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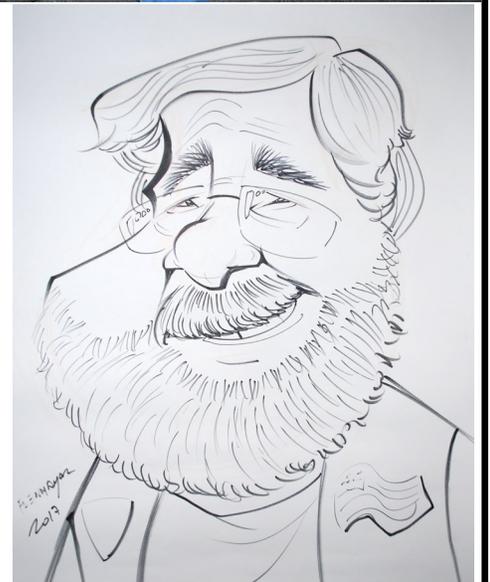
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11:30 AM**

**3rd
Sunday
FEB. 19**

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FOR MOTORCYCLES**

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As of Jan. 2017 our copier broke down so unless we find another affordable method of printing our Newsletter will only be available online which actually has been getting more hits than the copies we printed. We are looking into other methods to distribute it .

Ads can still be placed but you may contact the editor for lower rates. As always members may have a business card add free with membership so \$20 a year will get you a card ad for a year as your membership is active.

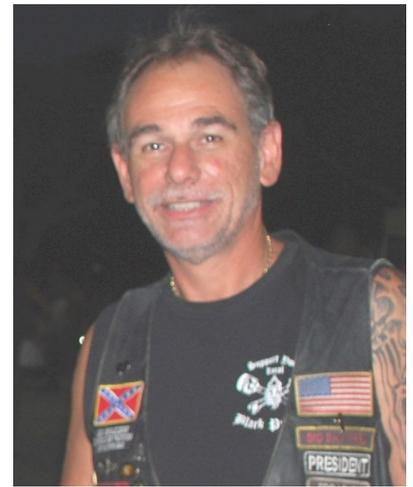
President's Message

Big Bad Fred Joseph

I want to thank everyone who came out to our last meeting. We had Darren "Scribe" Brooks from ABATE of Florida sit in. He informed us about what's happening in the State level. Sorry you missed it.

I am sad to tell you that our copy machine has died. We are in search of a new one but our funds are a little tight at the moment. For the time being there will be no hard copy's of news letters. Everything is still available online at www.PalmBeach.AbateFlorida.com.

We are working on a repair as soon as possible. If you have any suggestions, or can help out in anyway? Please let us know?



I think my picture looks better online anyway?

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

Big Bad Fred

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Disco Fever Bike Night

Thursday, February 9, 2017 5PM-9PM Palm Beach Harley-Davidson

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5PM-9PM

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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.

<http://lanesplitter.jalopnik.com/this-collarbone-saving-inflatable-motorcycle-jacket-is-1790916612>

If we don't stop the helmets this could be next –*Slo Mo* This Collarbone-Saving Inflatable Motorcycle Jacket Is Finally Going On Sale In The U.S.

Erik Schelzig Filed to: [GEAR](#) Photo credit Dainese YouTube



I generally like to err on the side of safety while riding, but it feels like there'd probably be something extra comforting about having a computer in your jacket running 1,000 calculations a second about whether you are in the process of being launched off your bike.

That's exactly what you're looking at here. Italian motorcycle apparel maker Dainese is at CES in Las Vegas this week touting the company's latest line of wearable airbag technology—and one that's finally about to be for sale here. This high-tech system can recognize a crash within milliseconds to deploy an airbag inside your jacket to protect you from impact.

Dainese has already offered this type of jacket for a couple years in Europe, but liability concerns in the U.S. meant that until now it has only offered its D-air system in a pricey racing suit for the track.

The good news is that D-air equipped jackets are scheduled to go on sale to North American street riders in April. The bad news is that it's still pretty darn pricey.

The Cyclone D-air, a Gore-Tex touring jacket, will run about \$2,000, while the more sporty leather Misano jacket and the "urban" Continental will go for about \$300 less.

That's going to exceed the cost of some of the top-of-the-line (but non-airbag equipped) riding jackets from the likes of Rukka, Rev'It or Klim. And if you have the misfortune of having the airbag go off in a crash, there's an extra cost and effort needed to send the jacket back to Dainese to have it repaired and re-armed.

But Dainese says its system reduces the force impact transferred to the body by 90 percent compared with CE Level 2 armor in conventional riding suits.

So is it worth it? That's obviously going to be a question your collar bones, ribcage or back would have to answer if you get thrown from the bike. MotoGP racers have adopted this technology, and who knows more about crashing than those guys?

On the other hand, this technology can't help you if you get jammed in a guardrail or skid into traffic. Some amount of risk-taking will be involved when you ride a motorcycle, no matter how much you gear up.

And if you're afraid of having to foot the bill for getting the jacket airbag-ready again after wreck, there's a simple solution: The system won't deploy if you're going less than 7 mph.

So just limit all tip-overs to the parking lot variety, and you'll be fine.

Would you spend two grand on a computerized motorcycle airbag jacket?

Erik Schelzig is a Nashville-based journalist who has been trying to sneak his motorcycle on to assignments for two decades. But mostly he just uses the bike to commute to work.



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UPCOMING Event Schedule

Thursday Feb.2 Groundhog Day, will Slo Motion see his shadow?

Friday Feb, 3 Ink Link Bike Night 691 N Military Trail WPB

Friday Feb. 3 Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House 1015 S. Congress Ave WPB

Saturday Feb. 4 Palm Beach Harley 10am to ? Free Pancake Breakfast

Saturday Feb. 4 Forgotten Soldiers Outreach Poker Run Moose Lodge 4844 Bowman St. Greenacres

Sunday Feb 5 States MC Lake Worth Noon- 5pm Annual Clubhouse 3570 Boutwell Rd LW

Monday Feb 6 Mob of Brothers MC Open House

Thursday Feb 9 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night 5-9 "Disco Fever"

Thursday Feb 9 Black Pistons MC Open House

Sunday Feb 12. AOA Ft Lauderdale Annual

Tuesday Feb 14 Lone Legion Brotherhood MC Open House 2590 Commerce Park Dr. Unit F5 Boynton

Wednesday Feb. 15 States MC Lake Worth Open House Clubhouse 3570 Boutwell Rd LW

Thursday Feb.16 Heroes Bike Night 224 N 3ed ST Lantana

Saturday Feb 18 Scurvy Few MC Party

Saturday Feb 18 Party Under the Bridge 101 Florida Ave NW Moore Haven

Sunday Feb 19 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. 11:30 am

V.F.W. Post 4143 located at 2404 Broadway, Riviera Beach 561-844-5718. From I 95 exit Blue Heron Blvd. go east to Broadway (Federal Hwy., US- 1) turn right, go south 1 block the V.F.W. is on the east side. Look for the flag.

Breakfast will be served 9:00 AM 'til Noon.

Sunday Feb 19 White Elephant The Bells Motor Madness old Wellington Mall

Thursday Feb .23 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night 5-9 45th St. West Palm Beach

Thurs Feb 23 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar 113 Center St.Jupiter

Saturday Feb. 25 WHEELS OF MAN MC - 44th ANNUAL

Saturday Feb. 25 4th Annual Iron & Clematis Vintage Motorcycle Festival 11am-8pm Abacoa Jupiter

Sunday Feb. 26 Lone Legion Brotherhood MC Annual Party

Tuesday Feb 28 Militia Riders Open House 2590 Commerce Park Dr. Unit F5 Boynton

REMINDER: EVERY

Wednesday Night is Bru's Room Delray Bike Night Atlantic Ave

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

1st & 4th Friday Night is AOA OPEN HOUSE

Saturday Night is FLY-IN WHEELS MC OPEN HOUSE

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Post-Run Party starts at noon at Moose Lodge 994 with prizes, raffles, 50/50, live entertainment, with food and adult beverages. Join us! Everyone welcome for after party, non riders and cars too!

Last bike in at 3:30pm*

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Annual

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Club House - Lakeview Dr.

Noon til ??? Sunday February 12th, 2017

Door Prizes
50/50
Food

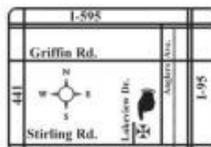
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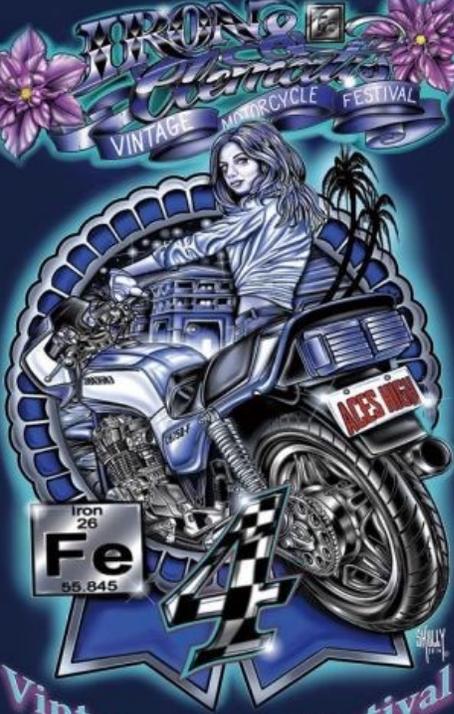
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VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL



Vintage Moto Festival

Feb 25th, Downtown Abacoa

11am-8pm












DELEGATE REPORT

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke
& Bill "Hammish" Black

Our next state meeting will be in Ocala on Feb. 11th. The meeting this month was supposed to be held in Sebring but you know how things sometimes change, that being said the state will host our state meeting on the 11th in Ocala at the Marion County Association Of Realtors 3105 N.E. 14th St. Ocala, FL. 34470 with board meeting at 12:00 noon, delegates meeting 2:00 pm. If anyone would like to attend the state meeting please let us know and we will give you more details.

As you may know the 2017 legislative session will be under way soon ! This year they are trying very hard to bring back the helmet law! So if you value your right to choose for yourself if you want to wear one or not please call your local and state representatives let them know you are a member of Abate of Florida and that you vote and that we Abate of Florida Inc. are opposed to this bill HB-6009. If you don't come July 1st we all will be wearing helmets !!!!

Ride Safe Ride Smart !!
SNOOZE



STATE MEETINGS Host Chapter - Location

- February 11, 2017 Inerstate
- April 8, 2017 State—Tallahassee
- June 10, 2017 Vintage
- August 12, 2017 Lake
- October 14, 2017 Peace River
- December 9, 2017 Treasure Coast

ABATE of Florida, Inc. State Meeting



Saturday, February 11, 2017

Board Meeting at 12:00 Noon

Delegate's Meeting at 2:00 PM

Held at the Marion County Association of Realtors
3105 NE 14th Street Ocala, FL 34470

Lodging

Days Inn
3811 NW Blitchin Rd, Ocala
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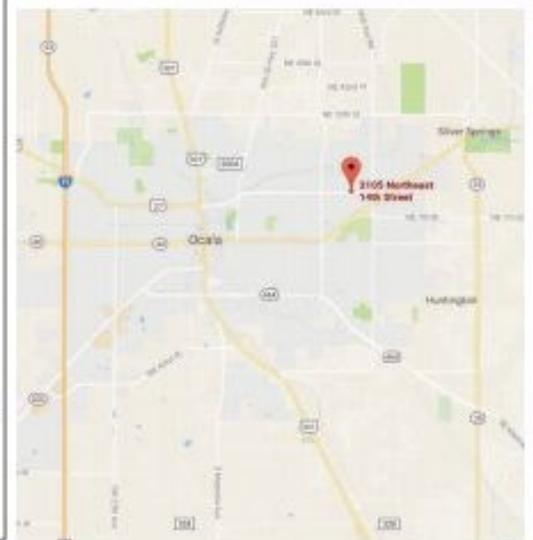
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Motorcycle Safety Myths

By autokid - January 7, 2017 <https://techfeatured.com/automotive/12077/motorcycle-safety-myths>

Whether you are a new rider or you have been riding for many years, you may have heard – or may even believe – some of the much-circulated motorcycle safety myths. If you take actions based on those myths, some of them could get you injured or even killed.

If you know a biker who believes any of these myths, be sure to direct them to this article!

Myth 1: Bikers Wear Leather Because it Makes Them Look Cool

While leather does look cool, that's just a bonus. Leather, because of its unique properties, is very protective against abrasions, cuts, and scrapes. It's also very warm, even with the wind chill caused by riding on a cool day. Biker leathers are usually made from cowhide because it provides more protection than buffalo hide or pigskin. We know a rider whose front wheel slid on some new, wet street tar, and he slid right underneath the pickup truck that had stopped in front of him. While he had trouble waving "no problem," to the cop who showed up, and his shoulder was sore for weeks afterwards, ultimately all he had to show for his spill was a black abraded area on the right shoulder of his brown leather jacket. Obviously wearing leather is no excuse for recklessness, but it can certainly help minimize bodily surface damage.

Myth 2: Drivers in Cages Don't Give a Hoot About Bikers

It's not that they don't care – it's that they don't see you. They're not looking for someone on a motorcycle. You can help these drivers see you by wearing motorcycle safety equipment, such as a bright helmet and brightly colored clothing. Motorcycle helmets do save lives, that is a fact. You can hear and see quite well with even a full-faced helmet. Also, have the proper safety equipment on your bike, including brighter-than-stock lights or extra lights.

Myth 3: The Louder the Pipes, the Safer You Are

If you've ever ridden in a group, you know you can barely hear the bike behind you. And the bikes on the side of you aren't that loud either, unless they are right next to you. So no, loud pipes aren't going to make people driving cars aware of you, especially if they have their noses buried in their cell phones, are eating, putting on makeup, reading, or are otherwise distracted.

Myth 4: Lay the Bike Down if You Are Going to Crash

This is the worst thing you can do. When you slide, you have a good chance of getting burned beyond belief by the exhaust or you could slide under a vehicle. Instead, learn how to brake effectively. The one time that it might be better to lay the bike down is if you are on an elevated roadway, such as a bridge, and the only alternative is to fall over the guardrail to your death.

Myth 5: Surface Streets are Safer than Highways

Many people believe surface streets are safer than highways because of the slower speeds. However, they are actually more dangerous since you have traffic coming at you from all sides, and often unexpectedly, since it is so difficult for drivers to "see" motorcycles. You have people pulling out of side roads, parking lots, and driveways. It's bad enough when someone turns right on red and cuts off a car because they're in a big hurry, but when that person does it to a motorcycle, there is more damage than just a busted fender. Highways are safer since you are all going in the same direction – unless you have some drunk guy driving in the wrong direction.

Don't Believe Motorcycle Safety Myths!

You may have heard many more motorcycle safety myths. Don't believe them. If you hear something that sounds suspicious, do some research just to see how true it is. Having the proper safety equipment will save your life more so than doing something crazy like dumping your bike on purpose.

LEGISLATIVE TALKING POINTS

I know that many of you have your Chapter meetings coming up soon, so I just wanted to send out another email to help you get your members motivated to contact their OWN legislators.

How to find your legislator... Go to this webpage and enter your address and city. [http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/](http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/myrepresentative.aspx)

[Representatives/myrepresentative.aspx](http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/myrepresentative.aspx) Also check your local Board of Elections like [Precinct Finder](#) Palm Beach Elections Site Helmets are not the magic hat people say they are.

In 2015 296 died wearing a DOT or other Helmet.... 237 died without helmets

2014 – 223 died with helmets198 died with no helmets

2013 – 233 died with helmets204 died without helmets

2012 – 210 died with helmets ... 209 died without helmets

2011 – 188 died with helmets..... 218 died without helmets

2010 – 186 died with helmets.... 122 died without helmets

2009 – 203 died with helmets..... 134 died without helmets

2008 – 279 died with helmets.... 171 died without helmets

2007 – 305 died with helmets.... 208 died without helmets

2006 – 322 died with helmets.... 199 died without helmets

2005 – 252 died with helmets.... 189 died without helmets

2004 – 200 died with helmets.... 186 died without helmets

All of these yearly reports can be found at the FHSMV (Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles) website under the “RESOURCES” tab click on “Crash and Citation Reports & Statistics”

Here is a direct link. <https://www.flhsmv.gov/resources/crash-citation-reports/>

They still cannot prove that every rider that died without a helmet, died due to a head injury. Having your body ran over by a car that pulls out in front of you can kill the same with or without a helmet.

When they talk about the cost of medical treatment to injured riders, they are trying to deceive people into thinking that riders do not have insurance and all this cost is passed on to the public. However a report titled **Motorcycle Crash Trends in Florida** presented in 2010 by the Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) at USF, shows that 91% of the 2009 Hospitalizations in Florida for Nonfatal Injuries Sustained in Motorcycle Traffic Crashes had a payer source. That report has since been taken off of their website. They did post this from 2014 that still makes our point.

They do not want to count Medicare, Medicaid, Charity and Other as a payer source. They want to mislead you by making you think that if the rider does not have “Commercial Insurance” they have no payer source. Besides, since Obama Care, doesn’t everyone have to be covered or pay a big fine? So when you look at this graph notice that how many riders actually do have a payer source.

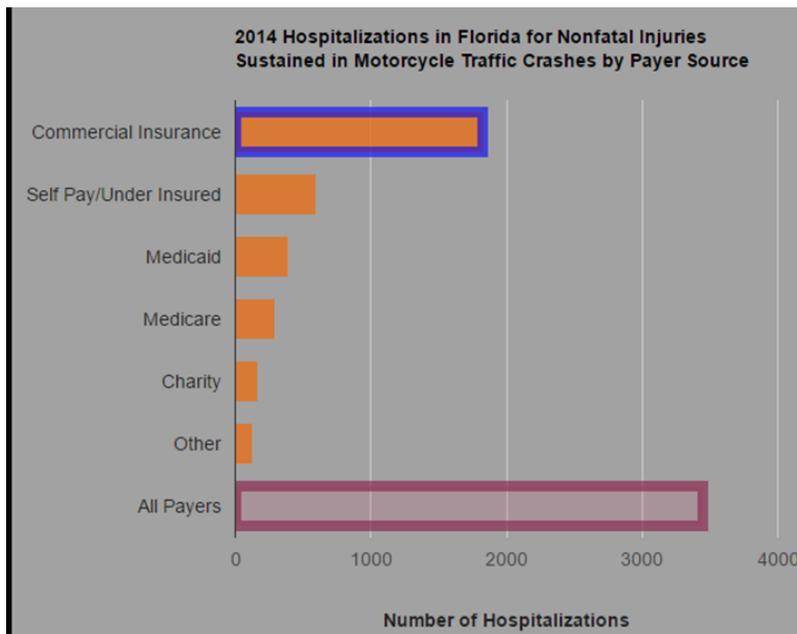
When you contact your legislator calmly point out the hard facts that:

More riders die each year wearing a helmet.

There is no proof that all the deaths of riders without a helmet wear due to head injury.

Over 90% of hospitalizations of riders did have a viable payer source.

A proper Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program can increase driver awareness of motorcycles and is the key program to decrease motorcyclists death.



I have also attached another piece I wrote about the safety money that you can use to explain the \$2.50 fee only motorcyclist pay and ABATE of Florida, Inc. is the best organization to educate the general public.

Darrin “Scribe” Brooks

The cost of live saving education

Did you know that each year when you register your motorcycle, you pay a mandatory fee that goes into a "Trust Fund" to be used specifically for motorcycle safety awareness programs? That is the absolute truth. The State of Florida cares so much about us that they are setting aside some of OUR OWN money to help keep us safe. Well.... Kinda, they have included a loophole in their own law that allows for whatever money they do not spend on motorcycle safety and awareness, can actually go back into the FDOT's (Florida Department of Transportation) general budget.

The money brought in from this mandatory fee is somewhere between \$1.5 and \$2.7 million depending on the number of motorcycle registrations. The last numbers that I could find for 2012 show 1.1 million motorcycle endorsements and 619,152 motorcycle registrations. The budgeted money comes from the \$2.50 motorcycle registration fee that ONLY motorcycle owners pay. That fee goes into the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund (Florida Statute 320.08) to be implemented for motorcycle safety awareness programs (Florida Statute 322.025). Below is an excerpt for the law

The proceeds of such additional fee shall be deposited in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to fund a motorcycle driver improvement program implemented pursuant to s. 322.025, the Florida Motorcycle Safety Education Program established in s. 322.0255, or the general operations of the department.

The past several years, ABATE of Florida, Inc. has requested that a small portion of the money be budgeted for ABATE to use to teach motorcycle safety awareness all across the state. ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a grassroots volunteer organization and that 100% of the money goes towards promoting motorcycle safety awareness all across the State of Florida. We have an outside auditor verify that all the money goes towards educating the public about motorcycle awareness.

The money is used to raise the awareness of motorcycles to the driving public all across Florida. Most likely you have seen the yellow and black "Check Twice For Motorcycles" signs on the back of cars and trucks. We also go into the high schools and speak to the students who are just getting their drivers license to be aware of motorcycles out on the road however, the most effective method is to set up booths at community events and speak one on one to the people. Since ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a volunteer organization every cent goes directly to educating the public about motorcycle awareness.

When the FDOT sets up a booth at an event, they have to pay the person to be there, pay for their travel, hotel, meals, etc. All those expenses come out of the money set aside for motorcycle safety education. ABATE knows that we can spend the money more effectively and get a much bigger bang for the buck. The budgeted money comes from Florida motorcyclists, to be used by Florida Motorcyclists, to save the lives of all motorcyclists in Florida. Who is better at effectively teaching Motorcycle Safety Awareness, a motorcyclist that actually rides or a person who sits behind a desk and has never ridden a motorcycle?

Last year the legislature voted to budget \$150,000 to ABATE of Florida, Inc. The bad news is that two of the last three years Gov. Rick Scott has line item vetoed the budgeted amount. The third time it was removed after it was voted on and approved by both the House and the Senate. Never is a reason given why the motorcyclists' money is taken away and not allowed to be used effectively to save lives. The good news is that bikers are persistent and we will continue to ask for what turns out to be just 10 to 15% of the total money raised by the fee. ABATE of Florida, Inc. believes that even one death is too many! We have all buried too many brothers and sisters to not continue to fight for motorcycle safety awareness.

So what is the cost of life saving education? Florida says it is \$2.50 of your money, however, they don't want to part with any of it.

The Black Douglas Sterling – a classic motorcycle with a very modern heart

The Black Douglas Sterling looks a lot older than it is

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Its vintage appearance could hardly be more convincing. With its long, angular petrol tank, bicycle-style saddle, unsuspended “hard-tail” frame, and wide handlebar sweeping back from below a large, sticking-up headlight, the Black Douglas Sterling looks – to all but a fairly expert eye – like a roadster from motorcycling’s pioneering days of a century ago.



Even the name hints at the Bristol-based Douglas firm that was among Britain’s leading early marques, winning its first Isle of Man TT in 1912, and establishing a reputation for flat-twin roadsters that lasted until production ended in the Fifties.



The Black Douglas Sterling looks like a very old motorcycle – until you look closely

But the Black Douglas is very different. It’s a new bike: designed in Birmingham, produced near Milan, and powered by a 230cc, single-cylinder engine from China. Far from being a fragile piece of history best appreciated by elderly enthusiasts, the Sterling is a modern motorcycle that combines its old-school look with simplicity of use.

This unique and curious machine comes from the workshop of Fabio Cardoni, an Italian entrepreneur and

bike enthusiast who, a few years ago, found his enjoyment of his collection of classic and modern machines fading. Having previously commissioned two custom Harley-Davidsons from Birmingham-based Boneshaker Choppers, Cardoni returned with a request for a simple bike with an emphasis on low-speed enjoyment.

Boneshaker engineer Benny Thomas created three prototypes, of which the vintage-style “flat tanker” was Cardoni’s favourite. Such was the positive response, when the new owner rode it on his native Lombardy roads, that he decided to found a company, Black Douglas – named after his hero James Douglas, the 14th-century Scottish knight – to put a similar bike into production.

The Sterling’s 14bhp, air-cooled engine, from Chinese firm Zongshen, is a copy of Honda’s CG230 unit.

The Italian-made steel frame, whose top tube runs above the aluminum petrol tank, supports an old-style girder front suspension system, with central single spring. Rear suspension is provided simply by two springs under the hinged leather saddle.

The riding position is unfamiliar at first.

Wheels are huge of diameter and narrow of width, with generous mud-guards; brakes are small-diameter drums at each end. This first model, the Sterling Original Drayton, features deep green paintwork and numerous neat details including a small speedometer that resembles an oil pressure



gauge. The minimalist switchgear incorporates a button for the electric starter.



Motorbikes that look this old are not normally so easy to ride. The Sterling feels bizarre as you settle into the saddle and look forward over the huge headlight, wide bars and slender tank. But unlike a genuine vintage bike, the Black Douglas has no confusing levers for throttle, ignition advance or fuel mixture; just a familiar twist-grip, clutch and five-speed gearbox.

Vintage touches give an illusion of authenticity

In a straight line it's as rider-friendly as any commuter bike: pulling away easily, accelerating fairly briskly, and cruising happily at close to 60mph. In traffic there's occasionally some snatching from the long drive chain, but the Sterling compensates with maneuverability. It is long but slim and, at around 100kg, so light that it slips through gaps almost like a bicycle.

In bends the sprung, undamped saddle gives a distinctly vague sensation, but the bike's light steering is matched by reasonable stability, despite the narrow tyres. Braking is adequate if not strong, the drums' modest power mitigated by the bike's light weight.

The sprung saddle makes for an interesting ride

Any such limitations, or doubts about the Sterling's brazen lack of authenticity, are easily forgiven because it is so much fun to ride, and seems to elicit a cheery response from most pedestrians and motorists that it encounters. Some vintage diehards, of course, may disagree.



The Sterling has just gone on sale, at about £9,500 for the basic Original Drayton. Its suitably eccentric accessory list includes a wicker basket, canvas saddlebags and an umbrella holder, some of which are included in the upmarket Sport Imperial and Countryman Deluxe models.

Many commuter bikes offer more performance and practicality for much less money, but few come even close to matching a Black Douglas's ability to put a smile on its rider's face.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/cars/features/black-douglas-sterling-classic-motorcycle-modern-heart/>

Fuel for the Ride Pancake Breakfast

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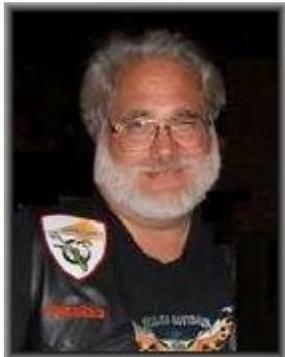


You wouldn't wear your leathers at the beach...



...so why wear your beach clothes when you ride?





RANDOM EDITOR THOUGHTS, GOOGLE NEWS

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

WHY CAN'T THIS HAPPEN HERE? "PHOENIX — Arizona motorcyclists remain free to ride with the wind in their hair, the sun burning their scalp — and the chance of a head injury. Without a single vote in support, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on Wednesday rejected a proposal by Rep. Randall Friese, D-Tucson, to require adults to wear helmets or at least pay a fee into a special trauma injury fund.
<http://www.dcourier.com/news/2017/jan/19/house-committee-rejects-motorcycle-helmet-proposal/>

Parkland. Michael Desimone of Boca Raton, 55, he jumped the curb of a roundabout, got back on road and hit another curb. He was thrown from bike and died at hospital. I've always believed curbs are more dangerous than beneficial.
<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/fl-boca-man-dies-in-parkland-crash-20170117-story.html>

Victory Motorcycles cease production as American giant winds down much-loved brand. Victory struggled to sell enough bikes to be profitable in the very competitive motorcycle market

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/victory-motorcycles-cease-production-american-9591029>

Polaris Industries will exit the Victory Motorcycle brand it started from scratch 18 years ago, citing a mix of competitive pressures and lack of market share. The Medina-based company's announcement Monday will not affect Polaris' fast growing Indian Motorcycle brand or other divisions, officials said. CEO Scott Wine said the "winding down" of the Victory brand will begin immediately.

<http://m.startribune.com/polaris-says-it-s-the-end-of-the-line-for-victory-motorcycle-brand/410139155/?section=%2F>

" DULUTH, MN - It's being billed as "The Greatest Spectacle on Ice" and on Friday night, race enthusiasts will find out why. For the first time on Friday night at AMSOIL Arena, World Championship Ice Racing will be speeding their way around the frozen pond. ... Racers will be blasting their way around the ice track with razor sharp studded tires going from zero to 60 miles per hour in less than three seconds all in hopes of nabbing the World Championship Ice Racing Title.

<http://www.kbjr6.com/story/34310496/motorcycle-ice-racing-comes-to-amsoil>



1999 HARLEY-DAVIDSON MT500 MILITARY MOTORCYCLE

Believed to be one of less than 500 ever built, this 1999 Harley-Davidson MT500 Military Motorcycle is a highly rare relic of war. It's also completely original, and miraculously unused. Details of the MT500 are scant, but we do know that it's powered by a Rotax engine, was built towards the end of the production run, and is outfitted in military green with a plastic gun case and ammo panniers. It also has zero miles on the odometer, which means it's entirely up to its next owner whether it ever sees (street) action or not.

<http://uncrate.com/article/1999-harley-davidson-mt500-military-motorcycle/>

No to unmarried Muslim couples on a motorcycle, cars acceptable KUALA TERENGGANU

Read More : <http://www.nst.com.my/news/2017/01/205565/no-unmarried-muslim-couples-motorcycle-cars-acceptable>

Honda Riding Assist motorcycle Wins Three Awards at CES 2017

– Engadget's Best of CES 2017 "Best Innovation" and "Best Automotive Technology" Awards and Popular Mechanics' Best of CES "Editors' Choice Awards" –

LAS VEGAS, January 9, 2017 – Honda Motor Co., Ltd. today announced that Honda Riding Assist motorcycle, a concept model of Honda's self-balancing motorcycle, which was exhibited at the CES 2017, the world's largest consumer electronics and consumer technology tradeshow held in Las Vegas from January 5 – 8, 2017, won three awards. The Honda Riding Assist motorcycle won the Best of CES 2017 "Best Innovation" and "Best Automotive Technology" awards as judged by Engadget^{*1}, the official partner of the Best of CES Awards, as well as the Popular Mechanics magazine's^{*2} Best of CES "Editors' Choice Awards."

In a global debut at CES, Honda unveiled its Riding Assist technology, which leverages Honda's robotics technology to create a self-balancing motorcycle that greatly reduces the possibility of falling over while the motorcycle is at rest. Rather than relying on gyroscopes, which add a great deal of weight and alter the riding experience as announced by other companies, the Honda Riding Assist incorporates technology originally developed for the company's UNI-CUB personal mobility device. Honda Riding Assist is Honda's proposal to make touring and everyday use of motorcycle more fun.

URL: <https://youtu.be/hJPDfpyBtDQ>

'Look Ma...No Hands!' – Self-Balancing Motorcycle Unveiled at CES

<https://newsline.com/look-mano-hands-self-balancing-motorcycle-unveiled-at-ces/>

NEW ZEALAND "Motorcycle levy system a failure, says safety campaigner. However, he says, far from discouraging high risk activity, the opposite occurred. The government's ACC motorbike levy system, which was meant to help meet the higher costs of bike accidents, has

not improved road safety, says the car review website dogandlemon.com.

“The highest risk groups at present are middle-aged men riding large and expensive bikes. The additional cost to these groups was nearly meaningless.”

In both 2015 (52) and 2016 (50), over 50 motorcyclists were killed on the country's roads. A large majority of those killed were aged between 40-59.

“Few people now ride road bikes purely for transport. Cars are generally a cheaper and more convenient as a way of getting to work. The people driving large motorbikes are generally doing so for status and for pleasure.”

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PO1701/S00035/motorcycle-levy-system-a-failure-says-safety-campaigner.htm>

Pedestrian Hit By Motorcycle During Live Newscast [VIDEO]

<http://www.wqlz.com/2017/01/09/pedestrian-hit-by-motorcycle-during-live-newscast-video/>

GyroCycle Self Balancing Electric Motorcycle Coming In 2017



January 2nd, 2017 by **Steve Hanley**

Is the world ready for a self balancing electric motorcycle that costs “under \$20,000?” The folks at ThrustCycle in Honolulu think so. The company debuted the latest version of its GyroCycle electric motorcycle with two gyroscopes mounted beneath its bodywork late last year. The first prototype appeared in 2011. “The GyroCycle is an energy efficient vehicle with rock solid stability,” says company President Clyde Igarashi. The technology that makes the GyroCycle possible has broad implications for safety and sustainability, he claims.

Gyroscopes are used in other transportation applications. Large ships use them to stabilize themselves in storms at sea, for instance. They are also used in inertial guidance systems for submarines and rockets.

But ThrustCycle says this is the first time they have been used to stabilize a motorcycle. BMW is also experimenting with the concept for use in its **Motorrad Vision Next 100** prototype.

With the gyros spooled up, the bike will remain upright and stable both while underway and while standing still. Self-balancing gives the rider more control and greatly increases safety, the company says. BMW engineers claim its self balancing system will benefit beginning riders because the motorcycle will not fall over. Experienced riders will enjoy the benefits that come from improved agility while driving.

“These are the concepts that Thrustcycle has been promoting for awhile now,” said Igarashi, “and we are eager to demonstrate them with our GyroCycle. We’re further encouraged by the announcement that Lingyun Intelligent Technology, based in Beijing, is also entering the gyroscopic vehicle technology race. We see the entrance of large competitors as vindication of the potential in technologies that we’ve developed for years.”

ThrustCycle sees a large and growing market for electric motorcycles worldwide. A report by QY Research says about 38 million electric motorcycles and scooters were sold worldwide in 2015 with a total value of \$13 billion. (Note: None of them cost anywhere near \$20,000.) According to an analysis by Navigant Research, that figure is expected to grow as battery costs decrease.

<http://gas2.org/2017/01/02/gyrocycle-self-balancing-electric-motorcycle-2017/>

We’ve seen bikes made out of wood, we’ve seen another one made using 3D printing technology, but who would have imagined someone would make one out of rock? You read that right; this Honda appears to be coming straight from The Flintstones.

What you see here is a former 1982 Honda CX500 with all its bodywork now being made of carefully carved stone. Its story starts when German magazine Custombike invited readers to build the baddest motorcycle in a competition that says it all - “Build da Fukker”.

The contest had only two rules - one, the budget cannot exceed €5,000, and, second, the final machine has to be functional. And for custom motorcycle builder Chris Zernia, the basalt is both cheap and crazy-cool looking, so he decided to use it in its creation.

“Basalt is my favorite stone, I love it,” said Zernia. *“The problem was the weight in respect to the capability of the bike's frame. Due to the stone it had to carry an extra weight of about 130 kg.”*

It might not look that heavy, but the basalt is a very dense volcanic stone and the headlight cover, gas tank, seat, number plate and foot rests are enough to make the whole bike tip the scales at around 350 kilograms or 55.1 stones (pun intended).

The additional weight forced Zernia to reinforce the chassis with additional steel tubing as well as replace the suspension. The forks are borrowed from a **Honda VT600 Shadow** while the rear shocks come from a Harley-Davidson Dyna.

Chris said that despite the added weight, which kinda makes it top heavy, the bike rides pretty normal. The problem is, it doesn't



have a front brake, which means that you have to be quite brave to ride this. For you, the custom bike builder has also carved an open-face basalt helmet to match the bike.

Zernia said he isn't done with building stone bikes. His next project is an old Harley-Davidson 1100 Sportster, which will be named the Rolling Stone. <http://www.autoevolution.com/news/motorcycle-with-stone-bodywork-anyone-114364.html>

Vin Diesel is no stranger to fast cars and action, but he's entering a whole new world of MXMA in the new movie "xXx: Return of Xander Cage."

What is MXMA? Diesel demonstrates motocross martial arts in the latest video teaser for the movie, where he plays title character Xander Cage, and it's basically beating the snot out of your opponent with a motorcycle.

"We were able to come up with a new fighting style, called MXMA: Motocross Martial Arts," Diesel said. The "Fast and Furious" veteran said MXMA speaks of the two-wheel action as an extended part of his character's personality.

"It speaks to a characteristic of Xander and his style," Diesel said.

Not only are the characters fighting on their motorbikes, they're also riding on water, as shown in the clip. And, according to co-star Ruby Rose, Diesel does his own "crazy stunts that have never been done before."

<http://proday.co/vin-diesel-shows-motorcycle-badass-side-xxx-return-xander-cage/>

See Dax Shepard Star in New Motorcycle Cop Comedy 'CHIPS'

Actor writes, directs and stars in feature film reboot of Seventies TV series

The car crashes pile up almost as quickly as the juvenile humor in the new trailer for CHIPS, a police bromance-comedy-thriller starring Dax Shepard and Michael Peña. The film is adapted from the TV series, which ran from 1977 to 1983 on NBC.

Peña plays Frank "Ponch" Poncherello, who goes undercover in the Highway Patrol to investigate some potentially crooked cops. He is partnered up with Shepard's Jon Baker, who used to be a professional motorbiker and now needs a new job if he hopes to save his marriage. The pair bond as they weather high-flying motorcycle stunts, explosions, shootouts and their own professional incompetence. Shepard wrote and directed the movie, which also features Kristen Bell and Maya Rudolph.

The trailer for the film debuted on Wednesday on Jimmy Kimmel Live! In honor of the premiere, Shepard and Peña showed up on set, making a splashy on-brand entrance on their Highway Patrol motorcycles. During a short interview, Kimmel teased Peña for being unable to actually ride the machine he was sitting on, echoing a joke from the trailer. CHIPS hits theaters on March 24th.

<http://www.rollingstone.com/movies/news/see-dax-shepard-star-in-new-motorcycle-cop-comedy-chips-w460741>



Energica unveils new 'Midnight Racer' version of its electric motorcycle

Jan. 24 Energica Motor, an Italian manufacturer of supersport all-electric motorcycles, unveiled a new version of its flagship Eva battery-powered bike: 'Midnight Racer'. It's hard to say if it actually an improvement on the original award-winning bike, but it's certainly a widely different look from the sports bike.

It started off as the 'Electric Sin' Energica Eva with a 70 kW electric motor and a 11.7 kWh battery pack for "up to 200 km" (124 miles) – coincidentally, it also has a top speed of 200 km/h (124 mph).

Apache Custom Motorcycles, a company Energica already worked with for their production bikes, got their hands on it and turned it into an electric café racer.

They unveiled the new version at the Motor Bike Expo in Verona, Italy, this week:

<https://electrek.co/2017/01/24/energica-midnight-racer-electric-motorcycle/>

I covered the **Ultra Funky Johammer J1 Electric Motorcycle** in last month newsletter but more online again. The latest entry on the eMoto menu comes from Austrian engineer Johann Hammerschmidt.

The **Johammer J1**, claiming the title of the first production electric with a 200-mile range, features an aluminum chassis and plastic bodywork. The J1.150, with a smaller battery pack, has a reported range of 150 miles; both models have a rated top speed of 75 mph.

The bodywork has drawn mixed reviews, likened to a section of quonset hut, an art deco lobster claw, and a retro version of the Salisbury motor scooter. A few have asked if the body wasn't installed backwards.

<https://rideapart.com/articles/ultra-funky-johammer-j1-electric-motorcycle>



TORONTO INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SUPERSHOW THE LARGEST SHOW OF IT'S KIND

By Randy Richards Host Blogs, Weekend Events Report 06.01.2017

As we begin to enter the deep winter blues portion of the year, putting a little summer into your winter sounds like a GREAT thing to do at this time of the year. This weekend the Toronto International Motorcycle Supershow is the first indication that spring months aren't that far away. You'll find everything you can imagine that's motorcycle related this weekend at the International Centre in Toronto.

This year marks the 41st anniversary of North America's largest indoor motorcycle show with more than 1,000 current, performance, street, vintage, custom, used and classic motorcycles on display and featuring over 500 different vendors spread out through 7 different halls at the Toronto International Centre on Airport Road and featuring FREE parking!

<http://rock95.com/toronto-international-motorcycle-supershow/>

Tesla founders-backed Alta Motors unveils new electric motorcycle

While not as popular as Zero Motorcycle, Alta Motors is an up-and-coming electric motorcycle manufacturer and it unveiled a new version of its flagship Redshift last week that could broaden their market.

Alta's Redshift was only offered as an all-electric supermoto/motocross, but the latest version of the motorcycle is a new street tracker: Redshift ST.

Alta Motors, formerly known as BRD Motorcycles, is small electric motorcycle startup based in Silicon Valley that managed to raise over \$17 million in funding, including from Tesla co-founders Marc Tarpenning and Martin Eberhard in a \$4.5 million Series A round 2 years ago.

The company started production of the first two versions of the Redshift in August. There's the Redshift SM, which is the street-legal version and starts at \$15,500, and there's the Redshift MX, which is the supermoto version and starts at \$15,000.

There are different features that make a street tracker but in short, it's a dirt track racer made street legal.

It features a new lowered subframe and seat with, of course, flat track wheels. Alta released a few pictures

Unfortunately, they haven't released many specifications of the new bike. It will likely have similar features as the other Redshifts.

Alta's other street-legal Redshift, the SM, is only equipped with a 5.8 kWh battery pack for about 50 miles of range. Hopefully, this new version will introduce a longer range option if it makes it to production.

<https://electrek.co/2017/01/29/tesla-founders-backed-alta-motors-unveils-new-electric-motorcycle/>



By [Papa Wealey](#) - January 18, 2017 Categories: [News](#), [Design](#)

Samurai - Zen & the Origami of Motorcycle Design

Japanese design is often characterized by its minimalist nature, simplicity of form, economical style. So designers [Artem Smirnov of Belarus](#), and [Ukrainian Vladimir Panchenko](#), decided to collaborate on a motorcycle design that would be a tribute to traditional Japanese art forms.

"The Japanese approach to design has always been original, which is the foundation of culture with its art of origami and the samurai spirit," they said. "The simplicity and sense of space today are recognized in the industrial design of the Japanese brands. But for some reason, this approach is now rarely used in the design of Japanese cars and motorcycles."

Employing Zen esthetic principles, the two automotive designers came up with a concept they call the Samurai. The design exercise is a study in straight lines and simple forms, unlike either the usual curved and rounded shapes of traditional European design, or the sharp edges of many contemporary motorcycles.

The result is distinctive, elemental, even intriguing in a Bauhaus-meets-Buddhism sense of integrated components harmonizing to produce an overall esthetic of conceptual unity and trans-cultural union of spiritual engineering. Or something. Maybe an electric dragster that's still in the crate.

<https://rideapart.com/articles/samurai-zen-origami-motorcycle-design>

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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 Delray Bru's Room Bike Night

Every other Thurs Palm Beach
 Harley Davidson Bike Night 5-9 PM
2nd Thurs Treasure Coast Harley
 Davidson Bike Night
2nd Thurs Black Pistons MC WPB
 Open House
3rd Thurs Heroes Bike Night
Last Thurs Turboz/Ralph's Bike
 Night Jupiter

1st & 4th Fri AOA MC WPB Open
 Houses
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
 Mickey's Tiki Bar 10:30am
3rd Sunday ABATE FL Palm
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- 5: HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL
- 10 - 19: 76th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
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- 25: US MILITARY VETS MC CH.1 - PARTY

APRIL

- 2: STATES MC - ANNUAL
- 8: MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
- 12: OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL
- 16: CMA EASTER SERVICE
- 23: ALTERNATIVE MC - ANNUAL
- 28-30: LEESBURG BIKEFEST

MAY

- 7: SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL
- 13: SCURVY FEW MC - ANNUAL
- 20: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL
- 27: S.E. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT
- 28: LOS COQUIS MC - ANNUAL

JUNE

- 4: NEW ATTITUDES MC - PARTY
- 10: AOA S FLORIDA MEMORIAL GBNF 1%ers
- 11: WINGS OF GOLD MC FT. LAUD. - ANNUAL
- 24: LEATHERNECKS MC - PARTY

JULY

- 1: USMV MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL
- 16: Soldiers of Jesus MC Broward - ANNUAL
- 29: WHEELS OF MAN MC - CHILI COOK-OFF

AUGUST

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- 7-13: 77th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
- 11-13: S FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION
- 13: AOA LAUD. 50th Anniversary Moldy's B-DAY
- 19: LOS COQUIS MC - Smokey & Diesel B-DAY
- 26: OUTCAST MC PARTY

SEPTEMBER

- 3: SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN
- 10: STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY
- 15-17: PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN
- 24: KELTICS MC - PARTY

OCTOBER

- 1: MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL
- 7: NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL
- 8: S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL
- 19-22: DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST
- 21: WHEELS OF MAN MC - Halloween Party
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- 29: CMA - MEMORIAL

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- 4: HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL
- 11: USVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL F
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<http://staugustine.com/florida-news/2017-01-15/express-lanes-motorcycle-helmets-among-bills-filed-florida>

Express lanes, motorcycle helmets among bills filed in Florida

It could be a busy legislative session for transportation issues in Florida.

Already, several bills have been filed addressing controversial topics ahead of the session's March 7 opening. Here's a quick look at a few you'll hear about in the coming weeks.

Express lanes

A bill proposed in the Florida Senate would prevent the creation of more express lanes on the state's highways while also setting rules for how express lane toll money must be spent.

The measure, SB 250, was filed by state Sen. Frank Artiles, R-Miami. If the bill is made law during the upcoming session, it would ban state officials from creating any new express lanes after July 1.

Money collected from tolls on existing express lanes could only be used to pay off bonds used to create the projects. Once those bonds are paid off, the bill proposes that those express lanes would become general-use lanes.

The use of express lanes in South Florida has been met with mixed reactions.

State officials say the lanes — which use dynamic tolling, meaning drivers pay higher tolls when congestion is worse and lower tolls when traffic flows more smoothly — help ease congestion. But anti-toll advocates and some drivers argue express lanes create new problems, such as “lane diving,” where motorists try to avoid paying tolls by weaving between poles that separate the express lanes from the general-use lanes.

While Miami-Dade County has been ground zero for express lanes in South Florida, the Florida Department of Transportation is adding express lanes to Interstate 95 in Broward County with plans to extend them farther north to Linton Boulevard in Delray Beach. There is also a study underway to see if express lanes should go even farther, to Indiantown Road in Jupiter.

On Florida's Turnpike system, express lanes are planned throughout South Florida — including southern Palm Beach County — with construction to begin there in 2018. However, Artiles' bill would not apply to turnpike express lanes, only those on highways owned by FDOT.

Motorcycle helmets

This proposed bill, HB 6009, would require all motorcycle riders to wear helmets by stripping from state law an exemption added in 2000 that allows them to go helmet-less as long as they are over the age of 21 and have “at least \$10,000 in medical benefits for injuries incurred as a result of a crash while operating or riding on a motorcycle.”

State Rep. Don Hahnfeldt, R-The Villages, filed the bill in December. If it passes, it would make riding a motorcycle without a helmet a non-criminal infraction.

Proponents of the state's exemption say it should be up to each rider to decide whether to wear a helmet. Florida had an increase in motorcycle crashes in 2015 — the most recent data available — according to a report from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

There were more than 10,200 motorcycle crashes in the state in 2015, up 3.5 percent from 2014, the state report said. There was an even larger jump in deaths of motorcycle drivers in 2015; 546 were killed, up nearly 28 percent from the year before. And motorcycle passenger deaths spiked even higher, up almost 73 percent to 38 deaths in 2015. Nearly half of all people killed in motorcycle crashes in Florida in 2015 were not wearing helmets, according to state data.

Palm Beach County bucked the state trend, with a slight decrease in the number of motorcycle crashes from 2014 to 2015, dropping from 525 to 520.

But the number of people who died in motorcycle crashes in Palm Beach County doubled from 17 in 2014 to 34 in 2015.

Transporting dogs

This measure, SB 320, would make it illegal for most motorists to keep a dog in the bed of a pickup truck or open area of a trailer unless that dog is restrained, either in a kennel or with a tether.

There are two exceptions: if a dog is being transported by a farmer or farm employee while working with the dog, and if a dog is part of a hunting event and being moved from one site to another.

Violating the law would be a noncriminal traffic infraction.

If it passes, the bill would go into effect July 1.

AMA Has A Beef With Proposed 100-Percent Tariff On Motorcycles

Rider Magazine Staff January 18, 2017

What do motorcycles and beef have to do with each other? That's what the American Motorcyclist Association would like to know, as it speaks out against a proposed 100 percent tariff on European-made motorcycles with a engine size between 51cc and 500cc. The tariff is part of a trade dispute over, of all things, the use of hormones in U.S. beef.

The crazy part is, this isn't the first time this has happened. The same government agency, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR), tried the same tactic in 2008, but withdrew the plan due to public outcry. Instead, they raised the tariff on a variety of European food products.

The whole issue stems from the fact that the EU bans the import of beef or beef products that have been treated with any of six different growth-promotion hormones: estradiol 17-b (a steroid, an estrogen and the primary female sex hormone), testosterone, progesterone (another steroid hormone), zeranol (a synthetic estrogen), trenbolone acetate and melengestrol acetate (both are anabolic steroids). This creates a problem for the U.S. beef industry, which relies heavily on growth hormones to produce lots of inexpensive meat, which in turn satisfies American consumers' appetite for Big Macs.

In order to offset the monetary losses being suffered by U.S. producers, the USTR has proposed a list of new products on which a 100-percent tariff could be imposed. It's a long list of mostly food products...until you scroll all the way to the bottom, where hair clippers (both for livestock and human use) and—you guessed it—motorcycles can be found.

The AMA sent out a press release condemning the proposed tariff, "Because trade disputes residing within the boundaries of the agricultural industry should not be solved with trade sanctions levied against non-agricultural products."

"There is no logical link between motorcycles and beef," said Wayne Allard, AMA Vice President of Government Relations. "It is absurd to even consider such a move."

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative is responsible for developing and coordinating U.S. international trade, commodity and direct investment policy and overseeing negotiations with other countries. The head of USTR is the U.S. Trade Representative, a Cabinet member who serves as the president's principal trade adviser, negotiator, and spokesperson on trade issues.

The press release contends that "if the agency enacts this motorcycle tariff, serious and potentially irreversible harm will be done to American small- and medium-sized business owners selling the vehicles and to American families who buy these motorcycles for commuting and outdoor recreation."

"Should the availability of motorcycles be hindered by these unjustified trade sanctions, dealerships may close, leaving countless Americans without jobs," Allard said. "The negative effects of the proposed sanctions will not only harm the motorcycle sales industry, but will spread through the aftermarket equipment sector, recreation equipment sales, the sports entertainment industry and further down the line."

Affected manufacturers include Aprilia, Beta, BMW, Ducati, Fantic, Gas Gas, Husqvarna, KTM, Montesa, Piaggio, Scorpa, Sherco, TM and Vespa.

[You can read the proposal here, and if you want to make your views known, submit a comment.](#)
[The AMA has also set up a special page where they will help you voice your opinion.](#)

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RIDE IN PEACE—TOM “RAMBLIN’ MAN” BOTTICELLI



Not sure how many of you knew Ramblin’ Man Tom but I did and he was a great guy and former long timemember. I got this on our Facebook page and wanted to share.

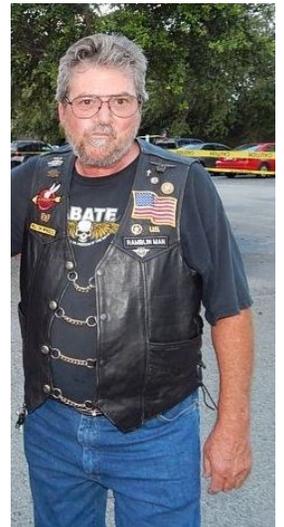
Hi. My dad Tom Botticelli passed away on the 10th of January ... he loved you guys so much and was so dedicated to riding.

This photo was from our event at 7-18-2014 at Brass Monkey

His obituary is on the Palms West Funeral Website

<http://www.palmswestfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Thomas-Botticelli/>

Some of us attended his funeral at Palms West Funeral Home on Saturday Jan14th. Photos below by Nighthawk



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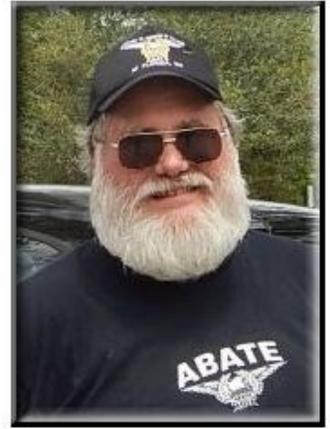
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

I had my meeting with Senator Jeff Clemens District 31 at his Lake Worth office. When I told him ABATE of FL, Inc. was interested in highway safety, he told me about his experience with a smart car and how he thought technology would change many issues. I thought about that when driving home on how far into the future would that really make a difference. He asked what I thought the solution would be and I told him I believe education is important and how mandatory that should be, how it could be funded. He told me of his two 16 and one 15 olds didn't seem to be in a rush to drive, thinking the cell phone and social technology made it not as important as it was to us. So that lead us into the texting legislation. He said the data indicted that laws didn't seem to make much of a difference. He also acknowledged it is not just the young drivers so we talked about more education for adults, and for those that got tickets. He wondered if a bill for road tests in licensing would help. He would like to see data on that. He is definitely into data and wished to see more reports on both of these issues. We spoke of his "road rage" bill of a few years ago and how the amendment that slow drivers in left lane had to be over 10 mph under. He just waited to the next term to get it removed so he knows the game. He was the first to bring up the helmet law and told me while he is in favor of helmets he would not support nor vote for it. He also asked me about lane splitting and thought it would be okay for traffic jams. When I asked him about SB66, he said he withdrew it when asked by Senator Kathleen Passidomo as she wanted to do a similar bill in both Senate and House. But Clemens stated he would fight to keep motorcycles off it since didn't need special treatment since won't wear helmets nor safety gear. I did tell him when we worked on the bill we included ALL even bicycles.



While I wasn't able yet to get more meeting before the committee meetings, I was invited to my House rep's Open office Sunday. So I went to see Emily Slossberg District 91 get sworn in to office. While meeting for the crowd to lighten I got to talk with



Attorney General David Aronberg. When he saw my ABATE shirt he asked how things were and how was Doc. So when I finally got to talk with Ms. Slosberg, I don't think she remembered me but she agreed we need more driver education for ALL schools and the need to control the Curriculum so maybe we can be a part of that. I did say how could be paid by tickets but not much time to talk about how I would include older drivers. I gave her a packet with our trifolds, newsletter and helmet issues. I will follow up with a letter and hope to see her when back at local office.

From Florida ABATE State VP

HB 6009 the helmet bill has just been assigned to committees. It has only been given two committees so we need to keep in contact with our legislators. Please make sure all your members are aware of the importance of contacting their legislators. Have them go to

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The first committee that it will be heard in is the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee

Brad Drake – Chair, Clay Ingram - Vice Chair, Barbara Watson - Ranking Democrat , Kimberly Daniels, Michael Grant, Kristin Diane Jacobs, Amber Mariano, Ralph Massullo, Mike Miller, Wengay Newton, Bobby Payne, Jackie Toledo, **Matt Willhite**, Jayer Williamson, Clay Yarborough

The second and last committee is the Government Accountability Committee:

Matt Caldwell – Chair, Charlie Stone - Vice Chair, Clovis Watson - Ranking Democrat member, **Joseph Abruzzo**, Ben Albritton, Colleen Burton, Neil Combee, Brad Drake, Jay Fant, Patrick Henry, Kristin Diane Jacobs, Chris Latvala, Amber Mariano, Wengay Newton, Cary Pigman, Scott Plakon, Holly Raschein, Daniel Raulerson, ,Bob Rommel, David Santiago, Carlos Guillermo Smith, Barbara Watson, **Matt Willhite**, Jayer Williamson

If any of these people are your legislator, please call their office to let them know that HB 6009 has been assigned to one of their committees (tell them which committee). Ask them again for their support in OPPOSING HB 6009. See my last few emails for talking points and remember to stress to your members NOT TO HARASS the legislators or their staff. Always speak in a calm easy voice, do not argue and do not post negative things about a legislator. I know that I sound like a broken record about this but we have already had one member do that. **BOLD RED ARE FROM PALM BEACH COUNTY**

Update on HB 6009 - Helmet Bill as of Sunday January 29, 2017

HB 6009 has not yet been scheduled to be heard by its first committee the Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee. The Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee has already met twice this year and the next scheduled meeting will be February 8th. They usually will not publish the meeting agenda until a week to five days before the meeting.

Doc has been working hard meeting and talking to legislators from both the House and Senate about HB 6009. We have heard positive comments from legislators that ABATE of Florida, Inc. members have been calling and asking for their help in opposing HB 6009. I want to thank you for helping to get the word out and urge you to continue to educate members to give their own legislators a quick call.

There is still no companion bill in the Senate to HB 6009, so continue to include your Senators in your quick calls. I really appreciate that the calls from ABATE of Florida members have been polite, respectful and professional. It shows that we are educated on the facts and confident in our actions.

Many of you know the process that a bill must take to become a law, but to those that need a fresher, I will give a quick overview of the journey.

A legislator must sponsor and file the bill. There must be a bill in BOTH the House and the Senate and they both follow the same basic pathway.

The bill is assigned to committees, most often 2 to 4 separate committees.

The bill must be placed on the agenda of the first committee

The bill must be heard in the committee and successfully passed by each committee on the path.

The bill must be read in the Chamber (House bills on the House floor and Senate bills on the Senate Floor)

The respective chamber must pass the bill by a majority vote.

The House and Senate will decide on one of the bills to present to the Governor.

The Governor will either sign in to law or veto the bill.

This simple overview doesn't address the issues of amendments to the bill. That is separate very complex series of events. We will address those if they arise.

You can see that HB 6009 is only on step 2 so a long journey is still ahead. A journey that can take many twists and turns. I personally have a good feeling that we are on the right track and with everyone reaching out to their own legislators in a polite, respectful and professional manner it will be difficult for HB 6009 to pass.

LAWMAKER TARGETS EXPRESS TOLL LANES

A Senate Republican on Thursday proposed limiting the creation of high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes on Florida roadways - and restricting how toll money could be used. Sen. Frank Artiles, R-Miami, filed a bill (SB 250) that would prevent the creation of high-occupancy toll lanes or express lanes as of July 1. Also, the bill would restrict the use of tolls collected from such already-existing lanes. Those tolls could only be used to pay off bond debts from high-occupancy and express lane projects. After the debts are paid off, tolls would be eliminated and the lanes could not be used as high-occupancy or express lanes, according to the proposal. The bill is filed for the legislative session that starts March 7.

CRASHES UP AT RED-LIGHT CAMERA INTERSECTIONS

By LLOYD DUNKELBERGER THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, January 5, 2017..... As Florida lawmakers prepare to renew their debate over red-light cameras, a new report from state highway officials shows an increase in vehicle collisions at intersections with the traffic-control devices.

In a survey of 148 intersections in 28 cities and counties across the state, total crashes were up 10.14 percent when comparing data

before the cameras were installed and after they were in place, according to the Dec. 31 report from the state Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

The survey, which used crash data collected between July 2012 and April 2016, also showed:

--- Rear-end collisions were up 11.41 percent.

--- Angle crashes were up 6.72 percent.

--- Accidents involving pedestrians, bicyclists and other "non-motorists" were down 19.64 percent.

--- Collisions involving vehicles running red lights were down 3.14 percent.

--- Crashes involving injuries were up 9.34 percent.

--- Fatalities doubled from five to 10 in the survey, which involved more than 10,700 total accidents.

Highway safety officials cited two factors for the increase, including the fact that Florida motorists are spending more time on the roadways.

Vehicle miles in the state increased 8.32 percent from 2012 to 2015, the report noted, meaning an increased likelihood of more crashes overall.

The second factor is the reliability of the data, with the survey noting that not all crash reports give exact locations, making it more difficult to correlate the accidents with red-light camera intersections.

"The crash analysis should be put into context of the overall complexity of the issue at hand, as many factors may contribute to the change in number of crashes outlined in this report," the survey said.

But the increase in red-light camera intersection accidents follows a trend, with last year's report showing a 14.65 percent rise in a survey of more than 7,400 accidents.

The new data, which will be reviewed by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Wednesday, will likely be used by some lawmakers to bolster their case for banning the controversial devices.

Sen. Frank Artiles, R-Miami, with support from Sen. Jeff Brandes, a St. Petersburg Republican who oversees the state transportation budget, has filed legislation (SB 178) to eliminate the cameras by 2020.

Reps. Bryan Avila, R-Hialeah, and Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, have filed a similar measure (HB 6007) in the House.

Attempts to ban red-light cameras have failed during past legislative sessions.

Artiles used the crash data to try to pass a red-light camera repeal bill last year.

"The purpose of red-light cameras is not about safety. It's about money," Artiles said. "We finally have the proof we need."

Money remains a major factor in the debate over the cameras, with the state and local governments splitting the \$158 fines for red-light camera violations.

Fines yielded nearly \$60 million for the state budget last year, according to the state Department of Revenue. Cities and counties collected about \$53 million, with about half of that going to red-light camera companies.

The number of red-light cameras in use through June 30 dropped by 108 devices, down to 688, from the prior year, according to the highway safety survey of 59 cities and counties using the cameras.

Six local governments dropped the use of the cameras in the last year, the report showed.

But while the number of cameras declined, violations rose by 27.5 percent to 1.23 million during the 2015-16 fiscal year. Citations written personally by law-enforcement officers declined about 12 percent to 50,755, the report said.

American Traffic Solutions was the top company providing red-light cameras in Florida, servicing 46 cities and counties. Xerox and Redflex each had four local government clients, the report said.

The companies earn an average of \$4,250 or more per month from each camera, prior reports showed.

HOUSE MEMBERS EYE RED-LIGHT CAMERAS

A proposal that would eliminate red-light cameras is scheduled to go before the House Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee on Wednesday. The discussion of the measure (HB 6007), sponsored by Rep. Bryan Avila, R-Hialeah, and Rep. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, is the first step in a renewed effort by some lawmakers during the upcoming legislative session to turn off the traffic cameras. Attempts to ban red-light cameras have failed during past sessions. Supporters of the cameras say they improve traffic safety, while critics say the devices have become a way for local governments to collect revenue. The state and local governments split the \$158 fines for red-light camera violations. Fines yielded nearly \$60 million for the state budget last year, according to the state Department of Revenue. Cities and counties collected about \$53 million, with about half of that going to red-light camera companies. Sen. Frank Artiles, R-Miami, has filed a Senate version of the bill (SB 178) aimed at ending the cameras.

LAWMAKERS AGAIN LOOK AT TURNING OFF RED LIGHT CAMERAS

The latest effort to end red-light cameras got a green light from a House panel Wednesday. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee voted 13-1 to support a measure (HB 6007) by Rep. Bryan Avila, R-Hialeah, and Rep. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would repeal a law known as the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act of 2010. A repeal would prevent the state Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and local governments from using the cameras for traffic enforcement. Avila said the law may have been well-intentioned, but it has become "a revenue stream" for governments. He also said a recent state study shows the cameras have failed to enhance public safety. Opponents, including the Florida League of Cities and Melissa Wandall, the wife of Mark Wandall, argued local officials should be able to decide whether to use the cameras. Melissa Wandall maintained the law saves lives. "If I thought this ... was killing other people, maiming other people, injuring other people, I tell you right now I would have my husband's name taken off this (law)," said Wandall, whose husband was killed by a red-light runner in 2003. "I'm not just an advocate, I know the statistics. I work with law enforcement. We're taking all these tools away from law enforcement." For motorists, the proposal would eliminate \$158 fines imposed on the owners of vehicles caught on camera running red lights, starting July 1, 2020. State and local governments split the fine revenues, with the fines yielding nearly \$60 million for the state budget last year, according to the Florida Department of Revenue.

Tally News 1.19.17 LAWMAKER SEEKS TO PROTECT 'VULNERABLE' ROAD USERS

Motorists who cause bodily injury to bicyclists or "vulnerable" road users could, in addition to other charges, get slapped with fines up to \$2,500, under a bill filed Thursday by Sen. Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples. The proposal (SB 408) came a little more than a week after Washington, D.C.-based Smart Growth America released a report called "Dangerous By Design" that put eight Florida metro regions among the 10 most dangerous communities to walk in the nation. Out of 104 metro areas, the Cape Coral-Fort Myers region received the top ranking in Smart Growth America's "Pedestrian Danger Index" released Jan. 10. Smart Growth America, which advocates for more walkable neighborhoods and more convenient ways to travel, based its pedestrian index on a number of factors, including the amount of people who walk to work and pedestrian deaths. Also in the top 10 were: Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, Jacksonville, Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach, Lakeland-Winter Haven, Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater and North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton. Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, lumped into a single metro area, came in 11th on the list. Passidomo's proposal (SB 408) calls for motorists' licenses to be suspended for three years, with a requirement to retake a driver's exam, if they are charged with non-criminal traffic infractions that result in serious bodily injury or death to bicyclists or "vulnerable" road users. Along with **walkers and bicyclists, the bill defines a "vulnerable" road user as a highway worker, as well as people riding horses, farm tractors, horse-drawn carriages or electric mobility devices.** As a House member, Passidomo proposed similar legislation the past two years, but the bills did not pass.

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The Vulnerable Road Users bill's have been filed in both the House and the Senate this week. These will be the VRU bills that ABATE of Florida, Inc. support. Both of the bills will need to have the term Vulnerable Road User defined, but they will include motorcycles once the definitions have been added.

The Senate bill is SB 432 Vulnerable Road Users by Sen. Baxley. Sen. Baxley has been a long time friend and supporter of ABATE of Florida, Inc

The House bill is HB 541 Vulnerable Road Users by Rep. Stone. Rep. Stone is a supporter of ABATE of Florida, Inc. and we look forward to a long relationship with him.

Both of these bills are officially supported by ABATE of Florida, Inc. and I will keep you informed of their progress.

SALES TAX HOLIDAY PROPOSED FOR AUGUST

A Senate Republican on Wednesday proposed holding a 10-day tax "holiday" in August for back-to-school shoppers. Sen. Keith Perry, R-Gainesville, filed the proposal on the same day that Gov. Rick Scott announced a proposed tax-package that included a similar 10-day tax holiday. Under Perry's proposal (SB 490), shoppers would be able to avoid paying sales taxes from Aug. 4 through Aug. 13 on clothing that costs \$100 or less per item. Also, the tax break would apply to school supplies that cost \$15 or less and personal computers and related accessories that cost \$1,000 or less. A news release from Scott's office did not provide such details about his proposed tax-holiday, other than to say it would last 10 days and reduce taxes by \$72 million. The proposals by Perry and Scott will be considered during the legislative session that starts March 7.

VETERANS COULD GET SALES-TAX HOLIDAY

Honorably discharged U.S. military veterans would get a sales-tax break when buying clothes during the Veterans Day holiday, under a measure filed Tuesday by state Rep. Mel Ponder, R-Destin. The measure (HB 263) would lift sales taxes on most clothes and footwear priced \$60 or less from Nov. 10 through Nov. 12. The proposal would require veterans to show proof of military status when buying the items.

SCOTT PROPOSES \$618 MILLION IN TAX CUTS

Preparing to release his proposed 2017-2018 budget, Gov. Rick Scott on Wednesday said he wants to cut taxes by \$618 million. The largest portion of the tax-cut package, \$454 million, would involve reducing a tax on commercial leases. Also, Scott wants to offer a series of sales-tax "holidays," provide a sales-tax exemption for college textbooks, exempt more businesses from the corporate income tax and provide a sales-tax exemption for books purchased at school book fairs, according to the governor's office. Lawmakers will consider Scott's proposals as they draw up a budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1. The News Service will have a full story later Wednesday.

AGENCY SEEKS MONEY AMID RISE IN CONCEALED WEAPON LICENSES

A continued increase in the number of people seeking concealed-weapons licenses will require an additional \$2.61 million to cover costs of licensing and background checks, according to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The department's request to increase its funding is among a number of agency proposals going before the Joint Legislative Budget Commission on Tuesday. The department, which is responsible for issuing concealed-weapon or firearm licenses, notes the state is on a pace to process 316,738 concealed-weapons applications during the fiscal year that began July 1. Through October, 105,594 new applications had been received. During the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the department handled 244,726 new applications. "To meet the continued demand, the operating costs have increased substantially," budget commission paperwork said. "Deficits are projected in several appropriation categories in the Division of Licensing Trust Fund." The department was budgeted for more than \$25 million from the trust fund for the current year, with the total dominated by staff salaries and contracted services.

SENATE PANEL TO TAKE UP 'STAND YOUR GROUND' BILL

The Senate Judiciary Committee next week is expected to take up a proposal that would shift the legal burden of proof in "stand your ground" self-defense cases --- but the panel is not slated to consider a controversial measure that would expand the ability of people to carry guns in public. The Judiciary Committee's agenda for a meeting next Tuesday includes the "stand your ground" bill (SB 128), filed by Sen. Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island. The bill stems from a Florida Supreme Court ruling in 2015 that said defendants have the burden of proof to show they should be shielded from prosecution under the "stand your ground" law. In "stand your ground" cases, pretrial evidentiary hearings are held to determine whether defendants should be immune from prosecution. The bill --- and an identical proposal in the House (HB 245) ---

would shift that burden of proof from defendants to prosecutors. But the Judiciary Committee's agenda does not include a gun bill that has drawn wider debate. That bill (SB 140), filed by Judiciary Chairman Greg Steube, R-Sarasota, would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to openly carry handguns in public and to carry them in places such as college and university campuses and airport terminals. The committee had been scheduled to consider Steube's bill Jan. 10, but the meeting was canceled.

STAND YOUR GROUND' CHANGE COULD SAIL THROUGH SENATE By JIM TURNER NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, January 24, 2017..... A controversial measure that would shift the burden of proof in "stand your ground" self-defense cases cleared its first stop Tuesday on an expected fast track through the Florida Senate.

The Republican-dominated Judiciary Committee voted 5-4 --- along party lines --- to back the proposal (SB 128) by Sen. Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island. The measure would shift the burden of proof from defendants to prosecutors during pre-trial evidentiary hearings in "stand your ground" cases.

The committee also backed an amendment by Bradley that would make the contents of the pre-trial hearings inadmissible at trial if self-defense claims aren't granted.

Opponents contended at Tuesday's committee meeting that the "stand your ground" law has disproportionate effects, as it is used more successfully as a defense when white shooters kill African-Americans. But Bradley called the bill "color-blind."

"What I hope is the outcome of this is something that I hope we all agree on, that people who should not be arrested are not arrested and people who should not go to trial do not go to trial," Bradley said. "If I believed that an individual who was otherwise guilty would go free, because this bill passed, then I wouldn't have filed the bill."

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Bradley's proposal, which has the support of the National Rifle Association and the Florida Public Defender Association, was approved by the Senate in a 24-12 vote last year. The current measure has only one more stop ahead, the Rules Committee, before reaching the Senate floor.

Typically, bills are scheduled for three committee appearance before going on the floor.

The proposal has returned for the 2017 session, which starts March 7, because it failed to get through the House committee process last year. Rep. Bobby Payne, R-Palatka, has filed the House version of this year's bill (HB 245).

The "stand your ground" law has long been controversial. It says people can use deadly force and do not have a duty to retreat if they think it is necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm.

Critics of Bradley's bill said it would put an end to cases before all the facts are revealed.

Debra Harrison Rumberger of the League of Women Voters said the "stand your ground" law already gives an advantage to people who use deadly force in cases of a perceived threat and that Florida will become more dangerous in shifting the burden of proof.

Bradley's bill also comes as the House and Senate consider legislation that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to openly carry handguns and carry guns at places such as college campuses.

"Combined with the proposed open-carry and campus-carry bills, the risks of standing your ground will almost certainly increase violence," Harrison Rumberger said.

Lucia McBath, representing Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, said Bradley's proposed change would add stress for families of people killed.

"Having lived through this grueling experience first-hand, with two trials for my son's murder, I can attest to the anguish and the pain that this process elicits," said McBath, whose 17-year-old son Jordan Davis was killed in a dispute over loud music at a Jacksonville gas station in 2012. "We should not make it harder for family members to achieve the justice that they deserve by making gun crimes harder to prosecute."

GUN ISSUES GRAB ATTENTION IN TALLAHASSEE

By LLOYD DUNKELBERGER THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, January 10, 2017..... In the wake of mass shootings at an Orlando nightclub and at the Fort Lauderdale airport, the gun-control debate intensified Tuesday with Democratic lawmakers filing legislation to try to improve gun safety while an appeals court heard arguments about local-government gun ordinances.

Sen. Gary Farmer, D-Fort Lauderdale, and Sen. Linda Stewart, D-Orlando, announced they are sponsoring a proposal (SB 254) that would ban so-called assault rifles and "large capacity" ammunition magazines. Rep. Carlos Guillermo Smith, D-Orlando, is sponsoring the measure (HB 167) in the House.

The bills would specifically ban the ownership of Sig Sauer MCX semi-automatic rifles, which was the type of weapon used by Omar Mateen in killing 49 victims at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando in June.

"We cannot continue to say I'm sorry or let's pray for these folks. We do. But that's not what we need. We need gun-safety legislation," said Stewart, whose district includes the Pulse nightclub. "We've got to start talking about this and we've got to start acting."

Smith said banning military-style assault weapons is part of a "common sense" approach to gun control, while also urging lawmakers to improve funding for comprehensive mental-health programs.

"I think it is common sense, and Floridians understand that it is wrong and unacceptable for civilians to have access to firearms that can fire 30 rounds, like a Sig Sauer MCX, in a matter of seconds," Smith said.

In addition to the assault-weapon ban, Farmer said he is working on other legislation, including a measure (SB 142) that he said would eliminate "loopholes" in Florida's trigger-lock law, which requires guns to be safely secured when they are kept near children 16 or younger. Farmer is also working on a bill calling for broader background checks for gun purchases, although the measure has not been filed.

Farmer's district includes Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, where five people were fatally shot Friday. He said if

some of the measures had been in place, "perhaps" they could have prevented some shooting tragedies, although he said it would take a "concerted" effort by multiple levels of government to deal with the problem.

"But we must begin somewhere," Farmer said. "These are small yet important steps, if passed, will move Florida to a place where families can live, play and work and, yes, travel to an airport safely and without fear of being gunned down."

The gun-safety legislation is supported by a coalition of groups including the League of Women Voters of Florida, the Florida PTA and Equality Florida.

But the legislation sponsored by three minority-party, freshmen lawmakers will face significant opposition in the Republican-dominated Legislature, which has been more supportive of gun rights rather than efforts to curb guns.

In fact, a few hours before the lawmakers held their gun-safety press conference at the state Capitol, another group led by Tallahassee Democratic Mayor Andrew Gillum was at the 1st District Court of Appeal, urging the judges to find unconstitutional a law that preempts local governments from passing gun-control ordinances.

Under the law, Gillum and other members of the Tallahassee city government were sued by gun-rights groups, including Florida Carry Inc., because they refused to remove a decades-old city ordinance that prohibits shooting guns in a public park.

Gillum and other Tallahassee officials could be subject to a \$5,000 fine and possibly removed from office under the 2011 law for defending the local ordinance, although the gun groups' lawsuit was rejected by a circuit court. The lawsuit is now the subject of the appeal.

"These kinds of pre-emption laws take power away from local citizens," Gillum said. "When the state overreaches, and takes away our ability to make decisions that we believe are in the best interest of the people who elect us, that is bad for democracy and that is bad for local home rule."

Eric Friday, a lawyer representing Florida Carry, said the Tallahassee officials "swore an oath, and took a job, to follow the laws of the state of Florida."

"They have chosen not to do so. They have stated here that they want to continue to regulate firearms, whether the Legislature tells them they can or cannot," Friday said.

Friday likened the pre-emption gun law to the uniform traffic code for the state.

"The city doesn't just get to do whatever they want, just because they want to do it or just because they don't like the law," he said.

The three-judge appellate panel will issue its opinion at a later date.

SENATOR PLANS TO BREAK UP MAJOR GUN BILL By JIM TURNER THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, January 24, 2017..... The author of a controversial proposal that would broadly expand how and where people can carry guns said Tuesday he is breaking up the measure.

However, Senate Judiciary Chairman Greg Steube, R-Sarasota, said he still intends to advance each smaller piece of his proposal (SB 140), which includes allowing people with concealed-weapons licenses to openly carry handguns in public and carry firearms on college and university campuses.

"Just from feeling the tea leaves, it's probably better to attack it piece by piece," Steube said after a Judiciary Committee meeting. "The House doesn't have a bill that has all those different (parts)."

Steube, who was elected to the Senate in November, is chairing a committee where major gun-related measures died during the 2016 legislative session.

Steube's proposal would affect Florida's more than 1.67 million concealed-weapons license holders. The measure, in part, would allow them to be armed on college and university campuses, at airport passenger terminals, in elementary and secondary schools, and at legislative and local government meetings.

Pieces of the Senate bill have been filed in individual House bills for the 2017 session, which starts March 7.

Rep. Scott Plakon, R-Longwood, introduced a House version of the campus-carry measure (HB 6005). Also, Rep. Jake Raburn, R-Lithia, has proposed a bill (HB 6001) that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to bring guns into airport terminals.

The House overwhelmingly approved bills during the 2016 session to allow people to openly carry guns in public and carry them on campuses. Steube, then a member of the House, voted for both bills.

The campus-carry proposal faces opposition by university and college leaders, campus law-enforcement officials and faculty members. The Florida Sheriffs Association has opposed efforts to allow open-carry in Florida.

When Steube's proposal is broken up, potentially into as many as 10 parts, Senate President Joe Negron will have to refer each proposal to a series of committee appearances.

Steube said campus-carry, which he sponsored in the House, and the airport-terminal proposal would be his top priorities.

"Given what's happened at Fort Lauderdale airport, that's important to me," Steube said, alluding to a recent mass shooting at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

Steube's measure was scheduled to first go before the Judiciary Committee on Jan. 10, but the meeting was canceled as one Republican member --- Sen. Rene Garcia of Hialeah --- wasn't going to be in attendance. Including Steube and Garcia, the committee is comprised of five Republicans and four Democrats.

Steube's comments Tuesday came after a Second Amendment website claimed that the open-carry legislation is being held up by Republican members of the committee.

"Theoretically. This should be a cake walk," the website The Truth About Guns said Monday in an article called "Florida Open Carry On Life Support."

"Five Republicans members means the Democrats aren't even an issue," The Truth About Guns continued. "But here we have four Republicans that aren't currently in favor of strengthening and further securing the 2nd Amendment in Florida."

Meanwhile, influential National Rifle Association lobbyist Marion Hammer said Tuesday prior to the committee meeting that she isn't worried about Steube's proposal.

"If I were worried, you would have seen me blast out an alert," Hammer said when asked about the bill as currently written.

ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

JANUARY 15, 2017

Meeting Called to order at 11:40 AM 27 Members Present 3 Guest Present

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

PRESIDENT: Thanked everyone for attending the Fair ride on Thursday, Reminded members to get on text alerts. Newsletters are available online. Chapter stickers are available. President informed chapter newsletter would be available online only now. Secretary informed chapter on history of printed newsletters and that machine we used to run them is no longer functional and we cannot afford to purchase a machine that has those capabilities. We will be looking into cost of having them printed and the possibility of a subscription fee for those wanting a printed copy. Once again the chapter was reminded that it's free online and in color with links and is better for the environment.

VICE PRESIDENT: Nothing to report.

SECRETARY: Introduced and thanked State VP Scribe for attending our chapter meeting. Asked if anyone had any objections to last month's meeting minutes as published in chapter newsletter. There were none.

TREASURER: Excused. Chapter is in good standing.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is currently at 161.

SARGENT AT ARMS: No report given.

SAFETY: Listed local events safety is planning to set up at. HD bike night is planning on donating to the chapter with their 50/50 drawing 4 times in the coming year.

DELEGATE: Next State meeting to be held in Ocala. HB 6009 Highway bill introduced, this is the new helmet law that they're trying to implement. Please contact your Rep to give your opinion.

LEGISLATIVE: Dan has met with Senator Clemens who says he won't vote on helmet bill. He also met with Rep Emily Slosberg and spoke about mandatory drivers education.

STATE VICE PRESIDENT: Encouraged all members to call their Reps about HB 6009. Went over talking points and statistics. Working on getting safety money back from State. Looking for sponsor on vulnerable motorist bill.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: Nothing to report

PRODUCTS: We need a products person. \$5 T shirts are still happening until inventory is depleted

NEWSLETTER: We need advertisers.

OLD BUSINESS: No date set yet for Peace River Event. Chapter suggests November.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussed meeting date change for September. No change made.

Data Writes Another Letter to the Editor

I decided to send another letter to the PB Post in my name. They have a larger circulation. They edited it a bit, but most of it survived. They have a limit of 200 words which is why I had to take out a lot of detail. The following is what they printed... <http://www.mypalmbeachpost.com/news/opinion/letters-private-school-athletes-among-county-best/nvSegKTgXino4hzYdKXXUL/>

If more people in the club write more anti-helmet law letters to the editor - and pass the word to all the other chapters - the lawmakers will take note.

Data.

Posted: 6:05 p.m. Wednesday, January 04, 2017

Motorcycle helmet law discriminatory

The Florida Legislature is considering making motorcycle helmets mandatory under the guise of "motorcycle safety." Unfortunately, helmet law proponents are usually ignorant of the science behind helmets and think they are a magic hat that prevents motorcycle fatalities. The science proves that they are generally useless for impacts over 20 mph.

In fact, in 2015, more riders died in Florida wearing helmets than not.

Affordable helmets for older riders with larger heads do not exist. So the law is discriminatory against these people and people that may have medical conditions preventing helmet use.

Polls show that more people who don't ride motorcycles are in favor of mandated helmets than people who actually ride. Fine. Let's have a helmet tax on car registrations to subsidize motorcyclists who can't afford a properly fitted helmet. If people who don't ride are really that concerned about rider safety, all they have to do is stop playing with their phone while driving and look twice before turning left.

I ride and I choose to wear a helmet, and I believe everyone else who can should too, but we don't need another unfunded personal safety mandate. Let those who ride decide.

DENNIS HAWKINS, ACREAGE

A little soap boxing if you don't mind.

I think its important that other members (all chapters) send email letters in to all their local papers because I can guarantee that they will also publish letters from people on the other side who regurgitate the urban legend that helmetless riders drive up their insurance costs and that nobody dies wearing a helmet.

I know that not every member is a good writer, but those than can, should. Sending emails are free and it only takes a little time to compose one. The lawmakers do read these letters to the editor. I have had them contact me in regards to my comments on other issues.

If you send an email directly to the lawmaker, it gets filtered by their staff, assuming it doesn't go straight to their spam folder. Their staff simply tallies the count of pro-helmet law people and anti-helmet law people and then presents the totals to the lawmaker. They aren't trying to be mean, its the only way they can handle the thousands of emails every week on the various issues. The advantage is that everyone can send the same email: "I am opposed to a mandatory helmet law (HB 6009/2017). <name> <mailing address> <phone number>". Just that simple.

Letters to the editor should be unique and not a regurgitation of someone else's letter. If they get a lot of emails with the same text, they will assume they are being mail bombed and not print any of them. Also, most papers will not print emails if you do not live in their coverage area. For that reason, most of them require that you have at the bottom, your full name, mailing address, and phone number. They usually don't remind you if you forget.

The email addresses of the editors I have sent emails to so far are:

letters@gotowncrier.com <Town Crier - no word limit>

letters@pbpost.com <Palm Beach Post - 200 word limit>

I will probably be sending one to the Sun Sentinel when I have time.

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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.

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

INSURANCE As an active member in good standing you have a \$4,000 **Accidental Death and Dismemberment** policy from American Income Life. You will get a card in the mail from state office to register your beneficiary for ADD insurance. Do NOT mail it, just be sure your family knows about the policy. If you send it in and they try to meet to sell you more so only if you are interested in more insurance. If they bother you contact our 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 can get an insurance discount with Leslie Kay Progressive insurance company. Contact them for a quote 1-866-367-1788 www.LeslieKays.com The \$3000 accessory package is normal. The State has arranged with Coastal Insurance Company to offer 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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EMAILINGS If we have your email address it will be added to a mass mailing which you can opt to be removed at end of email. Usually only do twice a month to let you know our Newsletter is online and remind you of chapter meetings. Local events are included and sometimes urgent matters may be included. No one will see your email

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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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3rd Sunday FEB. 19 2017 11:30 am

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- To** have 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.