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MEETING
11:30 AM
Third Sunday
May 21th**

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FOR MOTORCYCLES**

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President's Message

Big Bad Fred Joseph

I want to thank the three people that showed up to our last meeting. Without those three people we would have had none??? Well as we head into our elections I want everyone to keep an open mind about how they can help this organization stay afloat. If you know anyone or you yourself would like to sit on the board, now is the time to do it. A lot of people have great ideas for this organization. Unfortunately, you have to show up to a meeting to let your voice be heard. That's all for this month.

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

Big Bad Fred
President

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The boys made it into Wheels on the Road magazine



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ABATE of Florida, Inc. Mission Statement

WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. We ARE NOT A CLUB 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.

What else do you get with your membership? All members receive with their paid membership, the Membership Card, Event Discounts and Updates, Voting Privileges, Free Newsletter 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.



MAY 4 **Senoritas & Margaritas Bike Night**
 Public - Hosted by Palm Beach Harley-Davidson
 Thursday, May 4 at 5 PM - 9 PM
 2955 45st west palm beach

HARLEY-DAVIDSON PALM BEACH **NON-RIDERS AND RIDERS WELCOME**
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MAY 11 **HARLEY-DAVIDSON 101**
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MAY 20 **Bikini Bike Wash and Ice Cream Social**
 Saturday, May 20 at 11 AM - 3:30 PM

Palm Beach Harley-Davidson
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Join us as we help our Brother
 "Taz" celebrate his Birthday
Thursday, May 04, 2017
 7:00pm – Midnight
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 Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Program

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Annual Blessing of the Bikes Sunday, May 7th 2017

Start your day with breakfast provided by RALPH'S STAND-UP BAR - 10:00 to 11:30
 113 Center Street, Jupiter, FL 33458

Join us for The Blessing of the bikes by the Christian Motorcycle Association
 At THE BREWHOUSE GALLERY, 720 Park Ave., Lake Park, FL 33403, at 12:00 am

Blessing followed by a celebration with
Music by the "Rouge Theory Band"
\$10.00 per person, food specials and door prizes until 4:00 pm
 To benefit **ABATE Safety and Awareness Program**

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SAFETY MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AVAILABLE

UPCOMING Event Schedule

Monday May 1 Mob of Brothers MC Open House

Thursday May 4 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night 5-9 45th St. West Palm Beach

Thursday May 4 Black Pistons MC Open House/Taz Bday 3648 E Industrial Way Riviera Bch 8-12

Friday May 5 Ink Link Bike Night

Friday May 5 Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House

Sunday May 7 CMA & ABATE Lighthouse Chapter Bike Blessing Jupiter

Sunday May 7 Southern MC Annual

Tuesday May 9 Lone Legion Brotherhood MC Open House 2590 Commerce Park Dr. Unit F5 Boynton

Wed. May 11 Vintage Iron Bike Night Double Rd Tavern Jupiter

Wednesday May 17 States MC Lake Worth Open House 3570 Boutwell Rd. Lake Worth

Thursday May 18 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night Benefits ABATE Palm Beach, buy Raffle tickets and support us 5-9 45th St. West Palm Beach / American Familia MC Bike Night St Lucie County

Sunday May 21 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. 11:30 am

V.F.W. Post 4143 located at 2404 Broadway, Riviera Beach 561-844-5718. From I 95 exit Blue Heron Blvd. go east to Broadway (Federal Hwy., US- 1) turn right, go south 1 block the V.F.W. is on the east side. Look for the flag. Breakfast will be served 9:00 AM 'til Noon

Sunday May 21 Rock n Roll Sunday Nam Knight German American Club 5111 Lantana Rd lake Worth Noon-6pm

Thursday May 25 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Friday May 26 AOA WPB MC Open House

Saturday May 27 Southeast ABATE Memorial Day Event

Sunday May 28 VFW 4143 Harley Drawing 2404 Broadway Rivera Bch 2-7

Monday May 29 Mob of Brothers MC Open House

Thursday June 1 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night 5-9 45th St. West Palm Beach

REMINDER: EVERY

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

Saturday Night is FLY-IN WHEELS MC OPEN HOUSE

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



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MAY 18 Military Appreciation Bike Night - Bike Giveaway

Public · Hosted by Palm Beach Harley-Davidson

Thursday, May 18 at 5 PM - 9 PM 2955 45st west palm beach

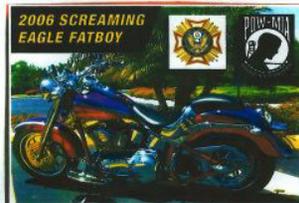
MAY 28th 2017
at POST #4143

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We reserve the right to refuse entrance to anyone that we feel may be a disturbance to our guests.

THANK YOU PALM BEACH HARLEY

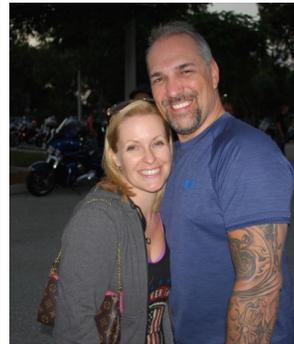
We were their charity for the April 6th Bike Night and we really thank them and all those that purchased the raffle tickets to support our cause. They will again have us for it on their May 18th Bike Night so please come and enjoy. We hope your donations will win you great prizes.

BIRTHDAY BASH BIKE NIGHT
THURSDAY 4/6 5PM - 9PM

- \$5 BBQ PLATES
- FREE CUPCAKES FOR ALL!
- CHEAP BEERS
- JOE TENUTO BAND
- BIRTHDAY PARTY GAMES - WIN GIFT CARDS & MORE!*

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GOOGLE ALERTS MOTORCYCLE INTERNET NEWS

May is National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

According to the most recent data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly 5,000 motorcyclists were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2015 — an 8 percent increase from the previous year. During that same year, about 88,000 motorcyclists were injured.

Drivers can help reduce motorcycle-related injuries and deaths by making it a habit to “share the road” and pay attention. Eliminate distracted driving by not using electronic devices. Check blind spots often, especially when preparing to make a turn or lane change; remember to look twice. When driving near a motorcycle, leave space for the rider to maneuver – that person may have to swerve abruptly depending on other vehicles, road conditions or because of certain objects on the road that pose danger. When driving behind a motorcycle, make sure to leave enough space in case a sudden stop becomes necessary.

Motorcycle safety is a two-way street. Riders must also obey all traffic laws and commit to learning new skills by continuing safety education courses. It is imperative to wear a helmet that meets the Department of Transportation’s safety standards and is required by law. In addition, wear the proper safety gear and choose a bike that best fits you. While on the road, watch out for hazards like potholes and debris and position yourself so you are seen by other motorists as much as possible. At intersections, where half of all collisions occur, drive defensively. Remember to be courteous and avoid weaving in and out of lanes or riding in areas that are off limits.

All motorists are responsible for being alcohol and drug-free when operating any vehicle.

<http://cityofmissionviejo.org/news/may-national-motorcycle-safety-awareness-month>

Now here is a rare positive news report “**Staying safe while riding motorcycles** SOUTHAMPTON, Mass. (WWLP) – Motorcycles are loud, and that noise lets people know they’re coming. “Pipes save lives. They do that for a reason they do it not because it’s loud but to save the guy on the bike or person on bike in general,” said Jeff Ferreira of Palmer.

5,000 people died in motorcycle crashes in 2015, an 8% increase from 2014. More than half the riders killed were over the age of 40. A 55-year-old motorcycle rider was critically hurt in a crash in Amherst on Monday.

“Motorcycles are everywhere. I’m a father, I know I’d like to go for a ride and my kids would like me to come home safely, as others as well,” said Rich Lee of Easthampton.

At the Harley Davidson in Southampton, motorcycle safety is their main concern. They said being aware of your surroundings while on the road is the best thing you can do to prevent yourself from getting into an accident.

Lisa Shagnon, Parts & Service Manager of Harley Davidson in Southampton, said, “You have to be careful on the road because they still haven’t cleaned up the roads enough and there are always those potholes. If you are on two wheels and you’re out on the road you have to be aware of everything.”

Shagnon told 22News Harley Davidson bikes are made with louder engines so cars are aware of them on the road. She said wearing bright clothing is also a good idea.

Barnes Air National Guard Base offers a motorcycle rider safety course in Westfield twice a year.”

<http://wwlp.com/2017/04/18/motorcycle-riding-safety/>

A terrifying moment for a motorcyclist was caught on camera in Australia after a mattress flew off the back of a truck and directly in front of the rider. Queensland Police Service released footage of the

incident, which occurred on Tuesday, March 28, in Brisbane. In the video, you can see the mattress lift off the truck's trailer and land in the path of the motorcycle going 50 mph. The driver, Aaron Wood, managed to drive several feet before coming to a stop with the mattress mangled underneath the bike. Good Samaritans can then be seen pulling up to help move the mattress to the side of the road. Wood only received minor injuries to his hand. <http://abcnews.go.com/International/mattress-flies-path-motorcycle-50-mph-dramatic-video/story?id=46596222>

Follow up to a story last month "A daredevil motorcyclist — who went viral last month when he jumped a California highway — was critically injured in a death-defying stunt that went horribly wrong, authorities said Wednesday. Kyle Katsandris, 24, tried to cycle over an expanse of railroad tracks in Simi Valley at about 3 p.m. Sunday but overshot his target, Simi Valley police Sgt. Craig Dungan said. Cops have known about this spot — in the 500 block of West Los Angeles Avenue — since at least 2010, when a YouTube user first posted video of a motorcyclist jumping it.

But that neighborhood is purely industrial and police have little reason to normally patrol that area. "If a bunch of guys decided to out there, set up, do it and leave fast enough, we'd probably never know about it," Dungan said.

Katsandris, who lives in San Clemente, became an Internet sensation in March when he recorded himself jumping over State Route 60 in Riverside County.

He and his pals taped themselves clearing earth for his lanes before driving his dirt bike over Route 60 in Riverside County as traffic passed below him.

The amazing 100-foot jump — shot from multiple angle and probably drones — had about 182,000 views on Katsandris' Instagram page by Wednesday afternoon.

After the video went viral, work crews went to those hillsides alongside Route 60 and blocked the path so no other Evel Knievel wannabe could repeat the feat.

<http://nypost.com/2017/04/05/daredevils-latest-motorcycle-stunt-is-an-epic-fail/>

Costs mount despite Waco motorcycle gang trials on hold Associated Press APRIL 23, 2017

WACO, Texas — Costs are mounting for the Texas county where a fatal gunfight involving two motorcycle gangs and police led to the indictments of more than 150 bikers.

The trials arising from the May 2015 shooting at a Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco are on hold until a federal case against leaders of the Bandidos motorcycle gang wraps up, which could be at least several months, the Waco Tribune-Herald (<http://bit.ly/2p5OpBJ>) reported.

But that hasn't meant a slowdown for McLennan County, where prosecutors are sharing massive amounts of evidence with defense attorneys while awaiting tests on DNA samples from the shootout that killed nine people and wounded 20 others.

So far, work related to the case tops \$200,000 for the county, not including more than \$500,000 defrayed by state and federal grants and reimbursements. The balance can be paid over several budget years.

The case involves about 70 defense court-appointed attorneys, meaning the county is responsible for their fees that range from \$75 to \$80 an hour for work in and out of the courtroom. They also receive \$50 an hour for travel time, plus mileage compensation. One defense attorney notes she's received more than 870,000 pages of documents to review.

Six top Bandidos leaders are scheduled to go on trial Aug. 7 in San Antonio on federal charges, including racketeering, that allege they sanctioned a deadly years-long fight on the rival Cossacks gang.

Investigators have said the Waco shootout involved members of the same two motorcycle gangs, and that a fight erupted during a gathering of various motorcycle clubs. The Associated Press reported in May 2016 that ballistics reports reviewed by AP showed four of the people killed were struck by the same caliber of rifle fired by Waco police. A Waco police spokesman declined to comment at the time, citing a gag order in the criminal case of one of the bikers.

Federal prosecutors have told McLennan County officials they have evidence related to the Twin Peaks shootout but are keeping it under wraps until trial.
<http://www.startribune.com/costs-mount-despite-waco-motorcycle-gang-trials-on-hold/420187213/>

Again, so who are the bad guys? “A longtime office manager for a local police motorcycle club has been charged with stealing more than \$200,000. Bessie Small, 46, of Carmel was the office manager of the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club. Assistant D.A. Stephen Burlock says the club’s president had an audit done last summer. The estimated fraud totals \$228,000.”
<https://wabi.tv/2017/04/19/motorcycle-club-office-manager-accused-of-stealing-thousands/>

Beware of internet scams even buying a Harley, a must read <http://www.nbc15.com/content/news/Florida-man-scammed-out-of-buying-motorcycle-in-Madison-419861023.html>

“Never thought someone twerking could hurt someone else. A girl was filming her friend twerk next a street in the Ukraine. In the video you see a car pass by and as she begins to get in to her twerk you can hear the motorcycle revving up. you then see the motorcycle clipping the passing vehicle and the driver go flying forward. The motorcyclist sustained a broken leg and pelvis. The video is a bit tough to watch at the end there.”
<http://amp1037.cbslocal.com/2017/04/19/twerking-woman-causes-motorcycle-accident/>

“PICKERINGTON, Ohio – Motorcycle fans and racers will have the opportunity to experience three days of action-packed motorcycle competition during the 2017 American Motorcyclist Association Vintage Motorcycle Days on July 7-9 at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio.”
<https://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Home/News-Story/racing-schedule-announced-for-2017-ama-vintage-motorcycle-days>

If you are into the business side of motorcycles need to read this Harley-Davidson report <http://www.businessinsider.com/harley-davidson-q1-2017-earnings-2017-4> and how Polaris is doing after shutting down the Victory line <http://www.motofire.com/2017/04/news/polaris-cull-victory-still-make-first-quarter-motorcycle-profit/>

RIP Robert M. Pirsig, author of “Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance” died at his home in South Berwick, Maine on April 24.

The 88-year-old writer had been in poor health, according to his publishing hosue, William Morrow.

The philosophical 1974 novel was inspired by a motorcycle trip Persig took with his young son in the 1960s and became a cultural touchstone that sold over five-million copies worldwide after being rejected by over 100 publishers when he first shopped it around.

Like a cult favorite from the 1950s, Jack Kerouac’s “On the Road,” the book’s path to the best-seller list was long and unlikely. It began as an essay he wrote after he and Chris rode from Minnesota to

the Dakotas and grew to a manuscript of hundreds of thousands of words.

<http://www.foxnews.com/auto/2017/04/25/zen-and-art-motorcycle-maintenance-author-robert-m-pirsig-dead-at-88.html>

<http://www.realclearlife.com/books/robert-m-pirsig-author-zen-art-motorcycle-maintenance-dead-88/>

RIP Iowa motorcycle legend John Parham dies at 62

He brought National Motorcycle Museum to Anamosa

Alison Gowans The Gazette Apr 21, 2017

ANAMOSA — John Parham, the founder of J&P Cycles motorcycle company and a dedicated motorcycle enthusiast responsible for bringing the National Motorcycle Museum to Anamosa, died Thursday after a prolonged battle with pulmonary fibrosis. He was 62.

“The motorcycling community has lost one of its most passionate, considerate, entrepreneurial and successful people and he will be greatly missed,” a statement from the museum said Friday. The museum is creating a special Exhibition Development Fund in his honor.

Parham opened his first shop in 1975 in Anamosa before starting J. Parham Enterprises with his wife Jill. That company became known as J & P Cycles and grew into one of the largest motorcycle accessory mail order companies worldwide. Motorsport Aftermarket Group acquired J&P Cycles more than a decade ago and relocated its core operations out of state in 2015, with a retail center remaining open in Anamosa. Parham’s son Zachary remains the vice president and general manager.

Parham was inducted into the American Motorcyclist Association Hall of Fame in 2015. In a statement, AMA President and CEO Rob Dignman offered his condolences to his family and friends. “Beyond his success as a businessman, John dedicated his energy and resources to preserving the history of motorcycling. It was an honor to know him. He will be greatly missed by the motorcycling community,” he said.

In 2010, a lung transplant helped extend Parham’s life. He was an advocate for organ donation, blogging about his experience, recording a YouTube video to promote organ donation, printing brochures to distribute at motorcycle events and speaking publicly about the topic.

“I really have an opportunity to reach a lot of people,” he told The Gazette in 2011. “I’ve been very blessed. I’m just trying to give something back.”

He is survived by his wife and son, as well as Zachary’s wife Bree and two grandchildren, Kaiden and Kinlee.

Details on a May memorial service will be released on the National Motorcycle Museum Facebook page. <http://www.thegazette.com/subject/obits/news-obits/iowa-motorcycle-legend-john-parham-dies-at-62-20170421>

<http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Home/News-Story/ama-motorcycle-hall-of-fame-member-john-parham-passes>

[Click here to see Mr. Parham's AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame page.](#)



RALEIGH Motorcyclists ages 21 and older wouldn’t have to wear helmets under a bill that passed the N.C. House Transportation Committee on Monday. All motorcyclists currently must wear helmets or face a \$25.50 fine, but Gaston County Republican Rep. John Torbett wants the state to loosen the requirement. His bill would require helmets for anyone under age 21, as well as anyone who hasn’t had

their motorcycle license for a full year, and anyone who doesn't have an insurance policy that covers at least \$10,000 in medical benefits for a crash-related injury. Torbett's bill would also soften the penalty for helmet violations, removing the requirement that the person charged must pay court costs in addition to the fine. Read more here: <http://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/state-politics/article146467264.html#storylink=cpy>

ORLANDO, Fla. - When a woman -- whose motorcycle was taken from Orlando several weeks ago -- saw a man on social media riding her stolen bike, she was not pleased.

"The fact that someone else was even riding my bike got me really angry," the victim said. "(I was also mad) just seeing him boast about it."

The Miami-Dade Police Department arrested 20-year-old Jose Alejandro Perez after he crashed a motorcycle stolen from Orlando, officers said.

News 6 found what appeared to be Perez's Facebook page, where he went "live," showing off what the victim said is her green motorcycle.

"(It was) pretty dumb on his part to put everything on Facebook," the victim said. "I definitely knew that that was my bike, and just seeing his helmet that I had seen on the surveillance camera just put everything together."

Surveillance video from the Uptown Place parking garage shows the exact moment the woman's motorcycle was stolen. Police can't confirm that Perez was the one who rode off with her bike because that person was wearing a helmet, but they said he is likely part of a group of bike bandits. "I'm very thankful that social media played its role and we were able to spot out my bike through everything," the victim said, adding that she's thankful the motorcycle didn't come back in pieces. <http://www.clickorlando.com/news/orlando-woman-spots-her-stolen-motorcycle-on-facebook-live>

“18-year-old accused of high-speed motorcycle chase Matthew Bruce Maxwell, 18, of Cambridge River Court in Knightdale, was arrested by the Jones County Sheriff's Office and charged with possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver marijuana; manufacturing marijuana; flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle; possession or marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; reckless driving to endanger; speeding in a school zone; speeding; failure to stop at a stop sign or flashing red light; and unsafe passing on a solid yellow line. The Maysville Police Department stopped traffic, Groom said, and after Maxwell turned the Yamaha around he allegedly lost control and ended up in a ditch, ending the chase around 1:30 p.m. Groom said he was not injured. Because of the “run and you're done” law – which Groom said allows any vehicle involved in a high-speed chase with law enforcement to be seized – his Yamaha was taken and is now on the property of a towing company. <http://www.jdnews.com/news/20170413/18-year-old-accused-of-high-speed-motorcycle-chase>

While in Tallahassee talking with Abby Rose, aide to Representative Lori Berman, she told us of hearing of several accidents with deaths in our County, even my hometown Delray Beach. I'm looking for any information. Usually my Google Motorcycle Alerts lists too many accidents and I usually just look at the Florida ones, but sometimes they do bring up important issues

Would ape hangers have saved him? Fabian Zepeda, of San Bernardino, Calif., was riding his motorcycle on Tuesday morning when he encountered wires from a wooden utility pole that were spread across the roadway, according to the San Bernardino Sun. The wires had been knocked down after the driver of a Ford Taurus lost control of his vehicle, struck a mailbox, drove on the lawn of a home and

eventually struck the wooden pole, according to the San Bernardino Sun. Zepeda, 27, traveled down the same road minutes later and drove into the path of the downed wires, knocking him off of his motorcycle and decapitating him.” <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/just-bizarre-motorcycle-accident-decapitates-father/8ljofVlssgkymv0mOzsbP/>

I hate to report this but my Google searches do find many such stories. “A 49-year-old Winter Haven man died April 13 of injuries from an April 8 motorcycle crash.” It appears the accident was due to high speed. Another reason we need to promote safe riding especially to the young riders. <http://www.newschief.com/news/20170414/winter-haven-man-dies-following-motorcycle-crash>

Data send me this one that is all over the Internet and even Facebook. “Cop murders biker by forcing him off the road for doing 15 mph over the limit. After cop hit biker the first time, he was slowing down to pull over and the cop hits him again with more force which results in the death of the biker. Video at <http://cbs12.com/news/nation-world/video-berkeley-county-deputy-hits-motorcycle-during-chase-motorcycle-driver-wrecks-dies> Follow up “Berkeley County deputy placed on leave after video shows cruiser colliding with motorcycle during chase” http://www.postandcourier.com/news/berkeley-county-deputy-placed-on-leave-after-video-shows-cruiser/article_09f5aa00-25bb-11e7-824f-5f21562bf846.html

Jackson police ticket woman for riding motorcycle naked

Charles E. Ramirez , The Detroit News 12:03 p.m. ET April 21, 2017

Jackson police ticketed Wednesday a woman for riding on the back of a motorcycle in her birthday suit. Police chief Elmer Hitt said Friday the woman, a 46-year-old Jackson County resident, was completely nude while a passenger on a motorcycle that traveled in the area around Wisner Street at about 8:30 a.m. He said the male driver of the motorcycle and the woman passenger are friends.

“She indicated that she's kind of a thrill-seeker and felt like doing something crazy,” the police chief said. “It is a high-traffic area, especially at that time of day, and a lot of people who were out and about saw her and called us.”

One of the department's officers who was at a convenience store nearby heard the radio call about the woman and saw her and the driver go by when he looked through a window, Hitt said.

"By the time the officer caught up to them at an intersection, the passenger tried to put on a coat to cover the top half of her body," he said. "He ended up issuing a misdemeanor ticket under one of our city ordinances for her appearance and she was released." The motorcyclist was not cited, Hitt said.

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/local/michigan/2017/04/21/jackson-police-ticket-naked-woman-riding-motorcycle/100737364/>

Video t <http://wcrz.com/yes-thats-a-naked-woman-on-a-motorcycle-in-michigan-video/>

I know bikers do love their rides but this is going too far. “Mechanophilia is a term used to describe someone who is sexually aroused by machines such as automobiles, bikes, helicopters, planes, and ships (no official word on Transformers, but you can probably guess). This became relevant in the United Kingdom when Kevin Chapman, from Ashford, was arrested in Canterbury for allegedly “attempting sexual maneuvers” on a blue Suzuki motorcycle, according to the Daily Mail.”

<http://www.menshealth.com/guy-wisdom/man-sex-motorcycle>

SAFETY Here are the three most common situations that cause motorcycle accidents and how a motorcyclist can avoid them:

A Vehicle Making a Left-Hand Turn in Front of a Motorcycle

According to statistics, this is the number one situation that causes most motorcycle accidents. Passenger vehicle drivers often do not see a motorcycle in an intersection but the motorcyclist will assume that they do. This causes an accident when the motorcyclist keeps going straight.

The rule of prevention as a motorcyclist in this situation is to always assume that the other drivers do not see you. Take an extra precautionary step and slow down at intersections, allowing the cars to make their turns. Try and avoid being the first person to enter an intersection if you can. Also, try and make eye contact/signal other drivers if you don't think they see you.

Rear-End Collisions

Rear-end collisions commonly cause motorcycle accidents. Passenger vehicles will not always see a motorcycle in front of them until it's too late to stop in time. These types of accidents are especially common at busy intersections in cities where drivers may have multiple distractions.

To avoid rear-end motorcycle collisions, a motorcyclist should always stop far enough away from other vehicles to give them more room to maneuver if a larger car happens to come too close. Drive in the outward lanes if possible to allow yourself escape room if needed. Finally, you can additionally maintain a lower gear to allow for quicker acceleration when need be.

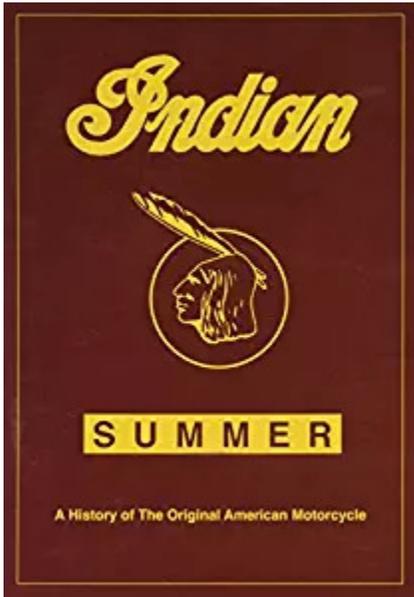
Taking a Corner Too Quickly

Inexperienced motorcyclists sometimes enter corners too quickly, causing a motorcycle to spin out of control and cause an accident. Even an experienced motorcyclist can misjudge a corner in dim lighting conditions or during times when the road may be slick with rain or snow.

To avoid getting in this type of accident, motorcyclists should be more cautious when taking corners. Slow down when entering corners, and if you think you're approaching the corner too quickly, brake as much as possible while the bike is still vertical. If you're already in the turn, lean your bike toward the corner and continue to apply as much pressure into the brakes as possible.

By learning how to prevent motorcycle accidents and prioritizing safety while sharing the road with other drivers, motorcyclists can enjoy the freedom of the open road unapologetically.

<https://www.beyandassociates.com/2017/04/how-to-avoid-common-motorcycle-accidents-in-georgia/>



Indian Summer DVD Review

Not to be confused with the 1993 drama, this is a 1994 documentary on the Indian motorcycle. I was finally able to order the DVD on Amazon. While the video quality and production may not be great as other reviews state, I feel this is still worthwhile to see vintage motorcycle footage and to hear the stories of some of the old-timers before they are gone forever. Some great history facts and model details are very informative.

While there are many videos on Harley history this is one of few on the Indian. One I have is *Indian Motorcycle Memories* from WGBH Boston Public Television. The production values are better on this 1997 show but it seems more like a history lesson without the colorful personal stories of Indian Summer.

Review by Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

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Thank you for all the support of ABATE of Florida, Inc. and the Palm Beach Chapter.

May is Motorcycle Safety Month

Tallahassee, FL – Florida has great weather and roads for motorcycle enthusiasts. More than a million drivers in Florida have a motorcycle endorsement on their driver licenses, and many visitors ride motorcycles in the Sunshine State.

FDOT Interim Secretary Rachel Cone said, "At FDOT, we want to make highways safe for all road users, including motorcycles. Motorcyclists should ride smart, and motorists should watch for motorcycles, as they can be difficult to see in traffic."

FDOT is committed to making roads safe for all, including motorcyclists. The responsibility for safety is on motorists as well as motorcyclists. FDOT is observing motorcycle safety month in May and asking motorcyclists and motorists to share the road by using these simple tips.

Tips for motorcyclists:

- Say no to Drinking and Riding.
- Make yourself more visible to motorists: Wear bright colors.
- Always wear adequate riding gear.
- Ride in Control (within legal and personal limits).
- Train regularly and get endorsed.
- Inspect your motorcycle before each ride to ensure your safety by having it in good working order.

Tips for drivers:

- Always allow a motorcyclist the full lane width; never try to share a lane.
- Check for motorcycles by looking in your mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections. Remain extra vigilant when entering or crossing intersections.
- Do not tailgate. Allow more following distance when following a motorcycle, so the motorcyclist has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency.
- Don't drive distracted– eyes on the road, hands on the wheel, and mind on driving.
- Always drive sober.

Click [here](#) for a link to Governor Scott's proclamation



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May 2017

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	1 Mob of Brothers MC Open House	2	3 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Room Bike Nights	4 Palm Bch Harley Bike Night Black Pistons Open House & Taz Birthday	5 Ink Link Bike Night Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House	6 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
7 Southern MC Annual CMA/ ABATE Lighthouse Bike Blessing	8	9 Lone Legion MC Open House	10 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights	11 Black Pistons MC Open House Vintage Iron Bike Night Double Rd Tavern	12	13 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
14	15	16	17 States LW Open House Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights	18 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night ABATE St. Lucie Co. American Familia MC Bike Night	19	20 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House Riding into History ALR Post 47 Casino Night
21 Palm Bch ABATE Chapter Meeting Rock n Roll Sunday Ger.Am Club Lake Worth	22	23	24 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights	25 Turboz/Ralphs Bike Night	26 Treasure Coast Harley Bike Night	27 Treasure Coast Harley Customer Appreciation SE ABATE Memorial Day Event Fly-In Wheels MC Open House
28 Los Coquis MC Annual VFW 4143 Bike Raffel	29 Mob of Brothers MC Open House	30	31 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights			

June 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				<p>1 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night Black Pistons MC Open House</p>	<p>2 Bikes on the Beach Ink Link Bike Night Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House</p>	<p>3 Bikes on the Beach Fly-In Wheels MC Open House</p>
<p>4 Bikes on the Beach New Attitudes MC Party</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Lone Legion MC Open House</p>	<p>7 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House ABATE of FL State Meeting</p>
<p>11 AOA South GBNF Memorial</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 States LW Open House Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights</p>	<p>15 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night St. Lucie Co. American Familia MC Bike Night</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House</p>
<p>18 Palm Bch ABATE Chapter Meeting</p>	<p>19 National Ride to Work Day</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Fly-In Wheels MC Open House Leathernecks Broward Party</p>
<p>25 Palm Bch ABATE Event TBA</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights</p>	<p>29 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night Turboz/Ralphs Bike Night</p>	<p>30</p>	

WEEKLY EVENTS

One 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

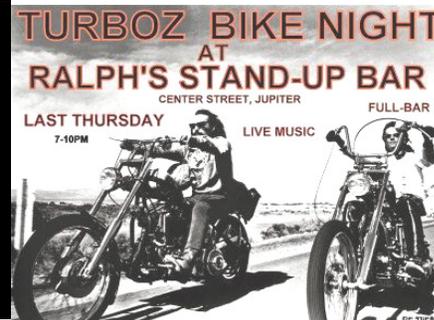
1st Fri Soldiers for Jesus Open
House

1st Fri Ink Link Bike Night WPB

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Sat Fly-In Wheels MC WPB open
house

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- MAY**
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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
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18: Leathernecks MC Annual
- DECEMBER**
10: SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN
16: TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING
16: Hermandad MC - MEMORIAL TOY RUN
17: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN

DELEGATE REPORT

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke
& Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

I sat as a delegate for the Tallahassee April State Meeting. It was only a week before I found I could take off from work as no FSA testing those days and the school let me go. I hadn't heard from the State office until the Wednesday before so I didn't know if they were covering my room or not. Since Bill couldn't go I decided before that I'd go as a delegate. Most of my report is in my Legislative Report this issue. The Profiling issue is a National not State issue and NCOM & MRF are working together on it. Some other items I want to share. Southwest Chapter swept Membership Awards for Sept. and Oct. in both Most New members and Highest % of Growth. They attributed it to people joining to fight the helmet bill. That didn't work for me at the table, We did get the tickets for the rifle drawing, will be done in December. Our Safety Videos are now on YouTube but I couldn't find them but did find a lot of videos, FL past events/rallies, and other states posts. So was interesting what I found. Like our chapter, the State needs a Product person and present one cannot do it anymore, in fact during it now as favor. The delegation from the chapters agreed to help with the 2019 NCOM Orlando convention rather the District meeting. Working it might get you a room for it. ABATE of FL, Inc. would profit from t-shirt sales so we need a good design. The July Leadership seminars will be in Ocala, not Clermont as previous reported due to the high cost.

I tried my handlebar cameras on rides and found too bouncy at higher speeds but would be great for next years South Florida Fair Bike Night Parade. You can see the videos and photos on my Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/dan.henderson.96780> and the Ride to the Capital on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AbatePalmBeachChapter> The cover of this issue is from my video and some photos of the weekend on on the next page

= Slo Motion

STATE MEETINGS

Host Chapter & Location

- June 10, 2017 Vintage St Augustine
- July 8 Leadership Seminars Ocala
- August 12, 2017 Lake
- October 14, 2017 Peace River
- December 9, 2017 Treasure Coast

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STATE MEETING

Hosted by: VINTAGE CHAPTER

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

BOARD MEETING AT 12:00 NOON

DELEGATE'S MEETING AT 2:00 PM

<p>LODGING: Howard Johnsons Inn-Historic Downtown Location 137 San Marco Ave. St. Augustine, FL. 32084 904-824-6181</p> <p>Directions: US 1, turn East onto State Rd. 16 to A1A, turn South on San Marco Ave. to Hotel on left. 40 rooms are allocated from June 9th through the 11th, 2017 MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS NLT MAY 25TH, 2017 TO GET LOCKED-IN RATE OF \$89.95 PER ROOM + TAX Note: Additional room for Thursday June 8th or Sunday June 12th will cost \$69.95 + tax Check-in 3PM, Check-out 11AM</p>	<p>Meeting: Willie Galimore Community Center 399 Riberia St. St. Augustine, FL. 32084</p> <p>Directions: US-1 to King St., turn East to Riberia, turn South and Community Center will be on your left about 1 mile.</p> 
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SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2017

TIME	ROOM A	ROOM B	ROOM C
8:00 - 9:00	Treasury (part 1)	Secretary	
9:00 - 10:00	Treasury (part 2)	Membership	PR/Communications
10:00 - 11:00	Treasury (part 3)	Legislative	Websites
11:00 - 12:00	Treasury (part 4)	Delegates	Sgt-at-Arms
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	Safety (part 1)	Newsletter	Products
2:00 - 3:00	Safety (part 2)	Insurance	

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017

9am - 12 Noon Presidents/Vice Presidents Meeting



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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON



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561-496-5940 Delray Beach

It appears the bill to change the law to mandatory helmets will not be going anywhere so looks like our calls and all helped. While we didn't have to do the Vulnerable Road Bill, those that did would NOT include motorcycles as has been in past. Hopefully will be able to get them included or kill the bill as they did to us in past. I believe this could be a case for a discrimination suit. It appears we will again have the support of the House and the Senate for the Safety Money and the governor may not risk losing our support for his next race for federal Senate. ABATE has helped many win races by narrow margins.

Legislative update 4.27.17

ust a quick update on ABATE of Florida, Inc. legislative concerns. Helmet Bill is still DEAD!!! Safety money is in the Appropriations Bill (SB 2500) which has passed both the Senate and House.

TALLAHASSEE: The Capital was more of a ghost town than usual as most took the religious holidays off. It seemed Snooze and I were the only ones visiting the offices. We spoke with ANYONE we found. Did see District 84 St. Lucie Co. Representative Larry Lee Jr. actually in his office. We spoke with Palm Beach Representative assistants for 81 Abruzzo, 87 Silvers, and 90 Berman. We gave or left our newsletters for all. We had a long

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talk with Abby Ross whom I've met before with my several meetings with Lori Berman. She was aware of several local accidents I hadn't heard of. That office seems simpatico with us and later when we ran into Abby again on our way to Senate building she told us she was thinking of taking the motorcycle training course. So I told her about the local programs and to contact me for any help. She also introduced us to one of Senator Powell's assistants (District 30) in the hallway who took us to the office, talking to him all the while and he told me that Senator Garcia of Miami did a companion bill to Slosberg's stiffer House texting bill. I thought I was going to have to find someone to do that for her. Then we talked to Powell's other assistant mostly about the safety money. We missed Representative Powell as he was out for lunch. We ran into Senator Clemons assistant in the hall and she remembered me from my meetings with Jeff. Finally District 29 Rader office opened and we spoke with his assistant mostly about driver education and she told us that in Broward EVERY school had it so maybe Rader will help with this type of bill in future. Nobody answered when we knocked on Senator Negron's door.

We might not have had the quantity of meetings but the quality of conversation was good. Learned it is the assistants, not just the office, I need to contact for appointments. With the earlier session start next year I learned the bill proposals will be in July so I'm planning to meet with all as soon as can after this session ends. I hope Abby Rose will be able to connect me to the Palm Beach Legislative Delegation to get some highway safety bills (like drivers education) put in. So I'll be looking for some help with this as they always respond better to those that can vote for them and numbers help. I will be working with my reps Representative Emily Slosberg and Senator Kevin Rader hopefully on a Driver Ed Bill. Since the red light issue keeps coming back, I would like to see "Smart Traffic Lights" with proper set yellow light times for safer stopping times. I had hear that is was supposed to be one second per every 10mph on posted signs but I know many are much slower and do not provide for safe stopping distances without slamming in the brakes.

I saw in the April 21 Palm Beach Post Palm Rep. Bill Hager Boca Raton and Sen. Jeff Clemens Lake Worth were doing a Sober Home Legislation (HB 807 & SB 788) with support from Palm Beach County State Attorney Dave Aronberg. His Sober Home Task Force found many unethical practice in drug rehab programs. Stuart's Rep. Gayle Harrell, a co-sponsor, said it was positively received. This cross Congress and party cooperation is what I will need to get some highway safety issues dealt with in the summer. Another Post article (same page) of bills (SB 766 & HB 343) to make it a third-degree felony to possess or sell credit card skimmers as found at gas-pumps

= Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson, now what we heard from State VP/leg. Darrin Brooks

National Motorcycle Profiling Survey is not from ABATE of Florida, Inc.

ABATE of FL, Inc, received two emails about a National Motorcycle Profiling survey that is being emailed to people.

The survey is NOT from ABATE of Florida, Inc. and ABATE of Florida, Inc. is NOT asking you to take the survey!!

I do not know anything about the survey and exactly who is gathering the information and how they will use the information.

I started to take it just to see what they wanted but after asking for my zip code and then asking if i own a gun, have a concealed carry permit, been convicted of a felony, etc... I quit the survey, even though they say it is "private" I do not trust it.

So to be clear... This survey is NOT from ABATE of Florida, Inc. and ABATE of Florida, Inc. is NOT asking you to take the survey. If you have any questions please contact me..

Darrin Brooks

HOUSE APPROVES 'PIP' REPEAL

The Florida House on Wednesday overwhelmingly approved a proposal that would repeal the state's longstanding "no fault" auto insurance system. The debate now shifts to the Senate, where a similar measure (SB 1766) has moved through one committee with less than three weeks left in the regular legislative session. House members voted 89-29 to approve their version (HB 1063), filed by Rep. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach. The bill would eliminate a requirement that motorists have personal-injury protection, or PIP, coverage, which helps pay medical bills after accidents. Motorists instead would be required to have bodily injury coverage. Grall said the bill would lead to a change in "personal responsibility" and would reduce auto-insurance rates. "It's time to repeal PIP," Grall said. But opponent Larry Ahern, R-Seminole, said the changes would shift costs to health-insurance policies.

ARTILES TO APOLOGIZE FOR 'OFFENSIVE' REMARKS

By JIM SAUNDERS THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, April 18, 2017. Sen. Frank Artiles, R-Miami, is expected to publicly apologize Wednesday morning for a tirade at a club that included making derogatory comments about a fellow senator and using a racial slur, Senate President Joe Negron said late Tuesday.

The apology will come after news reports about Artiles berating Sen. Audrey Gibson, D-Jacksonville, on Monday night at the Governors Club near the Capitol. The Miami Herald reported that Artiles also used the word "niggers" --- though he later said he had used the word "niggas" and suggested that he didn't think the slang term was insulting.

Negron issued a statement late Tuesday saying that he was told about the incident by Senate Minority Leader Oscar Braynon, D-Miami Gardens. Negron said he was "appalled to hear that one senator would speak to another in such an offensive and reprehensible manner."

"Racial slurs and profane, sexist insults have no place in conversation between senators and will not be tolerated while I am serving as Senate president," Negron said in the statement. "Senator Artiles has requested a point of personal privilege at the beginning of tomorrow's sitting, during which he intends to formally apologize to Senator Gibson on the Senate floor."

Sen. Bill Galvano, a Bradenton Republican who is expected to become Senate president after the 2018 elections, said Gibson "under no circumstances should ever have been spoken to in such a reprehensible manner."

"I understand that President Negron is allowing Senator Artiles to formally apologize on the Senate floor tomorrow," Galvano said. "Such comments cannot be repaired by a formal apology, but I trust that it is an appropriate step to be taken by the president and the Florida Senate to handle this matter, and to ensure that this behavior is not tolerated and does not happen again."

The Florida Times-Union reported that Artiles' tirade apparently stemmed from being upset that Gibson had voted against bills he sponsored and had asked critical questions about the measures.

The Herald reported that Artiles made derogatory comments, including referring to Gibson as "this bitch" and "girl."

Artiles, who was elected to the Senate in November after serving in the House, also told Gibson and Sen. Perry Thurston, D-Fort Lauderdale, that Negron had become Senate president because of getting votes from "six niggers" in the Republican caucus, the Herald reported. Artiles later told Gibson

and Thurston --- both of whom are black --- that he had used the word "niggas."

The Herald reported that it was unclear who Artiles was talking about. Negron won a hard-fought race to become Senate president, but he did not have support from any black senators.

Both newspapers said Artiles issued a statement Tuesday apologizing.

"In an exchange with a colleague of mine in the Senate, I unfortunately let my temper get the best of me," he reportedly said in the statement. "There is no excuse for the exchange that occurred and I have apologized to my Senate colleagues and regret the incident profusely."

The Florida Democratic Party, however, called on Artiles to resign because of the incident.

"Frank Artiles must resign now," Democratic Party spokeswoman Johanna Cervone said. "His use of horrific racist and sexist slurs towards his colleagues is disgusting, unacceptable and has no place in our democracy or our society."

BREAKING NEWS: ARTILES RESIGNS FROM SENATE

By THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

State Sen. Frank Artiles, R-Miami, resigned Friday amid a firestorm about vulgar and racially charged comments he made Monday night about other members of the Senate. Sen. Bill Galvano, a Bradenton Republican who will be the next Senate president, confirmed that Artiles had submitted the resignation. Artiles had earlier dismissed the idea of resigning. But Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, appointed a special master Wednesday to conduct a formal inquiry into Artiles' behavior and submit a report and possible recommendations for sanctions. The News Service will have a full story later Friday.

4/25/17 JUSTICES APPROVE FELON RIGHTS, GAMBLING INITIATIVES

By JIM SAUNDERS THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

In a pair of high-profile issues that could go on the ballot next year, the Florida Supreme Court on Thursday approved proposed constitutional amendments that would restore felons' voting rights and restrict the expansion of gambling in the state.

The court's approval of the measures is a critical initial step, but supporters still face the task of collecting hundreds of thousands of petition signatures to get the proposals on the November 2018 ballot.

Groups backing both initiatives quickly said they will move forward with collecting and submitting the required 766,200 signatures to reach the ballot. Supporters of the gambling measure had submitted 74,626 signatures as of Thursday, while backers of the felon-voting initiative had submitted 71,209, according to the state Division of Elections.

"We are pleased that the Supreme Court has approved the language of this amendment and we can move forward with our efforts to ensure that Florida voters --- not gambling industry influence and deal making --- are the ultimate authority when it comes to deciding whether or not to expand gambling in our state," said John Sowinski, chairman of Voters In Charge, a group spearheading the gambling measure.

The Supreme Court does not rule on the merits of proposed constitutional amendments but looks at issues such as whether ballot titles and summaries would be clear to voters and whether initiatives comply with a single-subject requirement.

The court unanimously signed off on the proposal that would automatically restore the voting rights of many felons after they have completed the terms of their sentences. The amendment would not

apply to people convicted of murder and felony sexual offenses.

The issue of restoring felon rights has long been controversial in Florida, with critics of the state's process comparing it to post-Civil War Jim Crow policies designed to keep blacks from casting ballots. A system approved in 2011 by Gov. Rick Scott and the Cabinet required felons convicted of nonviolent crimes to wait a minimum of five years to have their rights restored, while others could wait up to 10 years before being eligible to apply.

Attorney General Pam Bondi and other supporters of the process have argued that the restoration of voting rights for felons should be earned and only after a sufficient waiting period.

But the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, which is helping lead efforts to pass the ballot initiative next year, said the proposal would bring Florida in line with other states.

"Now the work of gathering signatures and mounting a successful campaign to change the Florida Constitution begins in earnest," Kirk Bailey, ACLU of Florida political director, said in a prepared statement Thursday. "We look forward to Florida voters being given a chance to bring our state's voting rules out of the 19th century and into the 21st."

The Supreme Court was more divided about whether the gambling-related initiative should move forward. The measure was approved in a 4-2 decision, with Chief Justice Jorge Labarga and justices Barbara Pariente, Peggy Quince and Charles Canady in the majority and justices Ricky Polston and R. Fred Lewis dissenting. Justice Alan Lawson, who joined the court at end of December, did not take part.

If the amendment is approved in November 2018, it would give voters the "exclusive right to decide whether to authorize casino gambling" in the state. It would require voter approval of casino-style games.

Polston, in a dissenting opinion joined by Lewis, argued the proposal is misleading and violates the single-subject requirement. He contended, in part, that the proposal would not fully inform voters about its possible effects on a constitutional amendment passed in 2004 that authorized slot machines in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Under that amendment, local voters also had to approve the slot machines.

"The initiative is placing voters in the position of deciding between a preference for controlling the expansion of full-fledged casino gambling and Florida's current legal gaming landscape," Polston wrote.

But the majority rejected arguments that it should block the measure from going on the ballot.

"The opponents primarily argue that the initiative should not be placed on the ballot because it is unclear whether, if passed, the amendment would apply retroactively and what effect, if any, the amendment would have on gambling that is currently legal in Florida --- including gambling that was previously authorized by general law rather than by citizens' initiative," the majority wrote. "However, as the sponsor points out, the opponents' arguments concern the ambiguous legal effect of the amendment's text rather than the clarity of the ballot title and summary."



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4/26/17 HOUSE READY TO VOTE ON WAITING PERIOD EXEMPTION

A proposal aimed at allowing active, certified law-enforcement officers to be exempt from waiting periods for gun purchases is ready for a vote by the full House. However, the proposed constitutional amendment (HJR 291) and a related bill (HB 673) could be a longshot to be approved by lawmakers this year. The proposed constitutional amendment, if approved by 60 percent of both legislative chambers, would go on the 2018 general-election ballot. It would exempt full-time, part-time and auxiliary law-enforcement officers from the state's three-day waiting period for handgun purchases starting Jan. 8, 2019. It also would exempt them from county waiting periods for firearm purchases that can be three to five days. As with many other firearm-related proposals this legislative session, similar measures in the Senate (SJR 910 and SB 912) have stalled in the Judiciary Committee.

HOUSE POISED TO PASS TAX CUT PACKAGE

Up to \$2.2 billion in tax breaks could be approved on the House floor Wednesday as a number of proposals, including a constitutional amendment that would expand savings on property taxes, advanced Tuesday. But as the Senate has moved forward with a series of tax cuts through individual bills, and the two chambers struggle to reach agreement on a budget, the ultimate fate of the House proposals remains in flux. Under the House proposals, nearly \$300 million in cuts would come through a package (HB 7109) highlighted by a temporary 1.5 percentage-point drop in a 6 percent tax on commercial rent. The rate would go to 5.5 percent in two years. The cut is projected to save business owners \$190.7 million next fiscal year. The House proposal would also eliminate sales taxes on diapers, feminine hygiene products and college textbooks and offer tax-free holidays for purchasing school and hurricane supplies. Senate committees have moved forward with a number of individual bills that match parts of the House plan, including sales-tax holidays for back-to-school and hurricane preparation items, along with eliminating taxes on diapers and feminine hygiene products. A Senate bill also proposes a single percentage-point reduction in the commercial rent tax. The rest of the proposed House cuts would come through a constitutional amendment (HJR 7105) that would go before voters in November 2018 and expand by \$25,000 the homestead exemption on non-school property taxes. A similar proposal (SJR 1774), filed by Sen. Tom Lee, R-Thonotosassa, has been approved by one committee.

HOUSE, SENATE LEADERS AGREE ON BUDGET OUTLINE

House and Senate leaders struck a deal Tuesday on the broad outline of a budget after a topsy-turvy day at the Capitol, clearing the way for negotiations that could allow the session to end as scheduled on May 5. The deal capped off nearly two weeks of talks between House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, and Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart. Lawmakers now have about a week to reach agreement on details and then allow for a constitutionally required 72-hour "cooling off" period before the final day of the session. Sen. Bill Galvano, a Bradenton Republican in line to become Senate president after the 2018 elections, confirmed late Tuesday that there was a deal between the two sides after behind-the-scenes negotiations. But a hoped-for meeting between House and Senate leaders to formalize the deal and launch the negotiations never materialized. Legislative leaders were still looking over the final numbers late Tuesday before officially announcing the package. The final size of the budget, which would cover the year beginning July 1, was expected to be around \$83 billion, roughly halfway between the House's \$81.2 billion plan and the Senate's \$85.1 billion proposal. In a sign that Gov. Rick Scott's

priorities were in trouble, his office quickly pushed back on reports that Visit Florida, which markets the state's tourism industry, would get less money than requested.

4-27-17 **BREAKING NEWS: BUDGET TALKS READY TO START**

By THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

House Speaker Richard Corcoran and Senate President Joe Negron announced Thursday they have reached agreement on budget "allocations" and that formal conference talks will start Thursday afternoon on a spending plan for the fiscal year that starts July 1. Allocations are a critical first step and determine, in part, how much money will go to each broad area of the budget. Lawmakers are trying to approve a budget before the scheduled May 5 end of the legislative session. The News Service will have a full story later Thursday.

FEDERAL NEWS

Washington — Longtime motorcycle riders Sens. Gary Peters of Michigan and Jodi Ernst of Iowa have created the first Senate Motorcycle Caucus, which they will co-chair. The lawmakers, who announced the caucus Tuesday, said it would advocate for issues on behalf of both motorcycle riders and manufacturers. <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2017/04/04/peters-ernst-form-senate-motorcycle-caucus/100019238/>

ERNST HELPS TO CO-FOUND MOTORCYCLE CAUCUS IN SENATE

ED TIBBETTS etibbetts@qctimes.com Apr 5, 2017

U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst is co-founding a caucus in the Senate aimed at representing the interests of motorcycle riders and manufacturers.

Ernst, an Iowa Republican, and Sen. Gary Peters, D-Michigan, announced the formation of the Motorcycle Caucus on Tuesday and said they would be the co-chairs.

In a statement, Ernst said she has fond memories of riding motorcycles through Iowa. She added, "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to encourage thoughtful discussions and solutions on behalf of motorcycle riders and manufacturers through my new role as co-chair of the Motorcycle Caucus."

Ernst said that across Iowa motorcyclists have expressed interest in safety, infrastructure and energy efficiency issues.

Motorcycles have not only figured in Ernst's personal life. She also holds an annual fundraiser called the Roast and Ride, in which she and others will ride their motorcycles as part of the event. And in her 2014 campaign, one of Ernst's campaign ads featured her riding a motorcycle (with helmet and leather jacket) to a shooting range.

Organizations like the newly founded Motorcycle Caucus are common in Congress, and they're increasing. A Congressional Research Service report this year said there were 800 at the end of last year, with the vast majority of them in the House of Representatives. The number in the Senate, though, has grown from 89 at the end of 2014 to 97 at the end of 2016.

http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/ernst-helps-to-co-found-motorcycle-caucus-in-senate/article_eace5246-1981-5dc6-ab86-1f3f0fab48e9.html



BRIAN MAST

U.S. CONGRESSMAN *for*
THE 18TH DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

The federal government has played a big role perpetuating the recurring environmental and economic crises caused by Lake Okeechobee discharges, but they aren't taking responsibility for the damage caused to our community. That's absolutely unacceptable

This week I announced legislation to declare a federal emergency when the U.S. Army Corps causes damaging harmful algal blooms. Our bill, the Federal Do No Harm Act, provides federal assistance for disaster cleanup, including the removal of toxic algal biomass and muck from affected waterways.

This bill is just the first step and grew out of conversations that I've had for the last several months.

Earlier this week, I traveled to Tallahassee to advocate for efforts to clean up Treasure Coast water. I also held a summit this week in Stuart with local environmental leaders to talk about how the federal government and state government can work together to achieve this goal.

Together, we can make progress for our community to strengthen our economy and protect our environment.

4/29 Our coastal community has suffered for decades as a result of the massive freshwater discharges from Lake Okeechobee conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. While these discharges reduce the flood risk to communities south of Lake Okeechobee, they also cause considerable economic, environmental, and public health harms through toxic algal blooms.

This week I had the opportunity to question former FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate on why Florida's application for this issue to be declared a federal emergency was denied. His response was pretty clear: if Congress wants algal blooms to be considered a federal emergency, Congress should amend the Stafford Act.

This week I introduced my first bill, the Federal Do No Harm Act, to do exactly that. I'm committed to not only passing this legislation, but also working together to prevent this problem from occurring in the first place.

To learn more about my other work this week (including efforts to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, keep the government open, lower taxes and improve our healthcare system), watch this week's Week In Review video.

To learn more about my work on your behalf, [please visit my website](#). For more photos and videos, please join me on social media:

It is an honor to represent you in Congress.

Sincerely, Brian Mast United States Congressman



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ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes April 23, 2017

Meeting Called to order at 11:35 AM 9 Members Present 1 Guest Present

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

PRESIDENT: Thanked everyone for attending. June event will be from 1-6pm. Thanked HD Palm Beach for their bike night donation to the chapter. There will be another on May 18th. Gun raffle tickets are on sale. May 21st is our next meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT: May 28th will be the raffle for the VFW 4143 bike 2-7pm

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

TREASURER: All is well financially.

MEMBERSHIP: 168 is our current chapter membership.

SARGENT AT ARMS: Excused again.

SAFETY: Plans on working the car shows. Rock and Roll Sunday and HD bike nights. May 18th bike night will once again benefit the chapter. Please try to attend.

DELEGATE: Helmet law is dead for another year. State is still working on trying to get our safety money back. Next state meeting is June 10 in St Augustine. Leadership seminars will now be in Ocala this year.

LEGISLATIVE: Most reps were not in during the ride to Tallahassee. But Slo Mo and Snooze were able to speak to as many as possible that were there or the aides or others that weren't in attendance.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: Nothing to report.

PRODUCTS: We need a products person. T shirts remaining are now \$3 until inventory is depleted.

NEWSLETTER: We have printed newsletters available again. Thanks to Snooze for picking them up in Broward.

OLD BUSINESS: June 25th will be our event from 1-6pm at Renegades if we still have a chapter.

NEW BUSINESS: Gun raffle tickets are back. Drawing in December. Nominations were held.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Get the word out the chapter desperately needs a treasurer in order for this chapter to continue. Please show up at the May meeting if YOU would like to save the chapter.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:40 pm

ABATE Palm Beach Chapter APRIL Nominations for JUNE Elections

PLEASE NOTE: I want to remind everyone that they may nominate themselves. As per ABATE of Florida Inc. all nominees must be present at the May meeting to accept their nominations AND also must be present on the day of elections to accept their elected position. Your chapter membership must be current in order to vote and YOU MUST BRING YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD IN ORDER TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY! I WILL ALSO REMIND YOU.

IF WE DO NOT HAVE A NOMINEE FOR TREASURER WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OPERATE AS A CHAPTER!

IT IS IMPERATIVE SOMEONE STEP UP OR THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A PALM BEACH CHAPTER! Nighthawk ABATE PBC Secretary

NOMINATIONS:

President: Snooze nominated by Nighthawk **ACCEPTED**

Vice President: LB nominated by Slo Mo **ACCEPTED**

Secretary: Nighthawk nominated by Fred **ACCEPTED**

Treasurer: Melissa nominated by Fred **DECLINED**

Fred nominated by LB **UNDECIDED**

Membership: Melissa nominated by Nighthawk **DECLINED**

Fred nominated by Nighthawk **UNDECIDED**

Sargent at Arms: Slicer nominated by Fred **DECLINED**

Safety: Slo Mo nominated by Fred **UNDECIDED**

Delegate: Snooze nominated by Fred **UNDECIDED**

Slo Mo nominated by Nighthawk **UNDECIDED**

Legislative: Slo Mo nominated by Fred **UNDECIDED**

Snooze nominated by Slo Mo **UNDECIDED**

PR Communications: LB nominated by Fred **DECLINED**

SLO Mo nominated himself **ACCEPTED**

Products: No nomination

Newsletter: Slo Mo nominated by Nighthawk **ACCEPTED**



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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.

BENEFITS Your money is used to provide a lobbyist to the state and federal government to watch for our rights and freedom. The State *MasterLink* newsletter every 2 months we bring back from State meeting or read it online. The chapter newsletter is available online at palmbeach.abateflorida.com so is in color, with active Internet links and zoomable. Members get free classified ads in our newsletters.

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MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE Palm Beach Chapter members can get an insurance discount with Leslie Kay Progressive insurance company. Contact them for a quote 1-866-367-1788 www.LeslieKays.com The \$3000 accessory package is normal. The State has arranged with Coastal Insurance Company to offer members up to 10% discount and \$3000 parts and accessories coverage. They are at 190 Hwy A1A Suite, Satellite Beach FL . Agent Doug Guido's phone is 888-596-2453. So these are two more options to compare with your company

PRIVACY Your email, address and phone are never given out to anyone except State/Chapter executive board.

EMAILINGS you can 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 **PHONE TEXT** another way to communicate with members. Your phone number may be added to our text alert system To change or add the chapter email is palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com Our website is palmbeach.abateflorida.com

We have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AbatePalmBeachChapter>

Mail: **ABATE - Palm Beach Chapter, P.O. Box 1256, Loxahatchee, FL 33470**

Another benefit of chapter membership in ABATE of FL Palm Beach is having a free business card in newsletter and free newsletter classified for items to sell or acquire. Support your brothers and sisters when possible, Besides a \$4.000 ADD insurance policy, discount Leslie Kay insurance, we are looking into other benefits for members. We are always in need of more paid advertisers so find any business to benefit from our low rates and support our newsletter and chapter.

A.D.D. INSURANCE POLICY UPDATE

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

STATE OFFICE: ABATE OF Florida, Inc. PO Box 2520, Deland, FL 32721-2520

Phone: (386) 943-9610 Fax: same Email: flabate@bellsouth.net



ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Membership Dues: \$20 for 1 year or \$600 for Life Membership per person

Fill out form, print, sign attach your check or money order and mail to:

**ABATE — Palm Beach Chapter
P.O. Box 1256
Loxahatchee, FL 33470**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY Will Palm Beach Chapter be your HOME voting Chapter _____
NEW Member: Year ___ or Life ___ Renew: ___ Transfer: ___ Address Change: ___

First : _____ Last : _____ Road : _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip (full): _____-_____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Text notification Yes No

Email for News Alerts _____

MC/Club/Org

Registered Voter? Yes No State House: ___ State Senate: ___ US Dist: ___

How can you best help ABATE? Time, Labor, Money, Other _____

SIGNATURE _____

State newsletter the *MasterLink* every other month online and our Chapter newsletter *The Chrome Chronicles* is online at start of month in color with active Links. If you do not have Internet printed copies can be gotten at the meeting or various locations.

MEMBERSHIPS FEE \$ _____

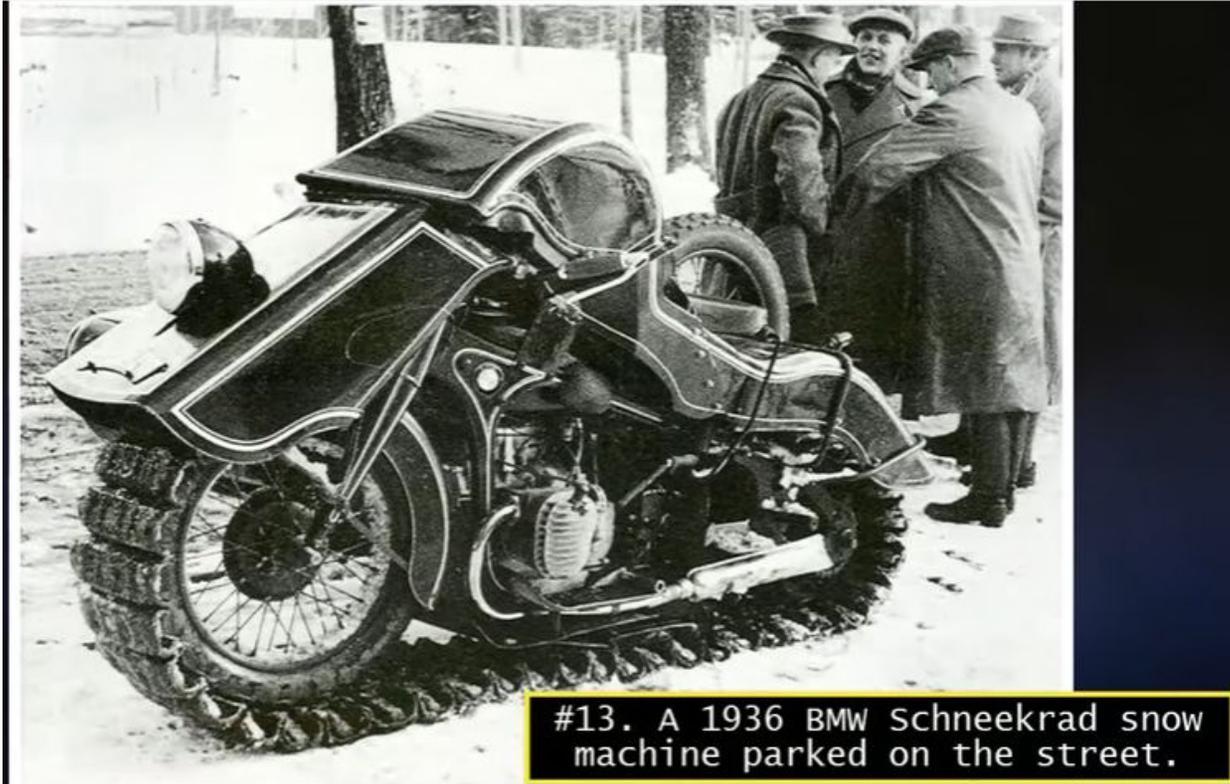
Large Chapter Patch 10" by 10.5" \$35 each # ___ Total \$ _____

Small Chapter Patch 5" by 5.5" \$10 each # ___ Total \$ _____

Date: _____ Grand Total membership, patches, postage fee Paid \$ _____

MEMBERSHIP CARD / PATCHES CAN BE GOTTEN AT CHAPTER MEETING (on the third Sunday of Month) OR MAILED WITHIN 30 DAYS . LIFE CARD MAY TAKE LONGER AS PICKED UP AT STATE MEETINGS EVERY OTHER MONTH

BACK PAGE REARVIEW



Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting
VFW POST 4143

May 21, 2017 11:30 am

Directions: 2404 Broadway (US1), Riviera Beach - Exit I-95 at Blue Heron Blvd, go east to Broadway (US1) turn south and is 1 block on east side. **Bike Parking is on south side of building.**

GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.

To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.

To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.