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President's Message

Big Bad Fred Joseph

Another Daytona Bike Week has gone by. A bunch of us camped out at Volusia County Fairgrounds. We had a great time. Would be great to see more people come out and spend time with their fellow brothers. We also had one of our ABATE sisters pass away. We had a ride to the funeral and put out a text message but only saw a very few. I want to thank the ones that did come out. It made the family's day. We are coming up on elections. If you know anyone that would be a great asset to our organization, please let them know. We will be having nominations in April. Ask not what this organization can do for you? Ask what you can do for this organization? Now is the time to step up and help out the people that have done this for the past year. Try it out for one year. You

never know what you can do until you try. Until next time.

Remember, most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebar to the saddle.

Ride Safe,
Big Bad Fred – President

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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 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.

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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.

UPCOMING Event Schedule

Sunday April 2 States MC Pompano Annual

Sunday April 2 Benefit for Nicky D. & Jamey 2pm 1531 Drexel Rd WPB

Monday April 3 Mob of Brothers MC Open House

Thursday April 6 Black Pistons MC Open House 3648 E Industrial Way Riviera Bch 8-12

Thursday April 6 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night 5-9 45th St. West Palm Beach BENEFITS ABATE PB

Friday April 7 Ink Link Bike Night

Friday April 7 Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House

Sunday April 9 Fly-In Wheels WPB Swap Meet start 9am 6540 Bischoff Rd. WPB

Sunday April 9 ABATE of FL, Inc. State Meeting

Monday April 10 ABATE of FL, Inc. Ride to the Capital Rally Tallahassee

Tuesday April 11 Lone Legion Brotherhood MC Open House 2590 Commerce Park Dr. Unit F5 Boynton

Friday April 14 AOA WPB MC Open House

April 15 Wheels Across the Pond Car & Bike Show Carlin Park Jupiter

Sunday April 16 CMA Easter Service or White Elephant Motor Madness Wellington

Wednesday April 19 States MC Lake Worth Open House 3570 Boutwell Rd. Lake Worth

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

Sunday April 23 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. 11:30 am

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Thurs April 27 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Friday April 28 AOA WPB MC Open House

April 28-30 Leesburg Bikefest with ABATE Lake County Campground

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RVs Welcome \$20 & Trailers \$10 one time Fee
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Thank you for all the support of ABATE of Florida, Inc. and the Palm Beach Chapter.

RANDOM EDITOR THOUGHTS, GOOGLE NEWS

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



“Ghost in the Shell” is an upcoming movie based on a popular Japanese manga of the same name. It’s set in a future city landscape which means audiences will be treated to some advanced technologies and vehicles, one of which will be a futuristic motorcycle designed by Honda.

The motorcycle, shown here in some design sketches, is based on the current Honda NM4. The frame is made from carbon fiber and accented with

LEDs, including for the Honda logo. The brief for the designers was to make the motorcycle “neo-futuristic” and “cool.”

Honda says the motorcycle makes several appearances in the movie. It’s the ride of lead character Motoko Kusanagi, a police officer played by Scarlett Johansson. You can catch a glimpse of it in the trailer below; it appears at the 1:26 mark. And anyone in Japan will be able to see it in person at the Osaka and Tokyo motorcycle shows on this month.

“Ghost in the Shell” depicts a future where humans have merged with technology, so much so that they can upload their consciousness into the digital world as well as into new, man-made bodies. The original manga and animated versions served as inspiration for the later Matrix trilogy. The movie hits theaters on March 31. http://www.motorauthority.com/news/1109408_futuristic-honda-motorcycle-to-star-in-ghost-in-the-shell

In 2011, Mission Motorcycles set the record for fastest electric motorcycle lap of Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. And while the record still stands, the San Francisco-based company is no more. While its financing seemed perpetually in peril, a restructuring in 2013 left open hope that we'd eventually see its innovative sport bikes hit the market, even if the numbers were always destined to be extremely limited. But last week, CEO Mark Seeger filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which will begin the process of selling off the startup's remaining assets, including any remaining inventory and intellectual property. Its demise leaves no orphans, as none of its 150-mph Mission R or Mission RS machines were ever delivered to customers.

When or if any of the firm's technology will find a home with another outfit remains to be seen, but any transfer will likely be complicated by the ongoing legal battle between Seeger and co-founder Vincent Ip. http://www.motorauthority.com/news/1100067_mission-motorcycles-runs-out-of-juice-files-for-bankruptcy

Indian Motorcycles announced a limited-edition Chieftain designed in collaboration with Tennessee whiskey-maker Jack Daniel's. This was the second year in a row the two companies partnered up for a JD-edition Indian. The first year, the allotment of 150 limited-edition Jack Daniel's Indian Springfield and Indian Chief Vintage sold out in 8 hours; this year, the company received pre-order deposits for all 100 limited edition Chieftains in just 10 minutes. <http://>

www.thedrive.com/news/8421/indian-motorcycle-sells-out-limited-edition-jack-daniels-chieftain-in-10-minutes

China-based startup Evoke Motorcycles has contracted Apple iPhone supplier Foxconn to manufacture its new battery-powered motorcycle, with plans to ramp up production and enter the U.S. market this summer, Electrek reports. It's now accepting deposits for its Urban S model. Priced at \$9,400, the sportbike-style ride will undercut the top brands of electric motorcycles currently on sale, including those from segment leader Zero Motorcycles.
<http://www.foxnews.com/auto/2017/03/13/apple-iphone-maker-to-build-evoke-electric-motorcycle.html>

VIDEOS ONLINE WORTH SEEING

This Flying Motorcycle Is Available Now. But Would You Dare Use It? *posted by Pedro Bartes*

I love motorcycles, what I would do to get my hands on a Harley, or a sport one. Until I saw this new hoverbike, the 'Scorpion-3.' It's the first fully-manned hoverbike in the world. And it is freaking awesome!

Now the question is, would you dare ride one? If you, please SHARE this post with your friends..

Video at : <http://957thejet.heart.com/onair/marty-and-jodi-in-the-morning-55356/this-flying-motorcycle-is-available-now-15598086/#ixzz4aEC5lc7M>



Some people just have too much free time - see the video of this motorcycle swing. <http://thefox1049.com/stafford-and-frigo/motorcycle-swing/>



Motorcycle Flying Over Highway Dirt bike jumps over a busy highway in California.

<http://94hjy.heart.com/onair/doug-scarpetti-11290/motorcycle-flying-over-highway-15619226/#ixzz4amumEr2J>

Police in North India can apparently be pretty hardcore considering they had a motorcycle towed while the driver was still on it! The bike was reportedly parked illegally, but the 30-year-old driver had no intention of paying his ticket or letting his ride get away. When he refused to pay, the cops seized the bike, but this dude still wasn't giving up that easily. He jumped back on the bike, which was hanging from a chain off the back of the truck and went for a little joy ride. <https://www.aol.com/article/news/2017/03/10/motorcycle-gets-towed-with-the-driver-still-on-it/21879313/?ncid=txtlnkusaolp00000058&>



While most of us were transitioning from trike to bike, Tima Kuleshov is straight stunting on fools on his mini crotch rocket that tops out at 45mph in the streets of Kiev. Not saying its the best idea give a pre-schooler a Ducati but he looks like he is loving every minute of it. <http://unofficialnetworks.com/2017/03/watch-4-year-old-motorcycle-racer-from-ukraine-top-speed-45mph>

Can You Ever Be Too Old To Ride A Motorcycle?

Posted on March 20, 2017 by Metier Law Firm

How long have you been riding motorcycles? Do you think you'll still be riding at 60? Well, there's a 76-year-old man living in Littleton who still rides motorcycles. Oh yeah, did we mention he races them too?

You Can Never Be Too Old to Ride a Motorcycle

George Nachtsheim used to be an aerospace machinist, but he also had a motorcycling dream. He wanted to take a motorcycle to the Bonneville Salt Flats and take a shot at some records, but time was not on his side. He had built a special race bike—powered by a 1959 Triumph Bonneville engine—in his home shop, and he wasn't content with it sitting there and collecting dust.

At the young age of 68-years-old, Turbo George (as his friends call him) decided to hit the flats and break some records. At 73, Turbo George beat the 650cc/APS-PBG land speed record by tearing down the flats at a whopping 110.352 mph. That was in 2013. Three years later, he broke another record in the 350cc/M-PF class by going 87.542mph.

Not only has Turbo George conquered the Bonneville Salt Flats, he's done it while telling Father Time where he can shove it. So, the big questions remain... How long have you been riding? How much longer will you keep riding? And how many motorcycle dreams will you achieve when it comes time to hang up the leathers?

<http://www.metierlaw.com/can-ever-old-ride-motorcycle>

11 Motorcycle Laws That Vary State-By-State

Motorcycle Laws by the States

In 1774, John Adams said, "We are a government of laws, not men." Theodore

Roosevelt said, “No man is above the law and no man is below it: nor do we ask any man’s permission when we ask him to obey it.”

Over the centuries, countless laws have been made to cover nearly every aspect of society, and with the dawn of the motorcycle age more than a century ago, a whole new realm of possibilities for legal eagles to legislate, promulgate and at times obfuscate opened up.

In the U.S., federal, state and even local ordinances may apply, which in some instances may be inconsistent with one another or even in conflict. We have covered some of the federal regulations that apply to motorcycles, components and riding gear such as helmet safety performance standards, face shield performance standards, and motorcycle tire performance standards.

As a service to our readers, we also would like educate on the some motorcycle laws, and in some cases laws that are unique to but a few states.

Some areas to be aware of that can pose problems for riders who cross state lines are those that can vary widely from one state to the next and within a state and also can vary between on and off-road motorcycles. Following are the

Top 11 Motorcycle Laws that Vary State-by-State

Ducati 1299 Engine

1. Motorcycle Licensing tiered by engine displacement: There are 14 states that have licensing that varies based on engine size. The variations may involve lower operator age levels for smaller displacement machines; operation limited to a motorcycle of the same displacement as that used for licensure testing; or operation of a larger displacement bike that is allowed if an approved rider education course is completed. Off-road riders may not be required to have a motorcycle license, but may be regulated by minimum age requirements or practical considerations such as being able to reach all the controls as is the case in California motorcycle law.

2. Rider education: There are 21 states that require rider education program completion for a motorcycle license; some base on age, three based on prior failure to pass the motorcycle road test twice and two based on motorcycle engine displacement.

3. Valid driver’s license required to hold a motorcycle license or endorsement: Twenty-three states require the rider to hold a valid driver’s license in order to get a motorcycle license or cycle validation.

4. Motorcycle Helmet Laws: States can vary on requiring riders of a certain age or license (temporary or learner’s permit) to wear a helmet where helmet use is not compulsory for all riders. Twenty-two states require helmet use by riders under age 18, those with instructional permits or passengers. Thirty-five states require DOT (FMVSS 218) compliant helmets to be used, which is odd law-making for those states that don’t require helmet use at all for most riders. It’s also redundant since helmets sold for use by road-going motorcycle riders is already covered by the federal standard.

In those states that don’t require helmet use but require a DOT-compliant helmet when

the rider chooses to wear one, it would make sense that the rider be able to opt for any helmet that meets a recognized safety standard such as ECE 22.05, if they choose. Of course, under the current federal law, no manufacturer can market a helmet for use on public roads in the U.S. unless it meets DOT standards, which in some cases means that helmets that *exceed* the DOT standards cannot be sold in the U.S. unless the manufacturer opts to bear the added cost to test to DOT standards. Helmets certified under other internationally recognized safety standards should be deemed to have met the DOT standards when the other standard is at least as rigorous as the DOT standard. That would allow greater choice for riders and would cut costs for consumers by reducing redundancy in testing.

Four states include reference to long-obsolete ANSI (Z90.1) helmet standards as alternative requirements to the DOT standard and two states require compliance *only* to the obsolete ANSI standard. Time for an update there. One state requires all riders to “possess” a helmet (perhaps this means having one along—on your sissy bar), unless you are under 19 years of age or are a passenger, in which case, you must not only possess a helmet, you must wear it. Perhaps the logic in this “possession” requirement is “if you have to own a helmet, you may feel you might as well wear it.” Or something like that.

5. Eye protection: Thirty-six states require eye protection; 22 specify use by the operator; 23 exempt the operator from wearing eye protection if the bike has a windshield, though two states restrict the eye protection exemption to windshields at least 15” high. One state limits the eye protection requirement to those riders under age 18, one limits it to riders under age 21 and one requires it only for speeds over 35 mph. Apparently some enlightened legislators believe eyes over 18 or 21 or traveling occasionally under 35 mph are somehow immune to injury.

6. Rear-view mirrors: Only three states do *not* have a requirement for a rear view mirror. Seven states require a mirror only on the left side, five require dual mirrors, the rest don’t specify.

7. Fenders: Twenty states require fenders on both front and rear wheels, three states require fenders only on the rear wheel.

8. Handlebar height: Thirty states regulate how high your handlebars can be. The limits range from no higher than the operator’s eye level to a maximum of 30 inches above the seat.

9. Turn signals: Twenty states require turn signals on the bike, most affecting newer bikes manufactured *after* some specified year.

10. Odds and ends: Two states require footwear—I’d have thought common sense would require that. All but three states require passengers to have footrests available to them. Sixteen states restrict or prohibit the use of headphones. Sixteen states require the presence of a speedometer/odometer. Twenty-four states require use of the headlight during daylight hours most affecting newer bikes manufactured *after* some specified year. Three states prohibit passengers under 5 years of age. Six states allow flash-

ing or modulating brake or tail light. Three states regulate auxiliary lighting. Lane-splitting and lane-sharing (riding two abreast) are also dealt with in some states.

11. Sound levels/muffler requirements: Laws vary on whether this is regulated at all and where it is regulated, the method and allowable sound levels can vary. Off-road bikes are regulated by set sound levels and/or the requirement to have a muffler or spark arrestor. Some states prohibit tampering with the original equipment exhaust system.

For example, in Wisconsin the law states: “No person shall modify the exhaust system of any such motor vehicle in a manner which will amplify or increase the noise emitted by the motor of such vehicle above that emitted by the muffler originally installed on the vehicle.” In addition, a muffler is required. In my experience, this requirement appears to be rather lightly enforced.

Texas, on the other hand says, “No acoustical criteria” on the subject of sound levels and muffler use.

How likely is it that you’ll get stopped and ticketed for violating the law in one state that doesn’t apply to you in your home state? That probably depends on how visible or egregious the violation is, the jurisdiction you happen to be operating in and other intangibles. For example, going without a helmet in mandatory-helmet-use-by-all-riders states may well result in a traffic stop; culminating in a warning, if you’re lucky, a fine if you’re not.

Similarly, some jurisdictions may be particularly touchy about loud pipes and modified exhaust systems. Other finer points like front fenders or dual mirrors may not attract much enforcement attention.

Motorcycle Laws: Concluding Thoughts

So remember, “Ignorantia juris non excusat” which is Latin for “Ignorance of the law is no excuse,” by some ancient Roman guy way back when. Practically applied it means, “you can’t beat the fine by claiming to be unaware that it is illegal to do 140 in a 55.”

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) has great resources available on motorcycle laws in the states as well as safety resources, and rider training programs. Check it all out at the [MSF](#). The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) has a great state-by-state resource about motorcycle laws. Visit [AMA State Laws](#).

Oh, and remember, no part of this article shall be construed to be legal advice of any kind for any reason by any reasonable person.

(Legal disclaimer warning: the reader not to count on this information for anything other than some basic information and/or entertainment and probably precious little of that.)

<https://ultimatemotorcycling.com/2017/02/27/motorcycle-laws-across-the-states-state-of-confusion/>

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On Saturday, April 15, 2017

Registration will begin at 09:00am at the Walmart Distribution Center and at 10:30am at Treasure Coast Harley Davidson dealership in Stuart on US1. The cost of registration is \$25 and will include a long sleeve bike run t-shirt and a ticket that will put you in the drawing for a large screen Smart TV. You can register as many times as you want or as many people you like for \$25 each registration. Kick stands will go up at 10:00am The run will have the below three stops and at each you will receive a ticket that will be used to put in a drawing for some smaller prizes. (DVD players, laptop computer.) You can purchase additional tickets for the small prizes for \$1 each.

1. Treasure Coast Harley Davidson in Stuart
2. Shuckers on the Beach on Hutchinson's Island on A1A
3. Cowboys Bar-B-Q & Steak Co.

Cowboys will be the last stop and location for the drawings for all of the prizes including the large screen Smart TV. Drawings will begin at 2PM
RSVP: keenan.heller@Walmart.com: jay.polvan@Walmart.com : john.bagwell@Walmart.com with the number of tickets and shirt sizes.

CHAPTER CLASSIFIEDS

Members can place ad FREE for items they are selling or for things they are looking to buy. Send information to palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com and keep me up to date the status of your ad success.

At the March chapter meeting Zim said he was selling a motorcycle but I'm still waiting on the details.....

EDITOR MESSAGE I hope to see all your you and your friends at Thursday April 6 Palm Beach Harley Bight Night. We are the benefit cause of the drawing so take on chance on wining something AND benefiting the chapter
Slo Motion



April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
2 States MC Pompano Annual Benefit for Bucky D. & Jamey	3 Mob of Brothers MC Open House Dinner States MC Pompano	4	5 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Delray Bru's Room Bike Nights	6 PB Harley Bike Night Benefits ABATE PB Black Pistons MC Open House	7 Ink Link Bike Night Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House	8 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House Mystic Seven MC Annual
9 ABATE FL State Meeting Fly-In Wheels Swap Meet	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 Treasure Coast Harley Bike Night	15 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House Wheels Across the Pond
16 CMA Easter Service	17	18	19 States LW 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 P Bch ABATE Chapter Meeting	24	25	26 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Delray Bru's Room BNs Nights	27 Turboz/Ralphs Bike Night	28 Leesburg Bikefest AOA WPB Open House Treasure Coast Harley Bike Night	29 Leesburg Bikefest Fly-In Wheels Open House Treasure Coast Harley CA
30 Leesburg Bikefest						

May 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

3 to 7 Thunder Bch Spring Rally Panama Bch	1 Mob of Brothers MC Open House	2	3 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Delray Bru's Room Bike Nights	4 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night Black Pistons MC Open House	5 Ink Link Bike Night Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House	6 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
7 Southern MC Annual	8	9 Lone Legion MC Open House	10 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Delray Bru's Room Bike Nights	11	12 Treasure Coast Harley Bike Night AOA WPB Open House	13 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House Scurvy Few MC Annual
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21 P Bch ABATE Chapter Meeting	22	23	24 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Delray Bru's Room Bike Nights	25 Turboz/Ralphs Bike Night	26 Treasure Coast Harley Bike Night AOA WPB Open House	27 Treasure Coast Harley Customer Appreciation SE ABATE Memorial Day Event Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
28 Los Coquis MC Annual	29	30	31 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Delray Bru's Room Bike Nights			

WEEKLY EVENTS

1st Mon Mob of Brothers MC Open House @ black Pistons Mon Dinner 6:30 States MC Pompano Clubhouse

Once a Month Tues Lone Legion MC Brotherhood Open House

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 Tilted Kilt Bike Night Boca

Every other Thurs Palm Beach Harley Davidson Bike Night 5-9 PM Thurs Once a month UBCPBC Council Ride Night Thurs Once a month Black Pistons MC WPB Open House 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 Friday Ink Link Bike Night 1st Fri Enforcers MC Party

Sat Fly-In Wheels MC WPB open house 3rd Sunday ABATE FL Palm Beach Chapter Meeting 11:30 VFW Riviera Beach

MOB OF BROTHERS MC OPEN HOUSE MONDAY Great Food Great Music @ Black Pistons Clubhouse 3648 E Industrial Way Riviera Beach, FL

LOVE LEGION MA BROTHERHOOD OPEN HOUSE TUESDAY COME JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENING! HOURS: 7:30PM TILL MIDNIGHT MUSIC, FOOD, BEVERAGES, POOL, DARTS 2950 COMMERCE PARK DR. UNIT F5 BOYNTON BEACH, FL CONTACT BUTTER BEAN 561-704-5416 NO WEAPONS, DRUGS OR ATTITUDES WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY

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Black Pistons Open House Thursday 3648 E Industrial Way Riviera Beach, FL 33404 8:00 pm till Midnight Join us for Food, Music, Beverages and Brotherhood No Guns, No Drugs, No Attitudes, No Chumlies

TURBOZ BIKE NIGHT AT RALPH'S STAND-UP BAR CENTER STREET, JUPITER FULL-BAR LAST THURSDAY 7-10PM LIVE MUSIC

STATES MC LAKE WORTH 3rd Wednesday Nights Open House Starting at 7pm til ????? Food, Drinks and Fun. 3570 Boutwell Rd. Lake Worth, FL 3 Lights west of I-95 off of 13th Ave. Make a left on Boutwell Rd. ClubHouse is on the left side Behind Marble and Granite World Building No Guns No Drugs No Attitudes We reserve the right to refuse service to anyone.

Soldiers For Jesus MC ~ Open Clubhouse Night ~ First Friday's 7 to 10 CROSSED SWORDS CAFE 1015 South Congress Avenue West Palm Beach, FL 33406 Contact: FLASH (561) 573-3835 Support Your Local Soldiers For Jesus MC www.SoldiersForJesusMCFLL.com

THE SPOT Ink & Link & Rock n Roll tattoos & piercings BIKE NIGHT FIRST FRIDAY 7PM - 11PM 691 N. MILITARY TRAIL, WPB 33415 LITTLE JOEY'S FOOD TRUCK 7:30PM - 11:00PM CIGARS BY XTREME CIGAR CO. 50/50 RAFFLE LOCAL ARTIST VILLAGE BIKER GAMES VENDORS CIDER TASTINGS BY ACCOMPANY BREWERY & CIDERWORKS

**ABATE of FL
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PALM BEACH
CHAPTER
MEETINGS**

11:30 AM V.F.W. Post
4143 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.

- 3rd Sunday April 23
- 3rd Sunday May 21
- 3rd Sunday June 18
- 3rd Sunday July 16
- 3rd Sunday Aug. 20
- 3rd Sunday Sept. 17
- 3rd Sunday Oct. 15
- 3rd Sunday Nov. 19
- 3rd Sunday Dec. 17



**ABATE of FL Inc.
Palm Beach
Chapter
GBNF**

- Ed "Gunner" Bassett
- Robert "Torch" Lyle
- Niurka Crespo
- Phil Moore
- Michael Steffy
- Tom "Ramblin' Man"
Botticelli
- Karen Watkins

MANDATORY ANNUAL CLUB EVENTS ARE LISTED IN BOLD
SFPC FOR CHANGES EMAIL:
 SOUTH FLORIDA PRESIDENTS COUNCIL INDIAN (WOM MC)
 of Motorcycle Clubs and Organizations Indianwommc@yahoo.com
SFPC CHAIRMAN

APRIL

- 2: STATES MC - ANNUAL
- 8: MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY
- 15: 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: KELTS 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

**ALTERNATIVE MC
FT. LAUDERDALE CHAPTER
23RD ANNUAL**



Sunday, April 23RD
 Noon. Till 4:00 p.m.
 At our Clubhouse
 4312 RE 5TH AVENUE
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\$3 Single \$5 Couple Rain or Shine
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DELEGATE REPORT

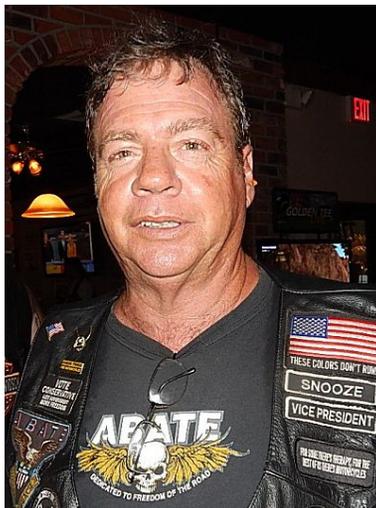
Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

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

Ride Safe Ride Smart !

SNOOZE



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



ABATE
of Florida, Inc.

20th ANNUAL FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY

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

Ride to the Capitol Monday April 10
Behind Super 8 in Parking Lot Kickstands up at 9:00am

BE A LEGISLATIVE WARRIOR! STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS!

• Membership & Safety Information Available

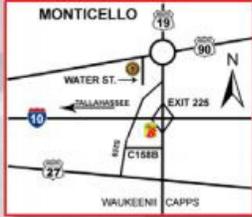
American Legion Hall
Go 2 blocks west of the Opera House on US90, then turn west on Waters Street. Go 1/2 mile to Legion Hall.

Super 8 Monticello 140 Pafford Rd Monticello, FL 32336 Phone 850-997-8888
I-10 Exit 225 south on US 19 Hotel located on west side

Days Inn Monticello 44 Woodworth Dr Monticello, FL 32336 Phone 850-997-5988
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There are other campgrounds and hotels in the area. The two above offer discounts to ABATE. Please make reservations early.

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ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes March 26, 2017

Meeting Called to order at 11:35 AM 18 embers Present 1 Guest Present
Meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence

PRESIDENT: Thanked everyone for attending. Next month we start nominations for elections. Please consider running for a position. We will start printing newsletters again soon.

VICE PRESIDENT: May 28th will be the raffle for the VFW 4143 bike. Tickets are \$5.

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

TREASURER: Chapter is in good financial standing.

MEMBERSHIP: 172 is our current chapter membership.

SARGENT AT ARMS: Excused.

SAFETY: Things have been quiet at the events, very low turn outs. April 6th Harley Davidson Palm Beach Bike Night will benefit our chapter, please plan to attend and spend the word. Safety table will request donations for printed copies to help offset the costs.

DELEGATE: Slo Mo will represent the chapter with Snooze in Tallahassee. There will also be a ride to the State Capitol Last meeting was held at Ocala. ABATE volunteers will be needed to help out with the May 2019 NCOM event being held in Orlando. Gun raffle vote was held and will be done once a year. Leadership will be held in Claremont this July

LEGISLATIVE: Sign up for your local reps newsletters to keep informed what they do.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: Nothing to report

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

NEWSLETTER: We will be printing a limited amount in a smaller size. We need advertisers!

OLD BUSINESS: Peace River Event possibly in November.

NEW BUSINESS: April meeting changed to 4TH SUNDAY APRIL 23RD as to not conflict with Easter Sunday. Our June event will be held on the 25TH. No details yet.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: April 6th Harley Bike Night benefits our chapter. ABATE chapter stickers are available. April 2ND Benefit for Nicky D and Jamey. States MC Pompano Event April 2ND. May 28TH VFW 4143 Bike Raffle and BBQ

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:25 pm

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 : Precinct Finder (<https://www.pbcelections.org/PrecinctFinder.aspx>) Palm
 : Beach Elections Site - put in your address and get ALL your Election
 : Information and look under My Districts for your representatives.
 : In these sidebars Underlined District # , names link in the online version.
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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

DAN “SLOW-MOTION” HENDERSON

**PALM BEACH Co.
 FL House of
 Representatives**

D81 Joseph Abruzzo (D)
 850-717-5081 Tallahassee
 561-470-2086 Boca/Belle Glade

D82 Mary Lynn Magar (R)
 850-717-5082 Tallahassee
 772-545-3481 Hove Sound

D85 Rich Roth (R)
 850-717-5085 Tallahassee
 561-625-5176 Palm Bch Grdens

D86 Matt Willhite (D)
 850-717-5086 Tallahassee
 561-791-4071(2) WPB

D87 David Silvers (D)
 850-717-5085 Tallahassee
 No local office info yet

D88 Al Jacquet (D)
 850-717-5088 Tallahassee
 no phone yet West Palm Bch

D89 Bill Hager (R)
 850-717-5089 Tallahassee
 561-470-6607 Boca Raton

D90 Lori Berman (D)
 850-717-5090 Tallahassee
 561-374-7850 Boynton Bch

D91 Emily Slosberg (D)
 850-717-5087 Tallahassee
 561-496-5940 Delray Beach

Besides going to see your legislators, often you can sign up to get their online news. I’ve tried for many but sometimes they do limit to their District. Here is one from my House.
Personal Message from Emily Slosberg Happenings in District 91

As the legislative session begins, I will be working hard for you in Tallahassee. My staff will take care of you in our Delray Beach office. Below are just some of my priorities: Public Safety - Fatal crashes are up 18% in Florida. I filed legislation making texting and driving a primary offense. Currently, as a secondary offense, law enforcement must spot drivers doing something else illegal before they can be pulled over. This bill would make our streets safer for our residents and our guests.

Freedom for the Property Owner - I proposed legislation requiring an HOA to notify loved ones of assessments that become due after a death. This prevents liens, which may include late fees and interest. Additionally, I am working with Property Appraiser Dorothy Jacks to extend the tax credit for those homes damaged by Chinese drywall.



Palm Beach County
FL Senators

D25 Joe Negron (R)
 850-487-5025 Tallahassee
 888-759-0791 Palm City

D29 Kevin Rader (D)
 850-487-5029 Tallahassee
 561-443-8170 Boca Raton

D30 Bobby Powell (D)
 850-487-500 Tallahassee
 561-650-6880 WP Bch

D31 Jeff Clemens (D)
 850-487-5031 Tallahassee
 561-540-1140 Lake Worth

FEDERAL

U.S. Senators

Bill Nelson
 Patrick Murphy

U.S. HOUSE

District 18
Brian Mast (R)

District 20
Alcee Hastings

District 21
Lois Frankel

District 22
Ted Deutch

Constituent Services - I am always glad to hear from you. If my team and I can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us at (561) 496-5940. I look forward to hearing from you.

Representative Emily Slosberg Introduces New Legislation

I continue to push forward with HB69 to make our roads safer and make texting and driving a primary offense. Additionally, I am working on HB713 against HOA's and their ability to assign special assessments; and HB3047 offering a geriatric program for Seniors with Developmental Disabilities. I will keep you updated as these bills make their way through the legislative process.

Representative Emily Slosberg

Now from our ABATE State VP/Legislative Rep Darrin "Scribe" Brooks

TEN BIG ISSUES TO WATCH DURING 2017 SESSION

By JIM SAUNDERS THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, February 27, 2017..... Florida lawmakers are poised to return to Tallahassee for the March 7 start of the 2017 legislative session.

They will grapple with hundreds of bills during the 60-day session, while also trying to reach agreement on a state budget that will top \$80 billion. Here are 10 big issues to watch:

--- **BUDGET:** Gov. Rick Scott has proposed an \$83.5 billion budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1, up about \$1.2 billion from the current year. In the proposal, Scott called for \$618 million in tax cuts, increased education spending and cuts in hospital funding. But the proposal has met skepticism from some lawmakers, who are concerned about projected budget shortfalls in the coming years.

--- **DEATH PENALTY:** Florida's death penalty has been on hold since January 2016, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that part of the death-penalty sentencing system was unconstitutional because it gave too much power to judges, instead of juries. The Florida Supreme Court struck down part of a legislative attempt to fix the system because the changes did not require unanimous jury recommendations before people could be sentenced to death. The House and Senate, however, appear to be ready to quickly pass a bill during the 2017 session that would require such unanimous jury recommendations.

--- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Gov. Rick Scott and House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, have battled publicly for weeks about the economic-development agency Enterprise Florida and tourism-marketer Visit Florida. Scott wants to provide \$85 million to Enterprise Florida for business incentives and \$76 million to Visit Florida. But Corcoran opposes the funding and has gone so far as to back abolishing the public-private agencies.

--- **EDUCATION:** Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, has made a top priority of revamping the higher-education system. The Senate is expected to quickly pass a bill that, in part, would expand the use of Bright Futures scholarships and tighten graduation standards for universities and state colleges. In the kindergarten- through 12th-grade system, Corcoran has called for expanding school-choice programs, and lawmakers are expected to look at proposals to reduce the amount of time public-school students spend on standardized tests.

--- **GAMBLING:** The House and Senate have taken dramatically different positions in heavily

lobbied bills that would make changes in the gambling industry. The House proposal focuses on reaching agreement on a gambling deal with the Seminole Tribe of Florida that could lead to money going to the education system. The Senate, however, wants to take steps that could expand gambling, including allowing slot machines in eight counties where voters have approved the machines in referendums.

--- **GUNS:** The House and Senate could be moving toward passing a measure that would shift a key burden of proof from defendants to prosecutors in "stand your ground" self-defense cases, a change backed by the National Rifle Association. Several other high-profile gun bills have been filed, such as a proposal that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns on college and university campuses. The fate of such proposals likely will hinge on whether they can pass the Senate.

--- **HEALTH CARE:** As it has done in recent years, the House is pushing a series of bills that would scale back regulations in the health-care industry. A heavily lobbied issue focuses on whether to eliminate the "certificate of need" process, which requires approval from the Agency for Health Care Administration before new hospitals, nursing homes and hospice facilities can be built. Among other issues in the Legislature is a proposal that would help clear the way for "direct primary care" agreements, which involve patients contracting directly with doctors for care, cutting out the role of insurers.

--- **MEDICAL MARIJUANA:** Lawmakers will try to agree on a plan to carry out a voter-approved ballot initiative that broadly legalized medical marijuana in the state. The Legislature in recent years approved medical cannabis for limited types of patients, but the November ballot initiative will allow doctors to order medical marijuana for an array of conditions such as cancer, epilepsy, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS, post-traumatic stress disorder, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Crohn's disease, Parkinson's disease and multiple sclerosis. A closely watched legislative issue involves how many nurseries will be able to get licenses to grow, process and dispense medical marijuana.

--- **WATER:** Negrón has proposed a controversial \$2.4 billion plan that includes buying land south of Lake Okeechobee to try to ease polluted discharges from the lake into waterways on the east and west coasts of the state. The proposal, which involves creating a reservoir to store water moved south from the lake, is opposed by the powerful sugar industry and has received a cool reception in the House. Negrón, however, represents parts of the state's Treasure Coast that have been hit hard by polluted discharges from the lake.

--- **WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE:** After the Florida Supreme Court last spring ruled that two parts of the workers' compensation insurance system were unconstitutional, regulators approved a 14.5 percent rate increase that started hitting businesses in December. Business groups are lobbying for changes that could help hold down rates. But the workers' compensation system is highly complex, and a major debate will focus on whether to limit fees paid to attorneys who represent injured workers.

CORCORAN VOWS TO KEEP TRYING TO 'SHAKE UP' SYSTEM

By DARA KAM THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 2017..... Striking a combative note to

kick off the 2017 legislative session, House Speaker Richard Corcoran lashed out Tuesday against the judiciary, state spending and one of Gov. Rick Scott's top priorities while vowing to keep up his crusade to upset the status quo inside the marbled halls of the Capitol.

The Land O'Lakes speaker's remarks were unusually antagonistic coming on the opening day, typically dominated by pageantry and conciliatory speeches in which leaders set the tone for the 60-day session by extending olive branches to one another.

Corcoran hauled out a laundry list of accomplishments achieved since taking up the gavel after the November elections: imposing tougher ethics requirements, making it harder for lawmakers to tuck special projects into the state budget, going after wayward judges and suing one of Scott's agencies over how it awarded a contract.

And Corcoran boasted of exposing "failures and abuses" at one agency and bragged that the House "forced another agency into the sunshine, sued a rapper and won, only to reveal more wasteful spending."

Corcoran was referring to the economic-development agency Enterprise Florida and tourism-marketer Visit Florida, the two agencies at the heart of a dispute between the governor and the speaker.

Scott has asked the Legislature for \$85 million that would go to Enterprise Florida for business incentives, but Corcoran has proposed doing away with the public-private organization altogether, calling incentives "corporate welfare."

A defiant Corcoran on Tuesday warned "anyone waiting for us to slow down, to drop the big ideas, to stop trying to shake up the system, to cower in the face of attacks, or to cave to the demands of special interests, here's our message to you: We will not."

Corcoran also said he intends to push for an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption for property owners, which would bring the total annual tax break for homeowners to \$75,000, a tax cut that would amount to more than \$700 million statewide, according to the speaker.

And Corcoran hit on one of his most controversial proposals --- a constitutional amendment that would restrict appellate judges to a maximum of 12 years on the bench.

In his "State of the State" address, Scott hammered back at Corcoran about the economic initiatives, saying it was wrong to call spending to lure businesses to the state "welfare" and calling on his own experiences growing up poor and eventually becoming the head of one of the country's largest health care companies.

"When most kids were playing little league or riding bikes, I had a job," Scott said. "It's easy to throw out catch phrases like 'picking winners and losers' and 'corporate welfare.' ... But that's not what we're doing."

Corcoran upset the Tallahassee establishment, and Scott's administration, long before the onset of the session, even apart from the duel over the economic incentives and tourism agencies.

The speaker sued the Florida Lottery over a long-term contract, alleging that the agreement is illegal. A Tallahassee judge heard arguments in the case Monday, the day before the legislative session began.

Corcoran also targeted two judges accused of wrongdoing. One of the judges, who was accused of making racial and sexist slurs, resigned the day before a House committee began an

impeachment probe.

The contentious atmosphere between Corcoran, Scott and Senate President Joe Negron has led to speculation that lawmakers would be unable to complete work on the state budget before the end of the two-month session.

After the Senate considered suing the House over guidelines for the state budget process, leaders in the two chambers finally settled on a joint rule that could put state spending negotiations back on track.

But Corcoran on Tuesday may have stoked concerns about going into overtime, saying "even a special session is not a disaster --- it's just a more complicated, longer discussion."

While Corcoran's aggressive stance was a departure from the typical pomp and circumstance of opening day, it wasn't entirely a surprise.

"I have heard his speeches over and over," said Senate Minority Leader Oscar Braynon, D-Miami Gardens. "He doesn't like to use the word compromise, which is going to lead to stalemates. If you're not going to compromise and I'm not going to give you your way, then we're not going to come to an agreement."

Sen. Bill Galvano, a Bradenton Republican slated to become Senate president after the 2018 elections, said he was "still optimistic" that lawmakers would complete their work on time.

"There's usually a lot of posturing that takes place early on in session, but eventually we all have a constitutional duty to uphold, and that's to pass a budget and sine die (end the session). So I think he'll come around," Galvano said.

Speaking to reporters later in the day, Corcoran called "spirited debate" and differences of opinion healthy for the process.

"Hopefully it's always civil. But when you have that right, that's when democracy is working," he said. "When you have calm ships and everyone's just walking step-in-step and line-in-line and we're not really fighting, and we're rubber-stamping bills, that's when people should be worried."

GUN BILLS COULD AGAIN STRUGGLE IN SENATE

By JIM TURNER THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, March 7, 2017..... A proposal that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to store firearms with security officers at courthouses narrowly advanced Tuesday through the Senate Judiciary Committee --- a panel where high-profile Second Amendment measures stalled last year.

The committee might be a stumbling block again for broader gun-related bills during the 2017 legislative session, including bills that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry on university and college campuses (SB 622) and in airport terminals (SB 618).

The Judiciary Committee voted 5-4 along party lines to back what is called "courthouse carry" (SB 616), sponsored by committee Chairman Greg Steube, a Sarasota Republican who has filed 10 firearm-related bills.

However, Sen. Anitere Flores, a Miami Republican and top lieutenant to Senate President Joe Negron, said she was backing the courthouse bill Tuesday after getting Steube's

assurance that he would not expand the scope of the measure as it continues to move forward. She also said she is not in favor of vastly expanding the state's gun laws, which could impact the outcome of future firearm-related votes.

"He and I do not see eye to eye on probably any of the other gun bills," Flores said. "I do not support having guns on campus. I do not support having guns in airports. I don't support having guns in school zones. I don't support those things."

Steube, an attorney whose bills include the campus-carry proposal and a measure that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to openly carry handguns (SB 644), said he is working to move forward with his other proposals. But he acknowledged after the meeting that some of his other bills might have trouble advancing through his committee.

"All you have to do is count the votes on this committee and see where people are," Steube said. "The only way that something can move, as it relates to firearms, would be coming through this committee."

He maintained that Flores' stance isn't a setback for Second Amendment advocates, noting a measure (SB 128) from Sen. Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island, to shift a burden of proof to prosecutors in "stand your ground" self-defense cases cleared the Judiciary Committee and will go before the entire Senate on Thursday.

"We've got a couple of other bills sent to Judiciary that relate to firearms and passed another bill today in a Senate committee that has refused to hear these bills the past two years," Steube said. "I certainly think we're moving in a direction that I would like to see us move."

Sen. Debbie Mayfield, R-Vero Beach, gave her support to the courthouse proposal, saying, "I am one of those that believe it is a God-given right for us to protect ourselves and to carry a gun, but we have to be responsible."

The measure would allow concealed-carry licensees to continue to carry up to the courthouse doors. The "dilemma," according to the Second Amendment group Florida Carry, is gun owner to leave their firearms at home or store them in cars and be unarmed for a period outside the courthouses.

ACROSS THE NATION

BOISE – Idaho senators killed a proposal outlawing motorcycling profiling after some argued it would allow motorcycle gang members wearing colors a new way to wiggle out of arrests. <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2017/mar/15/idaho-senate-kills-anti-motorcycle-profiling-bill/>

A bill to repeal Nebraska's requirement that all motorcycle riders wear helmets remained stuck at first-stage floor consideration Monday while debate veered off into an approaching decision about whether to change the Legislature's filibuster rule. http://journalstar.com/legislature/motorcycle-helmet-bill-mired-in-filibuster/article_328186cd-bb26-59ee-88dd-83810520c076.html



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3/27/17 Here is a quick update on bills of interest:

Helmet Bill HB 6009 There has been no movement in the Bill since it was introduced. There is still no Senate Companion Bill The Bill still has not been scheduled to be heard in it's first committee. As we have seen in the past, nothing is ever completely dead... however, the buzzards are circling this Bill. Thanks to all the ABATE of Florida, Inc. members that have reached out to their legislators

Vulnerable Road User Bills (HB 541 & SB 432) Both of these are waiting for committee hearing. VRU Bill that REMOVES motorcycles from the list (SB 408) The sponsor cannot get a House member to sponsor the House companion Bill. It has not made it to the first committee... Again the buzzards are circling. ** ABATE of Florida, Inc. had no trouble finding a sponsor in both the House and Senate.

Safety money The request will be in both the House and Senate Budget Bills again this year.

COURT GRANTS 'STAND YOUR GROUND' IN DOMESTIC CASE

An appeals court Friday ruled that a woman should not face charges in the shooting of her husband because she was acting in self-defense under Florida's "stand your ground" law. A panel of the 5th District Court of Appeal overturned a Brevard County circuit judge's ruling that Victoria Reid should stand trial for shooting her husband, James Wesley Reid, in the leg during a domestic dispute. Victoria Reid was charged with aggravated battery with a firearm while inflicting great bodily harm but argued she should be shielded from prosecution because of the "stand your ground" law. The ruling by the three-judge panel said Victoria Reid contended "she was in reasonable fear that (James Wesley) Reid was reaching for a firearm when she shot him." After an evidentiary hearing, a circuit judge denied Victoria Reid's request for immunity under the "stand your ground" law. But the appeals court pointed to testimony from the couple, a 911 call and the husband's history of drinking in siding with Victoria Reid. "Both parties testified that petitioner (Victoria Reid) was afraid that (James Wesley) Reid was reaching for a firearm when she shot him," the ruling by appeals-court judges Thomas Sawaya and F. Rand Wallis and Chief Judge Jay Cohen said. "They also testified that Reid had committed acts of domestic violence against petitioner while he was under the influence of alcohol and that he had resumed drinking shortly before the shooting. The statements made by petitioner during the 911 call were consistent with the testimony presented at the hearing and indicated that she believed Reid was about to shoot her."

HOUSE APPROVES PULLING PLUG ON RED-LIGHT CAMERAS

The House voted overwhelmingly Thursday to eliminate the use of red-light cameras in Florida, sending the issue to the Senate, where a repeal proposal stalled in its first committee. House members voted 91-22 to approve a repeal bill (HB 6007), sponsored by Rep. Bryan Avila, R-Hialeah, and Rep. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill. Avila said red-light cameras might have been well-intentioned initially but have been used by local governments as a way to generate money. "It has become less about public safety and more about revenue," Avila said. But opponents of the bill argued that local governments should be able to decide whether to use the cameras to ticket motorists who run red lights and that the cameras have changed drivers' behavior. While the repeal has broad support in the House, a Senate version of the bill (SB 178) failed to get through the Senate Transportation Committee last month because of a 2-2 tie. The Senate could put the House bill through the committee process. Also, Sen. Daphne Campbell, D-Miami, has filed an additional repeal bill (SB 630).

HOUSE READY TO TAKE UP JUDICIAL TERM LIMITS

Moving forward with a priority of Speaker Richard Corcoran, the House on Wednesday is scheduled to take up a proposed constitutional amendment that would lead to term limits for Florida Supreme Court justices and appeals-court judges. The proposal (HJR 1), sponsored by Rep. Jennifer Sullivan, R-Mount Dora, would go on the November 2018 ballot if approved by the Legislature. It seeks to limit Supreme Court justices and District Court of Appeal judges to two six-year terms, though differences on when jurists were appointed could mean some would serve at least slightly longer. Supreme Court justices and appeals-court judges do not currently have term limits, though they face a mandatory retirement age of 70. Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, has pushed the controversial term-limits plan, arguing that it would increase accountability of judges. A similar Senate proposal (SJR 482), filed by Sen. Travis Hutson, R-Elkton, has not been heard in committees.

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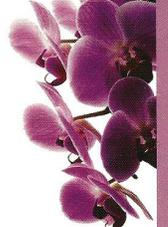
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