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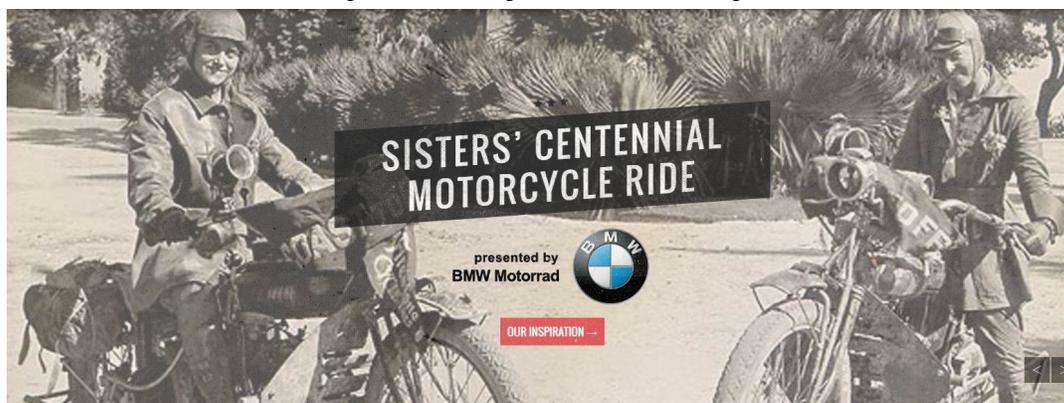
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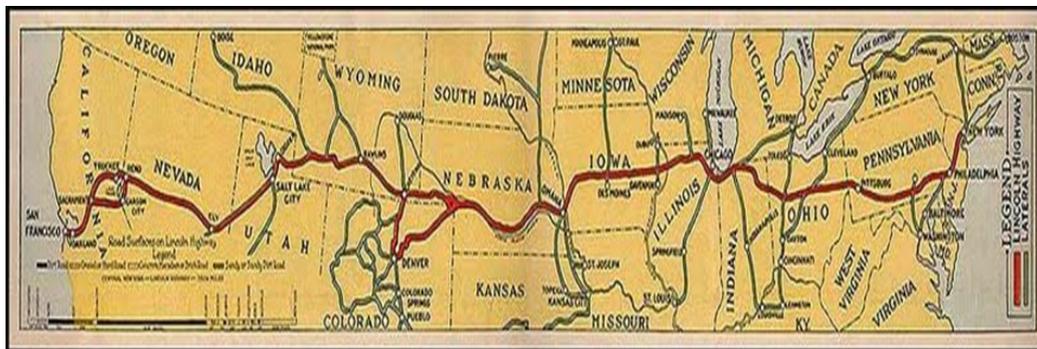
**CHECK TWICE
FOR MOTORCYCLES**

**LET THOSE WHO
RIDE
DECIDE!**

Got this too late for July issue but the ride was still a nice bit of motorcycle history not commonly know.



2016 is the 100th anniversary of Augusta and Adeline Van Buren's courageous and unprecedented ride across the United States on motorcycles. The Sisters' Centennial Motorcycle Ride July 3-23, 2016, will honor and celebrate our female motorcycling heroines of the past, as we promote the growth of women motorcyclists and the motorcycling community. In 1916 the Van Buren Sisters were the first women to cross the continental United States, each on her own motorcycle. They became the first women to reach the 14,115 foot summit of Pikes Peak each on her own motorcycle. In 2002 the Sisters were inducted into the American Motorcyclists Association Hall of Fame and in 2003 they were inducted into the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame. Story on page 20



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- Chapter Meetings
- Our Table at Events
- Palm Beach Harley
- Various MC clubhouses

President's Message

Big Bad Fred Joseph

Well, It's official. I am your new president. I would like to thank the Ex-President (Snooze) for all he has done for our Chapter during his term. He deserves a round of applause. I would also like to thank everyone else for stepping up and supporting me in keeping your Palm Beach Chapter going for yet another year. LB as Vice President, Runner as your Sgt. At Arms, Nighthawk as your Secretary, and Melissa as your Treasurer. If it wasn't for these people and everyone else (SloMo, Snooze, and Hamish) this chapter would not exist. So I would like to ask everyone when you see these people out and about, please thank them. They are the reason you get to wear the patch on your back.

I want to thank everyone that came out to our last chapter meeting. We had a great turn out. We had Rick Sessa who is running for Palm Beach County Sherriff come in and talk to everyone. We talked about recalls that Harley Davidson has come out with for a couple of their motorcycles. We also talked about getting cards made for our members with the ABATE membership application on the back. These will hopefully be passed out at our next meeting to all members. I know that this is ABATE and there are no mandatory rides, meetings, or mandatory nothing? But it sure would be nice to see some of our members from time to time. So if you can't make the rides, please try to at least make the meetings. It means a lot to the people that are out there representing your Chapter and you.

I sent text messages out to everyone that was on the text alert asking whom ever to answer back if you wanted to remain on the text alert? We had over fifty people text back saying they would. If you did not text back saying you would like to stay on the text alert, that must mean that you did not want to be on the text alert or we have your wrong phone number. If you did not get the text and want to be on the text alert please send a text message with your name to 561-723-3712 telling me you would like to be added.

I want to remind everyone, please if you see our safety table out ask the person behind the table if they would like for you to watch the table while they go to the bathroom or get something to eat. We are all volunteer's and there is no compensation for what we do.

Please support our advertisers as they support our mission to protect your right to ride.

Remember: Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle.

Big Bad Fred
President



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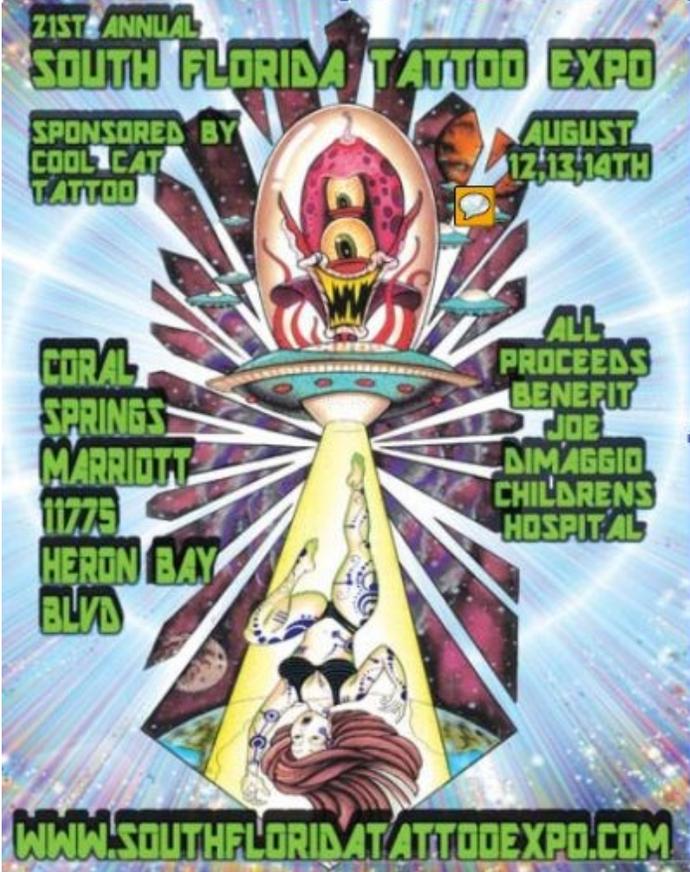
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UPCOMING Event Schedule

Friday August 5 Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House

Saturday August 6 Palm Beach Harley Customer/Family Appreciation Day 11-4

Friday August 12 Singer Island Bike Show and Fundraiser
August 12 to 14 South Florida Tattoo Convention

Thursday Aug. 18 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night 6-10 45th St. West Palm Beach

Sunday Aug. 21 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 9:00 AM 'til Noon.

Thurs Aug 25 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar 113
Center Street Jupiter

Sunday Aug. 27 Outcast MC Party

Friday Sept. 2 Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House

Saturday Sept. 3 Palm Beach Harley Customer/Family Appreciation Day 11-4

Sunday Sept 4 Southern MC Teddy Bear Run CANCELED

Sunday Sept 11 States MC Pompano Key West Tune Up Party

Thursday Sept. 15 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night 6-10 45th St. West Palm Beach

Sept 15 to 18 Peterson's Key West Poker Run

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

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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.



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1st Saturday
Monthly 11-4

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GET OUT AND VOTE AUGUST 30 PRIMARIES ARE VERY IMPORTANT

As you can see there are many important races that CAN BE DECIDED at the Primary Elections. **The Sheriff primary will get the race down to two.** If you were at our July chapter meeting you heard Rick "Rosco" Sessa speak to us why he wants to return to law enforcement and about the questionable reign of Bradshaw (I have heard these stores elsewhere). "Rosco" as member of the Enforcers know the biker issues. Learn more about him at <http://sessaforsheriff.com/> or on Facebook.

Sheriff Ric L. Bradshaw, Alex Freeman, Paul McBride, Rick "Rosco" Sessa, Samuel L. Thompson

ELECTION UPDATES

Sen. Jeff Clemens, the Senator who derailed the vulnerable road users Bill by putting in an amendment to take out the word "Motorcycle". He stated that he didn't think motorcyclist need to be protected because motorcycles can go over 120 mph and that motorcyclist choose to ride something that is dangerous.

Sen. Clemens now has a challenger for the Palm Beach area District 31. His opponent is someone familiar to ABATE, **Rep. Irv Slosberg**. ABATE has a history of working with **Rep. Irv Slosberg**, whereas Sen. Clemens is working directly against motorcyclists.

Please read the story below... (sent by ABATE State VP Darrin Brooks)

CLEMENS, SLOSBERG DUEL FOR SENATE SEAT

Democratic voters in Palm Beach County next month will decide a rare primary battle between an incumbent state senator and a member of the state House.

And there is little affection between the key players in what is a three-way contest for the redrawn Senate District 31 seat.

Sen. Jeff Clemens of Lake Worth, who is in line to eventually become Senate Democratic leader, is trading barbs with Rep. Irv Slosberg of Boca Raton over legislative efforts, residency and who is the "true" Democrat.

The third candidate in the race is Emmanuel Morel of Wellington, a former federal labor investigator who was soundly defeated in a 2014 Democratic congressional primary by U.S. Rep. Ted Deutch.

The winner of the Aug. 30 primary in the central Palm Beach County district is virtually guaranteed to take the seat as there is only a write-in candidate to face in the November general election.

The Clemens-Slosberg battle is the only Senate primary this year in which an incumbent senator is being challenged by a House member.

Slosberg's abilities to finance his own campaign and draw attention have elevated the primary. Slosberg, 68, has been a high-profile leader of efforts to improve traffic safety after the 1996 death of his daughter Dori in a car crash.

"Races between elected officials at the primary level are always pretty tough and can be pretty rough, because oftentimes they are competing for the same voters with similar positions," said Kevin Wagner, a political science professor at Boca Raton-based Florida Atlantic University. "When that happens, it can get very, very personal."

Clemens is quick to dismiss Slosberg as a single-issue candidate who is trying to "buy" an office outside the district where he resides.

"He had an opportunity to run for the seat where he lives, he instead chose to run where he doesn't live and there is an incumbent," Clemens said. "We're just going to have to hope that people realize who is the better Democrat and better legislator."

Slosberg had initially opened a campaign account for the seat in more-southern Senate District 29, where his home is located. On the final day of qualifying, he submitted paperwork for District 31.

Clemens claimed that Republicans were behind the move. In introducing a new campaign video on Wednesday, Clemens sought to label himself the "true" Democrat in the contest.

Slosberg called Clemens the district's "stranger" because Lake Worth is at its northern end and dismissed the Republican allegation. Slosberg said his district change was because District 31 is close to his office and includes many of the people he currently represents in the House.

Slosberg acknowledged that Clemens' history of traffic tickets and support for certain transportation-related legislation, particularly a 2014 proposal that could have allowed speed limits to be increased 5 mph on state highways, were also on his mind.

"The people from District 31 didn't send Clemens to Tallahassee to go raise the speed limit when AAA was fighting against it," Slosberg said, referring to the auto club. "I lost my daughter because of speeds and this jerk, he's walking into the House Democratic caucus and he's trying to sell how it's extremely important to raise the speed limits in the state of Florida. The whole thing was shocking."

Slosberg said he wants to remain in Tallahassee to concentrate on improving public safety --- from roads to guns --- and to focus on education, senior services and to "fight against Rick Scott, the Republican Legislature and the NRA."

Slosberg was first elected to the state House in 2000 and served through 2006, when he ran unsuccessfully for a Senate seat.

Slosberg returned to the House in 2010 and could have sought re-election this year. Daughter Emily Slosberg, who had considered a run for the state Senate, is now running for his House seat.

Clemens, 45, an energy contractor and former mayor of Lake Worth, was elected to the state House in 2010 and moved into the Senate two years later.

Clemens said district voters care about water quality, abortion rights, quality public education and regulations regarding what are known as "sober homes."

"I work on a huge variety of issues on behalf of Democrats in Tallahassee and you have to when you're in the Senate," Clemens said.

Morel, the third candidate in the primary, said he's running, in part, to push for tax reforms to help the poor --- cutting in half the state sales tax and instituting a state income tax.

Born in Haiti, the 56-year-old Morel also said he's bothered that Clemens has publicly questioned Slosberg for entering the contest.

"He said Slosberg should not challenge him because he's supposed to be the new (Senate) minority leader," Morel said. "Well, who died and left him king? This is a democracy. No one is entitled to anything. Barack Obama challenged Hillary Clinton, who was the anointed one in 2008."

Clemens said Morel is a "good dude" but like Slosberg doesn't live in the district.

"This is my district by virtue of the fact that I live here," Clemens said. "District 31 is the district for anybody who lives in the district. I can tell you whose district it's not, Irv Slosberg, because he doesn't live here."

Slosberg has loaned \$170,000 to his campaign account since June 1 and, including that money, had nearly \$33,000 on hand as of July 8.

Clemens, who put \$20,000 of his own money into the race in May, had about \$104,000 on hand as of July 8, the latest reported figures.

OTHER STATE SENATE RACE UPDATES note these have been defined so you need to check which is yours

State Senator, Dist. 25 **Bruno Moore** (DEM) Joe Negron (REP)

State Senator, Dist. 29 Mindy Koch (DEM) Kevin Rader (DEM)

State Senator, Dist. 30 Steve Austin (WRI) Ron Berman (REP) Bobby Powell (DEM) Michael Steinger (DEM)

State Senator, Dist. 31 Jeff Clemens (DEM) Emmanuel G Morel (DEM) **Irving "Irv" Slosberg** (DEM) Jason Swaby (WRI)

So up north we have a challenger against Joe Negron who hasn't been biker friendly. I used to work with a Mindy Koch at Boca Middle so have to check that.

FLORIDA HOUSE FOR DISTRICT 91 CANDIDATES

The House Seat previous held by Irving Slosberg will be open. There are three running for this seat: Kelley Howell (WRI), Kelly Skidmore (DEM), and Emily Slosberg (DEM). The name of Kelly Skidmore sounds familiar so research is needed. Emily IS the daughter of Irv. She has been an aid up in the Capital so has experience. I remember her from when I worked at Boca Raton Middle and she was a student. As this is MY district, I am leaning on voting for Slosberg.

UPDATE ON OTHER PALM BEACH COUNTY STATE HOUSE RACES

State Representative, Dist. 81 Joseph Abruzzo (DEM)
 State Representative, Dist. 82 Mary W. Higgins (DEM) Mary Lynn Magar (REP)
 State Representative, Dist. 85 Rick Roth (REP) Robert Simeone (DEM) Andrew Watt (REP)
 State Representative, Dist. 86 Laurel S. Bennett (REP) Stuart W. Mears (REP) Tinu Pena (DEM) Matt Willhite (DEM)
 State Representative, Dist. 87 Darren James Ayoub (DEM) Daniel N. Perez (WRI) Virginia Savietto (DEM) David Silvers (DEM)
 State Representative, Dist. 88 Edwin Ferguson (DEM) Sebrina Gillion (WRI) Angie Gray (DEM) Al Jacquet (DEM)
 State Representative, Dist. 89 Bill Hager (REP)
 State Representative, Dist. 90 **Lori Berman** (DEM) Artie Lurie (LPF)
 Only Dist. 90 has Lori Berman as Bike Friendly from my experience.

FEDERAL SENATE AND HOUSE

U.S. Senator (REP) Carlos Beruff, Ernie Rivera, Marco Rubio, Dwight Mark Anthony Young (DEM) Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente, Alan Grayson, Pam Keith, Reginald Luster, **Patrick Murphy**, Basil E. Dalack (NPA) Jon Friend (WRI) Augustus Invictus (LPF) Robert Samuel Kaplan (WRI) Tony Khoury (NPA) Howard Knepper (WRI) Steven Machat (NPA) Bruce Nathan (NPA) Bradley J. Patrick (WRI) Paul Stanton (LPF) Charles Frederick Tolbert (WRI) Angela Marie Walls-Windhauser (WRI)

U.S. Representative, Dist. 18 Jonathan Chane (DEM) **Carl J. Domino** (REP) Mark Freeman (REP) Marilyn Holloman (WRI) Rick Kozell (REP) Brian Mast (REP) Rebecca Negron (REP) Noelle Nikpour (REP) Randy Perkins (DEM) Carla Spalding (NPA) John (Juan) Xuna (DEM)
 U.S. Representative, Dist. 20 Alcee L. Hastings (DEM) Gary Stein (REP) Michael A. Steinberg (WRI)
 U.S. Representative, Dist. 21 Lois Frankel (DEM) Paul Spain (REP) W. Michael "Mike" Trout (NPA)
 U.S. Representative, Dist. 22 Ted Deutch (DEM) Andrea Leigh McGee (REP)

All these races were updated 7/22/16 from <http://www.pbcelections.org/ElectionCandidates.aspx?eid=140> Names in bold are known to have been biker friendly in past.

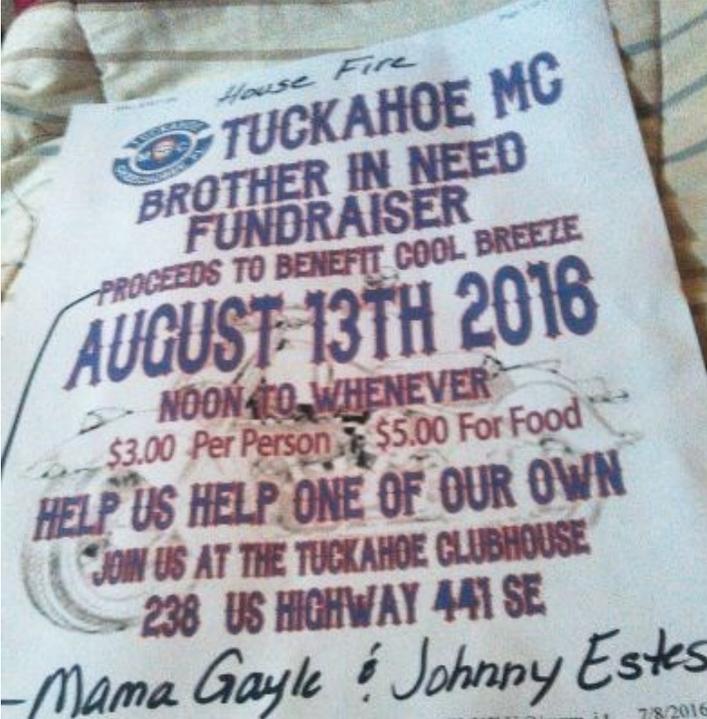
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Which some districts rezoned check your elections and voting location at

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SENATE Florida HOUSE

25	Moore, Bruno E. (DEM)
	Negron, Joe (REP)
27	Benacquisto, Lizbeth (REP)
	Maughan, Jason (REP)
28	Hudson, Matt (REP)
	Passidomo, Kathleen C. (REP)
29	Koch, Mindy (DEM)
	Rader, Kevin (DEM)
30	Bennett, Tony (DEM)
	Berman, Ronald J. (REP)
	Powell Jr., Bobby (DEM)
	Steinger, Michael (DEM)
31	Irv Slosberg (DEM)
	Clemens, Jeff (DEM)
	Morel, Emmanuel (DEM)

82	Higgins, Mary W. (DEM)
	Magar, MaryLynn (REP) *Incumbent
83	Harrell, Gayle (REP) *Incumbent
	Lucas, Crystal Mills (DEM)
85	Simeone, Robert (DEM)
	Roth, Rick (REP)
	Watt, Andrew (REP)
86	Bennett, Laurel S. (REP)
	Mears, Stuart Wade (REP)
	Pena, Tinu (DEM)
	Willhite, Matt (DEM)
87	Ayoub, Darren James (DEM)
	Savietto, Virginia (DEM)
	Kerner, Dave (DEM)
	Silvers, David Ryan (DEM)
88	Ferguson, Edwin (DEM)
	Gray, Angeleta "Angie" (DEM)
	Jacquet, Al (DEM)
90	Berman, Lori (DEM)
	Lurie, Artie (L)
91	Skidmore, Kelly (DEM)
	Slosberg, Emily (DEM)

These are from our State Legislative and Lobbyist. They have taken out all of the Unopposed Races and I only have colored the motorcycle friendly candidates in a pale green so it should print better. Use this and the previous article to research your candidates. I just edited for those in Palm Beach County as per Palm Beach Elections site—check it out!

I would add House District 90 Lori Berman as biker friendly from my past conversations. I need to interview for my District 91 Slosberg and Skidmore for next newsletter.

~ Saturday August 13th 2016 ~



Welcome to *STEEL* Horse Country!

State Delegate Meeting

(State Board Meeting: 12 Noon) **Hosted by** (Delegates Meeting: 2PM)

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DELEGATE REPORT

Ken "Snooze" & Bill "Hammish"
Gerecke Black

STATE MEETINGS
Host Chapter - Location

August 13, 2016 Forest - Ocala
October 8, 2016 Peace River Campground
December 10, 2016: Gator Alley -

2017 State Meetings

February 11 Inerstate chapter
April 9 Tallahassee
10 Ride to the Capital
June 10 Vintage chapter
August 12 Lake chapter
October 14 Peace River chapter
December 9 Treasure Coast chapter

ABATE OF Florida

The July Leadership seminars were in Vero Beach. Our newly elected officers were there to learn about their office duties. Melissa went through four hours of Treasurer training plus Insurance and membership seminars. Slo Motion trained webmasters in software and many willing be following our chapter site design

The August State meeting will be in Ocala Saturday the 13th. Flyer above. Bill Black will not be able to attend as going back in for work on his eyes., so we will need a second delegate to keep Snooze awake . If interested contact President Big Bad Fred so it ill be covered. As it is over a four hour ride we will be staying over Saturday night. Usually a good gathering will other chapters. If you would like to attend our next state meeting it will be in Ocala and hosted by the Forest chapter at 3105 N.E.14th street Ocala, Fla.34470.Hotel rooms are reasonable up there so come on up and hear what's going on firsthand from your state board of directors.

The October State Meeting will be a part of the Fall State Biker Bash—flyer to right. This replaces Spooks n Scoots and hopes to be a good fund raiser for ABATE of FL, Inc. Friday to Sunday with meeting Saturday 8th Cost is \$15 a day, \$35 3 day with primitive camping included. Save \$5 with \$30 presale tickets available at chapter meetings. RV camping call the Peace River Campground, mention ABATE and get 50% discount.

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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
3rd Thurs Vintage Motorcycle Show 519 Clematis St West Palm
Thurs Black Pistons MC WPB Open House
Last Thurs Turboz/Ralphs Bike Night Jupiter
Last Thurs Gators Shack Bike Night Loxahatchee

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

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

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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 BDAY
- 27: OUTCAST MC PARTY

SEPTEMBER 2016

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

OCTOBER 2016

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

NOVEMBER 2016

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

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

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Amid bloodbath in Nice, hero on motorcycle emerges

Susan Miller, USA TODAY 12:55 p.m. EDT July 15, 2016

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2016/07/15/nice-terror-attack-motorcyclist-hero/87125954/>

Amid the carnage on the Promenade des Anglais Thursday night, a hero emerged: A motorcyclist who made a dramatic bid to halt the bloody rampage.

As a truck swerved into the promenade packed with thousands who had just watched Bastille Day fireworks, a motorcyclist is seen in video footage, speeding alongside the huge, white vehicle.

The biker appears to jump off his moving bike, starts running next to the vehicle and then is seen clinging to the side of the truck.

It was not clear whether the motorcyclist was a police officer.

German Richard Gutjahr told the Associated Press he could hear screams from his first-floor hotel balcony on the promenade and looked outside to see a large truck slowly moving down a road that was supposed to be blocked off as part of a party zone.

Gutjahr, a journalist, picked up his camera and started filming. He said he watched as the truck was chased by police officers. Then the motorcyclist pulls alongside the vehicle, leaps off the bike and grabs the truck door.

Gutjahr told the AP he watched as several police officers on foot took aim and fired at the truck's windscreen. There were unconfirmed reports the motorcyclist was crushed by the truck in Nice, France.

"I thought it could either be a drunk driver or a terror attack, until that incredibly brave man jumped on the truck," he said.

A French lawmaker, Éric Ciotti, told Europe 1 radio that a policewoman was responsible for intercepting the driver, according to *The New York Times*. The rampage was halted when a person "with extraordinary courage" jumped onto the front of the vehicle, Ciotti said. Police soon moved in and took down the driver, he said. "It was at that moment that the police were able to stop the terrorist," he said. "I will never forget the look of the policewoman who intercepted the killer."

Nice's mayor's office confirmed Friday that Mohamed Bouhlel, 31, a resident of the city, was the main suspect in the attack that killed at least 84 people and wounded dozens more.



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Singer Island Bike Show & Fund Raiser

Friday, August 12th - 6 to 10 PM

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Come out and support the community and the Seaside's Charity Organization. The Seaside's are responsible for bringing the community together by maintaining active groups throughout the years focused on community service and they have provided countless hours of volunteer service to raise funds for many worthwhile charities.

Bring your swim suit and take a dip in the beautiful Pool. The Tiki Bar will be serving all your favorite cold drinks. There will be an additional beer bar in the garage deck. Live Music by "Booty Call Band" and Grilled food will be offered.

Bike registration will begin at 3:00. \$20.00 registration fee. If interested, please contact me at: brendasbeachscene@gmail.com or call: 561-267-5433. I am looking forward to hearing from you!



August 2016

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September 2016

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Honoring 2 Sisters' Cross-Country 1916 Motorcycle Trek

BY JOHN KEKIS, ASSOCIATED PRESS

A century ago, when the automobile was in its infancy and most roads weren't paved, two intrepid sisters from Brooklyn made a remarkable journey — a 4,000-mile trek across the country on motorcycles.

Augusta and Adeline Van Buren devised the trip in 1916 in the run-up to World War I, seeking to prove women could be military motorcycle couriers, able to endure long distances and harsh conditions as well as men.

They did indeed complete their arduous two-month ride but were turned down by the Army because of their gender. It's nonetheless remembered as a

milestone in the then-burgeoning women's movement.

"When you really think about it, that's four years before women had the right to vote," said Robert Van Buren, a great-nephew of the sisters. "They're trying to prove that women can contribute to the war effort that they knew was coming."

To mark the 100th anniversary of that ride, BMW and the Indian motorcycle company are sponsoring a three-week motorcycle adventure for women that kicks off Sunday in Brooklyn and will closely follow the original route to California.

It will be much easier than it was in 1916, when many roads were still dirt. The Lincoln Highway, which the sisters followed, was cobbled together in 1913 and went from New York City's Times Square to San Francisco, but it simply connected local roads.

"They were literally riding on the very same horse trails that farmers used, and out West were covered wagon trails, unimproved, unmarked, unsigned," said William M. Murphy, who retraced their route and wrote a book about it.

Daring to be great was part of the Van Buren sisters' upbringing. Their mom died when they were young, and their dad raised them to be independent, athletic and strong.

The Van Burens flew airplanes, knew how to box, rode horses and raced them, ice skated, and even took part in an annual motorcycle race from New York to Poughkeepsie on New Year's Eve.

At just over 5 feet tall and weighing under 120 pounds, the sisters (Augusta was 32 and Adeline 27 in 1916) were nevertheless tough. They had to be to attempt such a feat, aboard a pair of Indian Powerplus motorcycles, heavy, powerful machines capable of reaching 60 mph but with no front brake.

Dressed in leathers, the Van Burens encountered prejudice, getting arrested several times for wearing men's clothes. They confronted obstacles at seemingly every turn, including rainstorms, floods and snowstorms. They battled mud for two weeks, were rescued by miners after getting stuck at a remote mining camp in Colorado, and nearly ran out of water in the desert near Great Salt Lake.

No surprise that one day they managed to ride 300 miles one day and only 3 on another. But none of it seemed to matter.

"If you see some of the pictures of them, they're just so happy. They're having so much fun," said Dan Ruderman, a grandson of Adeline. "And the shock of some of the men. You see guys standing on the side of the road looking at them with their hands on their hips, scowling. 'What is this that I'm seeing?'"

The Van Burens, who spent their evenings in towns warning citizens that they had to be ready for war, also became the first women to ride to the 14,115-foot summit of Pikes Peak by motorcycle, doing so on a whim.

Their journey didn't end in San Francisco as planned. When the sisters were late arriving and nobody was there to greet them, they kept on going — south to Los Angeles, then San Diego, and straddling the border with Mexico at Tijuana. They then returned to Los Angeles, shipped their motorcycles back and took a train home.

Adeline was an educator who went on to get a law degree at a time when women didn't really practice law, while Augusta, a bookkeeper, would join the Ninety-Nines, an international organization of female pilots established in 1929 by 99 women, with Amelia Earhart as their first president.

Adeline died in 1949 at age 59, and Augusta died a decade later at 75. The family says there is no record that they continued to ride motorcycles after the trip.

The Sisters' Centennial Motorcycle Ride, which begins Sunday, aims to raise awareness and funds for two women's groups, including Final Salute, Inc., a national organization that provides housing for homeless female veterans.

"I'm sure my grandmother would be proud," Ruderman said.

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The sites above covered this story with same words and first linked to on the internet: <http://sistersmotorcycleride.com>

Cross Country Women's Motorcycle Ride Rolls Into Latrobe

Ride Marks 100th Anniversary Of First Ever Cross-Country Women's Motorcycle Ride

LATROBE (KDKA) – One hundred years ago, two sisters set out on a journey across America to prove that they, and all women, could do whatever they wanted.

They rode on motorcycles, the first two women to ever ride across the country like that. And now, 100 years later, a group is re-tracing their route on yet another mission of empowerment.

Twenty-five percent of all motorcycle riders are now women, and they can all trace their roots back to Augusta and Adeline Van Buren. In 1916, the Van Buren sisters got on two motorcycles in Brooklyn, N.Y., and took off for San Francisco. Their cross-country ride was triggered by their frustrations of constantly being told that women could not do certain things.

"They were really out to show the world, to show the army, to show America, that women could contribute to the country, that women could have opinions about what direction the country should go in," Dan Ruderman, Adeline Van Buren's grandson, said.

The sisters first offered to be couriers for the U.S. Army, riding dispatches to and from the front lines of World War I. But the military told them no, that war was no place for women. So the sisters then offered their help to the Red Cross. Again, they were told no, unless they wanted to be nurses.

"They did a lot of different things," Sarah Van Buren, the sisters' great-great niece, said. "Not only did they ride motorcycles, but they played all kinds of sports, they rode horses, they shot guns. Augusta later became a pilot; she was a part of the Ninety-Nines all-women flying club with Amelia Earhart. So they really flew in the face of convention of the time."

Friday, the group retracing the sisters' ride rolled into Latrobe on Lincoln Highway, the same route Augusta and Adeline took so long ago.

Right now, there are 70 people in the group. By the time they get to California, they'll be 250 strong.

This journey will take 3 weeks. For the sisters, it took 3 months of riding on dirt and mud, through rain and snow, and even a few roadblocks from police.

"Police arrested and harassed them for wearing men's clothing," Ruderman said. "They couldn't very well ride a motorcycle in dresses, as would've been expected for women of the time. So they wore leather pants and leather jackets, and they got arrested for it."

For this group, the ride is just as much about remembering Augusta and Adeline, as it is helping others find their own inner strength.

"I hope that people learning about this ride will feel more pushed to take a risk, to do something they didn't think they could do," Sarah Van Buren said. "Maybe it'll empower somebody. Who knows?"

"I think every woman who rides a motorcycle has a story of personal empowerment through motorcycling," event organizer Alisa Clickenger said, "and we like to show America that 'women can if she will,' like Augusta Van Buren said."

Also on the ride, the group is raising money for Final Salute, a charity that helps homeless female veterans.

Kristine Sorensen News video report at

<http://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2016/07/08/cross-country-womens-motorcycle-ride-rolls-into-latrobe/>

PRESS RELEASE

Suzuki Motor of America, Inc. and Motorcycle Adventure Group, LLC are excited to announce Suzuki's support of the Sisters' Centennial Motorcycle Ride, a cross-country motorcycle event commemorating the historic motorcycle adventure made 100 years ago by sisters Augusta and Adeline Van Buren, who were the first women to cross the continental United States, each on her own motorcycle. As a sponsor, Suzuki is providing a V-Strom 650XT ABS adventure motorcycle to SCMR staff rider, Queena Deschene, who will serve as Suzuki's brand ambassador throughout the ride. The ride event will honor and celebrate women motorcyclists of the past and promote the growth of women motorcyclists and the motorcycling community of today.

The Sisters' Centennial Motorcycle Ride kicked off with a launch party in Brooklyn, New York, on July 3. This year's ride route is based on the route chosen by the Van Buren sisters in 1916, which mostly followed the Lincoln Highway from New York City to San Francisco. Dozens of riders, men and women, will join this year's event, some completing the entire route and others participating in shorter rides scheduled throughout the tribute event.

Funds raised through this event will be used to support two charities. Final Salute, Inc., a national women veterans association that helps provide housing for homeless female veterans in the US; there are an estimated 50,000 nationwide, and the Women's Coalition of Motorcyclists, which helps increase the number of well-trained female motorcycle instructors teaching riding skills and safety habits.

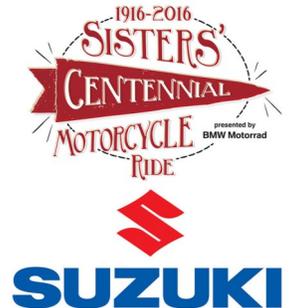
"Suzuki is honored to be involved in such a historic and important event," said Kerry Graeber, Vice President, Sales and Marketing for Suzuki Motor of America, Inc. "Bringing this great story to life for motorcyclists, and for Americans nationwide, is a special tribute, and we're glad that Suzuki can share in the story."

The coast-to-coast trek will include more than 100 women riders, including Sofié Ruderman, Adeline Van Buren's great granddaughter; and Sarah Van Buren, great-great niece of Adeline and Augusta. At community events and meet-and-greets along the way, hundreds more motorcycle enthusiasts and historians will enjoy the special ride.

"I'm proud to participate in the Sisters' Centennial Motorcycle Ride on a Suzuki V-Strom," said Queena Deschene. "My first bike was a Suzuki GS500F, so it will be great to enjoy this long ride on a new Suzuki. And I look forward to meeting other women riders throughout the country. You can follow my journey on Instagram at @missqueena".

The Sisters' Centennial Motorcycle Ride concludes July 23 with a group ride into San Francisco

<http://www.sportrider.com/suzuki-supports-sisters-centennial-motorcycle-ride>



Photos from ride <http://www.thegazette.com/subject/news/womens-empowerment-is-theme-of-cross-country-motorcycle-trip-20160711>

Motorcycle ride honors women's 1916 ascent of Pikes Peak



The Van Buren sisters on their epic cross-country 1916 motorcycle trip. Photo courtesy of American Motorcycle Association Hall of Fame

By: **Rachel Riley** July 15, 2016

The dirt road that once marked Pikes Peak Highway has been paved with asphalt, and the rudimentary motorcycles of the early 20th century have been replaced by the latest from Harley-Davidson and Honda.

But Friday morning, as a group of about 80 motorcyclists ascended the highway in honor of the first pair of women to ride individual motorcycles up the summit a hundred years ago, the century-apart trips had something in common: a sense of accomplishment and empowerment.

"It's not just women riding motorcycles," Cindy Robbins, a biker from Granby, said after dismounting her BMW F700 GS. "It's women finding out they are capable of so much more."

Pikes Peak was one excursion on the Sisters' Centennial Motorcycle Ride, a 21-day transcontinental adventure honoring the 1916 trip of Adeline and Augusta Van

Buren, the first two women to ride motorcycles across the country.

On Aug. 6, 1916, the pair shared their excitement with the Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph.

"We didn't really feel that we had achieved anything wonderful until yesterday," Adeline Van Buren told the paper while composing a telegram to her family in New York. "When we left Chicago, we had been farther west on motor vehicles than any women that had come before us, but we did not really become elated until we mounted Pikes Peak."

One hundred years later, riders launched their ascent up the mountain 8 a.m. Friday at The North Pole theme park in Cascade. They endured razor-sharp switchbacks and rocketing altitudes to reach a finish line covered with mud and slush.

Southern California resident Monique Filips rode up the mountain with her two children, 8-year-old Spencer and 12-year-old Makayla, in a yellow sidecar marked with a bumper sticker that reads: "I will never drive a minivan."

"It was beautiful," said Filips, who has carted Spencer and Makayla with her Honda Shadow motorcycle since she joined the cross-country trip in Springfield, Mass. "The views were spectacular."

Sisters' Centennial riders arrived in Colorado Springs Thursday night for a three-day stop. The flock of motorcyclists includes dozens of female riders, ranging from ages 18 to 72, that have been traveling an average of 225 miles a day since the trip began July 3 in Brooklyn. "For a lot of these women, this may be the one and only time they ride a motorcycle across the United States," said ride organizer Alisa Clickenger, a veteran motorcyclist. "It is about the riding, but it's also about exploring and the two-wheeled experience."

Dan Ruderman, Adeline's great-grandson, and his two children Sofié and Skylar were among riders that arrived at Colorado Springs Hotel Elegante Thursday night after traveling about 300 miles from McCook, Neb.

"It makes you realize just how remarkable what they (the Van Buren sisters) did was," Sofié Ruderman said. "This trip is going to have its ups and downs with the riding itself, but to have done it a hundred years ago with the bikes they had and the gear that they had would have been so much more difficult than it is for us today."

The Van Buren sisters' trip spanned two months, from July to early September 1916. They rode from New York to San Francisco, traveling across the center of the country mostly via the Lincoln Highway and staying overnight at hotels.

The sisters intended to prove to the Army that women were capable of serving as war front dispatch riders, which had transitioned a year earlier from men on horseback to men on motorcycles. They also wanted to encourage others to prepare for America's involvement in World War I.

Weather and terrain were their biggest challenges, said William Murphy, who recreated the sisters' trip while writing "Grace and Grit," a book about the Van Buren sisters and several other motorcyclist heroines of the era.

"For hundreds of mile stretches, there were no roads," Murphy said in a phone interview. "They were driving down farm lanes on covered wagon trails. When it rained, it turned to unimaginable mud."

Bikes of the era had little in common with today's models, said Jim Weir, curator of the Rocky Mountain Motorcycle Museum at the Pikes Peak Harley-Davidson dealership. Early 20th-century motorcycles had no suspension, no shock absorbers and poor fuel capacity. They were started manually with pedals. And while modern bikes have 80 to 100 horsepower, Adeline and Augusta's motorcycles would have had between 7 and 10 horsepower, Weir said.

"Basically the bikes of that era were bicycles with motors stuffed in them," he said. "These women were very intrepid and way, way ahead of their time."

Decked out in thick leather gear, the Van Buren sisters each rode 1916 Indian PowerPlus motorcycles with 1,000-cubic-inch V-twin engines. The museum has a similar model - the oldest bike in its collection, Weir said. The seat is so high up that the sisters, each under 5-foot-6, likely wouldn't have been able to touch the ground. The antique motorcycle's chipped paint, exposed rusty motor and worn leather seat are a stark contrast to the set of shiny new bikes the Rudermans were provided for the trip by BMW, one of the ride's sponsors.

Dan Ruderman got his motorcycle license in 2014, only two years before the 100-year anniversary ride, which he has planned for years.

Adeline died before he was born, but he grew up flipping through a scrapbook she left behind of black-and-white photos and hearing tales from the sisters' transcontinental trip: how they nearly died after getting lost in the desert in Utah, how they were arrested multiple times for wearing men's clothing, how they only traveled 3 miles one day in Grand Junction after a terrible storm wrecked the Midland Trail.

"We've always wanted to do it because of the stories I grew up with, because it was a way to show respect for what she had done, because it would be an epic thing to do," Dan Ruderman said. "I never got to meet her, but I get to honor her in a really special way."

<http://gazette.com/motorcycle-ride-honors-womens-1916-ascent-of-pikes-peak/article/1580505>

Harley-Davidson Motorcycles Are Under Investigation for Brake Failure

430,000 motorcycles could be affected.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has launched an investigation into Harley-Davidson HOG - 0.91% motorcycles after receiving 43 complaints that riders' brakes had failed without warning.

The inquiry covers 430,000 Harley-Davidson motorcycles, model years spanning from 2008 to 2011, that feature an anti-lock braking system, which is designed to prevent riders from losing grip if circumstances (like getting suddenly cut off by a driver) call for a hard brake.

According to NHTSA's report, "Riders report[ed] sudden brake system failure occurring without warning." While NHTSA noted that Harley-Davidson has a two-year brake fluid replacement interval that "owners [were] either aware of or ignore," it considered the "consequent sudden and complete loss of brake(s) ... a concern."

One Arkansas rider of the 2011 Harley-Davidson FLHR—one of the models currently under investigation—complained to NHTSA last January that "while driving at approximately 75 mph, the vehicle started to shake and wobble."

Another rider from Texas who filed a complaint reported that the "front brake lever froze with no warning while riding it home on the highway ... Fortunately for me, my rear brakes still worked fine, or I wouldn't be able to make this complaint." Three crashes and two injuries were reported, but numerous riders mentioned in their complaints that severe accidents had only been narrowly avoided.

The announcement of the investigation follows what was a record-setting year for recalls at Harley-Davidson according to the Wall Street Journal. A 2014 recall was also issued for over 60,000 motorcycles over malfunctioning brakes, but in that case, the brakes were not failing without warning but engaging unexpectedly.

In an e-mailed statement to Fortune, a spokesperson for Harley-Davidson wrote, "We are aware of and are cooperating with NHTSA on the investigation."

<http://fortune.com/2016/07/08/harley-davidson-brake-investigation/>

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\$2.50 motorcycle registration fee ABATE of FL, Inc. VP Darrin Brooks

Here is the information about the \$2.50 motorcycle registration fee. I have included a direct copy of the 2016 Florida Statutes that detail the motorcycle safety education fee.

The Florida State Legislature has set up a fund to help pay for motorcycle safety awareness programs that improve driver awareness of motorcycles as well as motorcycle rider improvement.

The budgeted money comes from the \$2.50 motorcycle registration fee that ONLY motorcycle owners pay. The fee goes into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund (Florida Statute 320.08) to be implemented for motorcycle safety awareness programs (Florida Statute 322.025)

The 2016 Florida Statutes

<u>Title XXIII</u>	<u>Chapter 320</u>	<u>View Entire Chapter</u>
MOTOR VEHICLES	MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES	
320.08 License taxes.—Except as otherwise provided herein, there are hereby levied and imposed annual license taxes for the operation of motor vehicles, mopeds, motorized bicycles as defined in s. 316.003(2), tri-vehicles as defined in s. 316.003, and mobile homes as defined in s. 320.01, which shall be paid to and collected by the department or its agent upon the registration or renewal of registration of the following:		
(1) MOTORCYCLES AND MOPEDS.—		
(a) Any motorcycle: \$10 flat.		
(b) Any moped: \$5 flat.		
(c) Upon registration of a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped, in addition to the license taxes specified in this subsection, a nonrefundable motorcycle safety education fee in the amount of \$2.50 shall be paid. The proceeds of such additional fee shall be deposited in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to fund a motorcycle driver improvement program implemented pursuant to s. 322.025, the Florida Motorcycle Safety Education Program established in s. 322.0255, or the general operations of the department.		
(d) An ancient or antique motorcycle: \$7.50 flat, of which \$2.50 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.		

safety awareness in the community where they ride.

FDOT staff members not only get paid when they sit at a safety booth, but they get reimbursed their travel expenses. They may not have ever ridden a motorcycle let alone be able to voice any credible motorcycle safety education. Not to mention the lack of community investment. It is just their job, not their passion... Not their life at stake.

*** Please note the last part of the sentence under section (c) "or the general operations of the department." ***

This little added line means that they can decide to use any of the set aside safety fund money to pay for anything the department wants such as travel expenses, tape, office furniture, etc....

The budgeted money comes from Florida motorcyclists to be used by Florida Motorcyclists to save the lives of all motorcyclists in Florida. Who is better at effectively teaching Motorcycle Safety Awareness, a motorcyclist that actually rides or a person who sits behind a desk and has never ridden a motorcycle?

ABATE of Florida, Inc. members volunteer their time and experience when they teach their copyrighted Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program. The members volunteer their time when they "work" a motorcycle safety booth at a community event. ABATE of Florida, Inc. members are a part of the community that they help educate. They have a very vested interest in increasing motorcycle

The 2016 Florida Statutes

<u>Title XXIII</u>	<u>Chapter 322</u>	<u>View Entire Chapter</u>
MOTOR VEHICLES	DRIVER LICENSES	
322.025 Driver improvement.—The department may implement programs to improve the driving ability of the drivers of this state. Such programs may include, but shall not be limited to, safety awareness campaigns, driver training, and licensing improvement. Motorcycle driver improvement programs implemented pursuant to this section or s. 322.0255 may be funded by the motorcycle safety education fee collected pursuant to s. 320.08(1)(c), which shall be deposited in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund.		
History.—s. 1, ch. 87-161; s. 6, ch. 88-405; s. 71, ch. 93-120; s. 46, ch. 2000-152; ss. 46, 53, ch. 2007-73; s. 6, ch. 2009-14; s. 9, ch. 2009-20.		

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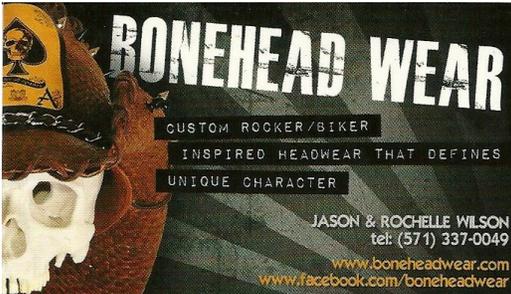
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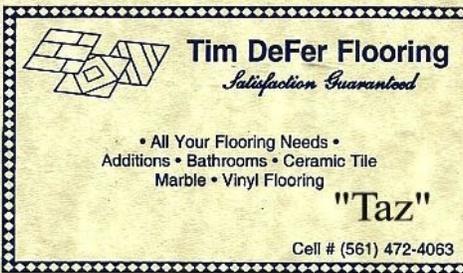
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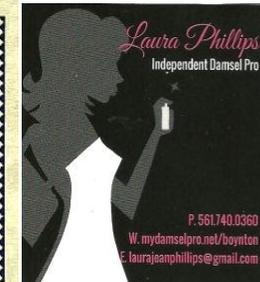
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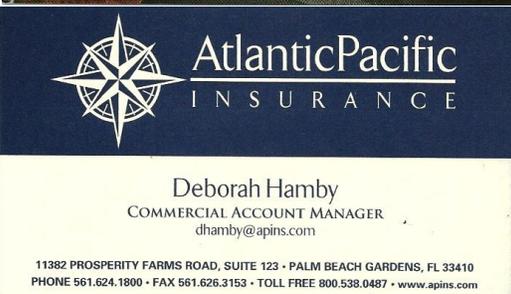


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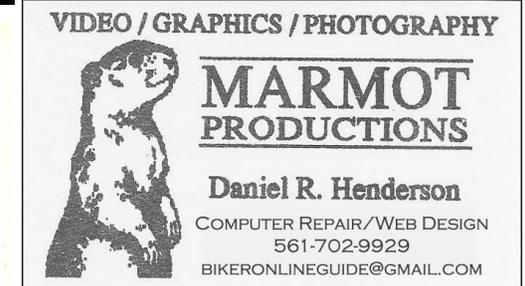
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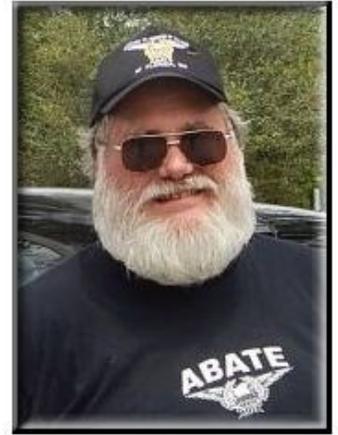
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DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

PRIMARY ELECTIONS AUGUST 30 VOTE! See page 8 for updates

COURT ALLOWS LAWSUIT IN GUN DISPUTE WITH SHERIFF

An appeals court Wednesday cleared the way for a lawsuit alleging that the **Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office** illegally held onto a man's firearms after they were removed from his home amid mental-health concerns. The ruling by the 4th District Court of Appeal said sheriff's officers in 2013 removed guns from the home of John Dougan after a family member called authorities and expressed concerns that he was suicidal. Dougan was not arrested or involuntarily taken for a mental-health examination. Dougan later made several requests for the return of the firearms but was told he needed to obtain a court order, Wednesday's ruling said. Dougan ultimately received such a court order for the weapons and also filed a lawsuit alleging that the sheriff's office had used an illegal policy of retaining guns. The lawsuit also sought damages and an injunction against the sheriff's office using the policy. A circuit court dismissed the lawsuit, but a three-judge panel of the appeals court reversed that decision and allowed the lawsuit to move forward. The ruling, written by appeals-court Judge Dorian Damoorgian and joined by judges Alan Forst and Sandra Perlman, said in part that state law "did not require or permit the sheriff to retain appellant's (Dougan's) firearms in response to a safety call which did not result in a criminal investigation or charges. Therefore, a ppellant sufficiently alleged that the sheriff had a policy of retaining firearms which was not authorized by an existing statute and enforced it against appellant."



ONE-QUARTER OF LEGISLATURE ELECTED AT END OF QUALIFYING

Floridians won't get to cast a ballot for more than one-fourth of the people in charge of making laws and piecing together the state budget over the next two years.

Of the 160 offices that make up the Florida House and Senate, 42 drew only a single candidate who qualified for the Aug. 30 and Nov. 8 general elections. The state Division of Elections officially finalized the list of qualified candidates just minutes before 9 p.m. on Friday.

In 2014, eight Senators --- all Republicans --- and 37 members of the House --- 22 Republicans and 15 Democrats --- were elected without opposition.

But this year all 40 Senate seats and 120 House seats were up for grabs, due to the court-ordered adoption of a Senate redistricting plan. The newly-drawn legislative seats were the result of the voter-approved "Fair Districts" constitutional amendments that prohibit lawmakers from crafting districts that favor incumbents or parties.

University of Central Florida political-science professor Aubrey Jewett said the "fair districts" lines have increased the number of competitive districts.

"It is inevitable that some seats will not be competitive since some regions, counties, and cities are heavily one party simply because of housing patterns," Jewett said. "Fair Districts requires compact districts that follow local government lines where feasible. In fact, ironically, you would have to gerrymander if you wanted to create all competitive districts. On balance, though, the districts being used now are an improvement over the previous districts and compared to those drawn in previous decades."

In 2012, nine members of the Senate --- seven Republicans and two Democrats --- were automatically elected, even though they competed in newly drawn districts. That same year, 33 people cruised to victory in the House after qualifying ended.

Republicans and Democrats will go head-to-head in 58 House matchups and 19 Senate contests --- about 48 percent of the total legislative seats --- this year.

Based on the number of unchallenged contests and the races in which a Republican primary will decide the winner, the GOP is in line to retain 28 House seats and 14 in the Senate. Those numbers could increase by two in each chamber, if Republicans emerge the winners --- as expected --- in races against write-in candidates.

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Meanwhile, Democrats have 25 House seats and six Senate posts in their pocket, based on candidates who were elected without opposition and others who face only primary contests in August.

A total of 30 House members were declared victors on Friday, including incoming House Speaker Richard Corcoran, one of 16 Republicans whose campaign seasons ended early. House Democrats claimed 14 seats.

DEMS FORCE LEGISLATIVE POLL ON POST-PULSE SPECIAL SESSION

Florida Democrats had little trouble rounding up enough members to call for a vote on whether to hold a special session dealing with gun control as a reaction to last month's mass shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando.

However, it may be nearly impossible over the next week to gather enough Republican lawmakers willing to make the trek to humid Tallahassee in an election year to discuss a proposed prohibition on gun sales to people on federal terrorism watch lists.

Democratic lawmakers on Tuesday submitted 46 letters from House and Senate members --- more than the 32 required --- to demand Secretary of State Ken Detzner poll all 160 legislators in the next week on the special session request.

"The key is we've requested at the very least (that) we review reforms we all support, such as banning people ... who are on the terrorist FBI watch list" from buying guns, said state Sen. Darren Soto, an Orlando Democrat who is running for a Central Florida congressional seat. Soto and state Rep. Jared Moskowitz, D-Coral Springs, led a press conference Tuesday outside the Orange County Courthouse in Orlando to repeat the call for the extra session.

"Right now in Florida," Soto continued, "there's nothing stopping individuals on these lists from purchasing firearms and letting this happen again."

The push for the special session comes in the wake of the June 12 massacre at Pulse, a gay nightclub, during which a gunman killed 49 people and wounded 50 others before he was killed by police. The attack is the worst mass shooting in the nation's history.

Rep. Janet Cruz of Tampa, set to lead House Democrats after the November elections, said the legislation can't wait until the next regular session in March.

"The welfare of our people is at stake," Cruz said.

Support to call the session is required from three-fifths of the members of each chamber of the Legislature, something that will be extremely difficult with the current Republican majorities.

House Speaker Steve Crisafulli issued a statement Tuesday encouraging each member to "follow their conscience," while quickly saying he won't vote for a session "motivated by partisan politics."

"I know I speak for representatives of both parties when I say that if there was a meaningful, constitutional, and implementable state law to prevent future terrorist attacks, we would certainly pass it," said Crisafulli, R-Merritt Island. "I strongly support a ban on terrorists' ability to purchase firearms. Since the list is maintained at the federal level, the state cannot pass an effective or constitutional law implementing such a ban."

Senate President Andy Gardiner, R-Orlando, added he wouldn't vote to turn "the Senate floor into a campaign stop for those seeking higher office."

"The fact remains that absent federal action, Florida cannot pass a law to require the federal government to turn over sensitive information regarding investigations of terrorism," Gardiner said in a statement. "I too am frustrated with the partisan bickering that so often paralyzes Washington, but the fact remains that a special session of the Florida Legislature cannot take the place of leadership in Washington."

In a column appearing Monday in the Northwest Daily News, Sen. Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, wrote that a special session was "peddled off the back of campaign bandwagons."

FLORIDA'S BUDGET, NEW LAWS BEGIN JULY 1

Starting Friday, clergy who don't want to marry same-sex couples will have state backing for their beliefs, high school students will have more choice over where they play sports or study, and local governments won't be able to regulate the use of Styrofoam containers.

Those are among the 159 new laws that will go into effect in Florida on July 1.

The laws range from the latest record-setting state budget to a public records exemption for taped, mixed-martial arts bouts.

Lawmakers sent 272 bills to Gov. Rick Scott during the regular legislative session, which ended in March. Scott vetoed three and signed the rest.

Of the bills approved by Scott, a handful still require approval from local voters before coming law, 25 won't be enacted until Oct. 1, and 67 instantly went into effect after the governor signed them.

Here are highlights of the laws taking effect July 1:

BUDGET

--- HB 5001, which boosts spending on education to the highest level in state history, bankrolls more than \$713.5 million worth of education construction projects. The \$82 billion fiscal plan also includes \$151 million for restoration of the Everglades and an area north of Lake Okeechobee, which lawmakers call "the Northern Everglades."

The budget, which tops this year's \$78.2 billion record-setting spending plan, also steers money that would otherwise go into the state's school-funding formula into a plan to hold the line on property taxes. The issue involves part of the school-funding formula known as "required local effort." Lawmakers have linked the property tax money with a tax cut package that they say puts "tax relief" for the coming year at more than \$550 million.

TAX CUTS

HB 7099, a \$129.1 million package, exempts sales taxes on food and drinks sold by veterans' organizations and phases out, over three years, a sales tax on asphalt used for government projects. The measure also revises how taxes are calculated on alcohol and tobacco sales for cruise ships within Florida waters; on pear cider; and on an excise tax on aviation fuel, which is a discount for most carriers.

For many Floridians, the biggest part of the package will be a sales-tax "holiday" for back-to-school shoppers, which runs from Aug. 5 to Aug. 7.

CRIMES

SB 228, removes aggravated assault from a list of offenses that has been used to sentence people under the 10-20-Life mandatory-

minimum sentencing law.

SB 636, requires local law-enforcement agencies to submit sexual-assault evidence kits, known as "rape kits," to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement within 30 days of the beginning of their investigations, or after being notified by victims or victims' representatives that they wish the evidence to be tested.

SB 1044, sets a minimum of 70 percent of the proceeds from seized property from an arrested individual to be used on court costs, fines and fees.

SB 1294, increases the age of a child victim or witness who may have his or her testimony videotaped or who may testify by closed circuit television from under 16 years to under 18. The law also increases the minimum term of imprisonment --- from 5 days in jail to 30 days --- for a domestic violence crime when there is intentional bodily harm to another person.

HEALTH CARE

--- SB 12, the "no wrong door" policy, allows 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.

--- HB 221, addresses a controversial health-insurance issue known as "balance billing" that supporters say will help shield patients from getting hit with surprise tabs after going to hospital emergency rooms.

--- HB 1411, cuts off funding to organizations affiliated with abortion clinics, such as Planned Parenthood. The measure, being challenged in state and federal courts, requires the Agency of Health Care Administration to conduct annual inspections of abortion clinics and review at least half the patient records. The law also requires clinics that provide first-trimester abortions to have written patient-transfer agreements with hospitals. Clinic physicians will also be required to have admitting privileges at hospitals "within a reasonable proximity."

FOR THE VETS

--- SB 184, makes clear that former members of the Florida National Guard are eligible for the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame. The new law also requires landlords to make decisions within seven days about lease applications by service members, and sets up a task force to consider an online-voting system for overseas military voters.

--- SB 222, requires publicly owned or operated airports to provide free parking to any vehicle displaying license plates for disabled veterans.

--- HB 799, provides that active duty service members who attend state universities or colleges, career centers or charter technical career centers may receive out-of-state fee waivers while living or stationed out of state.

--- SB 1202, provides entrance fee discounts at state parks to members of the military, honorably discharged veterans, surviving spouses or parents of either a military member who died in combat or a first responder who died in the line of duty.

FIRST RESPONDERS

--- SB 7012, ensures that survivors of first responders killed in the line of duty who were members of the Florida Retirement System are eligible for the same benefits as those enrolled in the state's traditional pension plan.

RELIGION

--- HB 43, protects churches, clergy members and church employees who object, due to their religious beliefs, to performing wedding ceremonies for gay and lesbian couples.

EDUCATION

--- HB 229, requires school districts to review bullying and harassment policies at specified intervals.

--- SB 576, allows Florida Keys Community College in Monroe County to build a dorm with up to 400 beds.

--- HB 7029, allows parents to transfer their children --- through an "open enrollment" process --- to any public school in the state that isn't at capacity, and gives charter schools that serve lower-income students or those with disabilities a bigger slice of construction funding doled out by the state.

The wide-ranging measure also allows private schools to join the Florida High School Athletic Association or other organizations on a sport-by-sport basis and sends additional funds to "emerging pre-eminent" universities, possibly the University of Central Florida and the University of South Florida.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

--- HB 7003, is intended to provide job opportunities and financial independence for people with disabilities.

--- SB 672, includes programs that provide educational aid and higher-education opportunities to families whose children have developmental disabilities, referred to as "unique abilities" by Senate President Andy Gardiner, R-Orlando. Gardiner, whose son Andrew was born with Down syndrome, pushed for the measure.

--- HB 963, the "Wes Kleinert Fair Interview Act," requires law enforcement to ensure a mental health counselor or instructor is provided during interviews involving an individual with autism.

JURY DUTY

--- HB 111, declares that certain people incapable of caring for themselves may be permanently excluded from jury service.

SALT LIFE

--- SB 158, allows people with lifetime fishing or hunting licenses or boater-safety identification cards to have a symbol added to their driver licenses --- for a \$1 charge --- that will display that lifetime status.

--- HB 427, provides a discount of about 12 percent on annual vessel-registration fees next year for boaters who show they have purchased and registered emergency locator devices.

--- HB 703, redefines the rule that a boater must operate in a manner that doesn't endanger "any person" to limiting actions that threaten "another person outside the vessel." The law also restricts the ability of certain law enforcement officers to stop and search boats, if the vessels display commission safety-inspection decals.

--- SB 846, authorizes "divers-down flags" to have more than one white diagonal stripe or to be oriented in the same direction.

--- HB 1051, prohibits overnight anchoring in part of the Middle River in Broward County, Sunset Lake in Miami-Dade County and three parts of Biscayne Bay in Miami-Dade.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

--- SB 552, sets water-flow levels for springs and guidelines for the Central Florida Water Initiative, a multi-agency, water-supply planning effort.

--- HB 989, "Legacy Florida," a restoration effort, sets aside up to \$200 million a year for the Everglades, \$50 million annually for springs

and \$5 million each year for Lake Apopka.

--- HB 7007, designates Tupelo honey, commercially harvested from the Ogeechee Tupelo tree in northwest Florida, as Florida's official honey.

--- HB 7013, a wide-ranging bill focused on fish and wildlife, increases the fine from \$250 to \$500 for illegally taking game while trespassing; decreases the penalty for not filing required alligator hunting reports; and specifies that possession of any marine turtle species or hatchling without state or federal approval is a third-degree felony.

TRANSPORTATION

--- HB 7061, increases annual seaport funding from \$15 million to \$25 million, extends the length of certain semitrailers allowed on public roads, and requires a brewery to pay for a requested directional sign.

--- SB 698, allows the state Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco to issue alcoholic beverage licenses to the owners of railroad transit stations that are used for passenger service between two or more cities.

PUBLIC RECORDS

--- HB 381, keeps private the results of the taped matches controlled by the Florida State Boxing Commission before they are publicly aired.

CAPITOL MEMORIALS

--- SB 716, establishes the creation of a Florida Holocaust Memorial at the Capitol.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

--- HB 1361, eliminates a required state review of new developments of regional impact if they comport with a local comprehensive plan.

--- HB 7007, prohibits local governments from making new laws that regulate the use or sale of polystyrene, most commonly known as Styrofoam, by grocery stores and related businesses.

DINING OUT

--- HB 633, adds temporary "food contests" and "cook-offs" hosted by a school, religious group or nonprofit civil or fraternal organization from having to pay a licensing fee or undergo an inspection from the Division of Hotels and Restaurants.

HOME ELEVATORS

--- HB 1602, the "Maxwell Erik 'Max' Grablin Act," requires newly installed residential elevators to have a sensor that keeps the lift from moving in the same direction if something is detected in the shaft.

FOOD STAMPS

--- HB 103, allows the use of EBT cards, formally known as food stamps, in fresh-produce markets.

VOTING

--- SB 112, replaces the term "absentee ballot" with the term "vote-by-mail ballot."

DOWN ON THE FARM

--- HB 59, prohibits local governments from enforcing a local ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy that prohibits, restricts, regulates, or otherwise limits an agritourism activity on land classified as agricultural land.

--- HB 1046, exempts the driver of a covered farm vehicle from commercial driver license requirement

HOUSE RACES TO WATCH IN 2016

There is little danger that Republicans will lose their stranglehold on the Florida House of Representatives this year. The party has an 81-39 edge in the chamber even after the passage of the anti-gerrymandering "Fair Districts" amendments approved by voters in 2012, and the redistricting that followed.

However, Democrats would like to get back to 40 seats or above in the November elections, in part because denying Republicans a two-thirds majority would allow the minority party to have a little more leverage in how the chamber is run.

Both parties are watching several seats --- many of them along the Interstate 4 corridor that roughly bisects Florida and serves as the state's political heartland --- to see if Democrats can make progress in the fall elections. And with qualifying having wrapped up last week, those races are taking shape.

Here are some of the most prominent: *{Darren sent a list but none are in our area so I left out—Slo Mo}*

LATEST EVERS GIVEAWAY: CHANCE TO SHOOT MACHINE GUNS

State Sen. Greg Evers, running in a crowded Republican primary for a Northwest Florida congressional seat, will hold a fund-raising event where donors can pay up to \$2,700 for a chance to shoot a variety of military-style machine guns, according to a press release issued Wednesday. Evers, a Baker Republican, will also give a prize to the shooter who "kills" Osama Bin Laden, the release said. Evers drew heat last month over his decision to give away an AR-15 semiautomatic rifle, similar to a gun used in the Orlando nightclub attack that left 49 people dead and dozens more injured. "Since some folks don't understand the difference between an AR-15 and a real assault rifle capable of automatic fire, we're going to show them," Evers said in the press release. "I think people will get a big kick out of seeing what a real assault rifle can do, and they'll have even more fun shooting up simulated terrorists." Evers, who frequently sponsored National Rifle Association-backed legislation in the Legislature, will hold the event --- which will feature six fully automatic machine guns, including two military-grade M-16 assault rifles and four varieties of submachine guns --- at the Pensacola Indoor Shooting Range on July 23. According to the press release, the weapons are "extremely restricted," but it is legal to fire them on a supervised gun range. Evers is among the candidates in Congressional District 1, which became open when longtime U.S. Rep. Jeff Miller announced he would not seek re-election this year.

SOUTH CAROLINA COULD BE NEXT FOR SUNPASS

Motorists may be able to use their Florida SunPass transponders on South Carolina's toll roads in the coming months and on drives between Kansas and Texas in about a year, according to a newsletter sent out Tuesday to SunPass customers. "We expect that by late summer you will be able to use your SunPass transponder for your next trip to Hilton Head Island!" Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Executive Director Diane Gutierrez-Scaccetti said in the newsletter. "Also, by this time next year, we hope to have connected our SunPass Customer Service Center with the Central U.S. Interoperability Hub in Texas." Florida already has such reciprocal toll deals with Georgia and North Carolina. But the technology isn't ready for more Northern states, and timelines for implementation were not immediately available from a turnpike

spokesman. The state continues to work with E-ZPass agencies --- spread across 16 states in the Northeast and Midwest --- to link the technologies, Gutierrez-Scaccetti wrote. "E-ZPass agencies do not yet have the capability to read SunPass," Gutierrez-Scaccetti wrote. Despite the delays, a 2012 federal law, known as MAP-21, calls for all highway toll facilities to be linked by Oct. 1.

MILLIONAIRES ADD UP IN LEGISLATURE

The 2016 Florida Legislature appears to have been the richest in recent history. And a couple of incoming freshmen, recently elected without opposition, could help make the 2017 class even wealthier. **The makeup of the 160 members of the 2016 Legislature, considered a "part-time" lawmaking body where people earn about \$30,000 a year, featured at least 55 millionaires --- three more than in the prior session,** according to newly filed financial-disclosure reports. Also, the paperwork for seven members wasn't available Tuesday morning on the Commission on Ethics website. In 2011, there were 46 millionaires working in the Senate and House, according to disclosure reports required to be filed annually. University of Central Florida political-science professor Aubrey Jewett said there is a "middle- to upper-class slant to Florida public policy" as legislators typically have been wealthier than average constituents. But Jewett, who has co-authored a book on Florida politics, admitted being surprised by the growing number of millionaire lawmakers. "Clearly, being wealthier gives a candidate a better opportunity to get elected as it allows a person to begin to bankroll their campaign and to have the time to spend on campaigning," Jewett said. "You don't see a lot of blue-collar workers running, as their work schedules tie them down." The average net worth of House members who filed by a Friday deadline topped \$1.61 million --- the reports typically reflect net worths as of the end of 2015 --- and the average was \$4.54 million for filers in the Senate. Among lawmakers whose reports are currently available for the past two years, the averages have grown since 2014 by \$158,372 in the House and \$436,693 in the Senate. Due to some large portfolios the median net worth of House members --- based upon the reports in hand on Friday --- landed between Palm Coast Republican Paul Renner, an attorney whose net worth at the end of 2015 stood at \$425,132, and Miami Republican Frank Artiles, a public adjuster and appraiser with a net worth of \$426,319. Both of their net worths grew by about \$100,000 over the previous year.

COURTS IN CONFLICT ON 'STAND YOUR GROUND' IMMUNITY

The question of whether a finding of immunity from criminal prosecution under the state's self-defense laws also applies to a subsequent civil lawsuit could soon make its way to the Florida Supreme Court. A three-judge panel of the 2nd District Court of Appeal ruled Wednesday that a man who smashed a glass into the face of an attacker was entitled to have a civil case against him thrown out without a second hearing on his self-defense claim under the state's "stand your ground" law. A trial court had already granted the man, Nirav Patel, immunity from criminal prosecution under the law following a hearing. Because the 2nd DCA's ruling conflicts with the decision in a similar case by the 3rd District Court of Appeal, the matter could be taken up by the Supreme Court, which is tasked with sorting out conflicts. The judges in Wednesday's ruling said the civil trial court that ordered another stand your ground hearing for Patel and the 3rd DCA "necessarily contemplated that a person who uses lawful force in a single incident may be immune from one proceeding but not immune from another. The immunity statute does not permit such inconsistency."

Darrin S. Brooks State Legislative Trustee ABATE of Florida, Inc.

SPECIAL SESSION FAILURE UNLIKELY TO END GUN DEBATE

By JIM TURNER THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, July 5, 2016..... After their call for a special legislative session failed, Florida Democrats say they will continue to seek "common-sense" regulations on the sales of weapons to people on federal watch lists.

With only a single Republican joining with Democrats, initial numbers released by the Florida Department of State indicated there wasn't enough legislative support for a requested special session to deal with gun control as a reaction to the mass shooting last month at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando.

"We'll stay focused on public safety, supporting common-sense controls on the purchase of weapons while protecting the rights of law-abiding Floridians," state Rep. Jared Moskowitz, D-Coral Springs, said in a prepared statement late Friday. "We had a rational response to discuss and debate in the aftermath of the mass murder of 49 people and the shooting of scores more in our state by a terrorist. It will still be reasonable and favored by a wide majority of people when the Legislature does come into session."

Moskowitz was among the Democrats who last week pushed for the extra session, rounding up 46 Democratic lawmakers to sign a petition that required Secretary of State Ken Detzner to survey all 160 members of the House and Senate on the request.

The focus on the session would have been to discuss a proposed prohibition on gun sales to people on federal terrorism watch lists.

Incoming House Minority Leader Janet Cruz, D-Tampa, said in a release that supporters consider it "reasonable" to fix the "loophole" now, rather than waiting for the 2017 regular session.

"The Republican governor, the Republican leadership of the Legislature and a group of Republican lawmakers said no, they're sticking to their guns," Cruz said.

Republican leaders had wasted little time announcing they would vote against the proposed special session, which House Speaker Steve Crisafulli, R-Merritt Island, said was "motivated by partisan politics."

Detzner had a Tuesday deadline to complete the survey. Holding a special session would require support from 60 percent of the members of the House and the Senate, both of which are dominated by Republicans.

As of Saturday, the votes cast by members of the Senate stood at 13 votes in support and 11 votes in opposition.

All the votes against the session came from Republicans. But Sen. Anitere Flores, a Miami Republican who faces an election challenge from Democrat Debbie Mucarsel-Powell of Pinecrest, joined 12 Democrats in voting for the session.

In the House, 33 Democrats had voted "yes" and 54 members had cast "no" votes. Democratic House members Katie Edwards of Plantation and Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda of Tallahassee, joined 52 Republicans in voting against the session.

This is not the first time Edwards and Rehwinkel Vasilinda have sided with Republicans in opposing a potential special session. In 2013, Democrats fell well short of the support needed when seeking a special session on the state's "stand your ground" self-defense law. The effort three years ago stemmed from a sit-in protest at the Capitol by a group called the Dream Defenders. The group protested against the "stand your ground" law after the acquittal of George Zimmerman in the shooting death of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in Sanford. The final tally in 2013 was 47 votes for the extra session and 108 against, including seven House Democrats.

June's Supreme Court Decision & Motorcycle Profiling

WASHINGTON, DC— As many Americans are recovering from 4th of July festivities – unpacking their picnic baskets, traveling back home after a long weekend, or putting their red, white and blue away until Labor Day. So it's ironic that a week prior to the day that millions of Americans celebrated their freedom and independence, the Supreme Court made a major ruling that affects your Fourth Amendment rights as an American.



In late June, the Supreme Court finished out its current term by making rulings on a number of major cases. Though arguably, access to abortions generated the most media coverage, another decision was made that didn't generate much media attention, but affects Fourth Amendment rights against unreasonable searches and seizures and probable cause. Specifically, the decision in the *Utah v. Strieff* case could impact the issue of profiling in America.

An Anonymous Tip

In 2006 in Utah, a white male who left someone's home and was walking to his car in a parking lot was stopped by law enforcement and told to remain there. The detective wanted to know what was going on inside the house after receiving an anonymous tip. While Strieff waited, the officer discovered that Strieff had an outstanding arrest warrant for a traffic violation. As a result, Strieff was searched and drug paraphernalia was discovered in his pockets. Strieff was then charged with drug-related offenses. The problem with this scenario is that Strieff was stopped without reasonable suspicion. And according to the constitution, when police illegally stop an individual on the street without reasonable suspicion, any fruits of that stop—such as the discovery of illegal drugs—may not be used in court, because the stop was "unreasonable seizure" under the Fourth Amendment.

However, the Supreme Court ruled 5-3 that the evidence obtained during the event in Utah could be used in court. Again, up until this case, law enforcement had to cite a reason for stopping the person. To detain someone, you had to have reasonable suspicion that a crime was being committed or was about to be committed. That fell aside with this decision, because the court found that if an officer illegally stops an individual then discovers an arrest warrant—even for an incredibly minor crime, like a traffic violation—the stop is then legitimized, and any evidence seized can be used in court.

Connection to Motorcycle Profiling

This should raise red flags for some in the motorcycle community who have already begun to voice concerns about being at greater risk of being stopped arbitrarily by law enforcement. The issue of profiling and motorcyclists has started to gain traction after a law in Maryland was passed in May addressing the issue. Washington passed a similar bill in 2011.

How the Supreme Court's decision will play out has yet to be determined, but it certainly sparks questions about the Fourth Amendment going forward.

You can read the Supreme Court Decision here: http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/15pdf/14-1373_83i7.pdf

Motorcycle riding instructor warns bikers to slow down

Says recent cluster of serious accidents may be connected to growing interest in sport bikes Performance bikes "really taking off"

By Gerry Amey, [CBC News](#) Posted: Jul 02, 2016 5:07 PM

A motorcycle training instructor in St. John's says he can't explain the recent cluster of accidents that have killed one rider and left several others with serious injuries.

But Rodger Cooper of Two Guys Motorcycle Training thinks it has something to do with a shift in demographics. He says a new generation - one more interested in speed - is taking up the pastime.

"We are seeing a lot more younger riders, definitely" Cooper told host Anthony Germain during an interview on the *St. John's Morning Show*.

A 34-year-old man had to have his leg amputated after a collision on Topsail Road. (Eddy Kennedy/CBC)
A 29-year-old man died on Thursday, June 23 when his motorcycle left Robert E. Howlett Memorial Drive and struck a rock-cut. The following Monday four people were sent to hospital with serious injuries following two separate accidents in opposite ends of town. In both cases there was a collision between a bike and another motor vehicle. In one instance a 34-year-old man had to have his leg amputated. Cooper said aging baby-boomers used to dominate and still make up a significant portion of his business. But they generally prefer heavier bikes and take a more laid-back approach to riding. That's not the case with the younger riders.

"It's not so much for the relaxing cruise anymore. It's the performance bikes that are really taking off," he said.

A 29-year-old man died on June 23 when his motorcycle left Robert E. Howlett Memorial Drive. (Gary Locke/CBC)

Cooper says used sport bikes are affordable and lots of people have the money to buy one. It only takes a few thousand dollars to buy a machine capable of very fast acceleration and a top speed in excess of 250 km/hr.

"They can get people into trouble very quickly," Cooper said. "But are the riders able to handle that? And a lot of them are not. They're going above their means and beyond their abilities."

The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary says last year there were two motorcycle fatalities and 46 collisions in its jurisdictions. So far this year there have been 16 collisions and one death.

"People are going to have to start slowing down on the bikes," Cooper said. "Car drivers are going to have to start being extra-cautious as well. A small fender-bender in a car can be death on a motorcycle."

With files from the *St. John's Morning Show* <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/motorcycle-accident-speed-1.3659525>

ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2016

Meeting Called to order at 11:31 AM 21 Members Present 4 Guests Present

Meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence

PRESIDENT Fred: Thanked everyone for showing. Spoke about brake recall on Harley Davidsons and to check to see if your bike is one being recalled. Told chapter of new business cards for the chapter with membership application on back. Need to increase membership. Advised members to get on text alert system to know what is happening.

VICE PRESIDENT LB: Importance of new members was discussed.

TREASURER Melissa: Chapter has a positive balance currently.

SECRETARY Nighthawk: Secretary made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes. Motion was voted on and carried.

SARGENT AT ARMS Cary: Putting together a Dinner for members to get together.

SAFETY Slo Mo: Watch out for distracted Pokemon players on the road. Also make sure to check your tires for pressure and wear. Looking for more events for table. Looking at Singer Island Bike Show Friday August 12

DELEGATE: Next State meeting August 12 in Ocala. Bill will be having work done on eye so unable to attend, need a sub for him. Rooms for Saturday needed

LEGISLATIVE Slo Mo: It's election time, check newsletter for Motorcycle friendly candidates. (Post meeting: new candidate updates covered in this newsletter) VOTE AUGUST 30 PRIMARY VERY IMPORTANT. Which some districts rezoned check your elections and voting location at <https://www.pbcelections.org/PrecinctFinder.aspx>

PR/COMMUNICATIONS Nighthawk: Nothing to report

PRODUCTS: Excused

NEWSLETTER Slo Mo: Need advertisers. Let Dan know if you need to be added to mass email.

OLD BUSINESS: The ABATE event in October at Peace River Campground was discussed. Save with advanced ticket available at chapter meetings. Nighthawk is coordinating RV camping. Need to support State funding by attending. Three day event with State Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: December event. Melissa Limbaugh is event coordinator. Date is tentative Sunday December 11. State Meeting is 10th hosted by Treasure Coast Chapter so close for one day trip. Event location is being looked at

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Rick Roscoe Sessa spoke about his run for Palm Beach County Sheriff. Information can be found at sessaforsheriff.com. Local and State motorcycle events were discussed. 50/50 was called and won by Go T Dan who donated back his share.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:11 pm

Next Chapter meeting Aug. 21

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GOOGLE MOTORCYCLE ALERTS, NEWS, and RANDOM EDITOR THOUGHTS

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

Snow and ice kept an electric motorcycle from winning Pikes Peak this year

<http://arstechnica.com/cars/2016/06/even-more-dangerous-on-two-wheels-pikes-peak-and-the-motorbikes/>

The Ohio State University's student electric motorcycle team, Buckeye Current, competed at the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb (PPIHC) on June 26 for the second consecutive year. Although a number of technical issues left the motorcycle, dubbed RW-3x, completely non-functional mere days before the race, team members rallied behind exceptional technical expertise to finish third place in the electric motorcycle class.

<https://engineering.osu.edu/news/2016/07/electric-motorcycle-team-races-3rd-pikes-peak>

Back to life in the fast lane! Jay Leno hops on a motorcycle just days after releasing shocking car crash footage from a stunt gone wrong Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-3668084/Jay-Leno-fearlessly-hops-motorcycle-just-days-releasing-shocking-car-crash-footage-stunt-gone-wrong-CNBC-series.html#ixzz4DAJibgvh>

Motorcycle ride highlights distracted driving awareness

Bikers from several motorcycle groups trekked across the city Saturday to draw attention to distracted driving.

More than 200 motorcycle riders rode from the Duke City Harley Davidson store at 8603 Lomas Blvd. to Thunderbird Harley Davidson at 5000 Alameda Blvd.

Motorcycles are at particular risk when other drivers are not paying attention to the road, said Jonathan "Blinker" Cannon, a member of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association. He said three CVMA members crashed as a result of distracted drivers.

"The first member to crash was actually a hit-and-run," Cannon said. "We are out there and we are being killed by distracted drivers."

<http://www.kob.com/albuquerque-news/motorcycle-ride-highlights-distracted-driving-awareness/4194658/#.V4ObhPkrKM> for video

Do You Believe in Spirits?

News story reports photo after fatal accident the might be a ghost. "A horrific accident in Stanton, Kentucky, took the life of the motorcyclist who was involved in it on Tuesday evening. That, in itself, is enough to make for a chilling tale, but something more that has developed from the entire scene. A photo was taken as police and emergency personnel treated the motorcycle driver in Powell County, and it has now gone viral as many believe it actually shows the man's spirit leaving his body."

I think they are looking at that area between the ambulances.

<http://www.inquisitr.com/3304020/pic-taken-after-motorcycle-accident-in-stanton-kentucky-appears-to-show-spirit-leaving-mans-body-spiritual-or-photoshop/>



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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 \$600 Life which is split between chapter and state.

BENEFITS Your money is used to provide a lobbyist to the state and federal government to watch for our rights and freedom. You get a State *MasterLink* newsletter every 2 months when we bring back from State meeting or read it online. The chapter newsletter is available online at palmbeach.abateflorida.com so is in color and with active Internet links. We print black and white copies for the general public to be informed available at various establishments, chapter meetings, and our table at events. Members get free classified and reduced ad rates.

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

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. 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.

EMAILINGS If we have your email address it will be added to a mass mailing which you can opt to be removed at end of email. Usually only do twice a month to let you know our Newsletter is online and remind you of chapter meetings. Local events are included and sometimes urgent matters may be included. No one will see your email

PHONE TEXT WE have another way to communicate with members. Your phone number may be added to our President's text alert system

To change or add the chapter email is palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com Our website is palmbeach.abateflorida.com

We have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AbatePalmBeachChapter>

NOTE NEW MAIL

ABATE - Palm Beach Chapter
P.O. Box 1256
Loxahatchee, FL 33470

Another benefit of chapter membership in ABATE of FL Palm Beach is having a free business card in newsletter and free newsletter classified for items to sell or acquire. Support your brothers and sisters when possible.

Besides a \$4,000 ADD insurance policy, discount Leslie Kay insurance, we are looking into other benefits for members. We are always in need of more paid advertisers so find any business to benefit from our low rates and support our newsletter and chapter.

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.

STATE OFFICE: ABATE OF Florida, Inc. PO Box 2520, Deland, FL 32721-2520

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ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Membership Dues: \$20 for 1 year or \$600 for Life Membership per person

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

**ABATE — Palm Beach Chapter
P.O. Box 1256
Loxahatchee, FL 33470**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY Will Palm Beach Chapter be your HOME voting Chapter _____
NEW Member: Year ___ or Life ___ Renew: ___ Transfer: ___ Address Change: ___

First : _____ Last : _____ Road : _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip (full): _____ - _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Text notification Yes No

Email for News Alerts _____

MC/Club/Org

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

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

SIGNATURE _____

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

MEMBERSHIPS FEE \$ _____
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



I'd always thought Dan Hagarity had something to do with the *Easy Rider* bike but this sets the record straight. - Slo Motion



the 'Easy Rider' bike designer Cliff Vaughs, 79, lived many lives: Photographer, filmmaker, boat captain

July 8 2016 Cliff Vaughs, largely credited with designing and building the choppers that starred in the 1960s counterculture motorcycle movie "Easy Rider," died Saturday at his home in Templeton, Calif. He was 79. Long denied creative credit for the look and style of the iconic bikes after having been fired from the movie early in its production, It was in his capacity as news reporter that Vaughs met Peter Fonda. Fonda, then a young actor, had been charged with possession of marijuana and was being arraigned. Vaughs went to the courthouse, and the two men became friendly.

Their mutual interest in bikes led to a meeting at Vaughs' house in West Hollywood. Seeing a garage full of motorcycles, Fonda asked him if he could build some bikes for a movie he was setting up with fellow actor Dennis Hopper. He didn't do it alone. Vaughs teamed with Ben Hardy, a veteran African American bike builder who had a shop in Watts. The two men were hired to create four motorcycles: a "Captain America" and "Billy" bike for Fonda and Hopper to ride in the movie, and two copies to be used by stunt doubles. Vaughs and Hardy bought four used Los Angeles Police Department Harley-Davidsons at an auction and went to work

<http://www.latimes.com/business/autos/la-fi-hy-cliff-vaughs-appreciation-20160707-snap-story.html>

Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting VFW POST 4143

THIRD SUNDAY AUGUST 21, 2016 11:30 am

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

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

GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

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