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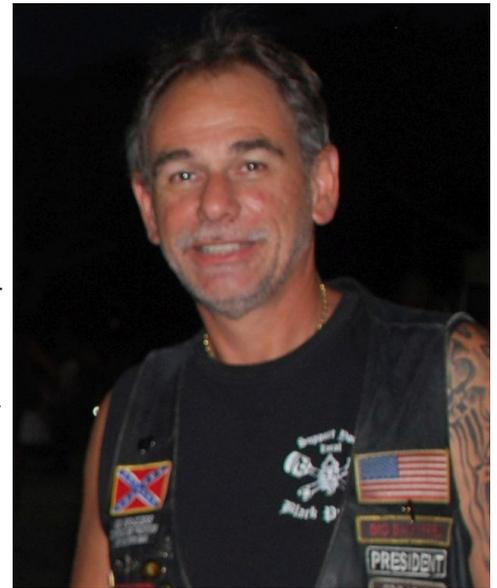
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President's Message

Big Bad Fred Joseph

I would like to thank everyone that came out to the last meeting. If you were not there, boy you sure missed a good one. We talked about all kinds of things but I will only share one. We are trying to find volunteers for our party in December. If you can help, please let us know. It would be great to see some of you at least come out to our meetings. It's only an hour and a half long and once a month. Maybe you could come out once every three months? It sure would be nice to see some of you and make some kind of sense why I am donating so much of my time being President of this chapter. We are also desperate for new members. If you know anyone that rides a motorcycle or even people that don't, please try to get them to sign up. We made business cards to hand out with our application on the back of them. If you want to help hand them out, let us know and we can get you some. I am going to keep this one short as Slomo told me my last message was the longest in years.

Remember, Most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle. Ride Safe.



Big Bad Fred President

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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.

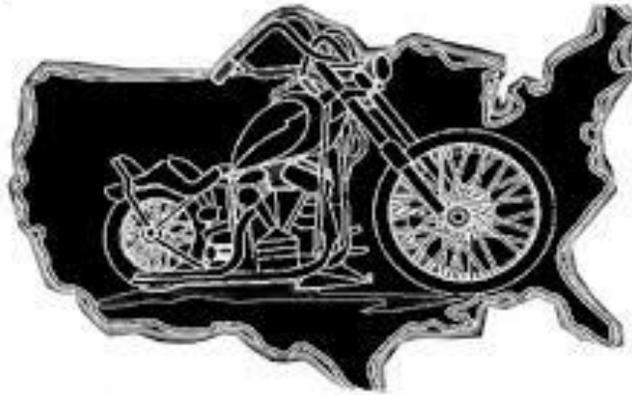
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As one can see we have our ear to the ground and our resolve tempered like steel. As Americans we have had it demonstrated to us time and again the vigilance is armor of free men and women. We shall not let the armor rust or weaken. With your support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

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Friday Sept. 2 Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House

Thursday Sept. 8 Palm Beach Harley Football Kick Off Bike Night 5-9

Sunday Sept 4 Southern MC Teddy Bear Run CANCELED

Sunday Sept 11 States MC Pompano Key West Tune Up Party

Sept 15 to 18 Peterson's Key West Poker Run

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Sunday Sept 25 Keltics MC Partyl

Thurs Sept 29 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar 113
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Friday Oct. 7 Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House

Oct. 7 to 9 ABATE of FL Inc Fall State Biker Bash Peace River Campgrounds
Sat. Oct. 8 ABATE of FL Inc State Meeting Peace River Campground

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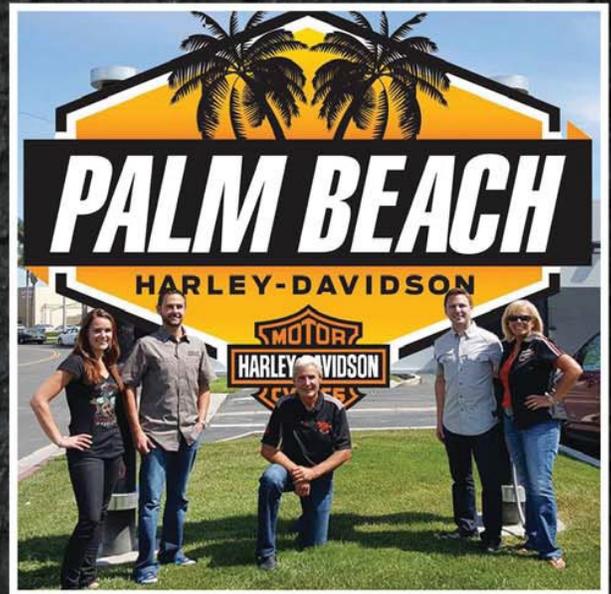
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Touch screens are coming to a motorcycle near you

By [Jacob Bogage](#) August 8



The Polaris Ride Command system on an Indian motorcycle. (Photo via Polaris Industries)

It's 26 times more dangerous than driving a car, and now it's getting a touch screen.

Almost every new motorcycle on the road can now be loaded with a touch screen after Polaris, the maker of Victory and Indian motorcycles, announced it would put the displays on its new motorbikes and off-road vehicles. It joins Harley-Davidson and BMW, which added touch screens to their top models in recent years.

"Ride Command" will allow riders to map out routes, stay connected with buddies, sync their phones to the bike's infotainment system, and even check social media apps through the display screen. To do all that, of course, riders will have to take one of their hands off the handle.

The safety of the screens doesn't seem to alarm riders or regulators. They're something consumers asked for, the company said. Many cars come equipped with touch screens now, after all. Riders are more concerned with whether the touch screens will make their nature-y ride too high-tech, executives say.

But fear not, lovers of the open road. If you don't want a technological assist, tap the screen for three seconds to shut the system off.

Manufacturers of vehicles meant for more outdoorsy customers walk a thin line between providing creature-comfort type features, and allowing drivers and riders to rough it on their own. And that line keeps moving, industry insiders say. Does having bluetooth calling on your ATV make it more fun to use or does it separate you from the boundless joy of going off-road and off-the-grid?

"We as a manufacturer need to ensure the technology is not intruding on the people who don't want it," said Steve Menneto, Polaris's president of motorcycles. The company makes both street and off-road bikes and vehicles.

But computer gadgets and software are now everywhere in any kind of moving, electronic thing. You're not actually moving your car or motorbike when you turn the steering wheel, for example, you're asking a computer to turn it the same direction you're steering. Even if we want a simplified vehicle, there's really no opting-out of computer-enabled transportation.

A modern car runs 100 million lines of software code. A motorcycle runs almost as many. By comparison, an F-35 fighter jet, a military aircraft that drops bombs and flies 1,200 mph, runs just 24 million lines code.

Although software powers all aspects of our lives, including our automobiles, it's an open question whether there are times where it hinders the experience rather than enhancing it.

"There is definitely a bifurcation of where a bike is transportation and where it's a toy," said Richard Barrett, senior product marketing engineer at Cypress Semiconductor, which makes software for vehicles.

A bluetooth music system is probably more of a toy. A beaconing system that allows cars to more easily detect approaching bikes, something technology and vehicle companies are working on, is probably more transportation essential.

But what about things in the middle ground, such as a navigation system? Then, technologists have to consider a different question, Menneto says: What do consumers expect?

Polaris wants you to be able to do on your bike or off-road vehicle almost anything you can do in a car — and to some extent, some things you can do simply standing up — as long as that activity is safe, he said. Turn-by-turn navigation or text messaging, for example, are both technologies Polaris includes in bikes simply because the company can. The customer will decide how to use them.

“Consumers are used to and expect it in all the different vehicles and areas of their life,” Menneto said. “They want the safety, the convenience and the fun factor.”

Invest an Hour, Ride for Days July 1, 2016 | By: Jay Borowy

Everyone wants to spend as much time as possible on their ride, and Summer time is perfect prime riding. Even in the heat, there is nothing better than taking off for roads unknown, the local watering hole, or just the evening commute that takes you a different way just to spend a bit more time on the bike. With all that riding, regular maintenance is needed. The best things you can do are simple easy to check, easy to do tasks. Watch as Pauly goes over a few of them and should be checked every 3,000 to 5,000 miles, and should take about an hour of your time.

Oil change

Most of you know oil is the life blood of your ride. When changing your oil its best practice to check all your fluids, Engine, Primary, Transmission, and coolant for those water-cooled bikes. Refer to your service manual for the proper amount of oil to put in. One tech tip I usually give is to check as you fill your engine oil to not over fill. There is always some oil that is left over in your engine so putting a little less than full, button up the bike, start it then double-check the fill line. When the oil gets hot it will expand, and if you've filled it to the top with cold oil, you might have a mess on your hands. And this is about quick maintenance, not cleaning your bike, nothing worse than getting done servicing you bike only to have to clean it.

Air Cleaner

Many people have upgraded to an aftermarket air cleaner that uses a cleanable/reusable air filter. These filters can be taken out of the air cleaner cleaned with a service kit, like the K&N Recharger Filter Care Service Kit, oiled and reused. A couple of tech tips for the recharge kit is to use the cleaning solvent thoroughly, rinse thoroughly, and apply a light oil coat. Over oil leads to smoky exhaust and is a waste. It might even make the bike harder to start due to air restriction. For those that have not upgraded to a reusable air filter, most stock filters must be replaced. Any tear, or blockage from oil or bugs prevents the filter from doing its job for your engine, to only allow clean air into the engine. It is cost-effective to invest a few dollars more for a filter that can be cleaned rather than replacing a one use filter.

Spark Plugs and Plug Wires

Without spark your bike doesn't fire. A quick check of the spark plugs will indicate the overall health of your fueling system, whether you are running lean (not enough fuel), rich (too much fuel) or just right. A lean condition is indicated by a white powdery base, a rich condition is indicated by a black oily base, and just right is a slight brown base. Spark plugs can take multiple different size sockets depending on the manufacture, the key is to get the right fitment for your ride which is dictated by the length and pitch of the threaded part that goes into the engine. Double check your spark plug gap, there are plugs that do not get gapped such as the E3 plugs we are using in our Softail. Checking your spark plug wires usually does not require replacement, it still needs to be done. Over time heat will break down the insulation (outside part of the wire that protects you from the electricity running through the core) and this will lead to irregular spark and poor performance. A glance and feel of the wire will indicate burn spot, rough texture, or cracked insulation. This is a perfect time to replace. Check your service manual for recommended replacement intervals. I replace mine at 20,000 whether they need it or not.

Brakes

There is no need to wait till your brakes are squeaking before you replace them. It's a great practice to replace your brake pads when you change your tire. We all know that this doesn't get done though. There are a couple of things to look for when checking your brakes. Is there enough pad left, are you getting too close to the metal backing? If you are replace. On the actual pad there is usually an indicator line that lets you know when you should replace the pad. A key to looking at the pads is to check both sides of the brake. Very often one side of the set of pads will wear our quicker than the other. A slight difference is usual. When the wear difference is drastic this is an indicator that the caliper is not function correctly. Many calipers can be rebuilt with seal and piston kits. Caliper rebuild adds a bit of time, but is the correct way to repair your brakes if needed. I also run my hands down the brake lines to check for any wear. Make sure to check front and back brakes. Bikes with ABS might need a service technician to properly calibrate them with your ECM depending on the level of maintenance, pads can be replaced without calibration, and anything more intense usually needs calibration.

These are standard tasks that should be checked regularly, and properly timed you can do them in an hour. Start with the bike warmed up, have your tools ready, and your parts ready. Don't rush, just be prepared. This proper maintenance is rewarding, both to your bike and yourself. When your miles from home riding in a group or by yourself, you'll know that your bike will get you the rest of the way because you took the time to make it road ready.

Thanks, and keep em rollin'

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DELEGATE REPORT

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke
& Ed "Nighthawk" Lattri
Subbing for Bill "Hamish" Black

Ok at our August state meeting we found out that yet two more chapters have closed down at this time bringing us down to just 25 chapters state wide.

The AMA is working on defeating the E-15 Lobby in Tallahassee witch is very important to all of us.

The MRF is working on motorcycle profiling issues which are very important to us all.

NCOM convention for 2017 will be in Reno Nevada in case anyone is interested.

Our Lobbyist (Doc) is planning to introduce a bill to get our safety money back by giving control of it back to Abate of Florida. At this time the program is being audited we will just have to wait and see how it goes.

Our next state meeting will be held in Arcadia. Also the same weekend will be the Abate of Florida state biker bash will be going on at the Peace River Campground. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance, \$35.00 at the gate. If you are planning on bringing an RV you must make arrangements with the Peace River Campground. You will receive a 50 % discount if you mention you are with ABATE. RV camping and biker bash event charges are separate in other words if you pay to RV camp with the park you will still need to buy a ticket to the party.

Call (863) 494-9693 for camping rates and info.
It should be a blast see ya there !!!

Ride Safe everyone !!!!!

SNOOZE

STATE MEETINGS

Host Chapter - Location

October 7-8, 2016 Peace River Campground

December 10, 2016: Gator Alley -

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Clutch Issue Forces Recall of 27,232 Harley-Davidson Models

Harley-Davidson has issued a recall covering 14 different models due to a potential issue with the bikes' clutch.

The recall includes certain model year 2016 Electra Glide Ultra Classic (FLHTCU), Electra Glide Ultra Classic Low (FLHTCUL), Ultra Limited Low (FLHTKL), Ultra Limited (FLHTK), CVO Street Glide (FLHXSE), Street Glide (FLHX), Street Glide Special (FLHXS), Road Glide Special (FLTRXS), Road Glide (FLTRX), Police Electra Glide (FLHTP), Road Glide Ultra (FLTRU), Fat Boy S (FLSTFBS), Softail Slim S (FLSS), and CVO Softail Pro Street Breakout (FXSE) motorcycles. In total, some 27,232 units are affected.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says the clutch master cylinder in affected motorcycles may lose the ability to generate enough lift to disengage the clutch, especially if the motorcycle has been parked for an extended period of time.

If the clutch cannot be fully disengaged when the engine is running and the motorcycle in gear, the motorcycle may move unexpectedly, increasing the risk of a crash.

Riders of affected vehicles may notice a large amount of free play in the clutch lever when they first squeeze the clutch after the bike's being parked for an extended period of time.

The issue is partially related to a major clutch-related recall that affected 2014/2015 models. According to NHTSA documents, Harley-Davidson believes that process changes made in the wake of the 2014/2015 recall "may not have effectively eliminated or mitigated the condition."

It is unclear whether there have been any rider injuries or damage to vehicles as a result of the issue.

Harley-Davidson will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the clutch master cylinder for the presence of gas in the fluid. If gas is found, the dealer will flush the clutch system and rebuild the clutch master cylinder free of charge. Concerned owners may contact Harley-Davidson customer service at (800) 258-2464. Harley-Davidson's number for this recall is 0169.

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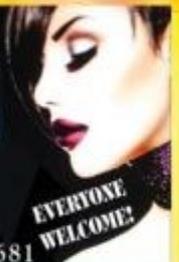
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H-D CEASES SALES OF PERFORMANCE DEVICES THAT ADD TO AIR POLLUTION

Without conceding, Harley-Davidson will pay \$15 million in fines and penalties to settle a federal lawsuit brought by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) accusing the American motorcycle-maker of selling illegal performance devices that increase pollution.

Under terms of the settlement on Thursday, August 19, 2016 Harley is to stop selling its "Screamin' Eagle" Pro Super Tuners by August 23, and to buy back and destroy all such tuners in stock at its dealerships. H-D must also deny warranty claims if owners continue to use the "illegal devices."

The consent decree resolves government allegations that Harley-Davidson sold roughly 340,000 "super tuners" since 2008 that, once installed, cause motorcycles to emit higher amounts of certain air pollutants than what the Milwaukee-based manufacturer certified to the EPA. According to the EPA, the modified settings increase power and performance, but also increase the motorcycles' emissions of hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides.

Harley did not admit liability, and said in a statement it disagrees with the government's position arguing that the devices were designed and sold to be used in "competition only." The Motor Company said the settlement represents "a good faith compromise with the EPA on areas of law we interpret differently, particularly EPA's assertion that it is illegal for anyone to modify a certified vehicle even if it will be used solely for off-road/closed-course competition."

An EPA spokesman said that the vast majority of these tuners were used on public roads, and the sale of such "defeat devices" violates the federal Clean Air Act. Harley was also accused of selling more than 12,600 motorcycles that were not covered by an EPA certification that ensures a vehicle meets federal clean air standards.

"Given Harley-Davidson's prominence in the industry, this is a very significant step toward our goal of stopping the sale of illegal after-market defeat devices that cause harmful pollution on our roads and in our communities," said John Cruden, head of the Justice Department's environmental and natural resources division.

The EPA has been investigating after-market part emission issues for more than five years. In 2012, Suzuki Motor Corp paid an \$885,000 fine to EPA for selling 25,458 ATVs and dirt bikes because they were built to allow for the installation of an after-market part that increased horsepower and emissions.

CALIFORNIA LEGALIZES LANE SPLITTING, GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL INTO LAW

California has become the first state to formally recognize lane splitting as a legal maneuver for motorcyclists, as Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 51 into law on Friday, August 19, 2016.

The legislation does not specify rules for lane splitting, but simply a) defines lane splitting as "driving a motorcycle, that has 2 wheels in contact with the ground, between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the same lane, as specified"; and b) authorizes the California Highway Patrol (CHP), in consult with other agencies and organizations, to "develop educational guidelines relating to lane splitting in a manner that would ensure the safety of the motorcyclist, drivers and passengers."

Lane splitting has long existed in a legal gray area in California, without being expressly prohibited nor allowed, but permitted by law enforcement. The CHP published educational guidelines on lane-splitting in 2012, but regulators later ruled the agency had no authority to make public policy.

The bipartisan bill, sponsored by Assembly members Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) and Tom Lackey (R-Palmdale), passed unanimously through the state Senate 38-0 and the Assembly 74-0 and essentially clarifies that the CHP does in fact have the authority and permission to devise guidelines for splitting lanes.

Many studies have found proper lane splitting to be safe, and the practice of "filtering" through traffic to reduce congestion is legal in much of the world.

RESTRICTING ETHANOL LIMITS IN AMERICA'S FUEL

NCOM Board Member Dave "Animal" Reid (Touring Groups Liaison to the National Coalition of Motorcyclists) recently

reported that; "I sent a letter to my congresswoman about the EPA's desire to increase the ethanol content up from E-10 to E-15, and what it might do to all manner of small and air cooled motors.

She responded, saying that a congressman from Texas had introduced a bill that would prohibit the EPA Administrator from introducing anything greater than 9.7% into the fuel supplies.

Folks of both our Confederation of Clubs (COC) and ABATE inquired about the bill, and I've tracked it in the U.S. House of Representatives - it's fresh and has quite a list of co-sponsors, so with other changes happening in the world, with the bipartisan support it seems to have, it may see some forward movement."

That measure, House Resolution 5180, was introduced on May 10, 2016 by U.S. Representative Bill Flores (R-TX) "to alleviate the ethanol blend wall under the renewable fuel program," and has been referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 5180 currently has 103 cosponsors from both sides of the aisle.

The bill effectively circumvents the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) mandates for increasing levels of ethanol in our gasoline, capping the level at E-10, stating "the Administrator shall not determine any renewable fuel obligation for a calendar year that would result, directly or indirectly, in the introduction into commerce in the United States of a total volume of ethanol contained in transportation fuel that is greater than 9.70 percent of the total volume of gasoline projected to be sold or introduced into commerce in the United States for such calendar year."

ILLINOIS OKAYS BLUE-DOT TAIL LIGHTS

"Blue Dot" tail lights, so-called because a blue crystal mounted in the center of the red lens cover emits a violet hue when actuated, have become popular with motorcyclists for both customization and conspicuity, but most states' traffic codes specify that a tail light must be red in color, and therefore they are illegal.

Supported by ABATE of Illinois, House Bill 4105 amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to "Provide that motorcycles may be equipped with a blue light or lights of up to one inch in diameter located on the rear of the motorcycle as a part of the motorcycle's rear stop lamp or lamps," and was signed into law by Governor Bruce Rauner on July 22, 2016, becoming effective January 1st.

RIDERS AND DRIVERS NOW HAVE OPTION TO "RIDE ON RED" IN PENNSYLVANIA

Motorcyclists and motorists in Pennsylvania will no longer have to wait at a traffic light that is locked on red, as Governor Tom Wolf signed into law a bill sponsored by Rep. Stephen Bloom (R-Cumberland) that allows drivers of all vehicles the option to proceed with caution through an intersection when a traffic signal is unresponsive, only after exercising due care as provided by law.

"If the vehicle detection system fails to recognize the vehicle and the driver has come to a complete stop, the driver must then make sure it is safe to continue, and only then would they be able to lawfully proceed with caution through the intersection," Bloom explained to FOX43 News in Harrisburg, PA.

Originally intended only for motorcycles, which often fail to trigger traffic lights due to their smaller size, Senate Bill 1267 was expanded to apply to all vehicles.

Deemed "Ride on Red," Bloom added that the goal of the legislation is to solve practical problems while ensuring safety. "This law does not give drivers a free pass, but ensures a safe and legal option to avoid the danger and inconvenience of being trapped in perpetuity at a locked red light," Bloom said. "This issue is more common than many people realize, especially on rural roads or during late hours when long periods often elapse before a heavier vehicle comes along to finally trip the unresponsive light."

Signed into law on July 20, 2016 as part of Act 101, the new law takes effect 60 days after the bill-signing, near the end of September.

CRASHES INVOLVING DISTRACTED TEENAGERS ON THE RISE

Not only have inattentive Pokémon GO players caused accidents with everything from motorcycles to police cars, it gets even more dangerous when teenagers get behind the wheel with their phones. The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety reports that 59% of teen crashes involve distractions behind the wheel, and highlights a disturbing trend showing that texting and social media use are on the rise amongst teen drivers.

In collaboration with researchers at the University of Iowa, as part of the most comprehensive eight-year research project ever conducted into crash videos of teen drivers, the AAA Foundation analyzed the moments leading up to a crash in more than 2,200 videos captured from in-car dash cameras:

- Talking or attending to other passengers in the vehicle: 15% of crashes
- Talking, texting or operating a cell phone: 12% of crashes
- Attending to or looking at something inside the vehicle: 11% of crashes

This supports findings by Pew Research Center, which shows text messaging has become a key component in day-to-day interactions among teenagers. Fifty-five percent of teens spend time every day texting, sending an estimated 80 text messages per day.

Research by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute found that texting creates a crash risk 23 times worse than driving while not distracted. A recent AAA Foundation survey shows that nearly 50% of teen drivers admitted they had read a text message or email while driving in the past 30 days.

NHTSA's National Occupant Protection Use Survey also shows that from 2007 to 2014, the percentage of young drivers seen visibly manipulating a hand-held device quadrupled.

Some states have laws against using a cell phone while driving for any reason, but most do not. Of states, 39% ban cell phone use for under 18 and 46% ban texting while driving.

MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS PSA WARNS: ONE MISTAKE CAN HAUNT YOU FOREVER

"This has been a bad year for motorcycle crashes," says Annette Torrez, chair of the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization (NMMRO) and member of the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) Board of Directors.

"Please take a moment to watch this PSA on motorcycle safety awareness... ONE MISTAKE CAN HAUNT YOU FOREVER (www.youtube.com/watch?v=Edzg4XjDPZY).

Richard Sturgeon, a New Mexico Motorcycle Safety Advocate from Los Alamos National Lab, stars as the Dead Zombie biker in this powerful film produced by Sam Crooks of Sam's Commercials to be presented at the Reel Deal movie theater in Los Alamos.

"I am hoping NM DOT will use this PSA," Torrez said, adding that "we are also waiting to hear about the LOOK OUT FOR MOTORCYCLES signs to go up soon in high motorcycle crash locations in the Albuquerque area, all purchased with private donations."

YAMAHA TO USE A.I. TO ENHANCE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

Yamaha Motor Co. is working on the use of artificial intelligence to enhance motorcycle safety. The system, developed jointly with a U.S. research body, is based on the same one revealed last year that allows humanoid robots to test ride motorcycles.

The objective is to reduce motorcycle spills, said company President Hiroyuki Yanagi. "We want to facilitate driving operations of our motorcycles and reduce the burden on riders to allow them to pay more attention to safety," said Yanagi.

Yamaha hopes to reverse slumping domestic sales by adopting advanced technologies to reduce motorcycle accidents such as overturns and collisions.

"We'll use the expertise we've acquired from robots for our motorcycles," Yanagi said. "We'll promote the development of technologies to make motorcycle driving easier."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "In any free society, the conflict between social conformity and individual liberty is permanent, unresolvable, and necessary."

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More from Scribe ABATE State VP and Legislative

I do trust that you will understand the seriousness of the attack on our freedom of choice.

I want you to be aware of the dire urgency in electing Motorcycle Friendly candidates.

I need for you to also understand that when we ask for everyone to contact the legislators, we need EVERYONE to contact the legislators. I have made it as simple as possible and will continue to make it very easy to contact them.

Please continue to improve your email contact list and educate your members what to do and why we need them to put in the effort. As you can see, we are truly under attack from the pro-helmet people.

We need everyone's help to keep our freedoms.

Darrin "Scribe" Brooks State Vice President/State Legislative Trustee, ABATE of Florida, Inc.

I have been forwarded a couple of the below emails that one member of the Motorcycle Safety Coalition (MSC) has been out to apparently each and every member of the Florida House and Senate. They are asking for a motorcycle helmet bill. This is the same MSC that both I and Lana Lang served on. They are associated with NHTSA and FDOT. They are also partnered with Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) at South Florida University. They have the Ride Smart Florida website and they are the ones that Gov. Scott prefers to spend the motorcycle safety education money.

They promote that the motorcyclists are AT FAULT 62% of the time. Below is from their Ridesmartflorida.com website.

When motorcycles and other vehicles collide (Multiple Vehicle Crash), it is the motorist who is at fault the majority of the time. The motorist violates the motorcyclist's right-of-way by any number of scenarios, such as turning left into the path of an oncoming motorcyclist, changing lanes into the path of a motorcyclist, or rear-ending a motorcyclist. There is a continuing need to help other motorists "Watch for Motorcycles" and to educate motorcyclists to be aware of this problem.

What may surprise you, when looking at all of the crashes as a whole, is that motorcyclists are at fault 62% of the time. Notice the at fault vehicle in this chart is shown in red.

The issues related to this statistic would include riding under the influence of alcohol or drugs, speeding, and inexperience or lack of training on a motorcycle. Regardless of who is at fault we must address the high fatality and crash rates of motorcyclists.



Here is the email that is being sent out to all the legislators.

Dear State Representative,

I'm sending this email to you as a private citizen and member of the Florida Motorcycle Safety Coalition. The Motorcycle Safety Coalition is a non-profit organization, comprised of experts in motorcycle education, that works with safety partners around the state dedicated to bringing awareness regarding motorcycle related issues hoping to reduce fatalities and serious injuries to Florida motorcycle riders and their passengers. Ride Smart Florida (<http://ridesmartflorida.com/index.php/about-us/>) is our communication outreach to all partners and people interested in learning about how to reduce motorcycle accidents, injuries and fatalities. One of our key safety partners includes CUTR (Center for Urban Transportation Research --- <http://www.cutr.usf.edu/>) located at the University of South Florida. Our members meet and work with CUTR regularly working to address key problems and deficiencies affecting Florida riders.

The purpose of this email is to address two specific problems our members believe require legislative action.

1. The Need to Define Mopeds & Scooters as Motorcycles for License Endorsement and Helmet Use.
2. Update to Florida Motorcycle Insurance Statute (316.211) as it pertains to requirements for wearing a motorcycle helmet.

I have attached 2 documents which are short and to the point which address each problem, the background and the solution. Addressing and hopefully fixing these issues are a critical and important first step in lowering injuries and fatalities in Florida. I say first step as Florida fatalities and injuries for riders are simply terrible and totally unacceptable. The National Motorcycle Safety Institute (<http://www.motorcycleinstitute.org>) compiles federal data on motorcycle injuries and fatalities. In its most recent "danger-o-meter" ranking of states by motorcycle fatalities (<http://www.motorcycleinstitute.org/dangerometer-alphabetical-list/>), Florida now ranks as the worst state or last (<http://www.motorcycleinstitute.org/docs/data/all/dangerometer-2011-2014-by-rank.pdf>). This comes at a time where other states (most notably California) are decreasing the injury and fatality rates for riders. 2016 is on its way to becoming the worst year ever for motorcycle fatalities in Florida. Motorcycles in Florida represent 3% of all vehicles on the road yet account for nearly 21% of all traffic fatalities. Yes it's that bad. I also attached a recent article from Lee Parks, a nationally renowned expert in rider training, issues affecting riders and state motorcycle issues, who discusses some of the issues and dangers affecting riders today including positive changes that other states are taking to lower injuries and fatalities, most notably in California.

Law enforcement, doctors, medical associations, riding instructors along with the insurance industry support these legislative changes. As a State Representative I am asking for your support on these initiatives. Currently there are no upcoming bills regarding these initiatives that are being drafted for the next legislative session. That means we are looking for a champion like yourself, to help us. Please don't turn your back on this. Helping us with these legislative needs will positively impact Florida by reducing injuries and fatalities.

I would be grateful for your reply, your support and your direction. I am available by phone, email or in-person if requested. I am more than happy to provide you with additional contact information of other members if needed.

Thank you for your time and help.

Respectfully,

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Follow up to my 3 Wheel Vehicle Series—*Slo Motion*

Elio Motors Legislative Update: 41 States Now Have Autocycle Definition or Motorcycle License Exemption for Enclosed Three-Wheel Vehicles | Press Release

July 28, 2016 Rhode Island, New Jersey most recent states to pass 'autocycle' legislation

PHOENIX, July 27, 2016 /PRNewswire/ — Elio Motors (OTCQX:ELIO), today announced that 41 states now provide exemptions for motorcycle licenses or have enacted legislation creating a new class of vehicle – the autocycle — for enclosed three-wheel vehicles. Elio Motors, which is slated to launch an enclosed, three-wheel vehicle with a targeted base price of \$6,800 that will get up to 84 mpg, has been leading the autocycle legislative charge at the state and federal level since 2012.

When the company started its legislative push, just 11 states had exemptions for motorcycle licenses to operate an enclosed three-wheel vehicle. Since then, the Elio Motors legislative team has helped pass autocycle legislation in 30 states. Rhode Island and New Jersey became the 29th and 30th states to pass autocycle legislation earlier this summer.

“We’ve made great strides in helping draft legislation that defines the autocycle category,” said Elio Motors founder and CEO, Paul Elio. “Harmonized state and federal legislation not only allows ease of movement across state jurisdictions for autocycles, but it also satisfies one of our key ‘Must Haves’ of uncompromised safety by defining higher safety requirements than what currently exists in the motorcycle category.”

The Elio, because it has three wheels, is currently classified as a motorcycle by the federal government. However, its standard features will include seatbelts, three airbags and automotive-type controls such as a steering wheel, accelerator and brake pedals. The Elio is more like a traditional passenger vehicle than a motorcycle. Therefore, vehicle owners should be able to operate the Elio with a standard driver’s license. “We applaud the work of those state legislatures that have realized new vehicle types require new legislative and regulatory approaches,” Elio said. “The autocycle definition is clearly in the best interests of our customers from a safety and convenience stand point.”

Currently, there are eight states with autocycle definitions going through the legislative process.

<https://www.eliomotors.com/elio-motors-legislative-update-41-states-now-have-autocycle-definition-or-motorcycle-license-exemption-for-enclosed-three-wheel-vehicles-press-release/>

You can drive the Elio in 41 states without a motorcycle license

Heck, you won't even need a helmet. **David Lumb** 07.28.16 in

A year after successfully crowdfunding \$25 million to build its 84 mpg closed-cabin tricycle, Elio Motors has done serious legwork to ensure that most folks can drive theirs off the lot without needing additional training. After New Jersey and Rhode Island updated its laws this summer, the company has secured exemptions or recategorizations in 41 states from requiring a motorcycle license to use their ultra-efficient vehicles.

When the company began urging lawmakers to ease requirements in 2012, only 11 states didn't force tricycle drivers to get a motorcycle. Since then, Elio has been redefined as a new class of vehicle, the "autocycle," not subject to the training needed to operate an open-air motorbike. It's not difficult to believe: the enclosed trike has gas and brake pedals, a steering wheel, a seatbelt and airbags. While eight of these recategorizations are not fully in the books, they are currently "going through the legislative process."

<https://www.engadget.com/2016/07/28/you-can-drive-the-elio-in-41-states-without-a-motorcycle-license/>

You won't need a motorcycle license to drive the Elio in 41 states All but nine US states tweak license categories for trike.

Super-fuel-efficient-vehicle startup Elio Motors has 41 states on board to ease the licensing process for prospective buyers of the trike. With New Jersey and Rhode Island updating its laws this summer, all but nine US states either have exemptions for motorcycle licenses or added laws delineating what's called an "autocycle." Such laws mean that prospective Elio vehicle buyers in 41 states don't need a motorcycle license to drive the trike.

Founded in 2009, Elio has been busy pushing forward on the legislative front. Within the past four years, Elio has spurred 30 states to tweak their transportation-license laws to make it easier for prospective Elio buyers to drive them legally, including eight states that have the "autocycle" delineation "going through the legislative process."

Elio also made sure the enclosed trike is quite car-like. The Elio will have airbags, seatbelts, and a steering wheel, as well as accelerator and brake pedals. The vehicle is powered by a 900cc three-cylinder engine and will get as much as 84 miles per gallon for a cost of \$6,800. Like most automotive startups, Elio Motors has been subject to numerous production delays.

As of late spring, Elio said it had taken more than 50,000 reservations for the trikes. But the company also pushed back its launch date, saying that it would reduce 2016 sales to 100 pre-production vehicles and start sales in earnest in 2017. This spring, the company also completed its final design stage of engineering while hiring high-end auto engineer Roush to aid the design process. Take a look at Elio Motors' press release above.

<http://www.autoblog.com/2016/07/28/elio-41-states-ease-motorcycle-license/>

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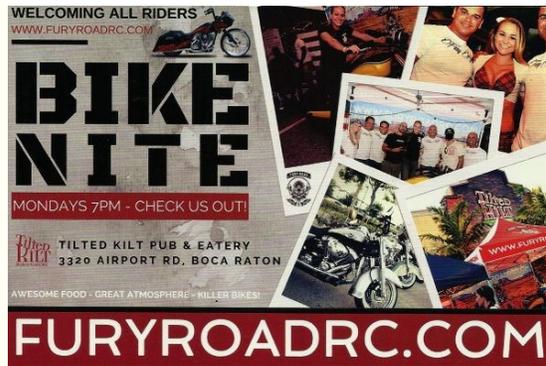
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8: NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL

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30: CMA - MEMORIAL

NOVEMBER 2016

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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

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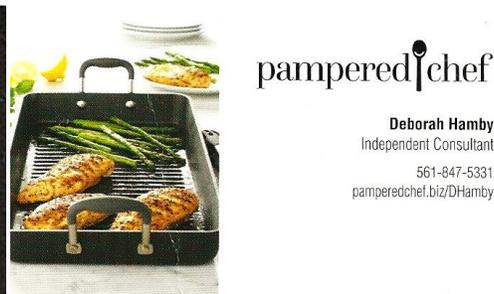
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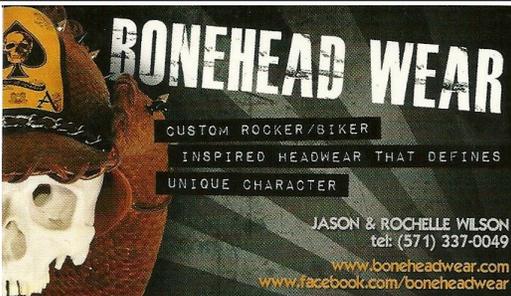
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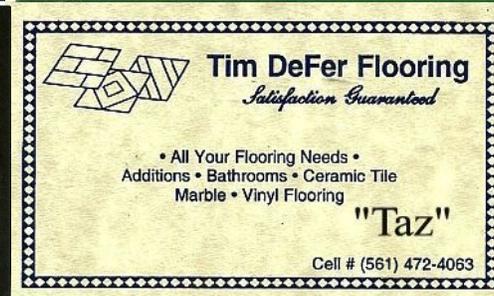
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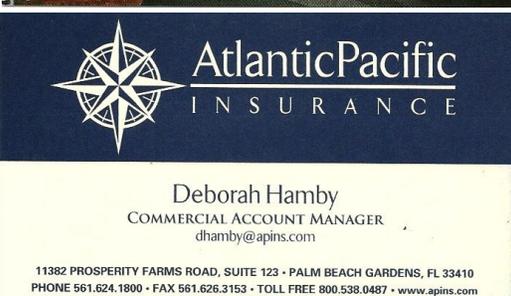


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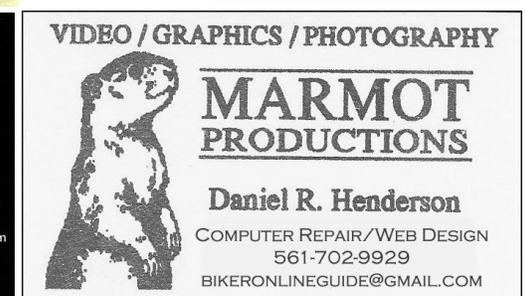
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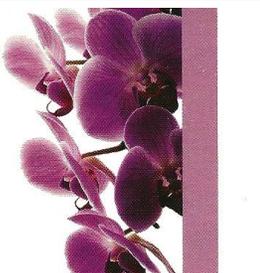
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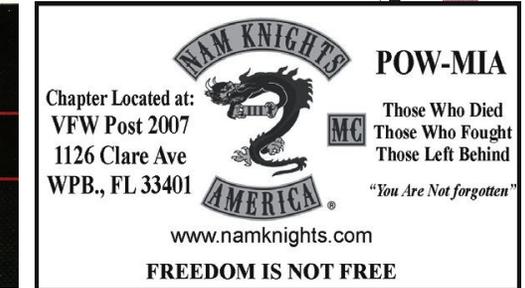
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON



DID YOU VOTE? By the time you read this the Primaries are over. The candidates must have thought they were important as they seem to have spent a lot of money on signs, mailings, and media ads. Many of the primary elections will be the real election as the only competition as the other parties do not have candidates so I feel you lose your voting rights. The State Senate race in West Palm Beach District 32 between Irv Slosberg and Jeff Clemens is getting close.

This will be a great opportunity to remove a major opponent to motorcyclists. Our Lobbyist Doc has come out endorsing Irv Slosberg. Please tell all your friends and family that are in the WEST PALM BEACH area to vote for Irv Slosberg. We need to get Clemens out of State Senate.

See the article below..

SLOSBERG POURS ANOTHER \$260K INTO SENATE RACE

“State Rep. Irv Slosberg, D-Boca Raton, has pumped an additional \$260,000 into his bid to defeat state Sen. Jeff Clemens, D-Lake Worth, in a Palm Beach County Senate district, according to a newly filed finance report. The \$260,000 in loans between July 30 and Aug. 5 brought to \$730,000 the amount Slosberg has funneled to his campaign. He also spent \$241,462 from his campaign account during the recent week-long period, as the Aug. 30 primary draws near. In all, Slosberg had received \$79,556 in contributions as of Aug. 5 to go along with the \$730,000 in loans. He had spent \$769,582 as of Aug. 5, the report shows. Clemens, meanwhile, raised \$16,700 between July 30 and Aug. 5, bringing the overall total to \$219,937. He also earlier loaned \$20,000 to the campaign and had spent \$182,224 as of Aug. 5. A Clemens-led political committee, known as Each Vote Counts, also raised \$64,000 during the week-long period and had about \$57,000 in cash on hand.”

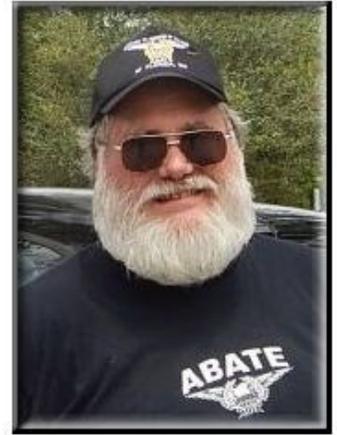
I’ve done some research on elections. Florida is only 1 of 9 state with **Closed Primaries**. “In general, a voter seeking to vote in a closed primary must first be a registered party member. This system deters “cross-over” voting by members of other parties. Independent or unaffiliated voters, by definition, are excluded from participating in the party nomination contests. This system generally contributes to a strong party organization.

The laws governing state primaries are complex and nuanced to say the least, and state primary laws have been a cause of confusion among voters and election administrators alike. The manner in which party primary elections are conducted varies widely from state to state. Primaries can be categorized as either Closed (9 states), partially closed (7 states), partially open (6 states), open to unaffiliated voters (9 states), Open (15 states), or top-two (4 states). States may have radically different systems for how they conduct their state and presidential primaries: some states hold their state and presidential primaries on the same day, some hold them weeks or even months apart, and some hold the two primaries on the same day but have different rules for each primary.”

From <http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/primary-types.aspx> with links. See http://www.fairvote.org/primaries#open_and_closed_primaries I guess it would take a state constitutional amendment to change. - Slo Motion Below from Scribe ABATE of FL, Inc. VP & Legislative

After the primary election we will have a better idea of how the 2017 legislature will be for us. Several elections will be decided in the primary this year. Many of those elections are turning into a downright dog fight. We have republicans calling each other liberals and Democrats calling each other conservatives. I expect that more than one of the elections will be so close there will be a re-count or two.

I will be sending out an email once the dust settles and update you on the statewide primary results. We will then plan for the general election in November and target the races that will be finally decided.



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Here are some of the important dates for the 2017 session:

August 30, 2016 Primary Election (§100.061, Fla. Stat. (2016))

November 8, 2016 General Election (Art. VI, §5(a), Fla. Const.)

November 22, 2016 Organization Session (Art. III, §3(a), Fla. Const.)

January 27, 2017 Friday, 5:00 p.m., deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills (Senate)

March 3, 2017 Friday, 5:00 p.m., deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills (Senate)

March 7, 2017 Regular Session convenes (Art. III, §3(b), Fla. Const.) 12:00 noon, deadline for filing bills for introduction (Senate Rule 3.7 (1))

April 22, 2017 All bills are immediately certified (Senate Rule 6.8 and House Rule 11.7(i)). Motion to reconsider made and considered the same day (Senate Rule 6.4(4))

April 25, 2017 50th day - last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings (Senate Rule 2.9(2))

April 30, 2017 55th Day - no House bills on second reading may be taken up and considered by the House (House Rule 10.18)

May 3, 2017 58th Day - the House may consider only: (a) Returning messages, (b) Conference reports, and (c) Concurrent resolutions (House Rule 10.19)

May 5, 2017 60th day - last day of Regular Session (Art. III, §3(d), Fla. Const.)

Here is a good article from the News Service of Florida that helps explain the organizing of the 2017 session.

CORCORAN OUTLINES HOUSE TRANSITION PLANS

The proposed structure of House committees for the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions will be outlined by the end of September, with a new leadership team announced no later than Nov. 9, a day after the general elections, incoming House Speaker Richard Corcoran advised members Tuesday. The leadership offices include speaker pro tempore, majority leader and committee chairs. Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, is scheduled to formally take over as speaker Nov. 22 during an organizational session. Corcoran gave members a written update Tuesday that also addressed issues such as the naming of committee vice-chairs and subcommittee chairs. In handling those decisions, he said the leadership team "will break with the prior practice wherein the speaker makes all appointments in isolation." House members' committee assignments will be set after committee and subcommittee chairs have been appointed. Member training programs will be conducted in November, December and January. The 2017 regular legislative session is scheduled to begin March 7.

Once the House and Senate have decided on their leadership and committees, we will start our "formal" legislative campaign to educate and advocate for motorcyclist.

Until then we will continue to low-key campaign of introducing ABATE and keeping our name in front of the candidates at the local chapter level like you have been doing.

COURT BACKS CITY IN RED-LIGHT CAMERA FIGHT

Urging the state Supreme Court to take up the controversial issue, an appeals court Wednesday rejected a motorist's arguments that a South Florida city had given too much authority to a company that operates red-light traffic camera programs. The 3rd District Court of Appeal overturned a Miami-Dade County judge's ruling against the city of Aventura in a case involving a motorist who received a ticket for improperly turning right at a red light. In challenging the ticket, motorist Luis Torres Jimenez contended the city had illegally given "unfettered discretion" to a red-light camera company to review images of potential violations and to print and send out citations. Miami-Dade County Judge Steven Leifman dismissed the citation, pointing to a 2014 decision by the 4th District Court of Appeal in a similar case in the Broward County city of Hollywood. But Leifman also requested that the 3rd District Court of Appeal, which handles Miami-Dade cases, rule on the issues. In a 29-page ruling Wednesday, the 3rd District Court of Appeal upheld Aventura's program, which it said relies on police officers --- not the private contractor --- to make decisions about ticketing motorists. "Not only do the bright-line standards promulgated by the city ensure the vendor's tasks regarding images are purely ministerial and non-discretionary in nature, but the record reflects that no notice or citation is issued unless and until an individual officer of the city weighs the evidence in the images and determines in his or her professional judgment that probable cause exists," said the ruling, written by appeals-court Judge Thomas Logue and joined by judges Kevin Emas and Linda Ann Wells. "The officers make these decisions in the same manner they decide to issue a roadside citation." But saying the "lawful use of cameras to enforce red lights has attracted the attention of the public, local governments, and the Legislature," the judges also called on the Florida Supreme Court to take up the case, a move known as certifying issues to the high court. The role of companies hired by cities to operate red-light camera programs has been highly controversial in recent years. While proponents of the cameras say they improve traffic safety, critics argue that the devices are more about generating money for local governments and the private vendors.

DEBATE EMERGES ON CARVING UP 'DOCS V. GLOCKS' LAW

As a federal appeals court ponders the constitutionality of Florida's "docs v. glocks" law, attorneys this week debated in court documents whether it would be possible to jettison parts of the controversial measure --- and keep others. The full 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments June 21 in a challenge by physician groups and individual physicians to the 2011 law, which seeks to restrict doctors from asking questions and recording information about patients' gun ownership. Two days after the arguments, the court asked attorneys to file briefs about the issue of "severability," a legal concept that can involve eliminating unconstitutional parts of laws while retaining other provisions. Attorney General Pam Bondi's office and a lawyer for the physicians filed briefs Monday taking starkly different positions on the question. Bondi's office said the appeals court could carve out unconstitutional pieces of the law while keeping the rest intact. "The act's provisions are functionally independent, and any invalid provision can easily be severed without disrupting the operation or integrity of the remaining provisions," Deputy Solicitor General Rachel Nordby wrote. "If the court determines that any provision of the act is invalid, the court should apply the doctrine of severability and uphold all remaining valid provisions of the act." But plaintiffs say the law, dubbed by the Legislature as the Firearm Owners' Privacy Act, cannot be broken apart. The plaintiffs contend the law violates doctors' First Amendment rights.

SUPPORT FOR GUN RIGHTS KEY IN GOP CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY

Following a spate of high-profile shooting deaths nationwide, a gun-rights group Tuesday endorsed a Republican congressional candidate in a conservative Northwest Florida district on the grounds that she would not compromise on any gun-control measure. John Velleco, director of operations for the Virginia-based Gun Owners of America, said his group will support Mary Thomas in the GOP primary in Florida's Congressional District 2 due to her unwavering stance. "What we need in the U.S. House are not people who will go along to get along," Velleco said. "We need people who are not afraid to rock the boat when our rights are in jeopardy. It doesn't matter which party they are from."

Standing beside Velleco at DSH Firearms, a Tallahassee gun shop, Thomas called herself "the only no-compromise gun candidate" in the hard-fought race. She said she opposes measures to expand background checks or to limit assault weapons and person-to-person gun sales. "The problem is not guns," Thomas said. "The problem is violent criminals and people who are looking to terrorize our country. By restricting gun rights, all we are doing is restricting law-abiding citizens' ability to protect themselves." She noted that Congressional District 2 --- which stretches from Jackson County on the Georgia border to Levy County on the Gulf Coast and includes Tallahassee and Panama City --- is largely rural and agricultural. U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham, a Tallahassee Democrat who narrowly won the district in 2014, decided not to seek re-election this year after a redistricting plan made the district heavily Republican. But Thomas' opponents in the Republican primary aren't ceding ground on Second Amendment issues. "Americans have a fundamental right to bear arms, guaranteed by our Constitution," Ken Sukhia, a former U.S. attorney in North Florida, wrote in an email. "I have received the highest rating possible from the (National Rifle Association), because I staunchly defend the Second Amendment. I'm the only candidate in this race who has enforced our nation's gun laws against violent criminals and believe that Americans have the right to defend themselves against such violence." Panama City surgeon Neal Dunn touted similar positions. "The 'Right to Bear Arms' is one of the most fundamental and important rights in the Constitution and needs to be protected," Dunn wrote in an email. "As a lifetime member of the NRA and a veteran, I cherish this right and will fight to protect and uphold the Second Amendment. I am proud to have received an 'AQ' rating from the NRA, which is the highest rating someone can receive without a voting record on Second Amendment issues."

I wanted to pass this along to show that it is just not ABATE of Florida, Inc. that is being affected by increased insurance to do runs. I would bet that insurance companies all over are taking a harder look at motorcycle runs.

Annual bikers' teddy bear event canceled after sheriff's office drops out Ray Collins Aug 24, 2016. After 18 years, the "Great Teddy Bear Run" has canceled it's annual ride. Thousands of motorcyclists over the years have collected and donated countless teddy bears and stuffed animals for families touched by cancer. But the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office says it will no longer provide an escort for events of this magnitude. No one from the Sheriff's Office was willing to appear on camera, but the media relations department issued a statement that said in part: "Due to the inherent danger that escorts like these present to the traveling public, participating riders and to our personnel, we found it in everyone's best interest not to participate in these events any longer." The statement also said it is important to point out the sheriff's office did not cancel this event; that decision was made the event organizer. No one from the event was willing to talk Wednesday http://www.mysuncoast.com/news/local/annual-bikers-teddy-bear-event-canceled-after-sheriff-s-office/article_09345eac-6a6d-11e6-be64-2ff74d90e0bd.html

Darrin "Scribe" Brooks ABATE of Florida, Inc. State Vice President State Legislative Trustee

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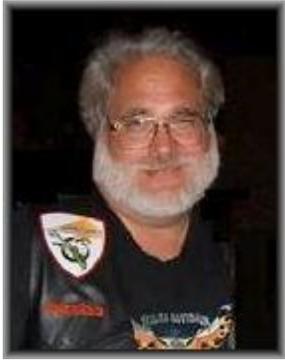
PAUL RYAN'S PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS Miami Mike <MiamiMike@wheelsontheroad.com

A List of Republican Budget Cuts Notice S.S. And the military are NOT on this list. These are all the programs that the new Republican House has proposed cutting. Read to the end.

- * Corporation for Public Broadcasting Subsidy -- \$445 million annual savings.
- * Save America 's Treasures Program -- \$25 million annual savings.
- * International Fund for Ireland -- \$17 million annual savings.
- * Legal Services Corporation -- \$420 million annual savings.
- * National Endowment for the Arts -- \$167.5 million annual savings.
- * National Endowment for the Humanities -- \$167.5 million annual savings.
- * Hope VI Program -- \$250 million annual savings.
- * Amtrak Subsidies -- \$1.565 billion annual savings.
- * Eliminate duplicating education programs -- H.R. 2274 (in last Congress), authored by Rep. McKeon, eliminates 68 at a savings of \$1.3 billion annually.
- * U.S. Trade Development Agency -- \$55 million annual savings.
- * Woodrow Wilson Center Subsidy -- \$20 million annual savings.
- * Cut in half funding for congressional printing and binding -- \$47 million annual savings.
- * John C. Stennis Center Subsidy -- \$430,000 annual savings.
- * Community Development Fund -- \$4.5 billion annual savings.
- * Heritage Area Grants and Statutory Aid -- \$24 million annual savings.
- * Cut Federal Travel Budget in Half -- \$7.5 billion annual savings
- * Trim Federal Vehicle Budget by 20% -- \$600 million annual savings.
- * Essential Air Service -- \$150 million annual savings.
- * Technology Innovation Program -- \$70 million annual savings.
- * Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Program -- \$125 million annual savings..
- * Department of Energy Grants to States for Weatherization -- \$530 million annual savings.
- * Beach Replenishment -- \$95 million annual savings.
- * New Starts Transit -- \$2 billion annual savings.
- * Exchange Programs for Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Their Historical Trading Partners in Massachusetts -- \$9 million annual savings
- * Intercity and High Speed Rail Grants -- \$2.5 billion annual savings.
- * Title X Family Planning -- \$318 million annual savings.
- * Appalachian Regional Commission -- \$76 million annual savings.
- * Economic Development Administration -- \$293 million annual savings.
- * Programs under the National and Community Services Act -- \$1.15 billion annual savings.
- * Applied Research at Department of Energy -- \$1.27 billion annual savings.
- * Freedom CAR and Fuel Partnership -- \$200 million annual savings..
- * Energy Star Program -- \$52 million annual savings.
- *Economic Assistance to Egypt -- \$250 million annually.
- * U.S.Agency for International Development -- \$1.39 billion annual savings.
- * General Assistance to District of Columbia -- \$210 million annual savings.
- * Subsidy for Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority -- \$150 million annual savings.
- *Presidential Campaign Fund -- \$775 million savings over ten years.
- * No funding for federal office space acquisition -- \$864 million annual savings.
- * End prohibitions on competitive sourcing of government services.
- * Repeal the Davis-Bacon Act -- More than \$1 billion annually.
- * IRS Direct Deposit: Require the IRS to deposit fees for some services it offers (such as processing payment plans for taxpayers) to the Treasury, instead of allowing it to remain as part of its budget -- \$1.8 billion savings over ten years.
- *Require collection of unpaid taxes by federal employees -- \$1 billion total savings. WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?
- * Prohibit taxpayer funded union activities by federal employees -- \$1.2 billion savings over ten years.
- * Sell excess federal properties the government does not make use of -- \$15 billion total savings.
- *Eliminate death gratuity for Members of Congress. WHAT???
- * Eliminate Mohair Subsidies -- \$1 million annual savings.
- *Eliminate taxpayer subsidies to the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change -- \$12.5 million annual savings. WELL, ISN'T THAT SPECIAL
- * Eliminate Market Access Program -- \$200 million annual savings.
- *USDA Sugar Program -- \$14 million annual savings.
- * Subsidy to Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) -- \$93 million annual savings.
- * Eliminate the National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program -- \$56.2 million annual savings.
- *Eliminate fund for Obamacare administrative costs -- \$900 million savings.
- * Ready to Learn TV Program -- \$27 million savings..
- * HUD Ph.D. Program.
- * Deficit Reduction Check-Off Act.
- *TOTAL SAVINGS: \$2.5 Trillion over Ten Years

My question is, what is all this doing in the budget in the first place?!

Maybe this is why the Democrats are attacking Paul Ryan.



GOOGLE MOTORCYCLE ALERTS, NEWS, and RANDOM EDITOR THOUGHTS

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

Delray police: Boy, 17, dies when motorcycle, pickup collide 4:59 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016

DELRAY BEACH — A 17-year-old boy was killed Saturday morning when he crashed a motorcycle on Linton Boulevard, city police said.

The crash happened just after 8:15 a.m. Police say the boy was driving a Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle westbound at a high rate of speed near Catherine Drive when he tried to pass a pickup making a left-hand turn.

The driver of a Dodge Ram pickup landscaping vehicle came out of Catherine Drive, on the north side of Linton, and tried to cross the westbound lanes of Linton to turn east, police said.

The pickup and the motorcycle collided, ejecting the 17-year-old from the motorcycle.

The teen was wearing a helmet, but it came off after the impact. He was taken to Delray Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. Police had not released his name as of Saturday afternoon.

Anyone with information about the crash is asked to call traffic homicide investigator Ron Brown at 561-243-7800.

DELRAY BEACH — The teenager who was killed when his motorcycle collided with a pickup Saturday morning has been identified as Antonio DeJesus Medina Ojeda, 17, of West Palm Beach, according to Delray Beach police.

<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/teen-killed-in-delray-motorcycle-crash-identified/nsF2C/>

Dennis "Data" reported this. Another Biker Killed in Port St. Lucie. The SUV collided with the motorcycle as it tried to turn south on SE Village Green Drive. The SUV left the scene after the crash.

<http://cbs12.com/news/local/motorcyclist-killed-in-port-st-lucie-hit-and-run-crash>

Fact Check - Fake News **Governor No-Go**

A fake news site started rumors that all American motorcyclists would be required to employ 75 MPH speed governors on their bikes by January 2017. FALSE <http://www.snopes.com/motorcycle-governors-january-2017/>

If you are interested in following the Women's cross country trip in 100th year celebration of the Van Buren sisters reported in our last newsletter see

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/tripping/wp/2016/08/01/riding-into-history-women-re-create-historic-cross-country-motorcycle-trip/>

Harley Davidson Wants You To Choose Your Favorite Marvel Comics Custom Motorcycle. So now you can get a bike designed about a comic superhero if you desire. See story and photos

<https://www.fastcocreate.com/3062978/harley-davidson-wants-you-to-choose-your-favorite-marvel-comics-custom-motorcycle/1>

California just became the first state to legalize motorcycle lane-splitting. Also called lane-sharing, the practice often sparks tension between motorcyclists who say driving between vehicles keeps them out of danger and helps lessen congestion, and some motorists who say it is reckless and burdens them to be on guard. "Our primary concern is safety," said Fran Clader, a spokeswoman for the California Highway Patrol in Sacramento. "We want to do whatever we can to keep motorcyclists and motorists safe. The crux of all this is all motorists need to share the road."

<http://www.dailynews.com/general-news/20160822/california-just-became-the-first-state-to-legalize-motorcycle-lane-splitting>

Motorcycle Lane-Splitting Is Now Legal, But Is It Safe? It's long been a controversial issue. Motorcyclists, passing traffic by riding between cars along the lane divider line. The California Highway Patrol and Department of Motor Vehicles have let the practice happen on state roadways without any repercussion, but now the practice has the state's blessing. As of Friday (8/19) lane-splitting on a motorcycle is legal in the state of California. If fact, it's the only state where the common practice IS legal. <http://www.sunny981sd.com/blogs/nick/motorcycle-lane-splitting-now-legal-it-safe>

Motorcycle Hybrid Designed As A Survival Bike That Can Travel 300 Miles Without Refueling

Follow us: image: <http://main-designyoutrust.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/1-121-990x725.jpg?iv=81>



The Survival Bike is your tactical blank canvas. A utilitarian, military-inspired super-hauler, it comes outfitted with a universal rack that accepts a myriad of bolt-on mounts, harnesses, and fitments so you can pack along darned near anything you can imagine.

A primary fuel tank plus the added fuel from two optional red side-mounted fuel tanks will take you 250 to 300 miles without a fill-up. That's a good thing when you're traveling through the desert on a horse with no name.

This bike was built for the creative survivalist. Apply your favorite gear and escape with your life. For inspiration, check out the limited edition Black Ops version we've created.

Read more at <http://designyoutrust.com/2016/07/motorcycle-hybrid-designed-as-a-survival-bike-that-can-travel-300-miles-without-refueling/#lyrMHTzSB08ukz8V.99>

Julia Stiles hit by motorcycle off set during Bourne filming

Julia Stiles suffered a concussion after she was hit by a motorcycle during a break from filming the new Jason Bourne movie.

The Silver Linings Playbook star has no recollection of the accident, which occurred at a crosswalk in London.

"I was there in London doing re-shoots and woke up lying in the the street going, 'Why am I lying in the middle of the road?', she tells E! News. "I totally blacked out, I had a concussion. Luckily it wasn't worse than that and the motorist was OK, but I started to think my real life is more dangerous than what I'm having to do in this new movie!"

The 35-year-old admits she is not a big fan of motorcycles, but she did do some of her own stunts in the action film. However, she was "happy to hand it over to the professionals" when she needed to.

"We have an amazing stunt team so I always felt very safe," she says. "They rehearsed and practised so much. I would practise getting on the bike at slow speeds and riding on the back of motorcycles is a lot harder than it looks because you can throw the driver off, especially if you're going around narrow turns, but when we got on the bike and went full speed for the first time I definitely was scared."

The actress returns as CIA agent Nicolette 'Nicky' Parsons in the fifth instalment of the Bourne franchise, directed by Paul Greengrass, having made her debut in the first film, The Bourne Identity, 14 years ago.

Matt Damon also returns as titular character Jason after stepping down for 2012's The Bourne Legacy, in which he was replaced as the male lead by Jeremy Renner.

<http://www.msn.com/en-ca/entertainment/celebrity/julia-stiles-hit-by-motorcycle-off-set-during-bourne-filming/ar-BBuIyi2?li=AAggNb9>

NEWCASTLE, W.Y. - The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is a celebration of all things motorcycle, even - believe it or not - MacBeth.

The Bird Cage Theatrics Company and the Flying V Lodge & Resort of Newcastle, Wyoming, teamed up to stage a bikes and leathers version of Shakespeare's tragedy. The company is made up of about 15 semi-professional actors and another 15 local players. They're sticking to the Bard's original script, but replacing warring Scots with battling bikers.

Director William Conte said the goal was more than mounting a compelling production. "Ours is to re-create the spectacle of MacBeth, with powerfully strong characters. The Flying V's courtyard during the Sturgis Rally is the perfect setting for Motorcycle MacBeth. It will make great theatre!"

<http://www.newscenter1.tv/story/32722840/motorcycle-macbeth-battling-bikers-replace-warring-scots>

Talbott Motorcycle Museum opens in Carmel Valley California. Another private collection goes public. <http://www.latimes.com/business/autos/la-fi-hy-carmel-motorcycle-museum-20160826-snap-story.html>

Seems Volkswagon isn't only company to get into trouble over emissions. "Harley-Davidson Inc (HOG.N) agreed to pay a \$12 million civil fine and stop selling illegal after-market devices that cause its motorcycles to emit too much pollution, the U.S. Justice Department said on Thursday. The settlement resolves government allegations that Harley sold roughly 340,000 "super tuners" enabling motorcycles since 2008 to pollute the air at levels greater than what the Milwaukee-based company certified to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency."

The company said the settlement represents "a good faith compromise with the EPA on areas of law we interpret differently, particularly EPA's assertion that it is illegal for anyone to modify a certified vehicle even if it will be used solely for off-road/closed-course competition."

An EPA spokesman said that the vast majority of these tuners were used on public roads. According to the government, the sale of such "defeat devices" violates the federal Clean Air Act. Harley was also accused of selling more than 12,600 motorcycles that were not covered by an EPA certification governing clean air compliance. The settlement calls for Harley to stop selling the super tuners by Aug. 23, and buy back and destroy all such tuners in stock at its dealerships. EPA said the modified settings increase power and performance, but also increase the motorcycles' emissions of hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides. Harley must also deny warranty claims if owners continue to use the devices. An EPA spokesman said the company's dealers are not part of this action, but "if they are tampering or selling defeat devices on their own, then they could be investigated independently in the future."

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-harley-davidson-lawsuit-idUSKCN10T1JP> &

<http://fortune.com/2016/08/18/harley-davidson-motorcycle-emissions/>

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ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2016

Meeting Called to order at 11:34 AM 25 Members Present 0 Guests Present

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

PRESIDENT: Thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. Said he appreciated all who show for meetings and events. Encouraged more members to participate. New business cards are ready for distribution and were available at meeting. President says to put your name on the cards you give out. Member who gets the most new members in six months will get a year membership paid by the president. Spoke of benefits of ABATE membership.

VICE PRESIDENT: Encouraged members to get more new members.

TREASURER: Chapter has a positive balance currently and is in good standing.

MEMBERSHIP: No report given

SECRETARY: Secretary made a motion for correction to last month's minutes. Debbie Hamby should be listed as event coordinator, not Melissa. Motion was voted on and carried.

SARGENT AT ARMS: Working on a Dinner for members to get together.

SAFETY: Will be working Palm Beach Harley event. Brake recall notices were available at meeting.

DELEGATE: Two more chapters closed down.. Primaries are the 30th, get out and vote. Know your motorcycle friendly candidates. Get your tickets for State party at Peace River Campground in October.2017 Tallahassee ride is being planned for Apr 8-10 Next State meeting August 12 in Ocala.

LEGISLATIVE: Importance of primaries Get out and vote

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: Nothing to report

PRODUCTS: Excused but were available for purchase at meeting

NEWSLETTER: All is well.

OLD BUSINESS: The ABATE event in October at Peace River Campground was discussed. Discussion of Chapters December event to be called Holiday Freedom Rights Rally

NEW BUSINESS: Motion was made by Nighthawk and Seconded by President Fred, That while Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson retains both positions on the Chapter and State boards, that the Chapter will pay for his hotel room along with the Chapter Delegates rooms for the State meetings when the State does not pick up his room expense. It was voted on and carried unanimously,

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Local Bike events were discussed. 50/50 was called and won by Foxybabe.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:56pm

Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame – a low-tech way to see two-wheeled history

Aaron Heinrich August 12, 2016

Some of the different bikes from bygone eras on display at the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame (Credit: Aaron Heinrich/New Atlas)

Walk down Main Street or Lazelle Street during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, and you'll see a plethora of bikes equipped with the latest technology. But step inside the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame located in the hub of rally activity, and you'll get a glimpse into a world where two-wheeled machines were far less complicated yet still advanced for their time.

Though not on the scale of the Barber Vintage Motorsport Museum or the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum, the collection in an old brick building near the east end of Main Street in Sturgis is still impressive and worth a look, any time of year.

During the rally, the museum building is surrounded by an assortment of temporary vendors selling everything from sunglasses to Sturgis Rally apparel. Step inside the building and you're immediately transported into a cooler, older and quieter time.

The museum has two floors featuring an interesting menagerie of older American, European and Japanese bikes, with a couple of customs thrown in for good measure.

Go through the single door entrance, look to the left and you'll see a 1998 Excelsior Henderson still in its crate. Take a walk around the first floor and you'll find an assortment of old Harleys, Indians, a beautifully restored Flying Merkel, and a 1922 ACE Inline 4.

Assorted paraphernalia, photos, patches and other items from times gone by adorn the walls or are encased in various displays. Head down a small cubicle area and you'll see photos and related items that pay homage to the founder of the Sturgis Rally, Clarence "Pappy Hoel."

Along a back wall is a montage of photographs from different rallies that provide a sense of how the event has changed and the times with it – from old black-and-white images from the 60s, to the pierced, tattooed and bearded bikers of today.

Head downstairs and you'll find bikes, scooters, flat trackers and history from across both ponds, such as old BSAs, Triumphs, Ariels, Nortons, and a couple of Hondas. A Vincent Black Shadow sits appropriately elevated off the ground and featured by itself.

But there's relatively little technology being used to convey the history of motorcycles or the rally, other than a few monitors playing The World's Fastest Indian or short bits of older interviews and documentaries. The bikes tell the story.

Myrick Robbins, the executive director of the museum, recognizes the need to eventually incorporate more technology to improve the museum experience, but he's got even bigger plans. Though only three months on the job, he already envisions a time when the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame will be something more.

"We want this to be a destination museum all year long, and we know we're going to have to be in a bigger building, incorporate more technology and have more local, national and international support to make that happen," he says. "Considering the worldwide brand awareness of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, we believe we have the opportunity to do that. In two years, I think you'll see we've moved closer to making that happen."

For now, the museum is one of those gems you wish you'd known about or taken the time to check out, after it's too late to do so. And for the time being, the low-tech approach is just fine.

Museum website: Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame <http://www.sturgismuseum.com/>

Lots of photos at <http://newatlas.com/sturgis-motorcycle-museum-hall-of-fame/44706/>



Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame looking to expand

By Rachel Ryan | Posted: Wed 3:00 PM, Aug 10, 2016

STURGIS, S.D (KOTA-TV) Thousands of people flock to Sturgis every year and now the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame is looking to expand.

Myrick Robins, the Executive Director of the Sturgis Motorcycle Museum, hopes the corner of Junction and Main Street will become the ultimate hall of fame for those involved in the motorcycle industry.

Although the group is in the early stages of collecting money, they hope within the next two years, they will have around four to five million dollars for the expansion.

"The rally is huge, obviously there's millions of people who come. Millions of people have been here and to hold that history.. needs to have a bigger building. We want it to become one of the premier motorcycle museums in the nation, if not the biggest and best and that only happens if we expand."

With the expansion, they are looking to add two to three hundred more bikes to their collection.

If you would like to donate money for the expansion, you may do so at the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall Museum and Hall of Fame.

<http://www.kotatv.com/content/news/Sturgis-Motorcycle-Museum-and-Hall-of-Fame-looking-to-expand--389778092.html>

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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

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

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A.D.D. INSURANCE POLICY UPDATE

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

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ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Membership Dues: \$20 for 1 year or \$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

Palm Beach Harley Davidson Under New Ownership

If you haven't heard or seen it yet, our local dealership is undergoing many changes. Besides the name change going back to the original name, the insides have been changing a lot. A lot more bikes for sale and a lot more salesmen! See the new event Angels to the right. Bike Night is now every other Thursday not necessarily the third Thursday. The first Saturday Family Appreciation Day appears to have ended replaced with other events like Bikini Bike Washes, Hot Rods and Harleys, Ice Cream and Chrome, September 8 Football Kickoff Bike Night September 22 End of Summer Bike Night



Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting VFW POST 4143

THIRD SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 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.