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President's Message

As we get closer to Daytona Bike Week I would like to let everyone know Volusia County Fairgrounds located off Route 44 is having there burning of the bike the second week of Bike Week. Camping or RV'ing . It's about the cheapest place to stay in Daytona. If not camping come out and see the burning of the bike. It's a great time. We are still looking for volunteers. Looking for any members that wants to be involved in the Palm Beach Chapter in anyway. If you think you can help the Chapter that you ride with, Let us know. Your time is much appreciated by the members that do so much for this Chapter. If you not on the text alert about all the rides we do have? Get on it. You are missing out on a lot of fun.

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

Big Bad Fred President

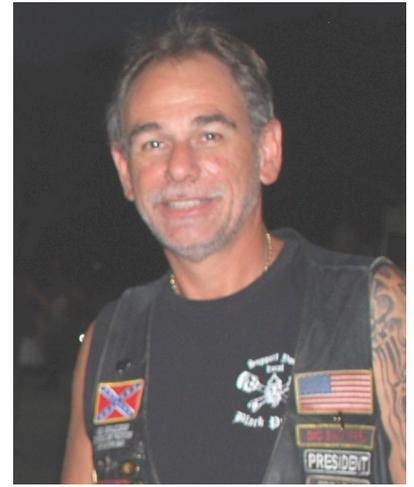


Photo from our Dec. 11 2016 Chapter Event. If you were at our February meeting R.J. Watkins told us that is wife Karen was seriously ill in the hospital. Regrettably I got the text from Nighthawk that she passed away. Memorial will be Tuesday March 7 6:30 pm at the Church in the Gardens Holly Dr. & 195 with refreshments after at Sandee's House. In stead of flowers please donate to your favorite charity or Animal Shelter, she loved Animals. Thank you, Robert RIDE IN PEACE

Nicky Dilorenzo & Jamey Michelle Porter

FEB. 16 Nicky & Jamey were in a bad motorcycle accident. From what we've heard he was t-boned in any intersection. Nicky had part of his leg amputated. Jamey has a broken leg. they have a kid and a business that they ran as a couple with one leg gone it will be a while before he & Jamey are back to work. he They attended many bike events. Nicky used to work for Iron Cross Motorcycles before he opened Nicky D's Cycle Service in West Palm Beach. You can help the BIKER COMMUNITY help out one of our own.

<https://www.gofundme.com/nicky-dilorenzo-jameys-help-fund>

Photo from her Facebook page showing them in good spirits and glad to be alive



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Mission Statement

WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. We ARE NOT A CLUB NOR 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, it is up to you to decide.

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" 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.

SAFETY – good advice from Progressive Insurance that I got in an email
<http://lifelanes.progressive.com/7-signs-need-stop-get-off-bike/>

7 Signs You Need to Stop and Get Off Your Bike

We love to ride our motorcycles. We often ride for many hours or a whole day, only stopping for gas or when the weather turns. We get into a groove following the rhythm of long sweeping turns, rolling into a series of tight twisties, or simply cruising the long, lonesome highway.

After a long day in the saddle, ask yourself what you saw. How often did you stop and get off your bike? Riding is just one part of a day on the road. Taking the time to stop is the other. It's important to stop and take in the fresh air, smell the roses, and look around. After a short break, get back on your bike and ride.

When should you make time to stop and take in a place? After riding all over the world for almost 200,000 miles, I've learned to recognize the important signs telling me it's time to stop and get off my bike.

Here are seven signs you should look for:

1. You've passed more than five scenic viewpoints.

Too often we get in a groove and just whip by those pullover points with stunning vistas of the countryside. If you've passed by five or more, it's time to stop. There's a good reason those stops are there. Take a break and take a look.

2. A roadside oddity catches your eye and your curiosity.

If something strange, weird, or odd catches your eye, don't just ride by. It's a sign to stop, turn around, and check it out. Take a photo. Meet someone. Ask questions. After missing many opportunities in my travels, I now know how rewarding it is to stop and check out something new.

3. Your butt is getting sore.

When you find yourself constantly shifting your seating position or if your rear is starting to ache or fall asleep, get off your bike. Don't try to "ride it off." It never works. Take a break and stop. You and your butt will appreciate it, and you'll likely see something new or meet someone interesting.

4. You've bobbed or nodded your head.

This is the most important sign that it's time to get off your bike. If you're getting tired, if fatigue is setting in, or if you've fallen into a hypnotic zone and lost your concentration, stop. This is a good sign that you need different stimuli. Hydrate, grab a coffee, or take a roadside nap. Don't tempt fate, and don't doze off.

5. You've ridden more than 100 miles straight.

Whenever you haven't been off your bike for more than 100 miles, take a moment and get off. I have a friend who makes a game out of using his odometer to stop exactly at every 100 miles. His theory is that it forces him to get off his bike and look around at someplace he would normally just zoom by. Periodic breaks make the ride more enjoyable.

6. You're getting hungry or thirsty.

If your stomach is growling, your blood sugar is dropping, or it's a hot day and you're getting parched, don't try to keep going for another hour. Stop, get off your bike, and have a snack or a drink of water. I've fallen victim to the desire to keep riding instead of stopping and snacking. Now I always keep a small bag of trail mix with me, and I stop to eat a handful while taking in the sights and sounds around me.

7. Sunset is long gone and it's dark.

Some people like to ride motorcycles at night, but I prefer riding in daylight. If you're like me, the ultimate sign telling you to get off your bike is that it's nighttime. Set up camp, get a motel room, or go back home. After a long day of riding, I like to get out of my motorcycle gear and enjoy a good meal with a cold beer. I'll share stories, reflect on the day, and get a good night's sleep so I'm alert and fresh for the next day.

We own motorcycles because we like to ride. However, the best thing about riding is the freedom we experience on the open road. In most cases, this freedom also gives us the opportunity to stop where we want and at the most random times and places. So ride on, but look for signs indicating that it's a good time to stop and take advantage of that freedom.

UPCOMING Event Schedule

Thursday March 2 Black Pistons MC Open House

Friday March 3 Ink Link Bike Night

Friday March 3 Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House

Saturday March 4 Militia Riders MC celebrate Tinman's 5th Bday 2590 Commerce Park Dr. Unit F5 Boynton

Tuesday March 7 Lone Legion Brotherhood MC Open House 2590 Commerce Park Dr. Unit F5 Boynton

Thursday March 9 Palm Beach Harley Shamrockin' Bash Bike Night 5-9 45th St. West Palm Beach

Friday March 10 AOA WPB MC Open House

March 10-19 DAYTONA BIKEWEEK

Saturday March 11 Veterans Benefit BBQ Elks Lodge

Saturday March 11 DeLand Bike Rally

Wednesday March 15 States MC Lake Worth Open House 3570 Boutwell Rd. Lake Worth

Thursday March 16 UBCPBC Council Ride Night

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

Tuesday March 21 Militia Riders Open House 2590 Commerce Park Dr. Unit F5 Boynton

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

Sunday March 26 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. 11:30 am

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Sunday March 26 Stinky's Birthday At AOA WPB

Thurs March 30 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Sunday April 2 States MC Pompano Annual

Monday April 3 Mob of Brothers MC Open House

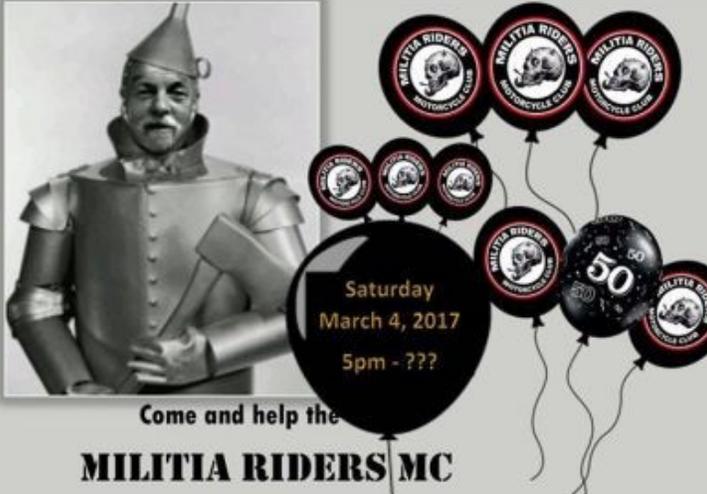
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While we believe in Freedom of Choice as to wearing helmets, how do you base your choice? No one ever told me there were round or oblong designs until Aral informed me at AIMExpo.

The 13 Best Motorcycle Helmets for Every Type of Rider

Hannah Elliott [Bloomberg](#) February 16, 2017

Do you live in Illinois, Iowa, or New Hampshire?

You don't have to read this story—those are the only states without motorcycle helmet laws—but we hope you do (and so do your parents).

For everyone else, if you ride a motorbike at all, or plan to, you're going to need a good helmet, which most experts recommend **replacing every two to five years**. If you're due for a new one or are craving an upgrade, here are some questions to consider as you shop, plus 13 stylish options below.

Six Questions to Consider

How and where do you ride?

Riding at high speeds on a track requires aerodynamic, quiet, and durable helmets with solid eye protection, whereas pattering around town you could get by with better style and a more relaxed safety rating. On a dirt bike, goggles are fine, but they will prove uncomfortable and distracting if you're on a sport bike; for that, you want a helmet with a full face mask (bonus points for the aggressive look).

Long-distance rides are much enhanced by helmets with the ability to include radios and Bluetooth connectivity, and they'll go better with sun visors and extra padding, too. Plenty of hog riders wear skull caps—the bare minimum needed to uphold the law—while café racers can tend toward open-face or bobble-head caps. You'll want to choose something for your head that matches the style of your machine.

Is it certified?

If it's not, move along. Of the various acronyms you may see—DOT, ECE, SHARP, AUS—Adam Kallen of Brooklyn's [Jane Motorcycles](#) says to focus on one: “Make sure they are Snell-certified. With a helmet like that, you can take a truck and run over it. It's made to crash. And it'll save your ass.” Snell certification, which concentrates on anti-puncture strength in a one-time crash, is voluntary and more rigorous than U.S. DOT certification, the mandatory benchmark in the U.S. Other helmets may have ECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) certification, which is the common internationally recognized safety badge.

Suffice to say that any crash immediately renders a helmet ineffective, at least in theory, and necessitates its replacement. “If you were to drop it or get into an accident, you should get a new helmet immediately. It's like an eggshell—you want to be sure there aren't ever any cracks.”

How does it fit?

Does it pinch your temples? Does it wiggle around your chin? Those are not for you. Instead, a good helmet should fit snugly around your forehead and skull—without giving you a headache after 10 minutes of wear. “You don't want any movement on it,” Kallen said. “You don't want it to shake at all. If it's pushing the cheeks in, that's OK, the cheek pads will open up a little bit. But what you don't want is the helmet really pushing on the crown of the head; you don't want too much pressure there.”

How does it ride?

Test the helmet on the street. If a shop doesn't let you, shop elsewhere. You'll want to feel how quiet it is when you ride. Open-face helmets allow the wind to buffet your ears much more than a helmet with a visor and chin guard, for instance. “I always try to steer people away from open-face helmets,” Kallen said. “People love them, and they're fashionable, but your face is completely exposed. For a lot of reasons, it's just not worth it.”

What is it made of?

High-quality components include leather, chrome, and microfiber (you can feel quality when you touch it); some people love the mean face of the [Shark helmet](#), for instance, but the front chin guard has been criticized as inferior for being made of plastic. Also, is there an interior lining removable for washing? If you're using your bike right, it's going to get dirty, sweaty, and stinky.

What's it cost?

Trick question. Price doesn't correlate with safety when it comes to motorcycle helmets. "You have the same level of safety whether it's a \$160 DOT helmet vs. a \$600 DOT helmet," Kallen said. "Where the pricing comes into account is with the styling of the helmet—the paint, the venting, the integrated flip shield, the padding, whether it's microfiber or has leather trim." Some of the most expensive helmets have special-edition designs or tribute graphics, such as AGV's €1,400 (\$1,494) Pista GP R E2205 Replica Iannone from our list below.

Veldt Copper Foil Full Face

The British Isles-based company makes two collections per year. You can buy one already made, such as this carbon fiber shell in hand-applied copper, or you can make your own by choosing among the options on the website. There are eight main base configurations. Specify interior materials and cover the shell with leather or a special fabric; choose special metal trim finishes and even engraving. DOT and ECE certified. ([\\$800, veldt.xyz](#))

Bell Bullitt Moto-3

The long-awaited remake of a dirt-bike original. This modern version has a fiberglass shell and a removable and washable terry-cloth liner. It comes in seven vintage colors with the BELL MOTO III insignia along the bottom. DOT and ECE certified. ([\\$349, bellhelmets.com](#))

Bell Bullitt Stripes

The look is pure Bell Star vintage, but with modern upgrades: micro suede lining, metal mesh intake vents, leather trim. (It's named after the Steve McQueen character in the film *Bullitt*.) Even better, it has 3D-cut cheek pads that allow for speakers if you want them. DOT and ECE certified. ([\\$400, janemotorcycles.com](#))

Biltwell Bonanza Bright Silver

Love this one for the disco reference and the options it allows: You can switch out mirrored or curved face masks for extra style. Comes with a hand-sewn brushed Lycra liner and a D-ring neck strap. DOT certified. ([\\$120, janemotorcycles.com](#))

Biltwell Gringo Full Face S Navy

This is a more finished version of Biltwell's bestseller. It has a shock-absorbing EPS liner with hand-stitched interior padding, special cheek pads, and a BioFoam chin bar cushion for added comfort. DOT certified. ([\\$200, janemotorcycles.com](#))

Hedon Epicurist

The large face shield is the main selling point here, hand-made to 2mm thick in Europe and attached with two raw copper and brass screws. The shell is full carbon fiber, with a natural calf leather trim and lining. ECE certified. ([£469, hedon.com](#))

Hedon x Rake Artemis

Here's another way the price can rise for a helmet—if it belongs to a special collaboration, such as this one Hedon did with the men's style site the Rake. This one has a black shell with blue stripes inspired by the racers of 1971, plus brass hardware and antibacterial fabric lining. ECE certified. ([£500, hedon.com](#))

AGV Pista GP R E2205 Replica Iannone

Its makers claim it's the most advanced Moto GP helmet ever created, and that may be right: It even has a spoiler tested in a wind tunnel and a hydration system. The shell is pure carbon fiber; the paint job mimics that of Italian moto racers. DOT and ECE certified. ([€1,400, agv.com](#))

AGV Pista GP R E2205 Matte Carbon

The more serious cousin to the racing icon, with a matte black carbon fiber finish but just as expert at ultimate head protection. It comes with the same spoiler and hydration system, plus a special locking system on the visor that prevents it from flying off at super-high speeds. DOT and ECE certified. ([€1,200, agv.com](#))

Shoei RF-1200

One of the best-known and most-trusted brands around, Shoei sets the standard for premium full-face helmets. It has four air intakes and outlets to facilitate aerodynamics and ventilation, plus a wide-wrapping face shield and fully removable, washable, and adjustable interior padding and lining system. Snell and DOT certified. ([\\$486, shoei-helmets.com](#))

Schuberth E1 Crossfire

Best-suited for adventure riders, the E1 Crossfire is one of the quietest helmets on the market today. The fully articulating peak visor can sit in three different positions to shield the sun and can be removed with or without the additional face shield. DOT and ECE certified. (\$849, revzilla.com)

Arai Defiant Pro Cruise in Bold Orange Frost

The totally handmade helmet comes with Arai's unique "pro-visor" system and anti-microbial lining; it's well-suited for upright riding. There is additional room in the ear pocket for communication speakers. SNELL and DOT certified. (\$800, araiamericas.com)

Vespa VJ1-946

Here's a nod to the lovely Vespa rider, who in the U.S. falls under motorcycle laws. Vespa offers a distinct shape and color here with chrome trim, leather lining, and movable visor. Made in Italy, of course. ECE certified. (€176, store.vespa.com)

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/13-best-motorcycle-helmets-every-165819050.html>

Many of these helmets are not what usually see non the market so I take it this is an European article with the prices listed. And you must try on a helmet for fit. These are very pricey and as they say cost is NOT a proof of quality. There are many, many brands to choice from so do your research. I have many links to try on BikerOnlineGuide <http://marmotweb.com/motorcycles/wear.htm> I like the Sierra SVS by ZOX for comfort, size and the extra sunshield. Oh and the cost \$119 at JP Cycles. ZOX is the rare company that makes large sizes, up to 5XL! Another model I like I saw at AIMExpo was the Scorpion as the lower face part is removable, comfortable for me and low cost. Maybe next. It is good to see more of these with a suspension interior not the solid hard of past.

Remember it is your choice and I do wear one here with all these crazy drivers and traffic

Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson



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Scorpion adds a whole lot of "but wait, there's more" to the classic half shell with the **Scorpion Covert Helmet**. They start off strong with a tune-able ventilation system. Next they mix in a no-frills drop down sun visor system. One pull on a tab lowers the shades then pushing the same tab retracts them; it couldn't be easier. Snapping in a rear bottom sleeve transforms your lid into a 3/4 helmet and helps to muffle some of the cries from your lives-saving exhaust. Despite the extra coverage, Scorpion's Kwikwick liner keeps your head in the game by channeling heat and humidity up to the ventilation ducts to be piped out the back. But wait, there's more. Attaching the front mask shields your pretty face from bugs, and you-name-it debris as you're blasting down the interstate.

BMW reveals new flying motorcycle and you'll never believe what inspired it

BMW has joined forces with Lego Technic to create a flying motorcycle concept, the Hover Ride, based on a Lego modelling kit.

By LUKE JOHN SMITH, Feb 21, 2017

The Lego Technic Hover ride, is an alternative model included in the BMW R 1200 GS Adventure kit and the inspiration for the full-sized replica.

Designers used the same 603 parts to create a flying motorbike Lego model which impressed BMW so much, that they decided to create a full-sized replica.

The BMW R 1200 GS Adventure has been available as a detailed replica LEGO Technic model since 1 January 2017.

Lego's challenging 603-piece build features accurate and detailed pieces including the intricate Telelever front-wheel suspension and Motorrad 2-cylinder boxer engine.

It is the first time the car manufacturer and toymaker has worked together.

“ BMW Motorrad approached LEGO Group with the idea of a collaboration because the two companies have much in common: they both successfully combine innovation and tradition in their brands and products, providing unforgettable experiences for young and old alike all over the world,” says Heiner Faust, Head of Sales and Marketing BMW Motorrad.

“It was a great idea and a superb creative challenge to develop a fictitious model from the parts of the LEGO Technic BMW R 1200 GS Adventure set.

“Our concept not only incorporates the BMW Motorrad design DNA with typical elements such as the boxer engine and the characteristic GS silhouette, it also draws on the LEGO Technic stylistic idiom,” says Alexander Buckan, Head of BMW Motorrad Vehicle Design.

Specific design elements including the front propellers were specifically designed and built for this project.

It has not been confirmed whether or not the Hover Bike will ever make it into production but it the full-sized model will be presented for the first time at Lego World in Copenhagen.

BMW Hover Ride - flying motorcycle concept in pictures at

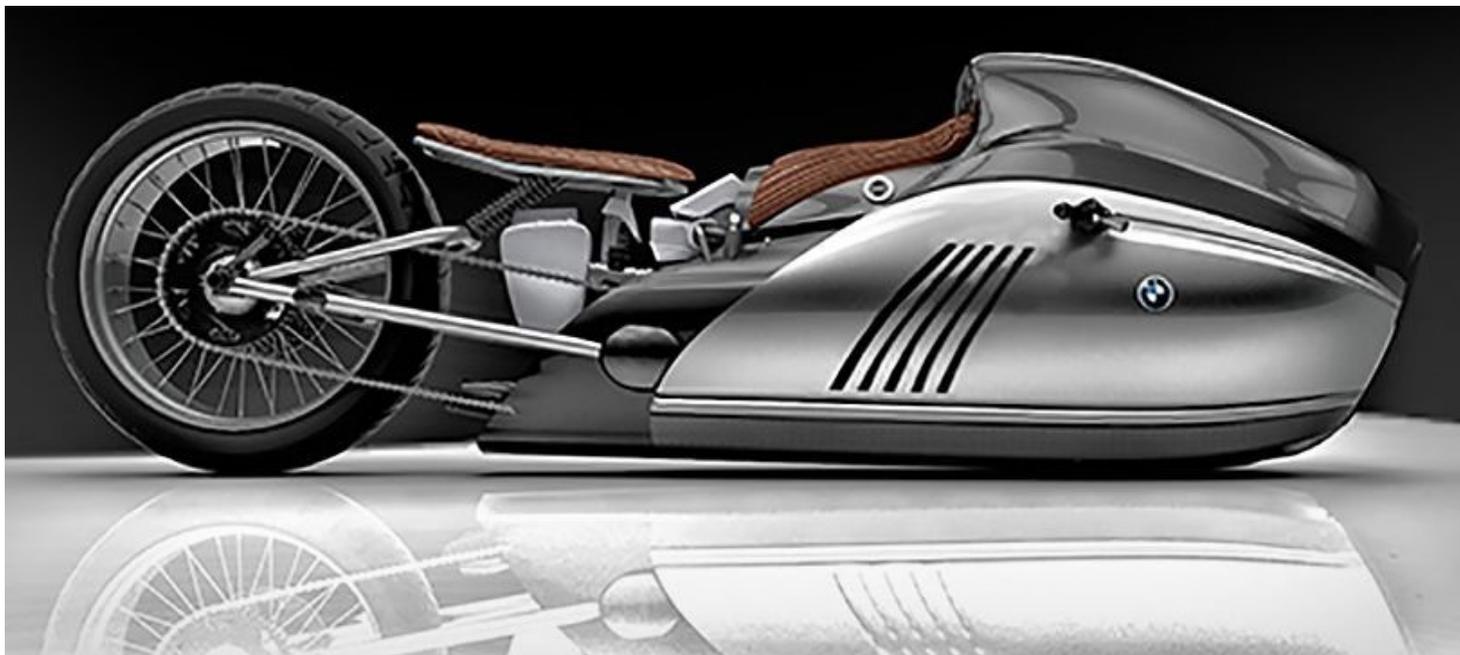
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BMW K75 ALPHA MOTORCYCLE



Rarely do unofficial concept designs become a reality. The [BMW K75 Alpha Motorcycle](#) is a happy exception. Originally conceived by as a Salt Flats racer by designer Mehmet Doruk Erdem, it became a reality when Erdem teamed with builder Mark "Makr" Atkinson. In the process, the donor bike gained a turbo, reworked shifter, new brakes, steering components, and an entirely new frame and fairing to realize Erdem's original design. <http://uncrate.com/article/bmw-k75-alpha-motorcycle/>

Kind of looks like the 1934 BMW R7

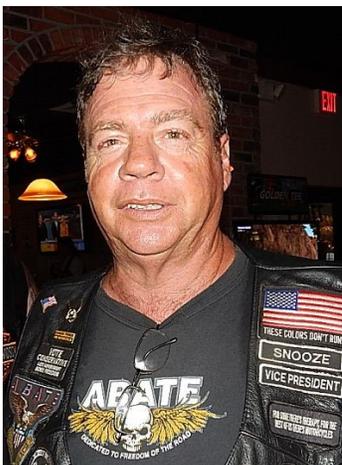
DELEGATE REPORT

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

The ABATE or FL Inc. February State meeting was held in Ocala and hosted by ABATE of Florida. As many of you know the 2017 legislative session is set to begin in March and is going to be a fight to protect our rights once again. There is one bill that we are very opposed to is HB-6009 Highway safety bill, otherwise know as mandatory statewide Helmet Law. This is why we need everyone to join us in this fight by joining your local chapter or calling your local state representatives or both! You can help us protect our right to choose!

Our next state meeting will be in Tallahassee April 8-10. The meeting will be on the 9th with the Ride To The Capitol on the 10th This will be the 20th Annual Freedom Rights Rally!! If you have never done this one you should. It is awesome. It is the one time of year we get to ride with our ABATE brothers and sisters and let law makers know we are serious about our rights as motorcyclists.

Leadership seminars for 2017 will be held July 8th in Clermont at the same hotel they were held at a couple of years ago. Hear the hotel has been upgraded
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STATE MEETINGS

Host Chapter - Location

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



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April 9 - 10, 2017

State Meeting Sunday April 9th at 2:00 pm
 State Board Meeting Sunday April 9th at Noon
 Monticello, Florida - American Legion Hall - 1065 S. Water St. - Monticello, FL 32344

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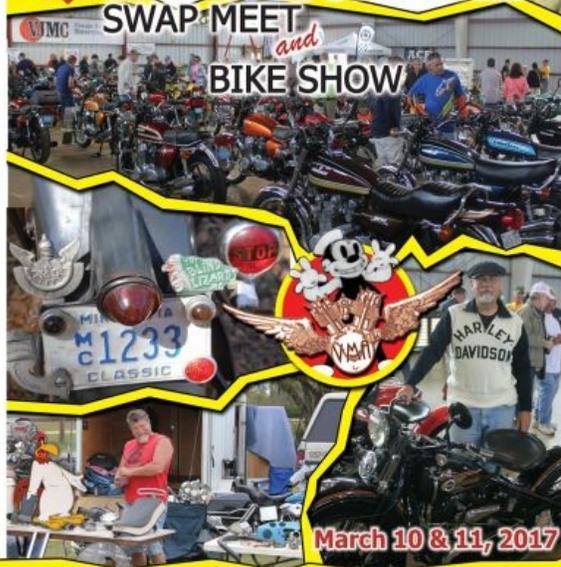
OFFICIAL BIKE WEEK HEADQUARTERS

March 10-19, 2017

6th Annual
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Vintage

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March 10 & 11, 2017

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Eustis, FL 32727

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MARCH 4 (Saturday)
UMATILLA SON BIKE & CAR SHOW- UMATILLA, Umatilla First Baptist Church, 650 Hatfield Dr., 10a-4p, free entry, F.A.I.T.H. Riders MC Ministry, 386-299-3189 Ed

BIKE WEEK KICK OFF PARTY- CLEMONT, Stormy Hill H-D, 2480 S. Hwy 27, food & beer, bikini bike wash, music by Highway Starz, 10a-4p, www.stormyhillarley.com, 352-24307111

MARCH 10-11 (Friday-Saturday)
2017 SUNSHINE NATIONAL MEET- NEW SMYRNA BEACH, 625 Tomoka Farms Rd., celebrating 60 years of the Sportster, field games, antique motorcycle show, swap meet, low country seafood boil, AMCA judging, SunshineAMCA.org

MARCH 10-19 (Friday-Sunday)
BIKE WEEK- DAYTONA BEACH

MARCH 11 (Saturday)
DOWNTOWN FT. MYERS BIKE NIGHT- FT. MYERS, vendors, music, 6-10p, RiverDistrictEvents.com

MARCH 12 (Sunday)
9th ANNUAL SAM SVOPE MEMORIAL CHARITY RIDE- ORLAND/DAYTONA BEACH, Volusia Top Gun, 2900 Bellevue Ave., 8:30-10:30a, \$30 day of ride, grand prize 2017 Heritage Softail, live music, lunch, www.samsvopecharityride.org

BIKE WEEK PARTY- PORT ORANGE, The Boat Bar, 5395 S. Ridgewood Ave., 2-6p, BBQ, live music by Red Gate, 386-333-9909

MARCH 16 (Thursday)
LEATHER & LACE BIKER RODEO- EDGEWATER, Angels Landing, \$10 pp, 3p, 386-345-0562

DAYTONA TT RACING- DAYTONA, International Speedway, flat track racing
CHOPPER TIME- ORMOND BEACH, Tropical Tattoo, bike show, live music, 11a-4p

MARCH 17 (Friday)
28th ANNUAL BOARDWALK BIKE SHOW- DAYTONA BEACH, free to public, 11a-5p, 727-935-4875

MARCH 18 (Saturday)
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SUNDAY, MARCH 12
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KIMBALL X TOTO / CHAMPLIN X CHICAGO DUO
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MONDAY, MARCH 13
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BOBBY KIMBALL (ALL ORIG TOTO)
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5 Hermandad MC Annual	6 Tilted Kilt Boca & CJs Delray Bike Nights Mob of Brothers MC Open House Dinner States MC Pompano	7 Lone Legion MC Open House	8 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Delray Bru's Room Bike Nights	9 Palm Beach or Treasure Coast Harley Bike Night	10 Daytona Bikeweek AOA WPB Open House	11 Daytona Bikeweek DeLand Bike Rally Veterans Benefit BBQ Elks Lodge WPB
12 Daytona Bikeweek	13 Daytona Bikeweek Tilted Kilt Boca & CJs Delray Bike Nights Dinner States MC Pompano	14 Daytona Bikeweek	15 Daytona Bikeweek States LW MC Open House Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Delray Bru's Room Bike Nights	16 Daytona Bikeweek UBCPBC Council Ride Night	17 Daytona Bikeweek	18 Daytona Bikeweek Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
19 Daytona Bikeweek Motor Madness White Elephant	20 Tilted Kilt Boca & CJs Delray Bike Nights Dinner States MC Pompano	21 Militia Riders Open House at Lone Legion	22 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Delray Bru's Room Bike Nights	23 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night	24 AOA WPB Open House	25 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
26 P Bch ABATE Chapter Meeting Stinky's Birthday at AOA WPB	27 Tilted Kilt Boca & CJs Delray Bike Nights Dinner States MC Pompano	28	29 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Delray Bru's Room Bike Nights	30 Turboz/Ralphs Bike Night	31 Ocala Bikefest	

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Ocala Bikefest Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
2 States MC Pompano Annual	3 Mob of Brothers MC Open House Tilted Kilt Boca & CJs Delray Bike Nights Dinner States MC Pompano	4	5 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Delray Bru's Room Bike Nights	6 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night Black Pistons MC Open House	7 Ink Link Bike Night Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House	8 Mystic Seven MC Annual Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
9 ABATE FL State Meeting Black Pistons MC WPB Annual	10 ABATE FL Ride to the Capital Rally	11 Lone Legion MC Open House	12 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Delray Bru's Room Bike Nights	13	14 AOA WPB Open House	15 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House Outcast MC Annual
16 CMA Easter Service P Bch ABATE Chapter Meeting Motor Madness White Elephant	17 Tilted Kilt Boca & CJs Delray Bike Nights Dinner States MC Pompano	18	19 States LW MC Open House Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Delray Bru's Room Bike Nights	20 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night	21	22 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
23 Alternative MC Broward Annual	24 Tilted Kilt Boca & CJs Delray Bike Nights Dinner States MC Pompano	25 Militia Riders Open House at Lone Legion	26 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Delray Bru's Room Bike Nights	27 Turboz/Ralphs Bike Night	28 Leesburg Bikefest AOA WPB Open House	29 Leesburg Bikefest Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
30 Leesburg Bikefest						

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

Once a Month Tues Lone Legion
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Once a Moth Tues Militia Riders
 Open House @ Lone Legion club-
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3rd Wed States MC Lake Worth
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Wed Bru's Room Delray Bike Night

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Thurs Once a month UBCPBC
 Council Ride Night
Thurs Once a month Black
 Pistons MC WPB Open House
3rd Thurs Heroes Bike Night
Last Thurs Turboz/Ralph's Bike
 Night Jupiter

Fri Twice a Month AOA MC WPB
 Open Houses
1st Fri Soldiers for Jesus Open
 House
1st Fri Enforcers MC Party
Every Other Friday Treasure
 Coast Harley Davidson Bike Night

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Sat after Fri Bike Night Treasure
 Coast Harley Biker Appreciation
Sat Fly-In Wheels MC WPB open
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MARCH

- 5: HERMANDAD MC - ANNUAL
- 10 - 19: 76th DAYTONA BIKE WEEK
- 19: KELTICS MC - ANNUAL
- 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

- 6: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - PARTY
- 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
- 28: ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY
- 29: CMA - MEMORIAL

NOVEMBER

- 4: HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL
- 11: USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL F
- SFPC 2017 CALENDAR CONTINUED
- 18: Leathernecks MC Annual

DECEMBER

- 10: SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
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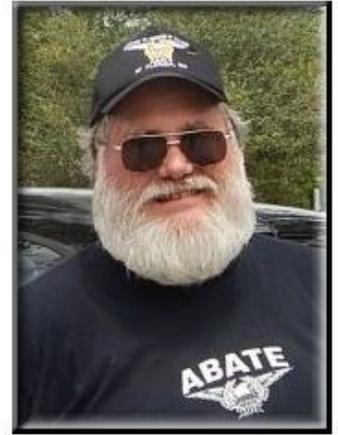
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT
DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

The helmet issue appears to have developed in many other states. When I came upon the Connecticut (age restricted) story, I had the first paragraph on our cover, unfortunately I lost the first finished newsletter due to corruption and had to redo the whole issue. Couldn't find it again. They want to put mandatory helmets because there is a problem with distracted drivers! DUH, go after the real problem the drivers. There has been technology around for many years that will block cell phones while the car is on. NOW THAT IS A SAFETY FEATURE THEY SHOULD HAVE. Phone calls and text are not a safe part of driving. I did find a couple of other articles where the State wants to have helmets mandatory Nebraska wants to go helmet free as they think it will help tourism – are there many bike events in that state to attract bikers? http://www.omaha.com/news/metro/senator-repeal-motorcycle-helmet-law-to-boost-tourism/article_e5a179b3-1cfa-575e-af88-1a3796541fd1.html and <http://kneb.com/regional-news/nebraska-panel-kick-starts-new-debate-on-motorcycle-helmets/> There are two states, Utah and West Virginia that are looking at bills to increase the mandatory wearing to 21 over their present age, Utah <http://www.sltrib.com/home/4907043-155/utah-bill-mandating-motorcycle-helmets-until> and WV <http://www.wdvt.com/content/news/Motorcycle-helmets-Requirement-in-the-future-413448323.html> and on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUNFEUAttJ8> For more on Connecticut proposals <http://www.courant.com/news/connecticut/hc-hartford-motorcycle-helmets-0216-20170215-story.html>



GREENVILLE, N.C. (WNCT) – A new bill under consideration in the North Carolina General Assembly could make wearing motorcycle and moped helmets optional. House Bill 91 calls for a change in motor vehicle laws to provide special provisions for motorcycle and mopeds. If passed, it would allow both drivers and passengers to choose not to wear a helmet if they are over the age of 21. <http://wnct.com/2017/02/17/general-assembly-considers-bill-making-motorcycle-helmets-optional/>

While I do chose to wear a helmet now that I finally found one that fits comfortable, I am fed up of these magic bullets where they think just putting on a helmet is the end all to save bikers. I'm too old for fairy tales. I've seen so many accidents of late that I think education could eliminate. I see bad drivers daily at my school gate duty. Yes, driver education and training is needed for ALL not just bikers. Yes, they need to prove real road skills and just not in parking lots. I've spoken with law enforcement and they think a problem is that there too many unlicensed drivers. They should be severally punished and lose the autos they are driving, they tried to pass a law like that for bikes. See story page 10

A couple of articles give helmet law numbers. So I've been asked how many - 2 no laws, 20 must wear, so leaves 28 where only those 20 or 17 younger must wear as of July 2014 <http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/news/2011/06/state-by-state-guide-to-motorcycle-helmet-laws/index.htm> but <http://www.bikersrights.com/states/50state.html> has 2 no law so 100% free in Illinois and Iowa, 19 mandatory, 27 age requirement and 2 Age and Insurance (Florida and Michigan) however no date. The 13 Best Motorcycle Helmets for Every Type of Rider by

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Hannah Elliott Bloomberg February 16, 2017 add a third no law state New Hampshire. While an interesting read on helmet options, it does leave out that helmets come in two style round and oblong – I learned this at the last AMIExpo and why I had so much trouble finding a good fitting helmet. They have some helmet recommendations but are not cheap. <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/13-best-motorcycle-helmets-every-165819050.html>

So now in Florida a mandatory bill (HB 6009 Motorcycle

Safety: Removes provisions authorizing certain persons over 21 years of age to operate/ride motorcycle without wearing protective headgear; provides penalties) appears to have done nothing in committees and no Senate related Bills, so does that mean it will go away? We must be alert to see that it does. So at present we have:

“Florida Motorcycle Helmet Law

Florida's helmet law is somewhat complex. Generally, it requires all motorcycle operators and riders to wear helmets. The helmet law, however, does not apply to operators or riders over 21, so long as the person is covered by an insurance policy providing for at least \$10,000 in medical benefits for injuries incurred as a result of a crash while operating or riding on a motorcycle.

The helmet law also does not apply to any person 16 or older who operates or rides on a motorcycle powered by a motor with a displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less or is rated not in excess of 2 brake horsepower and which is not capable of propelling the motorcycle at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour on level ground.

All motorcycle drivers and riders, regardless of age, are required to wear eye protection. Anyone who rides in an enclosed side car is not subject to Florida's helmet or eye protection laws. <https://www.edgarsnyder.com/motorcycle-accidents/state-helmet-laws/>

So that is my editorial and now I would have for the news from the State Office, but since my file was corrupted, I lost all of those posts. Did manage to recover some Dan Slo Motion

Here is an update on HB 6009 - Helmet Bill as of Sunday January 29, 2017

Jan. 19 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 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.

2017 Florida Bills of Interest

I checked on the status of these and all seem still in committees since January

Status Of Vulnerable Road Users HB541 by Stone, SB432 by Baxley

Vulnerable Road Users: Provides criminal penalties for person who commits moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to/death of vulnerable road user; requires person to pay fine, serve minimum period of house arrest, & attend driver improvement course; requires court to revoke person's driver license for specified period; provides construction.

HB 6009 – Motorcycle Safety General Bill by Hahnfeldt Motorcycle Safety: Removes provisions authorizing certain persons

over 21 years of age to operate/ride motorcycle without wearing protective headgear; provides penalties.

HB 47 – Texting While Driving General Bill by Stark Texting While Driving: Revises penalties for violations of Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law; provides enhanced penalties for such violations when committed in school zone or school crossing; removes requirement that specified provisions be enforced as secondary action by law enforcement agency

HB 69 - Use of Wireless Communications Devices while Driving General Bill by Slosberg Use of Wireless Communications Devices while Driving: Provides for primary enforcement of Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law for drivers age 18 or younger; requires

deposit of fines into Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund.

SB 144 – Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving General Bill by Garcia Providing for primary enforcement of the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law for drivers age 18 or younger; requiring deposit of fines into the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund, etc.

HB 6007 – Traffic Infraction Detectors General Bill by Avila Traffic Infraction Detectors: Repeals provisions relating to installation & use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when driver *fails to stop at traffic signal*, provisions that authorize DHSMV, county,

SB 178 – Traffic Infraction Detectors General Bill by Artiles Repealing provisions relating to the definitions of “local hearing officer” and “traffic infraction detector” and to the installation and use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal, provisions that authorize the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a county, or a municipality to use such detectors, and the distribution of penalties collected for specified violations, etc.

SB 180 - Traffic Infraction Detectors General Bill by Rodriguez Decreasing the penalty to be assessed and collected by the department, county, or municipality if a traffic infraction detector is used to enforce specified violations when a driver failed to stop at a traffic signal; prohibiting the suspension of a person’s driver license and privilege to drive or the withholding of the license plate or revalidation sticker for failure to pay certain penalties under certain circumstances, etc.

SB 254 – Gun Safety General Bill by Stewart (CO-SPONSORS) Farmer : Prohibiting the sale or transfer of an assault weapon or large capacity ammunition magazine; prohibiting possession of an assault weapon or large-capacity magazine; requiring certificates of possession for assault weapons or large capacity ammunition magazines lawfully possessed before a specified date; providing enhanced criminal penalties for certain offenses when committed with an assault weapon or large capacity magazine, etc.

HB 167 – Assault Weapons and High Capacity Magazines General Bill by Smith : Prohibit sale or transfers of assault weapons or large capacity ammunition magazine; provides exceptions; prohibits possession of assault weapon or large-capacity magazine; provides exceptions; requires certificates of possession for assault weapons or large capacity ammunition magazines lawfully possessed before specified date; limits transfers of weapons or large capacity ammunition magazines represented by such certificates; provides conditions for continued possession of such weapons or large capacity ammunition magazines; requires certificates of transfer for transfers of assault weapons or large capacity magazines; provides for relinquishment of assault weapons or large capacity magazines; provides requirements for transportation of assault weapons; specifies circumstances in which manufacture or transportation of assault weapons or large capacity magazines is not prohibited; provides enhanced criminal penalties for certain offenses when committed with assault weapon or large capacity magazine.

HB 6001 - Concealed Weapons and Firearms General Bill by Raburn Concealed Weapons and Firearms: Revises areas of an airport where person is prohibited from openly carrying handgun or from carrying concealed weapon or firearm.

HB 6005 - Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons or Firearms General Bill by Plankon Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons or Firearms: Removes provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from openly carrying handgun or carrying concealed weapon or firearm into college or university facility.

TIE VOTE GIVES GREEN LIGHT TO RED LIGHT CAMERAS

Feb. 8 By LLOYD DUNKELBERGER THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, February 7, 2017..... The annual effort to ban red-light cameras in Florida crashed Tuesday when the Senate Transportation Committee rejected the idea in a tie vote.

"To all the lobbyists, you got me," said Sen. Frank Artiles, R-Miami, complaining his bill (SB 178) faced opposition from a 24-member lobbying team hired by American Traffic Solutions, the dominant red-light camera vendor in Florida.

Artiles, who was elected to the Senate in November after serving in the House, has been one of the strongest advocates for repealing a law that allows Florida's cities and counties to install red-light cameras.

His legislation, and a companion House bill (HB 6007), sought to repeal use of the cameras by July 1, 2020.

Tuesday's vote came down to one of the Senate's smallest committees, which was further diminished by the absence of Sen. Dorothy Hukill, a Port Orange Republican who is recovering from a cancer treatment.

The key vote came from committee Chairman George Gainer, a newly elected senator who was a longtime Bay County

commissioner.

Gainer, who said his community has never authorized red-light cameras, said he opposed Artiles' bill because he believed it should be left up to the local governments to decide whether to install the devices.

"They know more about their traffic patterns," Gainer, R-Panama City, said. "They know more about their intersections."

If the cameras are "a bad deal," Gainer said local elected officials would have to face their voters.

Sen. Kevin Rader, D-Delray Beach, joined Gainer in opposing the bill, which was filed for the legislative session that starts March 7. In the Legislature, tie votes kill bills.

Rader said his constituents were split about the use of the cameras and that his wife had advised him to support the cameras if they "saved one life."

Sen. Darryl Rouson, D-St. Petersburg, and Sen. Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala, voted for Artiles' bill, resulting in the 2-2 tie. Baxley said he originally supported the use of red-light cameras when he served in the House. But he has since become convinced the cameras and the related fines are imposing a financial "hardship" on Floridians and are not improving public safety.

"I have buyer's remorse," Baxley said. "This did not turn out the way I intended it."

The Transportation Committee vote effectively kills Artiles' bill. But the issue may not be over for the session.

Katie Betta, a spokeswoman for the Senate, said "procedurally there are other bills that could address the same issue."

Artiles and other advocates of the bill believed their case had been bolstered by a Dec. 31 report from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles showing intersection crashes were up 10.41 percent when comparing data before the cameras were installed and after they were in place.

Camera supporters complained the report was flawed because it included crashes up to 250 feet from the intersections.

They say the devices have improved roadway safety.

Opponents said the cameras, which lead to a \$158 fine for violators, had become a new revenue source for local governments and red-light camera companies, which earn an average of \$4,250 or more per month from each camera.

The red-light cameras are expected to generate about \$148 million this year, with \$75 million going to the state and \$73 million to local governments.

Should lawmakers OK lane-splitting for motorcycle riders?

BY CHRIS SULLIVAN, KIRO Radio Reporter | January 30, 2017 @ 5:26 pm

Washington lawmakers are considering a modified version of lane-splitting in the Senate. (AP) Relief could be coming to motorcycle riders caught in our region's daily bumper-to-bumper traffic. A new bill that would allow a form of lane-splitting is getting a hearing on Monday.

Washington lawmakers are considering a modified version of lane-splitting in the Senate. Riders would be able to overtake, or pass, cars in their same lane. They will be restricted to driving no more than 10 mph faster than the rest of traffic and no more than 35 mph total.

Jason Wallace has been riding motorcycles in California and Washington for years. He's a well-known motorcycle mechanic in Seattle who says the law would not be extremely useful for everyday driving.

However, he says it is a good first step in allowing motorcycles the freedom to move through traffic.

"Any time any new law goes into place people go, ah cool," he said. "But if they would implement it differently this would make a lot more sense and then they make adjustments after that. So, yes, absolutely a first great step."

Wallace says, if passed, allowing lane splitting in Washington would come with a huge learning curve for drivers, who are not conditioned to expect it.

"People in California are conditioned to see people coming through — they don't freak out — whereas people up here are not trained for that," he said. "Probably the first year or two you would probably get a lot of strange reactions."

This bill would also make it illegal for drivers to prevent motorcycles from passing. We'll see how that goes considering the problems Washington drivers seem to have with allowing people to merge.

The bill's authors argue that, based on research from the University of California Berkeley, "lane-splitting motorcyclists were much less often injured during these collisions. They were considerably less likely to suffer a head injury, torso injury, extremity injury, and fatal injury than riders who were not lane-splitting."

<http://mynorthwest.com/530590/lane-splitting-motocycle-riders/>

There are many national ,and even in Florida, about Lane Splitting (commonly called White Lining). I think it is very dangerous in moving traffic which I've seen but okay in traffic jams if slow and careful watching cars



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RPM ACT REINTRODUCED IN NEW CONGRESS

As the 115th Congress went into session, among the first bills reintroduced was the RPM Act (Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2017), House Resolution 350 sponsored by U.S. Representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC).

The bipartisan bill, which was submitted for reintroduction on the first day of the new Congress, protects Americans' right to modify street cars and motorcycles into dedicated race vehicles and industry's right to sell the parts that enable racers to compete.

The RPM Act ensures that transforming motor vehicles into race vehicles used exclusively in competition does not violate the Clean Air Act. For nearly 50 years, the practice was unquestioned until the EPA published proposed regulations in 2015 that deemed such conversions illegal and subject to severe penalties. While the EPA withdrew the problematic language from the final rule making last year, the agency still maintains the practice is unlawful.

Motorsports competition involves tens of thousands of participants and vehicle owners each year, according to SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) and retail sales of racing products make up a \$1.4 billion market annually. There are an estimated 1,300 racetracks operating across the U.S., including oval, road, track and off-road racetracks, the majority of which feature converted race vehicles that the EPA now considers to be illegal.

The RPM Act, H.R. 350 would protect the sport of racing by blocking the EPA from over-regulating the industry and ensuring that it remains legal to convert street legal motor vehicles for racing purposes.

BRITISH MOTORSPORTS THREATENED BY EU RULING

The British government has just issued a document for public consultation that suggests temporarily implementing a European Court decision known as the "Vnuk judgement," which would make it compulsory for anyone engaging in any and all forms of motor sport to have third party insurance. It would be applicable to all vehicles on any kind of land and even implementing it temporarily would mean an end to motorsports in the UK, because insurance companies will not insure against third party motorsport risks — the number of vehicle claims alone would be unsustainable for them, meaning that if the Vnuk judgement came into force, motorsport activity in the UK would cease.

A joint statement issued by the Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA), Auto Cycle Union (ACU) and the Amateur Motorcycle Association (AMCA) is calling on the government to exempt motor and motorcycle sport from any changes to insurance law that would arise from the ECJ ruling. "At a stroke, this would wipe out a successful industry and all the jobs that go with it, as well as eliminating a popular leisure pursuit for 1.9 million people, along with the boost that this gives to both local and national economies," said Steve Kenward, CEO of the MCIA, speaking on behalf of all three parties.

"If the government implements the Vnuk judgment un-amended, British motorcycle sport would end in the UK."

England is home to world leading motorcycle companies, motorsport teams and racing talent, and the industry contributes significantly to the British economy by employing over 50,000 people and generating a total of £11 billion of sales each year (\$13.5 billion USD).

The Vnuk ruling stems from a case involving a Slovenian farm worker, Damijan Vnuk, who was hurt falling from a ladder, which was hit by a reversing tractor.

VICTORY MOTORCYCLES WINDS DOWN PRODUCTION

Victory Motorcycles is to be wound down, the firm's parent company Polaris has just announced. The move is to allow the firm to "narrow" its focus onto more profitable areas of the business, including Indian Motorcycle.

A statement just released by Polaris says it will "immediately begin winding down its Victory Motorcycles brand and related operations." Dealers will be assisted in "liquidating existing inventories" and parts will continue to be supplied for 10 years. Servicing and warranty coverage will also continue.

"This was an incredibly difficult decision for me, my team and the Polaris Board of Directors," said Polaris Industries Chairman and CEO Scott Wine. "Over the past 18 years, we have invested not only resources, but our hearts and souls, into forging the Victory Motorcycles brand... The experience, knowledge, infrastructure and capability we've built in those 18 years gave us the confidence to acquire and develop the Indian Motorcycle brand, so I would like to express my gratitude to everyone associated with Victory Motorcycles and celebrate your many contributions."

According to the written statement, Victory has "struggled to establish the market share needed to succeed and be profitable."

It says: “The competitive pressures of a challenging motorcycle market have increased the headwinds for the brand. Given the significant additional investments required for Victory to launch new global platforms that meet changing consumer preferences, and considering the strong performance and growth potential of Indian Motorcycle, the decision to more narrowly focus Polaris’ energy and investments became quite clear.”

Wine added, “This decision will improve the profitability of Polaris and our global motorcycle business, and will materially improve our competitive stance in the industry.”

“Our focus is on profitable growth, and in an environment of finite resources, this move allows us to optimize and align our resources behind both our premium, high-performing Indian Motorcycle brand and our innovative Slingshot brand, enhancing our focus on accelerating the success of those brands. Ultimately this decision will propel the industry-leading product innovation that is core to our strategy while fostering long-term growth and increased shareholder value.”

100% TARIFF PROPOSED ON EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLES

Motorcycles are once again caught in the crossfire of an international trade policy standoff between the Office of United States Trade Representative and European Union, stemming from ongoing disagreements over meat products. During the late 1990’s, the World Trade Organization requested the E.U. lift its standing ban on U.S. beef; the E.U. declined, citing the meat’s failure to meet European health and hormone standards. In 2009, the U.S. negotiated a pact allowing some beef market access; but according to the White House, the agreement “has not worked as intended.”

As a result, the U.S.T.R. is now considering a new petition from the U.S. beef lobby, invoked last December under a revised clause in the 1974 Trade Act that would create a “retaliation list” of foreign products which are subject to heavy import tariffs, to balance the export losses. Unsurprisingly, the U.S. beef lobby’s list consists largely of meat and animal parts, but it also includes a scattershot of other items, like chewing gum, electric hair clippers, and motorcycles.

Two vehicular tariffs are proposed on the new retaliation list. One is for European bikes between 51cc and 250cc; the other, European bikes between 251cc to 500cc. Both would be subject to an import tax of 100% (or more). This would directly impact fifteen European manufacturers, including major brands like Aprilia, BMW, Ducati, Husqvarna, KTM, Piaggio and Vespa.

In doubling prices of the most popular European motorcycles, these tariffs could potentially cripple the U.S. dealer network, putting thousands of salespeople and techs out of work.

It’s not the first time the motorcycle industry has been in this position. In 1999, after the E.U. declined the W.T.O. directive, European motorcycles were included in — and later dropped from — a similar retaliation list. The same thing happened again in 2008, leading into negotiations for the current deal.

The beef lobby’s new petition is currently in the review phase, and the U.S.T.R. has opened the proposal to a public comment period ending January 30.

“DEAD RED” LAW PASSES IN OHIO FOR ALL VEHICLES

During a three-week lame-duck legislative session that ended in mid-December, state lawmakers in Ohio passed more than fifty new laws, including House Bill 154: Under certain conditions, drivers (and riders) can now proceed through a red light if you think your vehicle is not tripping the signal to change, but only if the intersection is clear. If a malfunctioning traffic signal doesn’t detect your car, truck or motorcycle; the law states that your vehicle must come to a complete stop first, and after a reasonable amount of time you can proceed through the intersection as long as the coast is clear and you must yield to oncoming traffic with the right of way.

“If a driver does go through a red light, and there is an accident, they have the burden to prove it was malfunctioning,” explains local A.I.M. attorney (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) Ralph C. Buss. “If a motorist or motorcyclist, or bicyclist, does come across a light that isn’t working, it is recommended that they should call police.”

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) invites Bike and Motorcycle riders to contact an ODOT advocate to report problems with traffic signals and roadway conditions via Email to bike.report@dot.state.oh.us or call (614) 387-0722.

ARIZONA “PAY FOR PLAY” HELMET LAW PROPOSAL

A bill has been introduced to require motorcycle riders in Arizona to wear a helmet, except that “AN OPERATOR OR PASSENGER OF A MOTORCYCLE, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE OR MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLE WHO IS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE IS EXEMPT FROM THE HELMET REQUIREMENT PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION IF THE OWNER PAYS A FEE (amount to be determined) WHEN REGISTERING THE VEHICLE.”

According to HB 2046, introduced by Representative Dr. Randall Friese (D-Tucson), “THE FEE ALLOWS A PERSON TO OPERATE THE MOTORCYCLE, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE OR MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLE WITHOUT WEARING A HELMET AND ALLOWS A PASSENGER TO RIDE ON THE CYCLE WITHOUT WEARING A HELMET.”

“Amending this statute would require all 200,000 motorcycle riders in Arizona to wear a helmet or be subjected to a fine of Five Hundred dollars which three hundred would be going towards Rep. Friese and his friends and their spinal cord trauma practices,” explains Michael Infanzon, lobbyist for ABATE of Arizona. “We have seen Rep. Friese try this game year after year and Arizona motorcyclists have succeeded in stopping this infringement on our right to choose to wear a helmet or not.”

This proposed legislation has been referred to two different committees, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and Rules Committee, and ABATE of Arizona has issued an IMMEDIATE CALL TO ACTION for riders to contact Rep. Friese

and members of the House committees to kill the bill. “This is nothing more than a tax on motorcyclists and an infringement on our rights,” notes Infanzon.

ALLSTATE O.N.E. PROGRAM TEAMS UP LOCALLY TO HELP RIDERS

It’s a case of Bikers Helping Bikers, as longtime rider Jason Large of Jackson, Ohio wanted to help protect riders on the major Ohio state route he lives on. Allstate Insurance was inspired by Jason’s desire to help keep his fellow riders safe and coincidentally, have their own campaign with just this goal in mind.

Allstate’s Once is Never Enough (O.N.E.) program is an awareness campaign created to help reduce the number of motorcycle crashes involving other vehicles at intersections by encouraging motorists to “look twice, because once is never enough”.

Through the O.N.E. program, a yellow diamond-shaped “Watch for Motorcycles” warning sign was created in 2009 following two years of development, which has resulted in 179 signs installed at dangerous intersections in 41 different U.S. cities across 21 states.

WEIRD NEWS: WOMEN ARRESTED FOR RIDING A MOTORCYCLE

Iranian police arrested two women for riding a motorcycle in a western city — an incident that went viral when images appeared online and sparked a social-media backlash against the country’s political and religious authorities.

State news agency IRNA said the two women were detained in Dezful, whose law enforcement chief, Ali Elhami, accused them of committing an “ugly” act that breaks the “religious norms” of the conservative Islamic-led nation.

IRNA quoted Elhami as saying he ordered the women’s arrest after online images of the two women riding the motorcycle and being surrounded by male onlookers at a local park prompted complaints about the women’s dress, appearance and interaction with the men. The two women will be judged for breaking “revolutionary norms and values.”

Women in Iran are barred from obtaining licenses to drive motorcycles in public.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: “I can’t understand why people are frightened of new ideas. I’m frightened of the old ones.”

~ John Cage (1912-1992), American composer, philosopher & artist




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American Motorcyclist Association CEO testifies against proposed motorcycle tariff

U.S. Trade Representative's plan would harm U.S. consumers February 15, 2017

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A proposed 100 percent tariff on European motorcycles would harm U.S. consumers by pricing affected models beyond the reach of American families, American Motorcyclist Association President and CEO Rob Dingman told a federal trade committee today.

Dingman said motorcycles should be removed from the list of products included in the proposed tariff. "Many of the European-produced motorcycles in the affected categories are available at reasonable prices that allow for entire families to enjoy countless hours together outdoors, strengthening the family unit," Dingman said during a public hearing of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative's Section 301 Committee. "A tariff that threatens to significantly raise the retail cost of these motorcycles or curtail their supply, holds the potential to cause irreversible damage to outdoor recreation and the families that participate in it."

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative proposed the tariff on 51cc to 500cc motorcycles imported from Europe as part of its ongoing battle with the European Union over U.S. beef raised using hormones. The EU will not accept the beef, so the Trade Representative is seeking leverage in negotiations.

The tariff would affect motorcycles with engines displacing 51cc to 500cc from Aprilia, Beta, BMW, Ducati, Fantic, Gas Gas, Husqvarna, KTM, Montesa, Piaggio, Scorpa, Sherco, TM and Vespa.

There is no direct connection between motorcycles and the EU's ban on the importing of U.S. beef products treated with hormones.

The lack of an agricultural tie between the two products runs counter to sound trade policy, Dingman told the committee.

"American motorcyclists are unnecessarily caught in the crossfire of this completely unrelated trade dispute," Dingman said. "Since my organization represents motorcycle-riding consumers, I can objectively and without vested commercial interest, assure you that this action will do more to harm individual Americans than it will to leverage the European Union."

Motorcyclists sent more than 10,300 emails to Congress on this issue, posted more than 9,400 comments to Regulations.gov, and sent nearly 5,300 emails to President Donald Trump. Of the comments sent via Regulations.gov, 82 percent came from motorcyclists. European makers of 51cc-399cc motorcycles used for racing provide nearly half the units available to U.S. consumers, and nearly a quarter of the market in the 400-500cc class. There are no significant U.S.-made options for consumers in those market segments. In the on-road motorcycle segment, 100 percent of the models 300cc and smaller are imported to the United States from abroad.

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative tried this same tactic in 1998 and 2008, but the efforts were thwarted when the AMA, the Motorcycle Industry Council and bike manufacturers and retailers rallied motorcyclists against the plan. At that time, the U.S. Trade Representative instead raised the tariff on a variety of European food products.

Others testifying against the tariff today included Carroll Gittere, president of Powersports Data Solutions; Iain McPhie and Ritchie Thomas of Squire Patton Boggs; John Hinz, president of KTM North America Inc. and Husqvarna Motorcycles North America Inc.; Mario di Maria, president and CEO of Piaggio Group Americas Inc.; Rick Alcon, owner of R&S Powersports Group; Tim Cotter, vice president of MX Sports; and Tim Buche, president and CEO of the Motorcycle Industry Council. <http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Home/News-Story/american-motorcyclist-association-ceo-testifies-against-proposed-motorcycle-tariff>

Proposed U.S. tariff threatens to hurt European motorcycle manufacturers Jan 29, 2017

http://www.heraldandnews.com/news/local_news/business/proposed-u-s-tariff-threatens-to-hurt-european-motorcycle-manufacturers/article_66fd1ceb-0261-594d-840d-6db45bfbb205.html

(TNS) — The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative has proposed applying a massive tariff on small- and medium-size motorcycles imported to the U.S. from Europe, which the American Motorcyclist Association said could endanger bike makers abroad and retailers at home.

The proposed tax, which has been characterized as retaliation against European laws limiting imports of American beef, would levy a 100 percent tax on European Union motorcycles with engines between 50cc and 500cc.

But it's not part of the Trump administration's "America First" campaign against trade pacts. A similar proposal to tax small EU motorcycles in 2008 died after vocal motorcyclist resistance.

The import duty would affect bikes made by BMW, KTM, Vespa, Aprilia, Husqvarna, Piaggio and others, especially off-road bikes and scooters.

Notably, the tariff applies to relatively few motorcycles because most European imports from manufacturers like BMW, Ducati and Moto Guzzi are larger than 500cc.

And the affected European manufacturers don't compete directly with American motorcycle manufacturers. Large U.S. companies like Harley-Davidson and Indian Motorcycle don't make small-size motorcycles.

The tariff, if passed, would not apply to Japanese motorcycle manufacturers, who supply the bulk of small-engine motorcycles to the U.S. market.

But the American Motorcyclist Association suggests that the retaliatory tax could have long-term implications for U.S. companies just the same.

"Should the availability of motorcycles be hindered by these unjustified trade sanctions, dealerships may close, leaving countless Americans without jobs," Wayne Allard, AMA vice president of government relations, said in a statement.

"It's not just the bikes — it's also the bike dealers, and sales of apparel, and sales of parts," AMA spokesman Peteter Horst added.

Also, a lot of young people start motorcycling on small-size bikes made by companies like KTM — a large presence on the U.S. off-road bike world — and later graduate to bigger, on-road bikes.

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative has announced a request for comments concerning unspecified actions against EU restrictions on beef, prior to a proposed Feb. 15 hearing on the topic, but did not reply to requests for comment.

Representatives for KTM, BMW and Piaggio declined to comment.

But the AMA had plenty to say and called upon members to contact the trade office immediately.

"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," the rider lobbying group told its members. "Tell the agency you oppose penalizing motorcyclists in a beef trade dispute."

MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

These ads are free to members so send in items for sale or things you are looking for.

ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes February 19, 2017

Meeting Called to order at 11:30 AM 22 Members Present 1 Guest Present

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

PRESIDENT: Thanked everyone for attending. Nicky D went down on his bike with his girl. They are in bad shape. Membership is down, we need more members. Today is MOB annual being held at States MC Lake Worth. Purchase of machine to print newsletters was discussed. Cost of printing and need for printed copies was discussed.

VICE PRESIDENT: Nothing to report.

SECRETARY: Asked if anyone had any objections to last month's meeting minutes as published in chapter newsletter. There were none.

TREASURER: Excused

MEMBERSHIP: Excused

SARGENT AT ARMS: No report given.

SAFETY: Safety table was at the monthly HD event. Turnout was light, not sure if will attend next one depending on weather.

DELEGATE: Ride to capital tentatively set for Monday April 10. Staging will be at the Super 8 motel in Monticello. NCOM wants to have a meeting in Orlando in 2018 and State wants input on hosting and helping out. Discussion was held and consensus was to approve.

LEGISLATIVE: No helmet bill in Senate yet. Remember to contact your reps and have your facts and be polite.

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 and an affordable printing service.

OLD BUSINESS: No word on or date set yet for Peace River Event. Need to discuss our next event

NEW BUSINESS: No new Business.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: April 6th Harley Bike Night benefits our chapter. Please try to attend. ABATE chapter stickers are available.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:20 pm Next Meeting March 19

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

JOIN FOR THE CAUSE. Everything is voluntary, we understand work and family comes first. We hope you can help in any small way, vote and spread the word. \$20 for Year or \$600 Life which is split between chapter and state.

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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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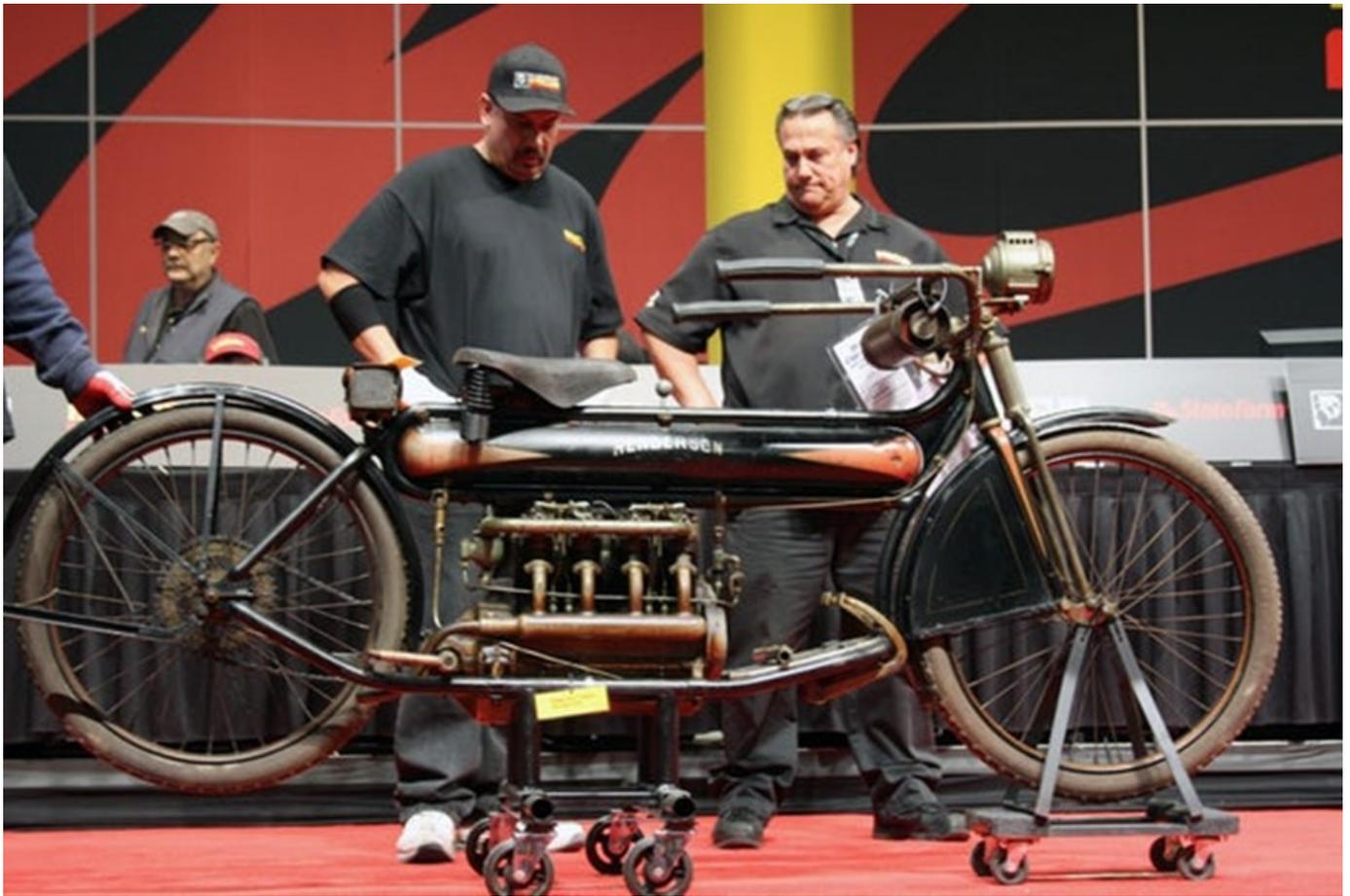
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Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting VFW POST 4143

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