE ALERTS, NEWS, and RANDOM EDITOR THOUGHTS

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

This photo has gone viral on the Internet and Facebook. After a photo of Mallory Torres' seven-year-old daughter Mackenzie on the back of a motorcycle with Torres' boyfriend was posted online, the Texas mom received some great, supportive comments!

But then the comments started to get critical, evening called for Torres and her boyfriend, John Hays, to be jailed for being bad parents, *TODAY* reports.

The mom in Corpus Christi, Texas, responded on *Facebook* in what she called a "rant" — further defending her choice to allow her young daughter, who loves motorcycles, to ride with a helmet on the bike with Hays.

She wrote, in part, "She's 7, and she's on a motorcycle. "Why?" Some of you may ask... Because I love my daughter. That's right... I LOVE MY DAUGHTER and she loves to ride, so I allow her to ride on the back of a motorcycle in full gear with my boyfriend who has 20+ years of experience."

Texas law requires that motorcycle passengers wear a helmet and are at least five years of age. Torres also adds padding to Mackenzie's jacket and requires that she wears safety gloves and boots.

President of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, Tim Buche, said that it appears that Mackenzie is being provided with a safe motorcycle riding experience with Hays and Torres.

The couple said that they're working on an event this summer for families and kids who love to ride motorcycles and hope to bring more attention to motorcycle safety and laws.

Hays told *TODAY*, "I think it is awesome for the biker community that we are getting this exposure. We are getting so much positive response, I just hate that Mallory is taking so much negativity about her parenting. She is an amazing mom." <http://womanista.com/2016/04/29/mom-defends-this-viral-picture-of-seven-year-old-on-back-of-moto/> And this is not the only report found by Google on this including <http://nbc4i.com/2016/04/27/mom-shamed-for-letting-7-year-old-daughter-ride-on-motorcycle/>



Motorcycle rider speeds through southwest Miami-Dade before surrendering, broadcast images show

Police in Miami-Dade took a motorcycle rider into custody after he led officers on a high-speed pursuit that lasted about 20 minutes, according to helicopter images broadcast live on WSVN-Ch. 7.

The rider eventually pulled his motorcycle into a parking space and ran a short distance before getting on the ground near Southwest 14th Street and 139 Place and being taken into custody without further incident.

Earlier, images shown on WSVN showed a second motorcycle that crashed in southwest Miami-Dade, in the Homestead area, after apparently attempting to flee officers.

Details about why one or both men were trying to avoid police apprehension wasn't immediately known.

<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/miami-dade/sfl-miami-dade-motorcycle-20160524-story.html>



I saw this on a car in a Best Buy parking lot. The owner caught me photographing it with my phone. We got to talking as I told him about ABATE and how we used to get funding to give these out. I asked hi where he got it and he bought in on Amazon for "a few bucks." So I searched Amazon.com with watch for motorcycles and found it for \$5.99 + \$1 shipping. There were 20 pages in that search which includes time pieces. Some other interesting items





STATE MEETINGS

Host Chapter - Location

June 11, 2016 Interstate -

August 13, 2016 Forest -

October 7-8, 2016 Peace River Campground

December 10, 2016: Gator Alley -

DELEGATE REPORT

Ken "Snooze" & Deb "Foxybabe"

Gerecke

Hamby

Not a lot to report this month except that our next state meeting is on June 11th in Sebring and will be hosted by our Interstate chapter. So if you would like to attend the meeting start making your plans now. There are plenty of hotels in the area or if you just want to ride up for the day its only 100 miles and a nice ride. Meeting hall is at 2618 Kenilworth Blvd. Sebring FL Elks Lodge. If you have never been to an Abate State meeting this will be a good one. If you want to ride up with your chapter Delegates let us know.

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Ed "Gunner" Bassett

Robert "Torch" Lyle

Niurka Crespo

Phil Moore

Michael Steffy


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State Meeting Hosted By Interstate Chapter

Saturday, June 11, 2016

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

State Board Meeting: 12:00 PM

Delegate Session: 2:00 PM



**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 SR17/N 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 98/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

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For more information contact: President, Ernie Gelinas, 863-873-6202 or interstatepres@gmail.com

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19 Palm Beach ABATE Chapter Meeting LACONIA	20 Mob of Brothers MC Open House Dinner States MC Pompano Ride to Work Day	21 Lone Legion MC Open House	22 States LW MC Open House Island Jack's Bike Night Anchor Inn Bike Night	23 Black Pistons MC Open House	24 AOA WPB MC Open House Pizza States MC Pompano Iron, Art and Brews Lake Park	25 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
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July 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

3rd Thurs Harley Davidson Palm
Beach Bike Night 5-10PM

Thurs Black Pistons MC WPB
Open House

Last Thurs Turboz/Ralphs Bike
Night Jupiter

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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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 Broward 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: Wings of Gold MC MIAMI - TOY RUN
- 17: SFLCOC - CHRISTMAS PARTY
- 25: Christmas

United Bikers Council of Palm Beach Co. Events

June 2016

- 11 - AOA South Florida GBNF 1%ers Memorial

July 2016

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

August 2016

- 14 - AOA South Florida 49th Anniversary Party

September 2016

- 11 - AOA Legal Defense Fund Party

October 2016

- 23 - Alternative M.C. Annual

November 2016

- 6 - AOA Party

December 2016

- 4 - Toys in the Sun Run
- 6 - UBCPBC Christmas Party

TREASURE COAST PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

AUGUST 27 Boozefighters Annual

OCTOBER 2 Rough Riders Annual

NOVEMBER

- 12 Tuckahoe Annual
- 13 AOA TC Annual
- 17 TCPC Toy Run

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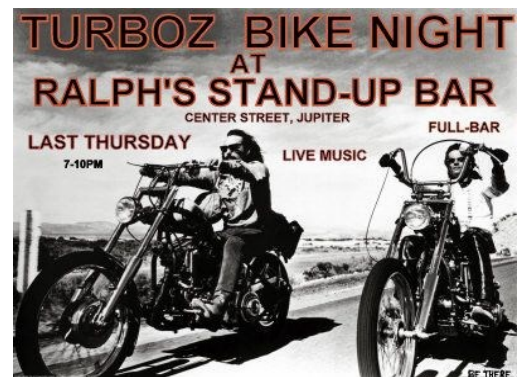
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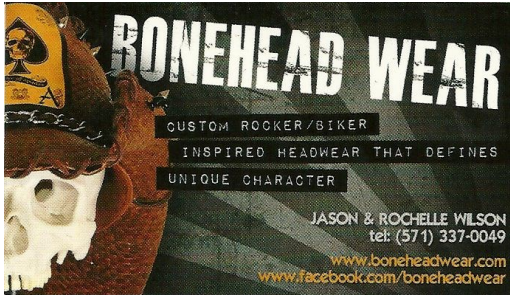
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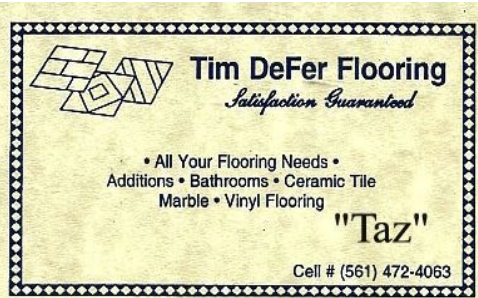
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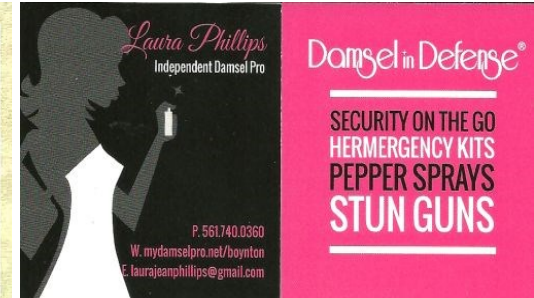


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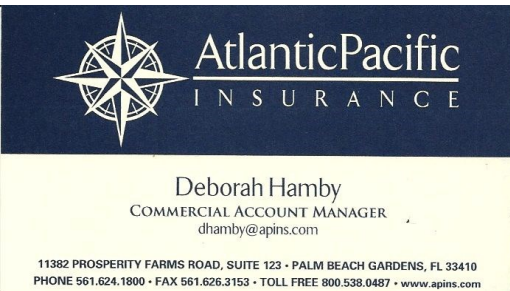
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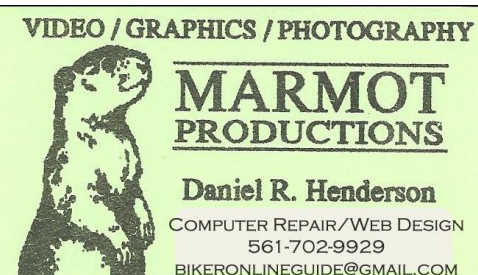


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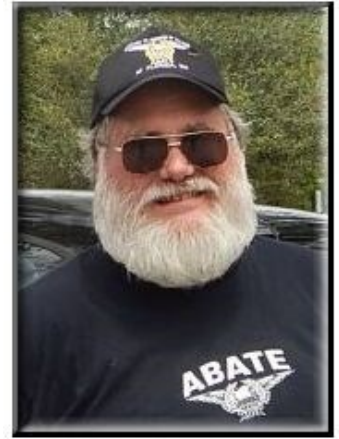
OPPOSITION TAKES AIM AT 'DOCS V. GLOCKS' LAW

Doctors and physician groups filed an 86-page brief this week asking a federal appeals court to reject a controversial Florida law that would restrict doctors from asking questions and recording information about patients' gun ownership. The brief came as the full 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals prepares to hear arguments June 21 about what has become known as the "docs v. locks" law. The state filed a brief last month urging the court to uphold the law.

The plaintiffs' brief filed Monday argued, in part, that the 2011 law violates the First Amendment rights of physicians to discuss safety-related issues with patients. "In (the law), the Florida Legislature does what no legislative body has done before or since; it prevents doctors from providing patients with truthful advice to keep their families healthy and safe --- speech that is recommended as standard protocol by national medical associations," the plaintiffs' brief said. "If (the law) is allowed to stand, it sets precedent for states, at the bidding of other industries or special interests, to prevent doctors from speaking to patients about risks posed by other dangerous products or activities. The First Amendment does not allow the state to single out and censor one topic (firearms), or one group (doctors, or patients), or to so interfere with the doctor-patient relationship." The full appeals court agreed in February to take up the case, after a three-judge panel issued three rulings upholding the constitutionality of the law. The law, backed by groups such as the National Rifle Association, includes a series of restrictions on doctors and other health providers. As an example, it seeks to prevent physicians from entering information about gun ownership into medical records if the physicians know the information is not "relevant" to patients' medical care or safety or to the safety of other people. The NRA filed a friend-of-the-court brief last week that said it championed the law after members were asked intrusive questions about gun ownership during visits to doctors' offices. The NRA brief described the law as "a modest regulation of the medical profession that does not infringe upon First Amendment rights."

SPECULATION ABOUT SCOTT AS RUNNING MATE INCREASES

Most of the speculation around Gov. Rick Scott's political future has centered on a bid for the U.S. Senate in 2018, when incumbent Democrat Bill Nelson will be up for re-election and facing a Republican-friendly midterm electorate that helped Scott win two terms in the governor's mansion. But there are also growing rumors that Scott might be in the running for a higher-profile position than taking one of 100 seats in the U.S. Senate --- that he could instead be the running mate for Donald Trump if the real-estate mogul clinches the GOP presidential nomination, as seems increasingly likely. Trump himself encouraged the rumors when, in an interview with The New York Times for a story published this weekend about a possible vice presidential selection, "he briefly praised three governors as possible contenders," including Scott. The other two names Trump listed were New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, one of the first major Republicans to endorse Trump, and Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who's still running for president. Other media outlets have also contributed to the speculation. Writing last week on the website of the conservative National Review, Jim Geraghty said Scott "might be the most intriguing choice" for Trump's running mate. "Scott won two exceptionally nasty, hard-fought gubernatorial races and could lock up the state for Trump --- giving him a win that John McCain and Mitt Romney could not achieve," Geraghty wrote. "Scott's a relatively low-key, even-tempered figure among Trump endorsers; he may not have an overwhelming personality, but he isn't likely to do much harm." The governor has kept up a rigorous travel schedule that would seem aimed at raising his national profile. Scott is currently in California, one of several job-poaching trips he's taken to states with Democratic governors. Over the weekend, he attended the White House Correspondents Dinner, one of the biggest annual social soirees in the nation's capital. But Melissa Sellers, Scott's former chief of staff and a current adviser, dismissed the speculation Monday. "The governor has made it clear that he has the job he wants and he won't leave it," Sellers said in an email. "Of course, he would always be willing to provide any insights from his experience in turning around Florida's economy. Governor Scott is a long-time friend of Donald Trump's. They have known each other in the business world for many years --- long before the governor first ran for office in 2010."



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From The AMA...

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has withdrawn its plan to regulate the emissions from motor vehicles, including motorcycles, built or used exclusively for racing. The EPA's change of plans resulted from intense pressure brought by the American Motorcyclist Association, the Specialty Equipment Market Association and other organizations and racing sanctioning bodies. Issued in July 2015, the final Phase 2 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards and Fuel Efficiency Standards for Medium- and Heavy-Duty Engines and Vehicles contained what the EPA described as "clarifying language" that would have placed new restrictions on competition-only vehicles. The AMA joined SEMA and other groups to oppose this proposed new restriction and to support a bill in Congress to prevent EPA regulatory intrusion into motorsports. Five members of Congress introduced a bi-partisan bill, the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2016 (H.R. 4715), that would prevent the regulation of street bikes and other motor vehicles converted into competition-only racers. The AMA included language in the RPM Act that specifically exempts competition motorcycles from EPA regulation. More than 3,000 AMA Action Alert subscribers sent more than 10,000 messages to their representatives and senators, urging them to support the RPM Act. Despite the EPA's withdrawal of its plan to regulate the emission of competition-only motor vehicles, the AMA and SEMA believe the RPM Act remains an important piece of legislation because it would prevent the EPA from ever initiating action to regulate emissions produced by race-only vehicles.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The proposed 2017 volumes under the Renewable Fuel Standard were submitted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the White House Office of Management and Budget for review. The RFS proposal includes 2017 renewable volume obligations for renewable fuel, advanced and cellulosic biofuels and 2018 biodiesel. Following OMB review, the proposal is published in the Federal Register and is open for public comment. The EPA's deadline for issuing a final rule is Nov. 30.

From MFR....

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.

ACLU URGES SCOTT, BONDI TO FOLLOW FEDS ON TRANSGENDER ISSUE

The American Civil Liberties Union of Florida issued a letter Thursday calling on Gov. Rick Scott and Attorney General Pam Bondi to reject arguments from social conservatives who say the state should ignore federal guidance on the treatment of transgender students. ACLU of Florida Executive Director Howard Simon said allowing public school students to use restroom facilities corresponding to their stated gender identity --- rather than their sex at birth --- "is not only required by law, but it is also the right thing to do." The guidance last week from the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Justice has caused an outcry from social conservatives, who have pushed for Scott to defy the order and Bondi to issue an opinion on whether the initiative is constitutional. Both have so far declined to get pulled into the fight. Advocates on both sides of the transgender student debate argue that safety is an issue, with critics of the Obama administration saying the guidance could lead to a breakdown in school discipline or even attacks. But echoing other LGBT supporters, Simon said there is no evidence of critics' fears coming true, and that forcing students to use the restroom corresponding with their sex at birth could also cause problems. "When transgender students are required to use separate facilities, it does not go unnoticed by other students," he wrote. "Being separated from other students in this way would be damaging to anyone, but it is especially harmful for transgender children." Last week, the ACLU filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, alleging that a resolution approved April 26 by the Marion County School Board violates federal anti-discrimination laws. The resolution requires students to use restrooms that correspond with their sex at birth.

FLORIDA BOATING ACCIDENTS UP IN 2015

Florida had 737 boating accidents last year, an increase of 103 accidents from 2014 --- though the number of fatalities dropped, according to information released this week by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. In all, 55 people died in 2015, down from 73 the previous year. A news release issued Wednesday said people falling overboard is the leading cause of death. A detailed report accompanying the release said Florida led the nation with 915,713 registered vessels in 2015. "Many of the accidents in this report could have been prevented if the boat operators had paid attention to everything going on around their vessel, maintained a proper lookout and if everyone had been wearing a life jacket," Capt. Tom Shipp, of the commission's Boating and Waterways Section, said in a prepared statement.

STATE TO STUDY END OF 'NO-FAULT' AUTO INSURANCE

The state plans to undertake a study that would determine what would happen if Florida's no-fault auto insurance program is scrapped. According to a request for proposals posted by the Office of Insurance Regulation, the study is expected to find "the potential impact to Floridians if the personal injury protection coverage requirements were repealed and replaced with varying levels of bodily injury coverage, or if the current requirements to purchase auto insurance were completely repealed." The no-fault system is commonly referred to as "PIP," which is shorthand for personal-injury protection coverage. The objective of the study, which was first reported by The Palm Beach Post, is also to determine the effect of a 2012 law intended to reduce fraud in the no-fault system. An actuarial consulting firm is expected to be

awarded the contract for the study on May 27, with the study expected to cost up to \$125,000. A draft of the study's findings is expected to be completed by Aug. 26, with a final report presented to Gov. Rick Scott, the Senate president and House speaker on Sept. 2. Under the decades-old no-fault system, motorists are required to carry personal-injury protection coverage that includes \$10,000 in medical benefits.

STATE SAYS COURT SHOULD REJECT 'DOCS V. GLOCKS' CHALLENGE

With a closely watched hearing little more than a month away, state attorneys have filed a final brief arguing that physicians have not shown they have legal standing to challenge Florida's controversial "docs vs. glocks" law. The brief, filed last week, came as the full 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is scheduled to hear arguments June 21 in the case. The 2011 law, backed by groups such as the National Rifle Association, seeks to restrict doctors from asking questions and recording information about patients' gun ownership. A coalition of plaintiffs, including individual doctors and medical groups, filed a federal lawsuit arguing the law violates First Amendment rights. A federal district judge sided with them, but a three-judge panel of the appeals court upheld the law in three rulings. The full appeals court then agreed to take up the case. In the brief filed last week, the state argued that the plaintiffs do not have standing, at least in part because they have not shown the Florida Board of Medicine would discipline them for the gun-related conversations they want to have with patients. The state's brief also contended the law does not violate the First Amendment. "The act's goals are not only substantiated; they are compelling," the state brief said. "The act shields patients who own firearms from purposely irrelevant record-keeping, questioning, discrimination, and harassment, and thereby furthers the state's compelling interest in protecting citizens' fundamental right to keep and bear arms for defense of self and state." But in a brief filed last month, attorneys for the plaintiffs argued the law violates the First Amendment rights of physicians to discuss safety-related issues with patients. "In (the law), the Florida Legislature does what no legislative body has done before or since; it prevents doctors from providing patients with truthful advice to keep their families healthy and safe --- speech that is recommended as standard protocol by national medical associations," the plaintiffs' brief said.

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THE ETHANOL ISSUE – CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY AND STRIKING A BALANCE

WASHINGTON, DC – There is no shortage of legislative proposals addressing ethanol blends in the nation's capital. So far in the 114th Congress alone, there have been 16 different measures that would address the use of ethanol blends in fuel. Last week's activity added one more to the tally, the "Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act of 2016" H.R. 5180.

Introduced by Congressman Bill Flores from Texas, the proposal would institute a cap on the ethanol content in fuel. Presumably, the bill would stop what many are concerned about; an uncomfortable creep towards a higher content of ethanol in gasoline, which could have the effect of voiding many motorcycle warranties. However, it is unclear what the proposal's chances of passage are, especially given a number of other pending measures that aim to do the exact opposite (see the REFUEL Act, H.R. 4773). What is certain, is that the issue of ethanol in fuel is controversial and will not be easily solved.

The position of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), instead of being "pro" or "anti" ethanol, has been one of concern about the effect of higher ethanol content in fuel. The MRF seeks to strike a balance between the various opposing federal bills; instead calling for a policy that emphasizes research on ethanol blends. Encouraging new research, specifically targeted towards motorcycle engines as well as the effect on internal combustion, could help alleviate the concerns of motorcycle riders, as well as motorcycle manufacturers.

Current discussions taking place in the halls of Congress can be used as an opportunity to learn more about the short and long term effects of ethanol on small motors, as well as open a dialogue with the manufacturers of motorcycles, to better understand their concerns in using a higher ethanol content in motorcycle fuel systems.

About Motorcycle Riders Foundation

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for states' motorcyclists' rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond.

From the AMA

U.S. Reps. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), Peter Welch (D-Vt.), Bill Flores (R-Texas), Jim Costa (D-Calif.) and Steve Womack (R-Ark.) are taking the lead by sending a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to "...express concern about the lack of consumer awareness surrounding the inappropriate use of E15 gasoline and... how it [the EPA] plans to mitigate consumer misfuelings..."

The bipartisan letter comes in response to the EPA's Renewable Volume Obligations rule for 2014, 2015 and 2016. The EPA proposal would increase the amount of ethanol from all sources in the nation's fuel supply to 17.4 billion gallons in 2016, up from 15.93 billion gallons in 2014.

Those increases come despite the EPA's acknowledgement that the current market cannot absorb these higher ethanol production rates without substantially increasing the amount of ethanol in our nation's gasoline supply. The practical effect of the EPA's action is more unsafe E15 (15 percent ethanol by volume), less E10 and virtually no E0 for older and vintage machines.

The urgency of EPA action to address misfueling is supported by a recent study from the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute. The study indicates only five percent of consumers are aware that E15 is prohibited for use in certain engines and that 60 percent of consumers assume that any gas sold at a pump must be safe for all of their engines.

This letter would help protect the 22 million motorcycles and ATVs currently in operation and the riders who depend on their safe operation.

The deadline for signatures is **Friday, June 3!** Act today to ensure your representative signs the Goodlatte/Welch/Flores/Costa/Womack letter

More From the MRF Latest Report from Safety Group Projects Increase in Motorcyclist Fatalities in 2015

Last week, the Governor's Highway Safety Association (GHSA) released its preliminary data and findings regarding motorcycle fatalities in 2015. While the report highlights a 10% increase in motorcycle fatalities in 2015, this is preliminary data, for a single year-over-year statistic. The report failed to connect the presence or lack of universal helmet laws to the projected increase, while calling for its reinstatement. After a comprehensive review from MRF staff and our affiliated partners, some of the other factors like weather conditions in 2015 (which resulted in a significantly longer riding season), riding experience, unlicensed motorcyclists, and potentially faulty data were merely glossed over in the report or not addressed at all.

Interestingly, while making a very loud call for a universal helmet law (and identifying DOT-compliant helmets as the #1 safety action for motorcyclists to take), there was no correlation to the statistics as to how many fatalities were wearing helmets or not! In fact, California, Florida, Texas, and North Carolina accounted for 35% of the fatalities in 2015 and in two of those states, helmet use is mandatory. Further, in Florida, which had the largest number of overall fatalities, a significant number comes during the weeks around one of the country's largest motorcycle rallies. Clearly, there are other factors to be weighed.

Reports such as these, even in the name of safety, must be monitored and reviewed carefully. Many of the organizations that draft these "safety reports" receive federal tax dollars and it is critical to keep a close eye; especially on those groups that oppose motorcyclists' rights.


Megan's Take: Leadership Changes Possibly on the Horizon at Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

For motorcyclists, many of the issues we are affected by are often dealt with in the powerful Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee within the U.S. House of Representatives. For several years now, Congressman Bill Shuster of Pennsylvania has chaired the committee. However, some questions have been raised recently about the Chairman's relationship and advocacy with the airline industry; specifically, the Airlines for America association. Though an official investigation has not been launched and the Chairman maintains ethical lines were never crossed, rumblings of a new head of the committee have been heard in the halls on Capitol Hill.

One potential contender for the coveted spot is Congressman Sam Graves of Missouri. Graves is currently an influential member of the T&I Committee and was instrumental in the passage of the FAST Act. As a reminder, the FAST Act is the highway bill that was signed into public law by the President this year. Importantly, it contained beneficial language for motorcyclists including the reestablishment of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council, and the mandate that no government funding can be used to stop motorcyclists at motorcycle-only check points.

We'll hear more on this as we get closer to the election, but likely won't see anything official until we know who and what party will hold the power come November. In the meantime, ride free and ride safe.

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NCOM CONVENTION ROLLS INTO ATLANTIC CITY

Odds are, it may not have been the largest Convention ever, but you can bet it was the largest venue, as nearly a thousand biker rights activists from across the U.S. converged at the sprawling Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City, New Jersey for the 31st Annual NCOM Convention, May 5-8, 2016.

For more than three decades over Mother's Day weekend, the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) has provided a platform for diverse factions of the motorcycle community to come together in the spirit of unity and teamwork to address issues of mutual concern, such as pursuing Biker Anti-Profiling legislation; supporting Save the Patch litigation; and reviewing Freedom of the Road victories & defeats; as well as attending seminars on Holding Effective Fund Raisers, Organizational Effectiveness, and Law Enforcement Interaction.

A Safety & First Aid seminar was hosted by Master Motorcycle Trainer Christine Firehock of the Kickstart Motorcycle Training Series, followed by Sr. EMT Instructor Dick "Slider" Gilmore's popular life-saving presentation "The Golden Hour – How to Save a Biker's Life".

Special Meetings were on the weekend's agenda in support of NCOM's many outreach programs for Women In Motorcycling; Clean and Sober Roundtable; National Sport Bike Association (NSBA); and Christian Unity Conference, in addition to the Confederation of Clubs General Patch Holders Meeting, U.S. Defenders Program, NCOM-Legislative Task Force Meeting, and A.I.M. Attorneys Conference.

During the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, several honorees were recognized for their contributions to "Improving The Image of Motorcycling", including; MEDIA: Jimmy & Pat Kay of Two Wheel Thunder TV; LEGAL: William Swatek, AIM Attorney for Alabama; ENTERTAINMENT: Singer/Songwriter Arlo Guthrie; SPECIAL RECOGNITION: NCOM Christian Unity, and Bill Foley, former NCOM Board Member from ABATE of Pennsylvania. NCOM's highest honor, the Ron Roloff Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to Louie Nobs, Liaison for NCOM Christian Unity.

Next year's 32nd Annual NCOM Convention will be held May 11-14, 2017 at the Silver Legacy Resort & Casino, 407 N. Virginia St., in Reno, Nevada. For further information, contact NCOM at (800) ON-A-BIKE or visit www.ON-A-BIKE.com.

MARYLAND GOVERNOR SIGNING ANTI-PROFILING BILL INTO LAW

Hundreds of bikers descended on the State House in Annapolis on Thursday, May 19, for a historic bill signing ceremony with Governor Larry Hogan signing only the second Motorcycle Profiling measure in the country into law in Maryland.

The motorcycle anti-profiling legislation passed unanimously through both chambers of the legislature, and without opposition from law enforcement, and emulates anti-profiling legislation passed in the state of Washington in 2011.

HB785/SB233, passed 47-0 in the Senate on 4/4 and 137-0 in the House on 4/7, requires a specified 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."

HIGH PERFORMANCE RACING MODIFICATIONS NEED PROTECTED

Bowing to political pressures and public outcry, the federal EPA announced on April 15, 2016 that it would remove provisions from proposed regulations that would have prohibited street-legal vehicles, including motorcycles, from being modified for racing.

But regardless of the Environmental Protection Agency backing off this issue at this time, Congress is considering bi-partisan legislation in both the House and Senate to guarantee that vehicles can continue to be modified for competition on the track.

HR 4715 & S 2659, the RPM Act (Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2016), would ensure that the American tradition of modifying vehicles into dedicated racetrack competitors is not only continued for today, but will be protected for future generations of race fans as well.

CONGRESS ACTS TO CURB HIGHER ETHANOL BLENDED FUEL

In response to recent Congressional legislation promoting the use of E15 gasoline (HR 4673 REFUEL Act), members of the U.S. House of Representatives have co-sponsored a measure to prevent the EPA from further forcing the controversial fuel onto the U.S. marketplace. E15 contains 50% more ethanol than previously-approved E10 gas, and has not been approved for use in motorcycles, ATVs and other small engine applications. In fact, even its inadvertent use can invalidate manufacturer warranties and cause damage.

HR 5108 (the "Food and Fuel Consumer Protection Act of 2016) was introduced May 10, 2016 by U.S. Rep. Bill Flores (R-TX) "to alleviate the ethanol blend wall under the renewable fuel program." Specifically, the bipartisan bill would cap the ethanol content of fuel at 9.7%, and

would also effect the EPA's Renewable Volume Obligations under the Renewable Fuel Standard.

Under proposed RFS volume requirements for 2017, the EPA calls for 18.8 billion gallons of biofuel next year, representing a nearly 4% increase despite lower demand for higher ethanol blends. HR 5108 would also ensure continued availability of ethanol-free gasoline for older motorcycles.

EUROPE'S CHANGING EMISSIONS LAWS WILL CHANGE MOTORCYCLES

Your favorite bike may be influenced from afar. "This year promises to bring a record crop of new and updated models from virtually every manufacturer thanks to wide-ranging law changes coming into force thousands of miles away in Europe," according to Motorcyclist Magazine. "Those changes might not directly affect us, but given the way bikes are developed with global sales in mind many of the new models being developed to meet the latest European regulations are sure to be coming here too."

On January 1, 2016, a whole new set of rules was adopted across Europe. "Regulation (EU) No 168/2013" makes significant changes -- in particular to exhaust emissions limits but also to things like braking systems and electronics. Tests for noise levels have also been changed.

The emissions limits are of course much tighter; called "Euro 4," the new limits reduce the permissible levels of carbon monoxide, unburned hydrocarbons, and oxides of nitrogen in exhausts. Previously America's rules on emissions were tougher than Europe's, but now in order to pass the Euro 4 tests new bikes are being fitted with much larger exhausts and kits that include charcoal canisters to reduce evaporative emissions.

"Next year we'll be seeing a lot more things like that," predicts Motorcyclist author Ben Purvis, explaining that "While the rules were passed into law back in 2013 and came into force at the start of 2016, their implementation is staggered to give manufacturers a chance to adapt."

Since January 1st, all newly launched models have needed to comply to be legally sold in the EU. But the more important date is January 1, 2017, because that's the deadline when existing models must also come into line, though manufacturers can apply for a two-year extension.

What else is changing? Emissions aside, the big change is that in Europe all bikes over 125cc will have to be fitted with ABS while smaller bikes will need to have either ABS or a combined braking system. There are also changes to the lighting rules, with daytime running lights becoming mandatory as well as US-style side reflectors.

Europe is the closest to America in terms of the types of bike that are popular, but while Americans consume less than a half million motorcycles a year, riders in the EU purchase well over a million.

Like lower emissions exhaust systems, economies of scale will likely dictate that even what's not legally required in the states -- like ABS -- will become standard equipment on increasing numbers of our U.S.-imported bikes, as it won't make sense for manufacturers to build different versions just to suit a relatively small number of American customers.

Unfortunately, Regulation (EU) No. 168/2013 also provides for the next-generation "Euro 5" emissions tests, tougher still, and the deadline for their implementation is less than five years away, beginning with 2020 new models.

BMW TO INSTALL "SOS" BUTTON FOR EMERGENCIES

BMW Motorrad has announced plans to offer a safety option on its bikes that would automatically contact emergency services in the case of an accident or emergency situation.

The "Intelligent Emergency Call" system features a vehicle-integrated eCall system that's been available in BMW's cars in Europe since 1999. The system will be extended to BMW motorcycles starting next year.

According to BMW, in the case of an emergency or an accident, the bike's emergency system sends out the position data to a BMW Call Center to initiate the rescue chain. The system can either be triggered automatically by the bike, or manually by the rider.

NO HELMET = NO GAS

Due to a rise in motorcycle crashes attributed to "non-use of helmets," under a new penalty instituted in Bhagalpur, India, motorcyclists caught riding without a helmet will not be allowed to buy fuel, in addition to other fines and penalties.

PARIS OFF-LIMITS TO OLDER MOTORCYCLES

Bikers with pre-2000 motorcycles will be banned from Paris, France. From July 1 all private cars registered before January 1, 1997 (for gas) and 2001 (for diesel) and all two-wheelers before June 1, 2000, will be banned from Parisian streets on weekdays as part of the city's efforts to cut pollution that has at times seen the air in the capital more polluted than Beijing.

The anti-pollution measures will be progressively extended so that by 2020 Paris will ban all cars registered before 2011 and all motorcycles before July, 2004.

VESPA SCOOTERS BANNED IN GENOA

The mayor of Genoa, Italy, birthplace of Vespa inventor Enrico Piaggio, has decreed that Vespa motor scooters built before 1999 will be banned from the city's streets for 12 hours each weekday to reduce air pollution.

DELAWARE INCLUDES MOTORCYCLES IN LEMON LAW

Although Delaware's "Lemon Law" previously excluded motorcycles and motor homes, SB 173 by Sen. Gary Simpson (R-Dover) now brings new motorcycles within the scope of the automobile Lemon Law.

So-called "Lemon Laws" are consumer protections that provide a remedy for purchasers of new (and sometimes used) motor vehicles in order to compensate for products that repeatedly fail to meet codified standards of quality and performance. Every state has lemon laws on the books, but some specifically exclude motorcycles, though federal lemon law protections also apply.

With bi-partisan support, Senate Bill 173 passed both chambers unanimously, 21-0 in the Senate on January 26, and 38-0 in the House on April 12, 2016, and was signed into law by Governor Jack Markell (D) on April 20th.

SETTLEMENTS & VERDICTS: Oregon Biker Settles for \$1.125 Million

In an ongoing effort to keep motorcyclists informed as to the results of the continuing battle for their legal rights, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) submits the following case study:

About two years ago, an Oregon biker was hit by a delivery vehicle making a left turn across the biker's path. The biker suffered permanent damage to his leg and foot. Oregon A.I.M. Attorney Sam Hochberg had the case worked up right away by a private investigator. The corporate defendant approached Hochberg's law office, asking to settle. The case resolved in a mediation session for \$1,125,000.00.

Sam Hochberg, incidentally, after 29 years with A.I.M. and NCOM, is now associated as "Of Counsel" with the new Aid to Injured Motorcyclists lawyer for both Oregon and Washington, Christopher Slater.

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While most famous for Grizzly Adams, Haggerty appeared in many motorcycle films including 2004 Motocross Kids, 1979 CHiPs (TV Series), 1973 Hex, 1973 Superchick, 1973 Sleazy Rider, 1972 Pink Angels, 1972 Bury Me an Angel, 1971 Chrome and Hot Leather, 1970 Angels Die Hard, 1969 Easy Rider, and 1964 Muscle Beach Party. He was also a motorcycle builder and his work was shown in American Pickers

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ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2016

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:40

PRESIDENT – NOMINATIONS WILL BE HELD AGAIN TODAY.

VICE PRESIDENT – REMINDED EVERYONE ABOUT OUR EVENT COMING UP ON MAY 21, 2016 AT THE ANCHOR INN.

SECRETARY—MINUTES ACCEPTED AS IN NEWSLETTER

TREASURER – FINANCES ARE IN GOOD SHAPE.

MEMBERSHIP – CHAPTER HAS APPROXIMATELY 187 MEMBERS.

SGT AT ARMS – LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SET UP AT OUR EVENT AT THE ANCHOR INN.

SAFETY – SAFETY TABLE WILL BE SET UP THURSDAY MAY 19 @ HARLEY DAVIDSON. SATURDAY MAY 21 @ ANCHOR INN AND SUNDAY 22 @ ROCK N ROLL SUNDAY.

STATE DELEGATES – NO NEW BUSINESS.

LEGISLATIVE REP – VISIT OUR WEB SITE TO CHECK OUT YOUR STATE REP.

PR/COMM – NO NEW BUSINESS.

PRODUCTS – EXCUSED FROM MEETING

NEWSLETTER – DEADLINE FOR IS MAY 25TH FOR THE NEWSLETTER.

OLD BUSINESS – VOTE HELD FOR MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS. PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE PASSED WITH UNANIMOUS VOTE.

NEW BUSINESS –ABATE OF FL PEACE RIVER CAMPGROUND OCT 7TH – 9TH 2016. FALL STATE BIKER BASH TICKETS ARE \$ 30.00.

GOOD OF THE ORDER – LOCAL EVENTS DISCUSSED.



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WHY JOIN ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.?

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

REQUIREMENTS—must be at least 18 years of age. It does not matter what you or even if you ride. You can be an independent or member of a club or association. All are welcome at meetings.

JOIN FOR THE CAUSE. Everything is voluntary, we understand work and family comes first. We hope you can help in any small way, vote and spread the word. \$20 for Year or \$150 Life which is split between chapter and state.

BENEFITS Your money is used to provide a lobbyist to the state and federal government to watch for our rights and freedom. The State *MasterLink* newsletter is available online on abateflorida.com/. The chapter newsletter is available online 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.

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

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 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

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

A.D.D. INSURANCE POLICY UPDATE

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

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ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Membership Dues: \$20 for 1 year or \$150 for Life Membership per person

Fill out form, print, sign attach your check or money order and mail to:

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

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

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

SIGNATURE _____

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Chapter newsletter *The Chrome Chronicles* is online at start of month in color with active Links. If you do not have Internet printed copies can be gotten at the meeting or various distribution points.

MEMBERSHIPS FEE \$ _____

Large Chapter Patch 10" by 10.5" \$35 each # ____ Total \$ _____

Small Chapter Patch 5" by 5.5" \$10 each # ____ Total \$ _____

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

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

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Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting VFW POST 4143

THIRD SUNDAY JUNE 19, 2016 11:30 am

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

GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

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