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**NEXT  
CHAPTER  
MEETING  
11:30 AM**

**FOURTH  
Sunday  
OCT. 23**

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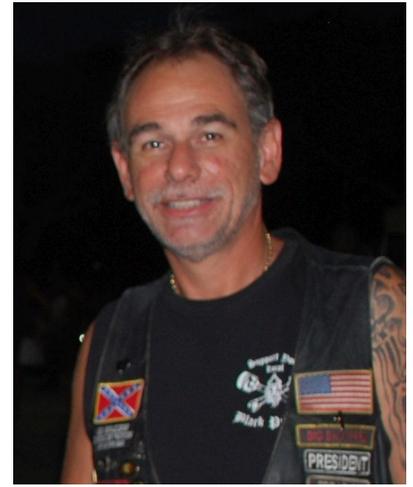
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- Chapter Meetings
- Our Table at Events
- Palm Beach Harley
- Various MC clubhouses

# President's Message

Big Bad Fred Joseph

I would like to thank everyone that showed up to our last meeting. Once again, if you missed it, you missed a good one. If you have not attended a meeting in sometime, you should definitely come in and see all the changes that have been made. You will be surprised. Just to tell you a couple of things that we have going on. We still have tickets for the Gun Raffle. If you have not purchased one yet, please see one of us and get yours BEFORE THE STATE MEETING OCT 8. You could win a black powder gun and you are also helping ABATE out at the same time. Membership is down to 165 as of this month. We really need members to step up and try to help recruit new members. Two months ago we had 191. Just a note to our Life Members. You are a Life member. We get no additional money from you unless you donate either at the meetings or when you see our safety table. Please donate whenever possible as we need the help. Now more than ever. Please take note: Our next meeting will be on the FOURTH Sunday the 23 due to Daytona Beach Biketoberfest. ABATE Southeast Chapter is having an event on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup>. Please try to be there to support them as they support us.



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

Big Bad Fred  
President

## COVER GIRL

Melissa of the Belles TV taken at Wellington's White Elephant 3rd Sunday Motor Madness Sept. 18 2016.  
I went there after our chapter meeting.

See all the photos on BikerOnlineGuide.com or my Facebook.

Editor: Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson



Saturday  
October 8th, 2016

**Patriot Ride- Donald J Trump for President**

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# ABATE of Florida, Inc.

## Mission Statement

### WHO WE ARE

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

### OUR GOALS

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

### MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

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.

# Halifax Woman Breaks World Motorcycle Speed Record

September 14, 2016 HALIFAX (CBS) — Jody Perewitz has been around motorcycles her whole life—and now she’s the fastest woman in the world on two wheels.

The motorcycles that her father Dave Perewitz builds are among the most coveted in America. He always dreamed that one of his kids would follow in his footsteps—and Jody has.



Jody Perewitz. (WBZ-TV)



The custom-built motorcycle Jody used to beat the record. (WBZ-TV)

“My passion is two wheels,” she says. “Anything with two wheels, I’m in love with.” Her passion turned into a quest to become the fastest on two wheels in the country—and at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah, she broke the world speed record for a woman in her class, going 207 mph.

“You almost become in a bubble, and it’s you and your machine,” Jody said. “I become one with my motorcycle.

At 207 mph, the slightest mistake, a rough shift, or even a change in the wind could be catastrophic.

But Jody doesn’t think about it—she’s trying to handle the speed, and an 800-pound rocket on two wheels.

“It is a beast, it’s a big machine,” Jody said. “We’re getting about 315 horsepower out of it.”

Dave says he isn’t concerned about his daughter going over 200 mph.

“Jody is so confident, and she’s so professional when she’s riding her race bike,” he said.

At this speed, it takes her about 17 seconds to go one mile. Now, Jody and her father are rebuilding the bike—they want to go even faster next year.

Story and Video at <http://boston.cbslocal.com/2016/09/14/halifax-woman-breaks-world-motorcycle-speed-record-jody-perewitz/>

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## UPCOMING Event Schedule

Sunday Oct.. 2 Mystic Seven Annual

Thursday Oct.. 6 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night 5-9  
Oct 6—9 Sanford Bikefest

Oct, 7– 9 ABATE of FL, Inc. Fall State Biker Bash Peace River Campground

Friday Oct. 7 Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House

Oct. 8 ABATE of FI, Inc State Meeting Peace River

Oct. 8 New Attitudes MC Annual

Oct. 14—16 Daytona Biketoberfest or AIMExpo OrlandoSpace Coast Harley Bikefest & BBQ

Oct. 19—23 Thunder Beach Autumn Rally Panama Beach

Thursday Oct.. 20 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night 5-9 45th St. West Palm Beach

Saturday Oct. 22 Wheels of Man MC Halloween Party

**Sunday Oct 23 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 Oct 27 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Sunday Oct 30 CMA Memorial & SE ABATE Annual ombined

### REMINDER: EVERY

**1st Monday Night is MOB OF BROTHERS MC OPEN HOUSE**

**2nd Tuesday Night is LONE LEGION MC OPEN HOUSE**

**4th Tuesday Night is MILITIA RIDERS OPEN HOUSE at LONE LEGION**

**3rd 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**

**2nd Thursday Night is BLACK PISTONS MC OPEN HOUSE**

**Every other Thurs. Palm Beach Harley Bike Night**

**3rd Thursday Bike Night at Hero's**

**1st & 4th Friday Night is AOA OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday Night is FLY-IN WHEELS MC OPEN HOUSE**

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

**Biketoberfest**  
**Open House Weekend**  
**and Bikini Bike Wash**  
**Oct 8 - Oct 9**

**SAVE THE TATAS**

**CANCER AWARENESS CARNIVAL**  
**Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016 at 1 PM**

**DUNK THE SEXY GIRL**  
**KISS THE HOT CHICK BOOTH**  
**BASKETBALL TOSS**  
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**HARLEY-DAVIDSON**

**Saturday 11am-2pm**  
**October 22**  
**Milwaukee-Eight**  
**Engine Intro**  
**Service Workshop**

**Thunder Beach**

2016 Autumn Rally October 19th - 23rd

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
**12 TO 7 PM**

Bounce house Live music

**Family Picnic & POKER RUN**

raffles Games

**FOR ANYONE ON 2, 3, OR 4 WHEELS**

**REGISTRATION & 1<sup>ST</sup> STOP**

**2<sup>ND</sup> STOP**

**3<sup>RD</sup> STOP**

**4<sup>TH</sup> STOP**

**LAST STOP LAST CARD**

Prizes for Best Hand,  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Hand and  
 Worse hand

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 LBI: 2:00PM  
 \*\*REGISTRATION FEE IS FOR ONE HAND AND ADMITS THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE POKER RUN INTO THE FAMILY PICNIC BEING HELD AT THE ELKS LODGE.

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- 3/23 - MARCH MADNESS
- 4/6 - BIRTHDAY BASH
- 4/20 - TREASURES AT SEA
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Back in August my Newsletter cover story was on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Augusta and Adeline Van Buren's historic cross country ride and the Sister's Centennial Motorcycle Ride. Present day women riders recreated this 4,000 mile ride to honor these motorcycle pioneers. There were many Internet reports I found via my Goggle Alerts. Now these Alerts are reporting on another vintage motorcycle cross county ride. Check out some of these sites for more stories and great photos of vintage Bikes.

Editor: Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

## The Cannonball - The Race of the Century Coast to Coast

Not to be confused by the movies of the name [Cannonball (1976), the Cannonball Run (1971 Burt Reynolds) or its sequels], this rally run is for pre 1917 vintage motorcycles. For the site of the Cannonball go to <http://motorcyclecannonball.com/> where it lists the riders and their bikes. Interesting to read about them, their bike, and their blogs on the race. Just do a Google search on the Cannonball motorcycle rally for some good reading.

The first I heard was the Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> article of "Norm Nelson has come in third and even second in the grueling Cannonball Motorcycle Endurance Run across America, both times on 1920s-vintage BMW motorcycles.

But as the St. Augustine man saddles up at 8:45 a.m. Saturday in Atlantic City, N.J., for his third Cannonball, he said he hopes his newest — and oldest iron steed — will bring him to Carlsbad, Calif., on Sept. 25 in first place.

Nelson will ride an unrestored bicycle-like 1911 Reading Standard in the 3,304-mile rally against 119 others on their own century-old machines through 150- to 272-mile daily legs. The former military pilot, vintage motorcycle race champion and endurance rider's Reading fits new rules mandating pre-1917 machines."

"The cross-country rally is named after Erwin "Cannonball" Baker, who set a coast-to-coast record of six days, 22 hours and 52 minutes in 1922 on an Ace motorcycle.

<http://jacksonville.com/news/metro/2016-09-09/story/st-augustine-man-tackles-california-bound-rally-105-year-old-motorcycle>

"ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Thomas Trapp sells new Harley-Davidson motorcycles in Germany, but for the next two weeks he'll be riding 3,300 miles coast to coast in the United States, aboard one made 102 years ago.

He's one of about 100 riders set to straddle century-old machines as part of the Motorcycle Cannonball, a biennial run for vintage motorcycles starting from Atlantic City on Saturday.

"There's nothing else like this ride," said Trapp, of Frankfurt, Germany, who will be joined on the run to Carlsbad, California, near San Diego, by his son, Eric, who will ride a 1916 Harley. "It's a special experience. People come from all over the world. We're like brothers and sisters, with everybody helping each other."

This marks the fourth Motorcycle Cannonball race since 2010. The first ride required pre-1915 cycles; in 2012 the cutoff was 1929, while the 2014 ride called for pre-1936 cycles."

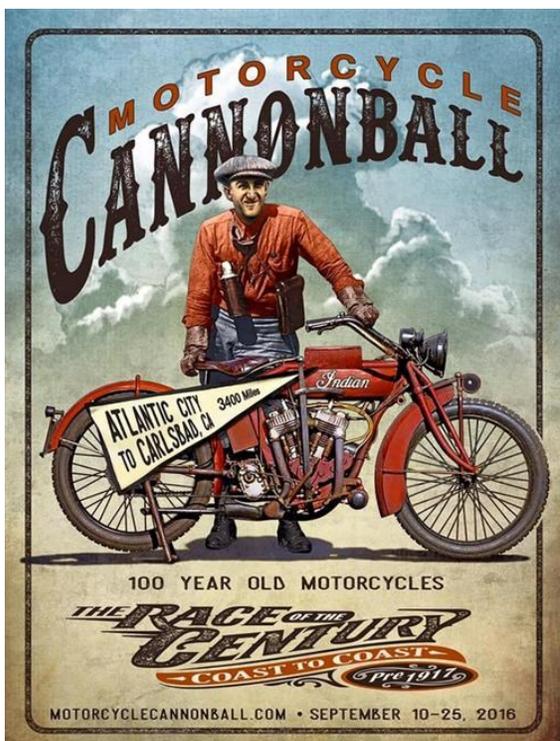
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<http://triblive.com/usworld/nation/11117742-74/motorcycle-ride-machines>

Even a female joined this run. "[AMA Motorcycle Hall of Famer Cris Sommer-Simmons](#) is one of 90 riders on a cross country trek this week in honor of [AMA Motorcycle Hall of Famer Erwin "Cannonball" Baker's](#) record-setting 11-day ride in 1914. For the 2016 Motorcycle Cannonball ride, participants must use a motorcycle that is at least 100 years old." "It is 15 days on the road, with only one day off. Most of the route will be on two-lane back roads with less than 100 miles of the trip on interstate highways."

<http://americanmotorcyclist.com/Home/News-Story/ama-motorcycle-hall-of-famer-participates-in-2016-motorcycle-cannonball>

See her and her bike <http://americanmotorcyclist.com/Home/News-Story/2016-motorcycle-cannonball-riders-roll-into-springfield-missouri>



"Sep 15, 2016 SPRINGFIELD, Mo. Crowds lined up to hear the noise, and to experience nostalgia rolling into Springfield.

The Queen City is just one stop on the Cannonball Motorcycle Race. Each and every bike in this event is at least one hundred years old.

"Every day is a new day," said contestant Justin Rinker of Romney, WV. "We started in Atlantic City and we are going to Carlsbad, California."

Alex Trepanier of Los Angeles drives a 1912 Indian brand motorcycle. He said the weather can be somewhat of a challenge during races like this. "It has been pretty good. Today we ran into some hail and rain. So, that slowed us down a little bit."

<http://www.ky3.com/content/news/Two-wheeled-wonders-roll-into-Springfield-on-antique-motorcycle-race-393642811.html>

At Stage 12 of 15 "The 58 riders who remain in the 2016 [Motorcycle Cannonball](#) arrived in Page, Ariz., on Wednesday, Sept. 21, with the tie for the lead reduced to 20." <http://americanmotorcyclist.com/Home/News-Story/competitors-continue-in-stage-12-of-2016-motorcycle-cannonball>

"It's done. The most incredible event in motorcycling history has come to an end in the seaside city of Carlsbad, California. The group that set off from Atlantic City, New Jersey on Sept 10, 2016 arrived ragged and weary along the shores of the Pacific ocean, completing a glorious journey as the world cheered them along every single mile. Never before have 100 year old vehicles of any kind, let alone a gangly gaggle of motorcycles, crossed the span of our great nation under their own power so when 74 machines carried their riders to the checkered flag on Sunday afternoon, everyone knew this was the stuff of legend.

The final day's ride was a meager 101 mile jaunt but, just as every other day completed during the Race of the Century, it was not without drama. What started out as

a warm and muggy morning during the green flag send off quickly became chilly as riders climbed over a 4,000-foot pass in the San Jacinto mountains before dropping into a dust storm on the valley floor. Beyond that, scenery along the two-lane country road was picturesque perfect. Swaying palm trees reminded us that we were, indeed, in sunny Southern California and the credo "California or Bust" had been realized even though 6 broken motorcycles were delivered to the finish line via flatbed.

Broken motorcycles weren't the only concern during the course of the run: broken riders were also part of the equation. Wounded rider #93 Scott Jacobs, who crashed on the second day of the race, and Jeff Lauritsen #22 who crashed on Saturday in Lake Havasu, were both in attendance, as was Hans Coertse who had been released from a Durango hospital the just day before. The bent and broken #22 motorcycle was pushed through the crowd to take its place next to its brethren as fans watched in somber respect. Jon Szalay's slightly charred #45 Thor rested just a few feet away, while Hans, having come all the way from South Africa to tour our back roads, completed every mile of the final day on his 1913 Matchless.

As difficult as the 16-day odyssey was, the rewards were even greater and the blood, sweat, tears, sleepless nights and stressful days suddenly seemed worth it all as the Cannonball clan gathered for dinner on Sunday evening. Past Cannonball rider Paul d'Orleans served as master of ceremonies and shared time at the microphone with an emotional Jason Sims, Director of Operations. Awards were presented to the riders who stood out, though Sims took the time to call the names of each rider, feeling that everyone in attendance deserved to be recognized for their successful passage. Out of the 90 souls who took the green flag in New Jersey, 16 held perfect scores for riding each of the 3,306 miles across 15 states, but it was Frank Westfall on his 1912 Henderson who won the bronze statue made by sculptor and past Cannonball rider, Jeff Decker.

Westfall has participated in each of the Cannonball runs and despite his close encounter with a diesel rig early on that left his bike battered and a bit of engine trouble that threatened to take him off the road, Frank still managed to ride every mile. His Henderson was the oldest of the 16 machines that held perfect scores. Besides his four transcontinental trips with the Motorcycle Cannonball, Westfall has also competed in the Great Race. No other man has traversed our country on a Henderson motorcycle more than Frank Westfall. "Hey, riding...it's what I like to do," he shrugged. "As we age, what do we look forward to? For me, it's riding."

Sims announced that Lonnie Isam, Jr, the Cannonball's founder, had been keeping track of the daily struggles of the Cannonball from home as he tended to his health. Lonnie was impressed with the efforts and arranged a special award he wanted to be presented to the one rider who most embodies the true spirit of the run. The Lonnie Isam, Jr Spirit of the Motorcycle Cannonball was presented to Class 1 rider Dean Bordigioni for his exceptional display of dedication and determination to get his 1914 HD belt drive single across the country. The award will be also be presented during all future Cannonball runs to the one participant who best exemplifies the gentleman's spirit of the Motorcycle Cannonball.

Also honored was Alex Trepanier, a 23-year-old who entered as a solo rider on a 1912 Indian single inherited from his father. Alex fought constant struggles but somehow kept his machine running well enough to complete 3,202 miles, most of it by peddling and pleading. His fellow warriors held a soft spot for young Alex as they offered parts and advice to help keep the undersized engine on the road.

Paul d'Orleans presented a Cannonballs award to the guy who demonstrated the most.. well...balls. Paul awarded a real cannonball to 1913 Shaw rider Brent Hansen who completed his 970 miles on a machine that has even less power than a Whizzer. If there were an award for going the slowest, the bike that was little more than a bicycle frame with a bitsy motor would certainly have won. Hansen spent the run riding on the shoulders of America's backroads and found comfort in the encouragement his fellow riders offered as they passed him up while he quietly peddled his machine along the scenic hills and dales.

If there was to be an award for the most fun participants, it most certainly would go to #52, Doc Hopkins and his sidekick sidecar gal, Dawn Hamilton who rode a 1915 HD with a beautiful wicker side car. The pair kept the world entertained with costumes, antics and constant social media videos as they gleeful completed every mile with a smile.

As attendants celebrated the accomplishments of the riders, the quiet backstory of the Motorcycle Cannonball was also acknowledged. Founder Lonnie Isam, Jr. was not in attendance as his failing health prevented him from completing the ride, even though he'd worked for months to have his 1915 HD roadworthy. As rider #12, Lonnie shared 70 miles of New Jersey countryside with his friends before returning home to South Dakota to watch the race and tend to his health. As the Cannonball family shared accolades and awards, the man with great vision who founded the prestigious, difficult, incredible adventure that held the world's attention was noticeably absent, and missed. As a man of integrity, Lonnie is honest, dedicated, determined and designed the Cannonball to be a race of gentlemen and women with those same traits. His perception of what a true Motorcycle Cannonball rider is capable of is what we all strive to be. The 2016 Cannonball final banquet was the first time Lonnie wasn't present to congratulate the accomplishments of the weary warriors. The crowd honored him with a loud and heartfelt standing ovation meant to salute the man who has set fire to the imaginations of motorcyclists from around the world.

Stand tall, Cannonballers. You've fulfilled Lonnie's dream along with your own goals, and achieved a great thing in the span of 16 days. You showed the world what you and your machines can do and you made history while doing so. Be proud.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook at Motorcycle Cannonball Race of the Century.

<http://www.motorcyclecannonball.com/2016-ride-reports/50-2016-ride-reports/680-stage-15-the-grand-finish>

The overall Winner of the Cannonball went to Frank Westfall, #49 from New York on his Class 2, 1912 Henderson. Frank won a \$10-15,000. Custom brass Cannonball figurine made by sculpturist, Jeff Decker. Runner up was Byrne Bramwell from Canada on his Class 2, 1913 Henderson. Of the top 5, Only one was a 1914 Harley Davidson and that was ridden by 79 year old Victor Boocock from California. Class 1 first place went to Dean Bordigioni with runner up being Alex Trepanier on his 1912 Indian single speed. Class 3 First place went to #2, Steve DeCosas from New York on his 1915 Harley Davidson with the runner up being 1st time Cannonballer #66, Ben Brown from Pennsylvania on his 1915 Harley Davidson. Jason ended the evening festivities by saying "Many of you are wondering about the future of the Cannonball." The room got quiet as he waited for everyone's attention. With one fist in the air he exclaimed, "Cannonball!"

[http://www.bikernet.com/pages/Motorcycle\\_Cannonball\\_Stage\\_15\\_Sunday\\_September\\_25\\_2016.aspx](http://www.bikernet.com/pages/Motorcycle_Cannonball_Stage_15_Sunday_September_25_2016.aspx)

More stories at these sites:

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## Teen delivers tragic message about motorcycle safety

BY JANA ESCHBACH FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND 2016

PORT ST LUCIE, FLORIDA — Nearly everyone who has ever ridden a motorcycle knows this rule: you need to keep a look out for the others drivers around you.

Roads around the Palm Beaches and Treasure Coast have been particularly deadly.

Friday a local teen fed up with losing friends to motorcycle crashes held a silent protest and memorial with a message for all drivers.

17 year-old Cory Arthur held up signs Friday in remembrance of her closest friends and family killed in motorcycle crashes in the last 12 months.

Even before she's asked she'll offer the same information: they were not speeding, and yes they were all wearing helmets.

"It's one after another and its seems it is never going to end," Cory said making signs earlier Friday for the protest.

In August 2015, Cory Arthur lost her big brother Anthony in a crash.

"A car actually pulled out in front of him and killed him," Cory said, "The driver said he didn't see him."

Next it was a close friend Dave.

"On US-1 a truck pulled out in front of him and he flipped over the car and he was killed," Cory said.

She and her boyfriend Andrew Taylor would ride in honor of Dave and Anthony with special helmets.

But somehow life wasn't done dealing Cory a bad hand.

"I started calling him and none of my calls were going through, which is when I got concerned," Cory said.

Last Friday, her boyfriend Andrew drove from his home in Fort Lauderdale, and just a mere mile from her home was hit and killed.

"They had him in a body bag in the road." Cory said shaking her head.

The charged hit-and-run driver Thomas Munson admitted to police he was high. His arrest affidavit says he also admitted to drinking "a little bit of alcohol."

"Helmet or no helmet anything can happen at any given second..."

"Helmet or no helmet anything can happen at any given second," Cory said, "It doesn't matter how careful you are on that bike its always the other people in the cars."

Cory said she will ride again Saturday in a ride dedicated to Andrew.

That's also why if you drove by, you would have found Cory holding a silent protest at the intersection where Andrew was killed, Walton Road and Village Green Parkway in Port St Lucie Friday night.

Her signs are asking drivers to look twice for motorcycles.

She didn't shout or wave. She just held the sign in silence.

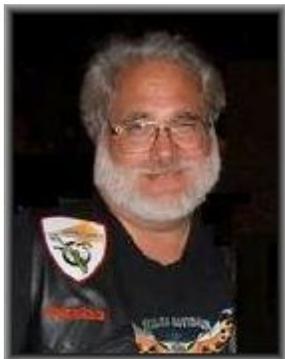
Florida leads the nation in fatal motorcycle crashes.

One in every five people killed in highway crashes here is on a motorcycle, even though bikers make up a small fraction of the licensed drivers.

<http://cbs12.com/news/local/teen-delivers-tragic-message-about-motorcycle-safety>

## Sept 8, 2016 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night and Bike Wash





# GOOGLE MOTORCYCLE ALERTS, NEWS, and RANDOM EDITOR THOUGHTS

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

Sept. 3 – a motorcyclist was killed at Lantana Road and Jog Road. He was found under the other vehicle.  
<http://www.wptv.com/news/region-c-palm-beach-county/lake-worth/motorcyclist-dies-in-accident-in-suburban-lake-worth>

## Fact Check / Fake News A Little Civilian Pillion

A fake news article reported that a new federal law would bar persons under the age of 18-years old from riding as passengers on motorcycles. <http://www.snopes.com/children-motorcycle-ban/>

Apple attempting to buy an electric motorcycle company. There have been several accounts of their attempts.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/ryanmac/2016/09/22/apple-lit-motors-larry-page-buy/#317843fb2de3>

<http://appleinsider.com/articles/16/09/21/apple-allegedly-in-talks-to-buy-self-balancing-motorcycle-outfit-lit-motors>

**AUTOCYCLES** If you have been following this, her two new stories. One with state by state maps showing where and what

[http://www.greencarreports.com/news/1106126\\_you-know-cars-trucks-and-motorcycles-but-whats-an-autocycle-its-an-elio](http://www.greencarreports.com/news/1106126_you-know-cars-trucks-and-motorcycles-but-whats-an-autocycle-its-an-elio)

Three-wheel vehicles no longer require Ohio motorcycle license A new Ohio law has eased restrictions for drivers of three-wheel vehicles, and some lawmakers say it will spur economic growth.

<http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/news/three-wheel-vehicles-no-longer-require-ohio-motorc/nsbLf/>

When Frank Myers moved from South Carolina to Tampa 34 years ago, he did so with the intention of adopting the Buccaneers, then a newly-formed team, as his own. More than three decades later, Myers still takes pride in wearing pewter in red, both on his back and on the road. Myers has built a custom Buccaneer motorcycle, with a logo on the rear and skeleton handlebars. While riding it, he wears a Buccaneer helmet reminiscent of the helmet the team sported during their Super Bowl championship.

<http://www.buccaneers.com/news/article-1/Fan-Sports-Custom-Buccaneers-Motorcycle/c9fa3f21-fb5a-4eaa-beff-49650123709f>

Cedarhurst Center for the Arts will host on Sunday, Sept. 25 its 12th annual recognition of the Motorcycle as Art, "Ironclad Art: The Motorcycle." Billed as the area's most unique motorcycle show, the event will feature vintage, classic, custom, competition and contemporary motorcycles owned by local and area enthusiasts. For more information, call 618-242-1236 or visit cedarhurst.org.

[http://thesouthern.com/entertainment/events/cedarhurst-event-heralds-motorcycle-as-art/article\\_3b6b54d0-64b8-5248-9de9-7ad5be76dc6e.html](http://thesouthern.com/entertainment/events/cedarhurst-event-heralds-motorcycle-as-art/article_3b6b54d0-64b8-5248-9de9-7ad5be76dc6e.html)



# DELEGATE REPORT

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke  
& Bill "Hammish" Black

Well as most of you already know our annual Spooks n' Scoots event has been canceled for good. In place of Spooks we will have a brand new event in its place; that's right on October 7th, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9th ABATE of Florida will be hosting the Fall Biker Bash and state meeting in Acadia FL at the Peace River Campground. So grab your sleeping bag and tent and join us for a fun weekend with your brothers and sisters from all over the state.

Tickets are available from your chapter or are available the day of the event. \$30.00 in advance or \$35.00 at the gate. If you bring your RV you will need to make arrangements with the park directly. Note: you will still need to buy a ticket to the party even if you already camping in your RV. When you make your reservation for RV camping tell them you are with ABATE and you will receive a discount.

Don't miss out this one promises to be a good one !!! Hope to see everyone there !

Ride Safe,  
Ride Smart !!

SNOOZE

## STATE MEETINGS

### Host Chapter - Location

October 7-8, 2016 Peace River Campground

December 10, 2016: Gator Alley -

*Everyone over the age of 18 with proper ID are welcome!*



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### *Fall State Biker Bash*

*Friday, October 7 through Sunday, October 9, 2016*

*Gates open at 12 Noon on October 7 and Event ends at 12 Noon on October 9*

*Peace River Campground, 2998 NW Highway 70, Arcadia, FL 34226 - 863-494-9693*

*Food, Beverages, Vendors, Motorcycle Games, Live Bands and 50/50's*

*Membership and Safety Awareness Information Booth*

*Campground has golf cart and canoe rentals available (extra cost)*



### *Also hosting the Iron Horse Rodeo*

*Saturday, October 8, 2016 - 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.*

*Weekend will also include a Scavenger Hunt and Swap Meet*



*WEEKEND ADMISSION: Includes Primitive Camping*

*\$35 at gate or \$30 in advance*

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*Saturday Noon to Midnight \$15*

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*John Little at johnl9634@gmail.com*

*For Further Info Contact:*

*Bill Bird - 941-613-1232 or email*

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*Economy Inn  
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# October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> Fly-In Wheels MC Open House Komedly Knight
<b>2</b> Mystic Seven MC Annual Motor Madness Stuart FL	<b>3</b> Tilted Kilt Boca & CJs Delray Bike Nights Mob of Brothers MC Open House Dinner States MC Pompano	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Island Jack's Bike Night Anchor Inn Bike Night Chit Chat's Bike Night	<b>6</b> Sanford Bikefest Palm Beach Harley Beer n Brats Bike Night	<b>7</b> ABATE FL Fall Biker Bash Soldiers for Jesus MC & AOA Open Houses Ink Link BN	<b>8</b> Sanford Bikefest ABATE FL Fall Biker Bash & State Meeting New Attitudes MC Annual PBH Weekend
<b>9</b> ABATE FL Fall Biker Bash Palm Bch Harley Open House & Bikini Bike Wash Patriot Ride	<b>10</b> Tilted Kilt Boca & CJs Delray Bike Nights Dinner States MC Pompano	<b>11</b> Lone Legion MC Open House	<b>12</b> Island Jack's Bike Night Anchor Inn Bike Night Chit Chat's Bike Night	<b>13</b> Palm Bch Harley Ladies Garage Party Biketoberfest AIMExpo Black Pistons Open House	<b>14</b> Biketoberfest AIMExpo Pizza States MC Pompano Space Coast HD Bike BBQ fest	<b>15</b> Biketoberfest AIMExpo Treasure Coast Harley Appreciation Day
<b>16</b> Biketoberfest AIMExpo Space Coast HD Bike BBQ fest White Elephant Motor Madness	<b>17</b> Tilted Kilt Boca & CJs Delray Bike Nights  Dinner States MC Pompano	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Thunder Beach Autumn Rally States LW MC Open House Island Jack's & Anchor Inn Bike Nights Chit Chat's Night	<b>20</b> Thunder Beach Autumn Rally Palm Beach Harley Bike Night WPB Vintage Motorcycle Show	<b>21</b> Thunder Beach Autumn Rally Pizza States MC Pompano	<b>22</b> Thunder Beach Autumn Rally Wheels of Man Halloween Party Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
<b>23</b> <b>P Bch ABATE</b> <b>Chapter</b> <b>Meeting</b> Alternative MC Annual	<b>24</b> Tilted Kilt Boca & CJs Delray Bike Nights Mob of Brothers MC Open House Dinner States	<b>25</b> Militia Riders Open House at Lone Legion	<b>26</b> Island Jack's, Anchor Inn & Chit Chat's Bike Nights	<b>27</b> FL HOG Rally Turboz/ Ralphs Bike Nights	<b>28</b> FL HOG Rally AOA WPB MC Open House Pizza States MC Pompano	<b>29</b> FL HOG Rally Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
<b>30</b> CMA Memorial & SE ABATE Rally	<b>31</b> Tilted Kilt Boca & CJs Delray Bike Nights					

# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Island Jack's, Anchor Inn & Chit Chat's Bike Nights	3 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night  Roscoe's Chili Challenge	4 Ink Link BN Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House Heathens Annual Roscoe's Chili Challenge AOA WPB Open Houses	5 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House AOA Party Roscoe's Chili Challenge Pirate Ball at Gilberts by Heathens MC
6 Palm Beach Harley Grand Opening Party	7 Tilted Kilt Boca & CJs Delray Bike Nights Mob of Brothers MC Open House Dinner States MC Pompano	8 Lone Legion MC Open House	9 Island Jack's Bike Night Anchor Inn Bike Night Chit Chat's Bike Night	10 Black Pistons Open House Treasure Coast Harley Bike Night	11 <b>Veteran's Day</b>	12 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House USMV MC Chapter 1 Annual
13	14 Tilted Kilt Boca & CJs Delray Bike Nights  Dinner States MC Pompano	15	16 States LW MC Open House Island Jack's, Anchor Inn & Chit Chat's Bike Nights	17 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night O'Shea's Vintage Motorcycle Show Bike Night at Hero's	18	19 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House Leathernecks MC Annual
20 <b>P Bch ABATE Chapter Meeting</b> Alternative MC Party White Elephant Motor Madness	21 Tilted Kilt Boca & CJs Delray Bike Nights  Dinner States MC Pompano	22 Militia Riders Open House at Lone Legion	23 Island Jack's Bike Night Anchor Inn Bike Night Chit Chat's Bike Night	24 Turboz/ Ralphs Bike Nights	25 <b>Thanksgiving</b> AOA WPB Open House	26 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
27	28 Tilted Kilt Boca & CJs Delray Bike Nights  Dinner States MC Pompano	29	30 Island Jack's Bike Night Anchor Inn Bike Night Chit Chat's Bike Night			

# WEEKLY BIKE EVENTS

**Mon** Tilted Kilt Bike Night Boca  
**Mon** CJs Bike Night Delray  
**1st Mon** Mob of Brothers MC  
 Open House  
**Mon** Dinner 6:30 States MC  
 Pompano Clubhouse

**2nd Tues** Lone Legion MC  
 Brotherhood Open House  
**4th Tues** Militia Riders Open  
 House @ Lone Legion clubhouse

**3rd 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

**Every other Thurs** Palm Beach  
 Harley Davidson Bike Night 5-9 PM  
**2nd Thurs** Treasure Coast Harley  
 Davidson Bike Night  
**3rd Thurs** O'Shea's Vintage  
 Motorcycle Show 519 Clematis St  
 West Palm  
**2nd Thurs** Black Pistons MC WPB  
 Open House  
**3rd Thurs** Bike Night at Hero's  
**Last Thurs** Turboz/Ralph's Bike  
 Night Jupiter  
**Last Thurs** Gator's Shack Bike  
 Night Loxahatchee

**1st & 4th Fri** AOA MC WPB Open  
 House  
**1st Fri** Soldiers for Jesus Open  
 House  
**1st Fri** Enforcers MC Party

**Sat** Palm Beach Harley HOG  
 FREE hot dogs soda's 10-2  
**3rd Sat** Treasure Coast Harley  
 Biker Appreciation  
**Sat** Fly-In Wheels MC WPB open  
 house

**Sun** Flossie's Famous Tiki Hut  
 Biker Sunday  
**Sunday** Wind Rider Church  
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**3rd Sunday** ABATE FL Palm  
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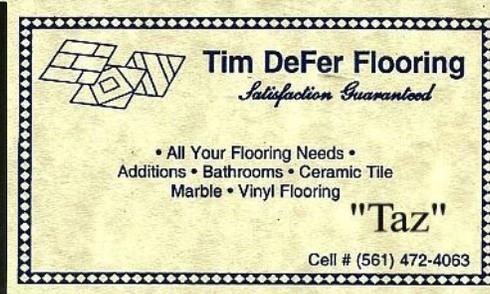
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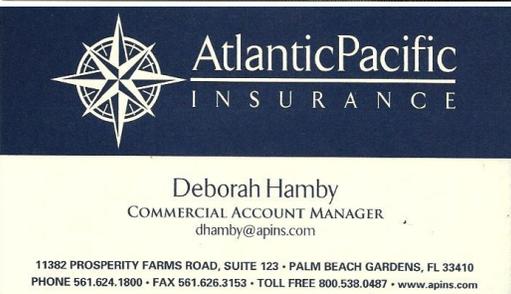
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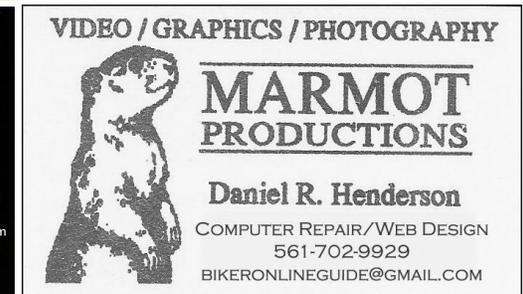
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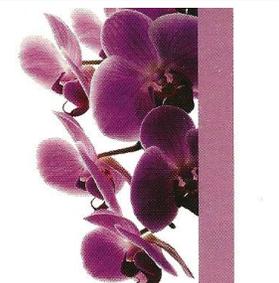
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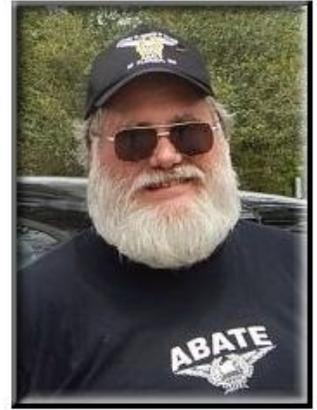
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Dist. 27  
Jeff Clemens

Dist. 32  
Joe Negron

Dist. 34  
Maria Sachs

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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)

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

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

State Senator, Dist. 31 Jeff Clemens (DEM) *The one write-in candidate withdrew. Maybe if we all write in Irv Slosberg....*

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### LAWMAKERS START COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

House and Senate leaders Monday announced committees will meet in December, January and February as lawmakers prepare for the 2017 session, which will start March 7. The House will hold committee meetings the week of Dec. 5 to Dec. 9, followed by the Senate holding meetings the week of Dec. 12 to Dec. 16. In January, both chambers will hold committee meetings the weeks of Jan. 9 to Jan. 13 and Jan. 23 to Jan. 27. Both also will hold meetings the weeks of Feb. 6 to Feb. 10, Feb. 13 to Feb. 17 and Feb. 20 to Feb. 24. Lawmakers also are expected to be in Tallahassee on Nov. 22 for an organization session after the elections.

### REPORT POINTS TO TIGHT BUDGET TIMES AHEAD

Lawmakers will face a tight budget during next year's legislative session and will likely need to take action to head off a shortfall in the near future, a new report suggests.

A draft of the state's "long-range financial outlook," set to be considered by a legislative commission next week, raises the prospect that "a structural imbalance" is looming.

For the coming budget year, which begins July 1, the outlook projects a surplus of just \$7.5 million --- a tiny sliver of the state spending plan, which is now roughly \$82 billion. The following year, a budget gap of \$1.3 billion could open up, followed by \$1.8 billion the year after that.

That could force lawmakers to scale back expected spending or, less likely in a Legislature dominated by Republicans, to boost taxes to pay for budget increases in areas like education and health care. The financial outlook, which is prepared by state economists, is not official until approved by the Joint Legislative Budget Commission, which is made up of House and Senate members.

However, there are conclusions in the report that could change the potential shortfalls, in some cases dramatically. For example, the outlook assumes some increases in spending on areas like education and health care,

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projecting them to be handled the same as they have been in recent budget years.

It includes a three-year average of tax cuts, which have been popular under Gov. Rick Scott and the GOP legislative leaders, and projects similar decisions in the coming session.

And it accounts for lawmakers setting aside \$1 billion each year to deal with unexpected changes in the economy or additional needs that could crop up. No major changes are expected to that policy because lowering the state's reserves substantially could make it more expensive to issue bonds to pay for construction needs.

Still, legislative leaders admit that the forecast will prompt lawmakers to consider changes to state spending when they begin work on the budget in earnest in March.

"I think it shows that we will have difficult choices to make in the upcoming session, and I think it will force us to make decisions between competing priorities," incoming Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, said.

He said lawmakers who oversee different areas of the state budget will have to take a deep look at whether to continue spending on items approved by previous legislatures.

"We can't simply reaffirm the priorities of yesterday," Negron said.

Meanwhile, legislative leaders and Scott are expected to push new priorities. Negron has proposed increasing spending on higher education by \$1 billion over the next two years, as well as a plan to use bonds and federal money to boost Everglades restoration.

Incoming House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, has not outlined much in the way of new spending, though he has spoken in the past of overhauling state health-care programs in a way that could save money. Through a spokesman, Corcoran --- who currently serves as the House budget chief --- declined to comment before the outlook was finalized.

Scott generally unveils his budget proposals in the weeks before the annual legislative session.

Senate Appropriations Chairman Tom Lee, R-Brandon, said the report didn't rule out the kind of spending plans proposed by Negron. But doing so would require making offsetting changes elsewhere in the budget.

"I think what that outlook says is that there's going to have to be some realignment of priorities if additional expenditures of that magnitude are approved," Lee said.

## MRF September 16, 2016 State Legislator in Fatal Motorcycle Crash; Details Raise Questions About Strategies to Address Motorcycle Safety

WASHINGTON, DC – This week, Pete Pettalia, a lawmaker who served in the Michigan State Legislature was fatally injured when a pickup truck turned directly into his lane. It is important to note that, Pettalia, was wearing a helmet at the time of the incident.

State Representative Pettalia was an avid motorcyclist rights defender and advocate playing a key role in what would eventually become the repeal of the helmet law in Michigan state in 2012. News sources like CNN quickly tried to appeal to the irony that a critic of a universal helmet law was killed in a motorcycle accident. CNN's headline read, "Lawmaker Who Opposed Universal Helmet Law Dies in Motorcycle Crash." You would expect CNN to be more professional, the headline infers that the lack of a helmet was the reason for the fatality. This biased headline and notion is completely false as reports confirmed that the lawmaker was wearing a helmet at the time of the incident.

This particular occurrence is, very unfortunately, one that has been repeated in the past. Despite helmet use, drivers of the four-wheeled variety often fail to see motorcyclists for a multitude of reasons that can include distracted or reckless driving, or simply the failure to be aware of their surroundings. It is for reasons like what caused the crash involving Mr. Pettalia and others like him, that groups such as the Motorcycle Riders Foundation emphasize the concept of crash prevention rather than safer crashing. The reality is, even if riders choose to wear and helmet and all the protective gear available, it is often not enough to stand up to reckless and distracted driving by motorists who fail to adhere to the oft-repeated biker adage. "Look Twice, Save a Life."

Biker Rights' activists including SMROs (State Motorcyclist Rights Organizations) are doing their part to emphasize rider education for motorcyclists and driver awareness for the majority of the population behind the wheel. The battle is likely to mount, as referenced by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's recent Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) report which showed that crashes due to 'human choice' errors, specifically distracted driving, increased in 2015 by almost nine percent.

Though it's not clear what caused the pickup truck driver to drive into Mr. Pettalia's lane, a safe assumption is that it could have been prevented and that, in this instance, a helmet did not make any difference in keeping the lawmaker safe. Yet, there are many, many groups across the nation that point to helmet use as the 'cure all' problems. However, the tragedy that occurred this week speaks to what many bikers have been saying for years; let's work together on a meaningful campaign to enhance motorcycle safety to adopt a strategy that focuses on avoiding motorcycle crashes and not merely surviving them.

### Make your candidates aware of the AMA Vote Like A Motorcyclist Campaign Provide questions to candidates today!



The American Motorcyclist Association is encouraging its members to let their candidates know about the **2016 AMA Vote Like A Motorcyclist** campaign and ask them to respond to questions about issues important to motorcyclists.

The 2016 AMA Voter Guide provides links to their campaign websites, candidates' responses from you and your fellow motorcyclists on issues such as access to public lands, distracted driving and E15 fuel.

A key component is the federal incumbents' "AMA gauge" rating. A green indicator indicates a candidate is 100 percent in agreement with the priorities of the AMA and its members.

We need your help to make the federal incumbents aware of this AMA gauge rating. Let them know that there is still time to raise their score by cosponsoring key bills that motorcyclists favor or by not cosponsoring bills unfavorable to motorcyclists.

For each candidate from the two major political parties, the AMA provides questions on these issues. Candidate responses may be included in the AMA online voter guide.

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**NEWS FROM THE HILL**

In the House of Representatives this week, all eyes were on the House Freedom Caucus (a small group of Republicans who tout themselves as the most conservative of all Republicans serving in Congress) and its agenda of pressuring a vote to impeach IRS Commissioner John Koskinen. You may recall that Koskinen was one of the central figures that in the IRS scandal that led up to the 2012 election that found the federal tax agency was being used to inappropriately harass conservative organizations. Under Koskinen's watch, tens of thousands of e-mails under congressional subpoena were illegally destroyed, inhibiting investigation into the agency's wrongdoing.

Behind the scenes it remains unclear if the Freedom Caucus has the votes they need for an impeachment. There are a number of moderate Republicans who have signaled they are not willing to vote for impeachment.

**The BIG Story**

In MRF-related hill news, Senator Sullivan from Alaska delivered good on his promise to question the Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx about the agency's plans to reestablish the Motorcyclist Advisory Council. Secretary Fox officially made his response to Senator Sullivan this week, no less than 90 days after being asked. Secretary Foxx wrote that the agency is working through the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requirements to establish the Council and stakeholders would be afforded the opportunity to weigh in publicly about who would serve as members of the Council. He went on to give more insight on what the Council would focus on, specifically suggesting that it would, "...provide meaningful insight into the safety topics identified in the FAST Act, including barrier design; road design, construction, and maintenance practices; and the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies."

The MRF is pleased with Senator Sullivan's assistance with our inquiry (and all of the twenty legislators who signed on to a letter questioning the Agency for its intentions regarding Council participants) and hopes to continue to work with the Senator's office on this particular issue through the positive relationship built by ABATE of Alaska.

**EXECUTIVE & REGULATORY UPDATES**

Wisconsin Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner is taking the EPA to task for failing to produce legally required reports on the environmental impact of the Renewable Fuel Standard which concerns how much ethanol is in use in the U.S. In August, the EPA Office of Inspector General published a report finding the EPA's Office of Research and Development has not complied with a statutory requirement to provide a report to Congress every three years on the impact of biofuels including ethanol. In Sensenbrenner's letter sent late last week, the legislator demanded that the agency produce the report and provide updates by October 8. "Additional and updated research and analysis allows lawmakers to better gauge the strengths and weaknesses of policy we enact, and science-based decision-making is vital when evaluating our biofuel mandate," he wrote in the letter. As of this writing, the EPA has not yet responded.

**STATE SNAPSHOT - WISCONSIN**

Though generally speaking most state legislatures are out of session, that doesn't mean the work stops being done. Even in the "off" months, many SMROs like Wisconsin have to keep a close ear to the ground to ensure they are prepared for the 2017 legislative year.

ABATE of Wisconsin has recently been discussing its legislative agenda for 2017 and are in the process of identifying priorities which will include an autocycle bill to try and separate autocycles and motorcycles for reporting and classification purposes as well as augmenting a Right of Way law which they worked on in 2006 and 2010. Executive Director Dave "Chubby" Charlebois indicated that the law is limited and they were looking forward to adding additional components including violations for crossing left of center, etc. They have already secured sponsors in both houses for the measure and look forward to the legislative session getting underway.

In other news, ABATE of Wisconsin will be undergoing some possible changes with Officer elections scheduled for October. The entire Board of Directors is up for reelection and many are deep in "campaign mode" sharing their profiles and accomplishments in their monthly newsletter to highlight what they have achieved on behalf of their members.

Another initiative that Wisconsin bikers are focusing on is legislative training for their politically active members. For many, lobbying elected officials and clearly understanding the state legislative process is complicated. The hope was that with legislative training, more bikers in Wisconsin would get involved with state government affairs resulting in an even great voice for the biker community within the state. Though interest is starting out slow, ABATE of Wisconsin is hopeful that more of its members express an interest in this critical component for biker rights.

**ELECTION NEWS – Spending to Win**

Compared to the astronomical numbers being spent in the presidential election, spending in congressional House races seem like a drop in the bucket. But I would venture to guess that what some would call a "drop in the bucket" is a pretty astronomical number to most. House elections have seen a jump in outside spending in the last few years, from about \$29 million in the 2012 elections to \$43 million in 2014. This time around, we've only seen about \$40 million spent on things like advertisements, TV spots, and websites, but we still have almost 7 weeks to go. There is a fairly good chance we will set a new record for this election when it's all said and done.

Interestingly, there have been a few 'hot spots' where serious money has been dumped into local races and at the primary level. Kansas' race for the 1st Congressional District primary had a price tag of about \$2.7 million. The reason being that it's a super competitive seat and featured a fierce rivalry between incumbent Rep. Tim Huelskamp and newcomer Roger Marshall. Marshall defeated Huelskamp in the primary held August 2. Other 'top spenders' include Ohio's 8th Congressional District and Maine's 2nd District – also both battleground races.

As we wrap up state primaries and move into the general election in November, we're likely to see more money dumped into

battleground district and state races. The three weeks leading up to election day are prime spending weeks as 'undecideds' are picked off one by one. I don't have a crystal ball to tell you who wins what states, but what is for sure, is that TV networks and media moguls are turning a pretty profit as election spending hits an all-time high.

## MRF NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEETING OF THE MINDS IS UPON US!** This time next week, I will make my first trip ever to Oklahoma City and participate in my first ever Meeting of the Minds, (or MotM as many of us has abbreviated). Though I have had the pleasure of meeting some of you during May's Bikers Inside the Beltway event, I am looking forward to connecting with more of our members and letting them know about what's been going on in Washington. It's been a whirlwind since I started back in May and I am eager to hear your thoughts and comments about we can continue doing to bring value to our members. I hope you won't be shy when I see you next week – come up and introduce yourself, and please forgive me if we've met before or spoken on the phone or traded emails and it takes me a few minutes to place you! Eventually I will have everyone memorized but that's going to take a little time. Flag me down next week, I want to hear from you and hear what you like about what your MRF is doing and what we could be doing more of. I take these comments to heart and am committed to ensuring all of our members have a voice. Come use yours next week in OKC!

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## US Court Upholds Ban on Gun Sales to Marijuana Card Holders

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/us-court-upholds-ban-gun-sales-marijuana-card-41778814>

A federal ban on the sale of guns to medical marijuana card holders does not violate the Second Amendment, a federal appeals court said Wednesday.

The ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals applies to the nine Western states that fall under the court's jurisdiction, including California, Washington and Oregon.

It came in a lawsuit filed by S. Rowan Wilson, a Nevada woman who said she tried to buy a firearm for self-defense in 2011 after obtaining a medical marijuana card. The gun store refused, citing the federal rule banning the sale of firearms to illegal drug users.

Marijuana remains illegal under federal law.

Wilson said she was not a marijuana user, but obtained the card in part as an expression of support for marijuana legalization.

She challenged guidance issued by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in 2011 that said gun sellers should assume people with medical marijuana cards use the drug and not sell them firearms.

The 9th Circuit in its 3-0 decision said it was reasonable for federal regulators to assume a medical marijuana card holder was more likely to use the drug.

The court also said Congress had reasonably concluded that marijuana and other drug use "raises the risk of irrational or unpredictable behavior with which gun use should not be associated."

Wilson's attorney, Chaz Rainey, said there needs to be more consistency in the application of the Second Amendment. He planned to appeal the decision and his options include submitting the appeal to the same panel of judges that issued the ruling, a larger panel of the circuit court or the U.S. Supreme Court.

"We live in a world where having a medical marijuana card is enough to say you don't get a gun, but if you're on the no fly list your constitutional right is still protected," he said.

The 9th Circuit also rejected other constitutional challenges to the ban that were raised by Wilson, including her argument that her gun rights were being stripped without due process.

Paul Armentano, deputy director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, said the idea that marijuana users were more prone to violence is a fallacy.

"Responsible adults who use cannabis in a manner that is compliant with the laws of their states ought to receive the same legal rights and protections as other citizens," he said.

Alex Kreit, a marijuana law expert at Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, said the ruling was significant — but may not be the last time the 9th Circuit addresses medical marijuana and gun rights.

"It seems like the court did not foreclose the possibility of a challenge by actual medical marijuana users that they shouldn't be lumped with other drug users in terms of concerns about violence," he said.

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### 2015 Motor Vehicle Crash Data Released; Increase in Motorcyclist Fatalities

WASHINGTON, DC – This week, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released 2015 data concerning motor vehicle crashes and fatalities. This data also included information on motorcyclist fatalities. The data comes from NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) as well as the National Automotive Sampling System and General Estimates System. The information provides an overall measure of highway safety, and aids in guiding policy solutions for federal and state lawmakers as well as provides a basis to evaluate the effectiveness of motor vehicle safety standards and highway safety programs.

In 2015, the nation saw an overall upward trend in vehicle crashes and fatalities across all segments of the population. Overall, there was a 7.2 percent increase which is the largest percentage increase in almost 50 years. Increases in fatalities were seen in all types of vehicles and roadway users including SUVs, vans, trucks, pedestrians, bicyclists and motorcyclists. Specifically, motorcyclists' fatalities in 2015 had an increase of 8.3%, the largest since 2012.

There were other statistics, specific to motorcycles that are of note:

While the proportion of people killed ‘inside the vehicle’ (which includes drivers and passengers of cars, trucks, etc.) has declined by roughly 15% over the last decade, the proportion of people killed ‘outside the vehicle’ (which includes motorcyclists, pedestrians, etc.) has increased by roughly 15% over the last ten years.

There were increases in motorcyclist fatalities in every age group except those 19 and under which saw fewer fatalities in 2015 than in 2014.

Though not specific to motorcycles, the most common fatal crash type in 2015 was multi-vehicle rollovers.

Data showed that crashes due to ‘human choice’ specifically distracted driving, increased by almost 9%.

Other ‘human choice’ factors included alcohol impaired drivers in which fatalities increased overall by 3%.

Interestingly, there was a half percentage point drop in motorcyclists who had been involved in fatal crashes due to alcohol-impairment. This may suggest that some of the recent motorcycle and alcohol awareness programs could be starting to take effect.

The NHTSA release offered some possible explanation for the overall upward trend in fatal crashes. Specifically, it linked economic trends like a recovering economy and lower gas prices as reasons more people were on the road, likely due to work travel and increased recreational travel. Warmer weather and milder winters which some of the nation saw in 2015 were also contributing factors.

Though no specific policy solutions were offered with the NHTSA release, it was noted that, “in States without universal helmet laws, 58 percent of motorcyclists killed in 2015 were not wearing helmets, as compared to 8% in States with universal helmet laws.” This is likely an indicator that NHTSA will continue its position in viewing universal helmet laws as a solution for highway safety. This emphasizes ‘safer crashing’ rather than crash prevention; of which many motorcyclists find fault.

In response to the release of the data, The White House and Department of Transportation are issuing a call to action to involve a wide range of stakeholders in helping determine the causes of the increases seen in the 2015 crash and fatality data. NHTSA announced plans to share the information with its safety partners, state and local officials, technologists, data scientists, and policy experts. States and the nation as a whole are likely to see policy solutions offered and initiatives brokered over the following weeks and months as a result of the newly released data.

The motorcyclist community is also in the process of responding to the recently released data through reviewing and confirming the information and preparing to work with the federal agencies to ensure that policy solutions are achieved through the lens of crash avoidance and do not infringe upon their personal rights. These activities will complement the already existing efforts being achieved at the federal and state levels like emphasis on rider education, alcohol awareness programs, share the road initiatives, motorcyclist awareness programs and reduced distraction efforts.

The raw data can be accessed via NHTSA’s website: <ftp://ftp.nhtsa.dot.gov/fars/2015/>

This is from the AMA

**WASHINGTON, D.C. – The American Coalition for Ethanol is telling fuel retailers** they should require a minimum purchase of 4 gallons at blender pumps offering E15 and post signs saying that buying less than 4 gallons may violate federal law. The advice, found in the *E15 & Flex Fuel Retailer Roadmap, 2016-2017 Edition*, is intended to convince retailers to carry more E15 fuel (15 percent ethanol) and use blender pumps to dispense it. In 2012 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed the 4-gallon minimum purchase as part of its misfueling mitigation plan. But the agency withdrew the proposal after the AMA pointed out that motorcycle fuel tanks hold only 3-5 gallons. In addition, as much as a quart of the higher-ethanol fuel could remain in the dispenser hose after a vehicle finishes fueling, potentially damaging an engine not designed to operate on E15. Motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles are not EPA-approved to operate on ethanol blends higher than 10 percent and inadvertent misfueling with E15 is a major concern. The EPA requires that stations dispensing E10 and E15 from the same hose also provide a separate E10 pump for consumers who are not buying at least four gallons.

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## Government Study Announced on Motorcycle Conspicuity

WASHINGTON, DC – The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) held its annual meeting this week in Seattle, WA. The theme for this year’s event emphasized the importance of safe driving behavior in an era of rapid technological advancement. More than 500 state highway safety officials and advocates were in attendance including government officials from the Department of Transportation, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as well as representatives from State Motorcycle Rights’ Organizations and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.

During the course of the conference, plans regarding an upcoming motorcycle study, funded by money in the highway bill passed by Congress late last year, were announced. Though in the early planning stages, the study is aiming to address motorcycle crash prevention. This is a pivot from previous positions from government officials whose sole focus appeared to be geared towards “safer crashing” through the practice of universal helmet laws.

Though details of the upcoming study remain limited, it appears that it will examine the impact of high-visibility clothing and effects on motorcycle crashes. The project is in the solicitation process but the details suggest a hypothesis aiming to prove high visibility clothing can prevent motorcycle accidents. Details including available data, the entities or contractors conducting the study and when the study will be released will be available in the coming months. Depending on the outcome and findings of the study, legislative and regulatory activity by states and the federal government could follow.

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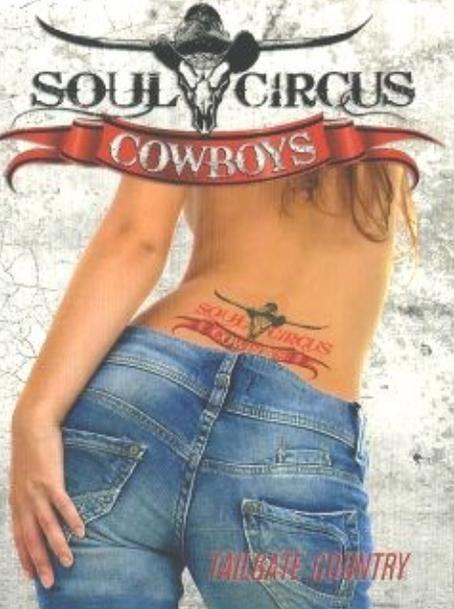
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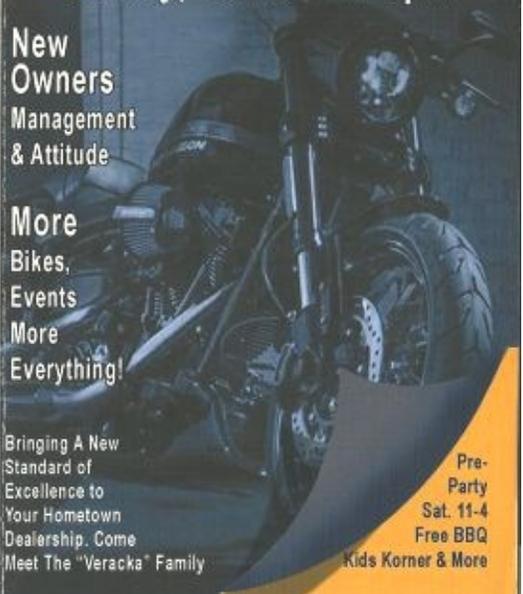
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# ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

## September 18, 2016

Meeting Called to order at 11:41 AM 21 Members Present 1 Guest Present

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

**PRESIDENT:** Thanked everyone for showing for the meeting. Reminded all that tickets are available for the gun raffle and the State Party being held at Peace River Campground. Also State meeting will be held as well. Encouraged chapter members to attend and have a good time.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Encouraged members to attend Peace River. That he plans on attending..

**TREASURER:** Chapter has a positive balance at this point.

**MEMBERSHIP:** 165 current chapter members. Membership is down. President added "they're dropping like flies"

**SECRETARY:** Asked if anyone had any objections to last months meeting minutes as published in chapter newsletter. There were none. Also encouraged members to attend the State Party and meeting next month.

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

**SAFETY:** Listed local events safety is planning to set up at.. He will try to push raffle tickets and membership.

**DELEGATE:** State meeting and Party will be at Peace River. Additional lodging is also available in Punta Gorda.

**LEGISLATIVE:** Primaries are over. General elections are in November.

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS:** All is well

**PRODUCTS:** Excused but were available for purchase at meeting

**NEWSLETTER:** Ready to put together this months issue if everyone makes their submissions timely.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The ABATE State event in October at Peace River Campground was discussed. Also the chapter event in December location possibilities were discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Next months meeting will be the fourth Sunday October 3 instead of the third due to Biketoberfest. October 30<sup>th</sup> will be Southeast Chapters event. 50/50 was called and won by Hamish who donated his winnings to the chapter.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:32pm

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**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.

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- 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.
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