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## President's Message

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

Ok I know I am beating a dead horse but it's true our membership is down to only about 160 members currently. This is not good considering how large Palm Beach County is and how many motorcycles there are in our county. I am not exactly sure why this is but it's not good for our chapter or ABATE of Florida. This is why it is so important that as ABATE members, we should be consistently looking for new members to join us. If everyone would just try to find one new member a month our numbers would grow very quickly so remember when you are out and about let people know who we are and what we do for all motorcyclists in Florida ask them if they'd like to join ABATE and help us fight for our rights in Tallahassee as well as here at home In Palm Beach County

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You are encouraged to submit letters about ABATE related to events, articles, photographs, commentaries, etc. Please do not submit slanderous nor accusing letters, profanity nor nudity. Abate of Florida, Inc., will not accept any advertising that discriminates against any type of motorcyclist

Also we are selling State gun raffle tickets again! You could win a new Henry .30-.30 Lever action rifle or a new 12 Gauge o&u shotgun! Only 5 dollars a ticket you can get tickets at our monthly meeting or at our safety booth at events.

We also have tickets for this year's fall State Biker Bash Nov.3rd -5th at the Peace River Campground in Arcadia. Don't be left out get your tickets now! Just 30 dollars per person, save \$5 from \$35 at the gate price, for a great weekend of fun and brotherhood.

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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.

ABATE of FL does NOT condone Drinking and Riding but this was so weird I had to share - Slo Motion

## German motorcycle company develops Gin 'flavored' with engine parts

**BY CONSTANCE GIBBS** NEW YORK DAILY NEWS Thursday, August 17, 2017,

Martini and motorcycle lovers are revved about what's inside this German gin bottle. It's not a message. It's a vintage Harley Davidson engine part that's been cleaned and sealed. It won't taste like rust and motor oil, so it's perfectly safe to drink.

Each glass bottle is handcrafted around an antique engine part — shafts, nuts, plugs and more — which fits snug inside because it is fixed to a steel base in the bottle. The nut and bolt infusions don't change the flavor of the alcohol, but they do boost the rarity — and the price. The gin — called “The Archaeologist” in honor of motorcycle restorer Uwe Ehinger — sells for up to \$1,200.

That's if you could get your hands on the limited-edition libation at the Ehinger Krafrad cycle shop in Hamburg.

The specialty gin comes in three “flavors,” the 1962 Panhead, the 1939 Flathead, and the 1947 Knucklehead, each named after the model of Harley each bottle features.

The labels include the serial numbers of the bikes the engine piece was sourced from and is wrapped in paper that explains where the motorcycle was found.

Although the first batch is sold out, there's a tonic for your disappointment. A follow-up series is in the works; the company is taking advance orders.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/life-style/eats/german-motorcycle-company-sells-gin-flavored-engine-parts-article-1.3420488>



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## **UPCOMING Event Schedule**

Friday Sept 1 Soldiers for Jesus Open House / Ink Link Bike Night / Classic Cruisers Bike Night

Saturday Sept 3 Southern MC Teddy Bear Run

Monday Sept 4 Mob of Brothers MC Open House 2590 Commerce Park Dr. Unit F5 Boynton

Thursday Sept 7 Black Pistons MC Open House / Palm Beach Harley Bike Night

Thursday Sept 7 Palm Beach Harley Model Year Kick-Off Bike Night

Saturday Sept 10 States MC Pompano Key West Tune Up party even on with Peterson's Cancelled

Saturday Sept 10 9-11 Memorail Run Treasure Coast HD and Martin County 100 Club

Tuesday Sept 12 Lone Legion Brotherhood MC Open House 2590 Commerce Park Dr. Unit F5 Boynton

Friday Sept 15 AOA WPB MC Open House

Saturday Sept 16 Motor Madness Gin Mill Jensen Beach

Saturday Sept 16 Full Throttle Key West Poker Run

Sunday Sept 17 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

Wednesday Sept 20 States MC Lake Worth Open House 3570 Boutwell Rd. Lake Worth

Thursday Sept 21 Palm Beach Harley End of Summer Bike Night

Saturday Sept 23 Palm Beach Harley Bikini Bike Wash and Ice Cream

Saturday Sept 23 American Legion Riders 268 Thanksgiving Diner 2-6pm 1690 Ave H West Riviera Beach

Thursday Sept 28 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Friday Sept 29 AOA WPB MC Open House

Saturday Sept 30 Wreaths Across America Poker Run

### **REMINDER: EVERY**

NEW Moto Monday Biker Night Delray Hideaway 1045 E. Atlantic Ave Delray Beach 8-11

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

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

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Dennis "Data" sent me this one

## WHAT VIRGINIA TECH LEARNED ABOUT HOW AND WHY WE CRASH OUR MOTORCYCLES

What do you learn if you pick 100 riders, put five video cameras and data-logging equipment on their motorcycles and record them for a total of 366,667 miles?

Several things, some of which we knew, some surprising. Intersections are dangerous. We either need to pay better attention or work on our braking techniques, because we crash into the back of other vehicles way too often. We're not good enough at cornering, especially right turns. And we drop our bikes a lot (probably more often than any of us imagined or were willing to admit).

The study was done for the Motorcycle Safety Foundation by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute. Of course there's a lot more to it than those findings above, and I'll get further into the results in a minute. But first, why do we need some men and women in lab coats to tell us why we crashed?

### Motorcycle crashes: Complex topic, scarce information

The most commonly cited U.S. study of motorcycle crashes is the one known as the Hurt report. Researchers at the University of Southern California, led by Harry Hurt, went to motorcycle crash scenes to determine the causes. Unfortunately, that report came out in 1981, when cell phones were non-existent and a powerful motorcycle made 90 horsepower. Plus, all those crashes studied were in Southern California.

So even though the Hurt report was the best we had, it was short of perfect. Why does that matter? Well, if we don't have hard evidence on why crashes happen, how can we make the right decisions to prevent them to keep ourselves safer? Or fight bad legislation intended to protect us from ourselves? Or provide better training for new riders?

### How Virginia Tech studied motorcycle crashes

The VTTI researchers recruited 100 riders from age 21 to 79 in California, Arizona, Florida and Virginia. They outfitted their motorcycles with video cameras showing the rider's face and forward, rear, left and right views. GPS and data loggers captured other information, such as brake pressure, acceleration, etc.

This high-tech approach addressed another weakness of the Hurt report. As thorough as the USC team was back in the late 1970s, they had to gather information from crash scene clues and witnesses, including the riders themselves, when possible. In many cases, they found no evidence that riders took any action at all to avoid a crash, though riders often reported they did. The VTTI cameras and data loggers weren't likely to change their story after the fact. While 366,667 miles of riding sounds like a lot, this study still falls short of fulfilling the hopes we had a decade ago of a comprehensive national study. The telling statistic is that in the entire study there were 30 crashes and 122 near-crash events. There are far more than 30 ways to crash a motorcycle, so drawing conclusions from that sample size is tricky. The inclusion of near-crashes helps, however. Sometimes those events teach us just as much or more than a crash.

The VTTI team explains its methodology, including efforts to standardize and define terms and

procedures. All the details are in a [20-page report](#) you can download from the MSF. But here are some of the things I picked out.

## Where we crash

Intersections. No surprise there. VTTI created a system to calculate how much a certain scenario or riding behavior increased the odds of a crash or near-crash. An uncontrolled intersection presents nearly 41 times the risk of no intersection. A parking lot or driveway intersection is more than eight times as risky and an intersection with a signal is almost three times as risky.

A downhill grade increased the risk by a factor of four while an uphill grade doubled it. Riders were nine times as likely to crash or have a near-crash incident on gravel or dirt roads than on paved roads. And riders were twice as likely to have an incident in a righthand turn than on a straight section of road (crossing the center line is considered a near-crash scenario, even if nothing else bad happens).

## How we crash

We complain all the time about other people on the road trying to kill us, especially cars pulling into our paths. The VTTI study partially backs that up. Of the 99 crashes and near-crashes involving another vehicle, the three categories of other vehicles crossing the rider's path add up to 19.

Here's the surprise, however. What's the most common scenario? Riders hitting (or nearly hitting) another vehicle from behind. There were 35 of those incidents. Are we really almost twice as likely to plow into a stopped car in front of us as to have someone pull into our path? Or should we write this off as the result of a small sample size?

Maybe there are clues in the risk section. Researchers tried to break down rider behavior in crashes and near-crash incidents into two categories: aggressive riding or rider inattention or lack of skills. The cameras and other data helped determine, for example, if the rider ran the red light because of inattention or aggressive riding.

The study found that aggressive riding increased risk by a factor of 18 while inattention or lack of skill increased it by a factor of nine. Combine the two, and odds of an incident increased by 30.

Now here's one of the less dramatic findings, but an interesting one, just the same. It seems we drop our bikes a lot. Or at least the riders in the study did. More than half the crashes were incidents some riders wouldn't define as a crash — not a dramatic collision but an incident defined as a case where the "vehicle falls coincident with low or no speed (even if in gear)" not caused by another outside factor. Rider inattention or poor execution are to blame. The study finds "These low-speed 'crashes' appear to be relatively typical among everyday riding," but they are incidents that would never be included in a different kind of study of motorcycle crashes. The cameras, however, capture it all, even our mundane but embarrassing moments.

## What we can learn

Of course the practical goal for the MSF in funding this study is to find ways to improve its curriculum for teaching new riders and the study ends with some suggestions. For all of us, however, anything that gets us thinking about where we can be better (and therefore safer) riders is worth a little of our time and thought.

Here's one thing I know I personally need to work on constantly, and I suspect many of you do, too. We need to look further ahead. It applies on the street, on the track, everywhere. One of the other risk factors the VTTI re-

searchers found that I haven't mentioned yet is that maneuvering to avoid an object, whether a pedestrian, an animal or something lying in the road, increases the risk factor by 12. Combine that with the high number of riders hitting another vehicle from behind and I get the feeling we're just not paying close enough attention. We're not keeping our eyes up and looking far down the road, to see the developing situation that is going to cause the driver in front of us to slam on his brakes, or to spot the hunk of exploded truck tire lying in our lane. Those things are taking us by surprise and we're not giving ourselves enough time to react. One thing professional riding coaches teach at the track is to keep your eyes up and look farther ahead. That essentially slows down the action, because you have more time to react to what you see if you're looking further ahead. If you're looking at what's right in front of you on the track (or street), you're looking at the past, not the future. It's already too late for you to do anything about what's 20 feet ahead of your front tire.

The VTTI study isn't the last word on motorcycle crashes, but that's OK. There should never be a last word, because we should never stop talking and learning about it.

<https://www.revzilla.com/common-tread/what-virginia-tech-learned-about-how-and-why-we-crash-our-motorcycles>

## Indian Motorcycle Opens Behind-the-Scenes 'Experience Center' at Iowa Factory BY ERIC BRANDT AUGUST 18, 2017

There's a new mandatory destination for Indian enthusiasts.

Across-state blast across Iowa just got a little more interesting for riders. Indian Motorcycle has just opened a new Experience Center at their Spirit Lake, Iowa factory where Indian—and formerly Victory—motorcycles are built. The Experience Center will serve as a sort of museum and product showcase to show off new and old bikes. The idea is to connect enthusiasts with both the heritage and new innovations of the iconic brand.

You can also get a behind-the-scenes tour of the plant and see how motorcycles are born. A press release from the company published by Motorcycle.com promises visitors the chance to *watch a bike being built from start to finish, rolling off the assembly line at the end. It will also serve as a venue for private events.*

"As America's first motorcycle company, we have a rich history and a loyal following of motorcyclists," Indian Motorcycle President Steve Menneto said in the release. "Right in America's heartland, the Experience Center not only serves as a unique destination for motorcyclists to engage with the brand but also showcases our outstanding people who build premium motorcycles."

The first visitors to the Indian Experience Center other than employees, friends, and family are riders attending the Boji Bike Rally, which is sponsored by Indian, who get to tour the new exhibit Friday and Saturday.

The Indian Experience Center is free to visit, but it's by appointment only. They'll be open on weekdays from August 21 through November 3 of 2017 and will reopen in 2018. If you'd like to visit, call the Spirit Lake plant at 712-336-6955.

<http://www.thedrive.com/sheetmetal/13611/indian-motorcycle-opens-behind-the-scenes-experience-center-at-iowa-factory>

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## Is There A Law Against Holding Up Traffic In The Left Lane? Don't Miss Stories on Motorcycle.com

[John Burns](#) August 14, 2017

Dear MOby,

*So, I just read in my local paper, the Orange County Register, that you're legally within your rights if you're tooling along in the left lane of the freeway with traffic backing up behind you, as long as you're doing the speed limit. Which I think is mostly 65 mph around here. Is this true? I thought there was a law in California against impeding the flow or something like that? I know it makes it even more dangerous for me on my [Street Glide](#) when people make sudden moves to go around drivers going slow in the left lane. Please advise.*

*Slow Simmer Brea, California*



Right you are, SS, and it's been on the books long enough you'd think people would know about it, wouldn't you? Especially people whose job is to investigate things for dissemination to the public. I wrote a column about it in 2002 for [Motorcycle.com](#), and here it is again:

### **California Vehicle Code 21654**

*Daily Diatribe Mar. 20, 2002*

*Heck, there just isn't much pissing me off to write about these days, unfortunately. The race*

*season's started, the wife hired a gardener, the hole in the boat is fixed, spring is here. If not for George Bush wanting to issue nuclear hand grenades to our troops, I'd be a reasonably content hominid, if I hadn't been flipping through my new Road & Track and read this letter from one Bob Tindel of beautiful Redlands, California.*

*The topic—and pardon me for coming back to it again—is deadshits holding up traffic in the left lane of the freeway. Take it away Bob... “I recently retired from 32 years with the California Highway Patrol and have written many tickets for these violations. Unfortunately, a driver moving at the speed limit on a multi-lane freeway is not in violation and has no duty to move over and let traffic pass.”*

*This sent me in a huff (may have been a minute-and-a-huff) straight to the California Vehicle Code at the local library. I flipped around the index, found passing and overtaking, and spent a total of maybe five minutes in coming to Section 21654—Slow-moving vehicles:*

*(a) Notwithstanding the prima facie speed limits, any vehicle proceeding upon a highway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at such time shall be driven in the right-hand lane for traffic... except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.*

*(b) If a vehicle is being driven at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in*

*the same direction at such time, and is not being driven in the right-hand lane for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb, it shall constitute prima facie evidence that the driver is operating the vehicle in violation of subdivision (a) of this section.*

*(c) The Department of Transportation, with respect to state highways, and local authorities, with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, may place and maintain upon highways official signs directing slow-moving traffic to use the right-hand traffic lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle or preparing for a left turn.*

*Seems pretty clear to me (except for the “notwithstanding” opening of paragraph (a), which means in spite of, or although—which means never mind the speed limit.) I don’t know whether to blame former-Officer Tindel, or the people who trained him (or failed to), or to crack another Natural Light and cry. I mean, if I can look this up in a few minutes, you’d think at some point during his 32-year career, especially if it bugged him, Officer Tindel might’ve checked it out himself? What do they do during all those gruelling weeks at CHP boot camp anyway? (Personally, I’m picturing a man in a neatly trimmed mustache using a pointer to identify the various members of the donut family. “You’ve got your cruller, your glazed, your cake....”) Apparently they’re not wasting time reading the Vehicle Code.*

*All I can repeat is what I’ve been told by others sworn to uphold the manifold laws of the land: Ignorance is no excuse.*

Most states have a similar law to California’s, which are also widely ignored. On a positive note, I have been seeing more articles like this one in U.S. News and World Report, “Cracking Down on Drivers Holding Up the Left Lane”, so maybe there is light at the end of the tunnel. For now, be happy you have a motorcycle and live in the only state where lane splitting is legal. Eternal vigilance is the cost of freedom.

[http://www.motorcycle.com/ask-mo-anything/is-there-a-law-against-holding-up-traffic-in-the-left-lane.html?](http://www.motorcycle.com/ask-mo-anything/is-there-a-law-against-holding-up-traffic-in-the-left-lane.html?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Motorcycle.com_weekly&utm_source=Motorcycle.com20170816)

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Ann Margaret totally rocking it out on her bike, 1969

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# R.I.P. Harley-Davidson Dyna

## Gone, but certainly not forgotten



**Ryan Adams** August 29, 2017

We at MO test the full gamut of motorcycles from cruisers to sportbikes and everything in between. While we are sad to see any relatively long-standing motorcycle model line vanish from production, we think the backlash regarding Harley-Davidson ending the Dyna line has gotten a bit ridiculous, just like the video below. Take a break out of your busy day for a couple of

laughs with the video below, but if you're at work, put in some headphones and prepare for some choice words from one of the most hated men in history.

SEE what I think is a hilarious video (even if it is Hitler) commenting on this <http://www.motorcycle.com/mini-features/r-i-p-harley-davidson-dyna.html>

I love my 2003 Dyna Low Rider which they killed off and yet brought back. Guess that will be my last Harley. Read the story below as not enough room to include and I'm sure the dealerships will push them on us —editor 's two cents

## [Harley-Davidson Introduces All New 2018 Softail Line](#)



WEEKLY EVENTS

One Mon Mob of Brothers MC Open House @ Lone legion 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

Thurs Once a month UBCPBC Council Ride Night Thurs Once a month Black Pistons MC WPB Open House 2nd Thurs Vintage Motorcycle Night Double Roads Tavern Jupiter 3rd Thurs Treasure Coast Harley Bike Night 4th Thurs Palm Beach Harley Davidson Bike Night 5-9 PM 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 1st Fri Tom Sawyers Bike Show 1st Fri Enforcers MC Party

Sat Fly-In Wheels MC open house

3rd Sunday ABATE FL Palm Beach Chapter Meeting 11:30 VFW Riviera Beach

MOB OF BROTHERS MC OPEN HOUSE MONDAY 7 PM- Till Great Food Great Music Great Time Brotherhood @ Lone Legion 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 561-704-8416 NO WEAPONS, DRUGS OR ATTITUDES WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY

STATES MC LAKE WORTH 3rd Wednesday Nights Open House Starting at 7pm til ????? Food, Drinks and Fun. 3570 Boutwell Rd. Lake Worth, FL

BIKE NIGHT American Lager THE PLACE TO BE... 6 to 10pm WEDNESDAY NIGHT!! "Where Locals Catch... A Bite & Brew" Live Classic Rock Bands: Cold Beer & Hot Wings

Vintage Motorcycle Nights 2nd Thurs. 6-10pm Double Roads Tavern 251 S US 1 Jupiter FL

Black Pistons MC Open House Thursday 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

Classic Cruiser's Bike Show At Tom Sawyer's First Friday Night of the Month Specials During Happy Hour: \$5 Pitchers \$2 Beers Address: 3208 Forest Hill Blvd, West Palm Beach 33406

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

INK LINK & PIERCINGS & TATTOOS BIKE NIGHT FIRST FRIDAY 7 PM - 11 PM 691 N. MILITARY TRAIL, WPB 33415 LITTLE JOE'S FOOD TRUCK 7:30 - 11:00 PM CIGARS BY XTREME CIGAR CO. 50/50 RAFFLE LOCAL ARTIST VILLAGE BIKER GAMES VENDORS



UBCPBC CALENDAR 2017

September  
 10th: AOA Legal Defense Fund Party  
 October  
 9th: UBCPBC Meeting Location to be announced 2018 Calendar setting  
 22nd: Alternative MC Annual  
 November  
 5th: AOA Party  
 December  
 3rd: Toys in the Sun Toy Run  
 5th: UBCPBC Christmas Party LLBMC

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

**SEPTEMBER**  
 3: SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN  
 10: STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY  
 15-17: PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN  
 24: KELTICS MC - PARTY  
**OCTOBER**  
 1: MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL  
 7: NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL  
 8: S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL  
 19-22: DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST  
 21: WHEELS OF MAN MC - Halloween Party  
 28: ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY  
 29: CMA - MEMORIAL  
**NOVEMBER**  
 4: HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL  
 11: USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL F  
 SFPC 2017 CALENDAR CONTINUED  
 18: Leathernecks MC Annual  
**DECEMBER**  
 10: SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN  
 16: TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING  
 16: Hermandad MC - MEMORIAL TOY RUN  
 17: WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN

**ABATE of FL  
 Inc.  
 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 Sun. Sep. 17  
 3rd Sun. Oct. 15  
 3rd Sun. Nov. 19  
 3rd Sun. Dec. 17

**STATES  
 M.C.  
 FLORIDA**  
**DON'T COOK**  
 Eat Out It's Cheaper

<i>Monday Night Dinner Different Menu Weekly \$6 all you can eat Starts at 6:30-8:00 P.M</i>	<i>Friday Night Jr's Pizza Topped to Order \$4 up to 3 toppings Starts at 6 - 9 P.M</i>
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Clubhouse (954) 786-2259  
 761 S W 13th Ct, Pompano Beach  
 Call JR (954) 729-3192



**SEP**  
**7** Model Year Kick-Off Bike Night  
 Palm Beach Harley-Davidson  
 2955 45st west palm beach  
 Thursday, September 7 at 5 PM - 9 PM

**SMALL  
 WORLD**  
 Debbie ran  
 into Tippy  
 at Harley  
 Dealership  
 in  
 Wisconsin



# September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Ink Link/ & Tom Sawyer Bike Nights Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House	<b>2</b> Fly n Wheels Open House
<b>3</b> Southern MC Teddy Bear Run	<b>4</b> Labor Day Mob of Brothers Open House	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights	<b>7</b> Palm Beach Harley Bike Night Black Pistons MC Open House	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Fly n Wheels Open House
<b>10</b> Key West Tune Up Party States Pompano House	<b>11</b> Patriot Day	<b>12</b> Lone Legion MC Open House	<b>13</b> Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights	<b>14</b> Tilted Kilt Bike Nights Vintage Iron Bike Night	<b>15</b> AOA WPB MC Open House	<b>16</b> Fly n Wheels Open House Motor Madness Gin Mill Jensen
<b>17</b> <b>Palm Bch ABATE Chapter Meeting</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> States LW Open House Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights	<b>21</b> Palm Beach Harley Bike	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Fly n Wheels Open House PBHD Bikini Bike Wash & Ice Cream
<b>24</b> Keltics MC Party	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights	<b>28</b> Turboz/Ralphs Bike Night	<b>29</b> AOA WPB MC Open House	<b>30</b> Fly n Wheels Open House

# October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b> Mystic Seven Annual</p>	<p><b>2</b> Mob of Brothers Open House</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights</p>	<p><b>5</b> Palm Beach Harley Bike Night Black Pistons MC Open House</p>	<p><b>6</b> Ink Link/ &amp;Tom Sawyer Bike Nights Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House</p>	<p><b>7</b> Fly n Wheels Open House New Attitudes' MC Annual</p>
<p><b>8</b> Southeast ABATE Annual</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> Lone Legion MC Open House</p>	<p><b>11</b> Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> PBHD Friday the 13th Tattoo Marathon AOA WPB MC Open House</p>	<p><b>14</b> Fly n Wheels Open House <b>ABATE of FL Inc. State Meeting</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> <b>Palm Bch ABATE Chapter Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> States LW Open House Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights</p>	<p><b>19</b> Biketoberfest Palm Beach Harley Bike Night</p>	<p><b>20</b> Biketoberfest</p>	<p><b>21</b> Biketoberfest Fly n Wheels Open House Motor Madness Gin Mill Jensen</p>
<p><b>22</b> Biketoberfest Alternatives Party</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Tilted Kilt Bike Nights</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> AOA WPB MC Open House</p>	<p><b>28</b> Fly n Wheels Open House</p>
<p><b>29</b> CMA Memorial</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>				

## DELEGATE REPORT

Dan and I went up to Tavares for the meeting on the 12th August, hosted by the Lake County Chapter.

It was a reasonably quiet meeting. Nothing of great importance was talked about. Dan will give all of the technical stuff from Tally. [He's much better at it than me]. The State is looking to close their Office, saving \$ 850.00 a month rent. All the equipment is still there, so maybe we can get the printer for our newsletters.?

Bones wants info on the tickets for the Gun Raffle.

Most new members...May-New Forest. June-North Orlando. Membership highest % in growth....May-

Vintage. June- Vintage. FYI.. North Orlando doubled their numbers last month. Well done.

The next State Meeting will be on the 14th October at Peace River. All are welcome.

That's all for this month. Ride Safe.....Hamish.

Doing the calendar for the newsletter, I realized the third Sunday is the day after the 2nd Saturday so back to back State and Chapter meetings. Good only a three hour drive so will a day trip, save us hotel money. I do have a few things to include to Hamish's delegate report. There was much talk about our Biker Bash Party in November. IF every chapter would sell at least ten tickets it would be a success. So I brought back ten. So if you want to go or just support by buying, bring your \$30 per ticket to our next chapter meeting. And if we do sell out, I will collect and buy more at the next State meeting. For the October meeting they have asked for us to return any sold tickets and money for the Gun Raffle so also bring that to meeting. All final sales and none sold tickets need to go back at the December State meeting, I also have a new Life Products list if anyone wants to see and buy see me for it at the chapter meeting. Since we did sell out what we had for Challenge Coins and there was interest in more I will get 10 more at Oct. meeting. Our Lobbyist has been talking with the Representative who did the helmet bill and he might be working with us on safety issues. Although he still is in favorer of mandatory helmets, he won't last one of his bills since there was no support for it. Doc will be working to regain our safety money and doesn't expect any controversial bills due to it being an election year. NCOM convention will be in Florida in 2019 but Orlando seems out due to costs. ABATE hopes to provide workers for that and to get experience it would be good to attend a convention in Mobile Alabama May 10-13 2018. Remember to avoid 15% ethanol gas as destructive to bikes and small engines. There is now a 20% orange Flex fuel so beware. Tallahassee Rally is in cold February and wonder if worth doing since last year's numbers were low. Chapters stood up to host 2018 meetings as you can see in text box at top. We all need to get more members to increase our numbers to show the legislature we have the numbers to make a difference ..... Slo Motion

## STATE MEETINGS

### Host Chapter & Location

Oct 14, 2017 Peace River—Pt Charlotte

December 9, 2017 Treasure Coast

Feb. 11 Tallahassee 12th Ride to Capital

April 14 Peace River

June 9 Lighthouse

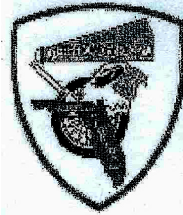
July 14-15 Leadership Seminars

August 11 N. Orlando

Oct. 13 Gulf Coast

Dec.8 Gator Ally

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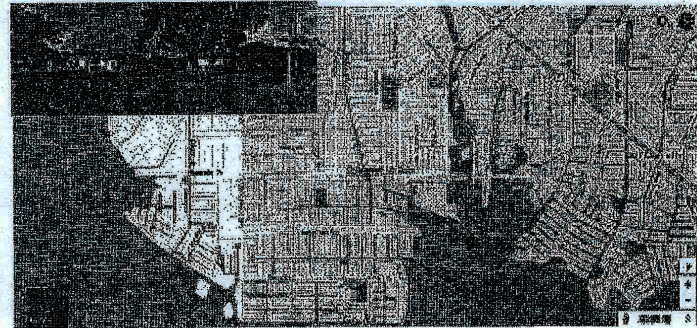


## ABATE State Meeting

Saturday, October 14



**Location: Community Life Center**  
**19048 Edgewater Drive, Port Charlotte 33948**  
**State Board Meeting meets at 12 noon**  
**Delegates meeting at 2pm**



**Lodging Info:**

Days Inn of Port Charlotte, Florida  
1941 Tamiami Trail  
Port Charlotte, FL 33948  
  
941-627-8900 Let them know you are coming for the ABATE meeting.

Contact Billy Neal, President, Peace River Chapter 941-743-4541

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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

8-31-17 The House companion bill for our Vulnerable Road Users bill has just been filed.

HB 117 by Rep. Stone is the companion bill to SB 116 by Sen. Baxley. HB 117 has not been assigned to the committees yet, as it was just filed this afternoon. But SB 116 is assigned to the following committees:

- Transportation
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development**

#### 8-25-2017 HOUSE PANEL TO PROBE BAEZ RESIDENCY

A House select committee was created Thursday to determine if Democratic Rep. Daisy Baez met the residency requirement for her Miami-Dade County district. House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, named Ormond Beach Republican Tom Leek as chairman of the Select Subcommittee on Member Conduct. The committee was created after Rep. Larry Metz, chairman of the Public Integrity & Ethics Committee, on Tuesday wrote he received a complaint filed to the Florida Commission on Ethics and determined the "complaint states facts that would support a finding of probable cause." According to the Miami Herald, Baez has said she lives in an apartment in District 114, while owning a home in Coral Gables that is outside

#### 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

the district lines. State law requires legislators to be residents of their districts upon taking office. "Seeing as this is an ongoing investigation, the speaker will not comment except to say that he has the utmost faith in the select subcommittee to perform their duties honorably and impartially," Fred Piccolo, Corcoran's spokesman, said in a prepared statement. Others named to the committee were Rep. Jason Brodeur, R-Sanford; Rep. Cord Byrd, R-Neptune Beach; Rep. Tracie Davis, D-Jacksonville; and Rep. Emily Slosberg, D-Boca Raton.

### **IT'S PERSONAL**

Three Democratic candidates for governor pledged to support legislation that would prohibit discrimination in jobs and housing based on sexual orientation. Despite support from the business community, the legislation, known as the "Competitive Workforce Act," has stalled in the Legislature in recent years. Also, a call for Scott to use his executive power to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation in state agencies has gone unheeded.

"If you elect me governor, you won't have to wait any longer," Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum told the LGBT Democratic Caucus, which represents the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

"Florida is too big, too proud, too diverse a state for our politics to reflect an error of yesteryear, yesterdecade, yestercentury," Gillum said during a caucus conference Saturday in Tallahassee.

Candidate Chris King, a Winter Park businessman, said passing the anti-discrimination law is morally and economically right for the state.

"I want to make sure everyone is comfortable here, everyone is safe here, everyone is protected here," King said.

Former U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham of Tallahassee said she would work to "stop discrimination in its tracks."

"We're going to protect every Floridian, no matter what color their skin is, where they come from, or who they love," Graham said.

All three candidates said, if elected in November 2018, they would sign an executive order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in state agencies. Two candidates talked about how ending discrimination was personal for them.

King talked about the discrimination faced by his older brother, David, growing up as a gay man in the South. He said his brother, who moved to California, took his own life at age 30 after battling depression and mental illness.

King said his brother's experience has compelled him to make anti-discrimination initiatives a centerpiece of his campaign and underscored the importance of speaking "with moral clarity on these issues."

"I promise you I will," King told the caucus. "I will give it my best shot."

Gillum said his older brother, Terrance, faced similar discrimination as a young gay man in Gainesville, moving to California as soon as he could "so that he could live and be himself."

Gillum said throughout his 15-year public career he has spoken out for LGBT issues.

"Not only because it's the right thing to do, but it was my little way of showing my big brother that I saw him," he said.

### **PUTNAM COMMITTEE TOPS \$165,000 IN AUGUST**

With the primary election about a year away, Republican gubernatorial candidate Adam Putnam's "Florida Grown" political committee has received at least \$165,000 in contributions

this month, according to the committee's website. The committee brought in \$165,275 from Aug. 11 through Tuesday. A list on the website shows that contributions have included \$25,000 from Disney Worldwide Services, Inc. and \$25,000 from Comcast Corp. As of July 31, Florida Grown had raised \$14.7 million since being formed in early 2015. It had \$10.85 million in cash on hand. Putnam, the state's two-term agriculture commissioner, formally announced in May that he was running for governor. The August 2018 Republican primary also includes Senate Appropriations Chairman Jack Latvala, R-Clearwater, with House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, considering a bid.

#### **FUNDRAISING QUIET IN MIAMI-DADE HOUSE RACE**

With a special election little more than a month away in Miami-Dade County's House District 116, fundraising has slowed for Republican candidate Daniel Perez and Democrat Gabriela Mayaudon. Perez raised \$18,435 for his campaign from July 21 through last week, while Mayaudon did not raise any money, according to newly filed reports with the state Division of Elections. Perez had \$5,137 on hand as of Friday, while Mayaudon had about \$18, the reports show. Perez, who defeated Jose Mallea in a heavily contested GOP primary last month, had raised an overall total of \$186,635 as of Friday. Mayaudon had raised \$1,950 and loaned \$1,000 to the campaign. Gov. Rick Scott called the Sept. 26 special election after Miami Republican Jose Felix Diaz resigned from the House seat to run in a special election in Senate District 40.

#### **TADDEO TOPS \$100,000 FOR SENATE SPECIAL ELECTION**

Bolstered by party money, Democrat Annette Taddeo raised \$106,552 from July 21 through last week for her special-election campaign in Miami-Dade County's Senate District 40, according to a finance report posted Wednesday. Taddeo also spent \$101,071 during the period and had about \$29,000 in cash on hand as of Friday. Taddeo received a \$30,000 check from the Florida Democratic Party and received checks totaling \$31,897 from the Florida Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, according to the report on the state Division of Elections website. She also received about \$77,000 in in-kind contributions during the period from the Florida Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, which provided such things as polling. Individual contributions included \$1,000 from Democratic gubernatorial candidate Gwen Graham. Taddeo is running in the Sept. 26 special election against Republican Jose Felix Diaz and no-party candidate Christian "He-Man" Schlaerth. The candidates faced a Wednesday night deadline for filing updated finance reports, though Diaz's report had not been posted online as of 6 p.m. Schlaerth reported raising \$315 from July 21 through last week. Gov. Rick Scott called the special election after former Sen. Frank Artiles, R-Miami, resigned from office in April amid a controversy about vulgar and racially charged comments.

#### **CORCORAN SEEKS TO PULL PLUG ON PUBLIC FINANCING**

House Speaker Richard Corcoran announced Wednesday that he wants to repeal part of the Florida Constitution that provides public financing for statewide election candidates. Corcoran, R-Land O'Lakes, and House Commerce Chairman Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton, announced they are asking the Florida Constitution Revision Commission to place the repeal on next year's general-election ballot. The commission, which meets every 20 years, has the power to directly place proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot. Corcoran has appointed nine of the 37 commission members, meaning his proposals are likely to carry a lot of weight with the panel. "This (public financing) is a gross waste of taxpayer money and is nothing more than welfare for politicians," Corcoran said in a statement. "You really have to be clueless or just



plain selfish to accept money from our state coffers that could go to our schoolchildren, first responders, or be put back in the pockets of our taxpayers.” Boyd said more than \$10 million in public financing has been spent by candidates on “political consultants, TV ad buyers and politicians instead of school kids, substance abuse treatment or veterans” since 2010. “That is unacceptable, and repeal of the provision in the Constitution is the way to end this practice,” Boyd said. A public financing amendment was adopted by voters in 1998 by a 64 percent to 36 percent margin. It was placed on the ballot by a prior Constitution Revision Commission.

**8-23-2017 FORMER LAWMAKER EVERS DIES IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT**

By LLOYD DUNKELBERGER THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, August 22, 2017..... Former state Sen. Greg Evers, described Tuesday as a “down-home gentleman,” died Monday night in a single-vehicle accident near his home in Okaloosa County, a family spokeswoman said.

“On behalf of the family of former state Sen. Greg Evers, it is with great sadness that we announce his passing,” spokeswoman Sarah Bascom said in a prepared statement. “The family asks for your prayers as they deal with this sudden loss.”

Bascom said the accident occurred near Baker, where Evers, 62, had a farm. She said funeral arrangements would be announced later.

“Greg passionately represented his district for many years in both the House and Senate,” Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, said in a statement. “He was especially dedicated to the men and women of his community who were serving or had served in the military, as well as our fellow Floridians across the state who serve as corrections officers.”

The Pensacola News Journal reported that authorities said Evers drove off Griffith Mill Road in Okaloosa County sometime late Monday, with the car found submerged in a roadside creek Tuesday afternoon. Evers was the only person in the vehicle, and the News Journal quoted a Florida Highway Patrol lieutenant as saying it appeared Evers failed to negotiate a curve in the road.

A native of Milton, Evers, a Republican, served nine years in the Florida House before his election to the Senate in 2010. Evers left his Senate seat last year to make a bid for the U.S. House but lost the Republican primary to U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz.

Tributes and condolences poured in Tuesday from elected officials and others who knew Evers for his work as a state lawmaker.

“Ann and I are heartbroken to learn of the passing of Sen. Greg Evers,” Gov. Rick Scott tweeted. “Our thoughts and prayers are with his entire family.”

Sen. George Gainer, R-Panama City, said Evers was “a dedicated public servant and an even better friend.”

“He will be greatly missed,” Gainer said in a tweet. “Go rest high on that mountain.” Gus Corbella, a lobbyist and former Senate chief of staff, called Evers “one of a kind.”

“A down-home gentleman who always kept his word,” Corbella said in a tweet. In addition to his advocacy for corrections officers and on criminal justice issues, Evers was a staunch defender of Second Amendment rights.

In 2014, he authored the so-called “Pop-Tart bill,” which prohibits schools from disciplining students who play with simulated weapons. The bill was inspired by the suspension of an 8-year-old Maryland boy for biting a Pop-Tart into the shape of a gun.

More recently, Evers made a bid for an appointment to the Florida Public Service

Commission, although he was not chosen as a finalist last week.

In interviews with a Public Service Commission nominating council, Evers underscored his rural roots and independence.

“Farmers never make any money,” Evers said, when questioned about the lack of reported income from a farm supply business. “You know, if we made money then we'd become entrepreneurs.”

“I'm pretty much my own man and I make up my own mind,” Evers also said.

#### **EVERS FUNERAL SET FOR TUESDAY**

Funeral services for former Sen. Greg Evers will be held Tuesday at the First Baptist Church of Milton, the Florida Senate announced Thursday. Evers, a 62-year-old Republican, died late Monday night when his truck ran off a road near his home in Baker and ended up in a creek. Evers, who also served in the House, left the Senate last year to make an unsuccessful bid for Congress. Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Central time Monday at First Baptist Church, 6797 Caroline St., in Milton. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Central time Tuesday at the church. Arrangements are being handled by Lewis Funeral Homes Inc. in Milton. “Please keep the Evers family in your prayers during this most difficult time,” Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, said.

#### **HOUSE TAKES AIM AT 'SANCTUARY' CITIES**

A House Republican leader this week filed a bill that likely will reopen a legislative debate about cracking down on “sanctuary” cities. House Public Integrity & Ethics Chairman Larry Metz, R-Yalaha, filed the bill (HB 9) for consideration during the 2018 legislative session, which starts in January. Last month, House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, issued a statement saying the House would revisit the controversial issue, which involves whether local governments cooperate with the federal government in enforcing immigration laws. The House during the 2017 session approved a bill (HB 697) aimed at ensuring local governments support immigration-enforcement efforts. But a similar Senate bill (SB 786) was not taken up in committees. Metz's 21-page bill, in part, would bar local governments from having sanctuary policies and would direct them to support enforcement of immigration laws.

#### **8-22-2017 LAWMAKER WANTS TAX 'HOLIDAY' FOR VETERANS**

A two-month sales tax “holiday” would be offered each year to honorably discharged military veterans under a proposal filed this week by Rep. Kionne McGhee, D-Miami. The measure (HB 69), filed for the 2018 legislative session, would allow veterans to avoid paying sales taxes in November and December on clothing items costing \$100 or less, personal computers costing \$1,500 or less, books costing \$50 or less and fitness equipment selling for \$100 or less. McGhee proposed a similar measure for the 2017 session, but it never got heard in committees.

#### **PROPOSAL COULD MAKE IT HARDER TO AMEND CONSTITUTION**

State Rep. Rick Roth, R-Loxahatchee, reintroduced a measure Monday that would make it harder for voters to change the Florida Constitution. The proposal (HJR 65), which Roth seeks to place on the 2018 ballot, would require ballot measures to receive the support of two-thirds of voters for approval. That would be tougher than the current requirement that 60 percent of voters need to sign off on constitutional amendments. If the higher standard had been used in the past, a 2016 measure to broadly legal medical marijuana still would have been approved. That measure received 71.3 percent of the vote. However, a 2012 amendment giving a home-

stead property-tax exemption to the surviving spouses of military veterans and first responders would have failed. That measure received 62 percent support. Roth's proposal is filed for the 2018 legislative session, which starts in January. He filed a similar proposal for the 2017 session, but it was only approved by one House subcommittee. The Senate version, proposed by Sen. Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala, never got heard in committee. Florida voters in 2006 approved requiring 60 percent approval for constitutional amendments, up from the previous majority approval.

#### **8-21-2017 HOUSE SETS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER COMMITTEES**

Major policy committees will be first up when the House starts holding committee meetings in September to prepare for the 2018 legislative session, according to a tentative schedule posted online. The House and Senate will hold committee meetings Sept. 12 through Sept. 14. The House's tentative schedule indicates the Commerce Committee, the Government Accountability Committee, the Education Committee, the Health & Human Services Committee and the Judiciary Committee will hold the first meetings Sept. 12. The Appropriations Committee and the Ways and Means Committee are scheduled to meet on Sept. 14. Time also has been set aside during the three days for more than two-dozen other committees and subcommittees. The 2018 session will start in January.

#### **8-18-2017 RED-LIGHT CAMERA DEBATE TO RETURN**

Florida's long-running debate about red-light cameras is coming back to the Legislature in 2018. Sen. Travis Hutson, R-St. Augustine, and Rep. Bryan Avila, R-Hialeah, said Friday they have filed legislation to repeal parts of state law that allow local governments to use red-light cameras. Lawmakers have repeatedly considered similar bills in recent years, but the measures have failed to pass. Supporters say the cameras help improve traffic safety, but critics contend they are used as a revenue source for local governments and private contractors.

"Red-light cameras have failed to achieve their initial purpose, improving traffic safety, and there is available data to support this," Avila said in a prepared statement Friday. "The only beneficiaries of red-light cameras are the companies that make them and the local governments that use them as a backdoor tax." The red-light cameras legislation had not been posted on House and Senate websites as of Friday morning. The 2018 legislative session starts in January.

#### **REPUBLICAN SWITCHES HOUSE RACES IN TAMPA BAY**

After initially planning to run in 2018 to try to replace House Minority Leader Janet Cruz, D-Tampa, Republican Christopher Licata this week switched races to run for an open Pinellas County House seat. Licata filed paperwork with the state Division of Elections to run in House District 69, which will be open next year because Rep. Kathleen Peters, R-Treasure Island, has decided to seek a seat on the Pinellas County Commission. In a letter to the Division of Elections, Licata said he had been living temporarily in Cruz's House District 62 but grew up in House District 69. The change sends a ripple through the races in both districts. It left only four Democrats --- Michael Alvarez, Carlos Frontela, John Rodriguez and Jose Vazquez Figueroa --- running to replace Cruz in her Hillsborough County district. It also led to a GOP primary opponent for Madeira Beach Republican Raymond Blacklidge, who had been the only candidate running to replace Peters in District 69.

#### **GALVANO COMMITTEE TOPS \$125K IN EARLY AUGUST**

With a boost from major business groups, a political committee led by future Senate President Bill Galvano received more than \$125,000 in contributions during the first nine days of August,

according to the committee's website. Galvano's Innovate Florida committee received \$40,000 from a Florida Retail Federation PAC and \$25,000 from a Florida Chamber of Commerce PAC, a contribution list on the website showed. It also received \$25,000 from the restaurant company Southeast QSR, LLC. Galvano, R-Bradenton, is slated to become Senate president after the 2018 elections. The Innovate Florida committee had about \$484,000 in cash on hand as of July 31, according to a report filed with the state. It raised \$235,000 in July.

#### **GRANT, TRUMBULL TO LEAD HOUSE PANELS**

Rep. James Grant, R-Tampa, will serve as chairman of the House Health Quality Subcommittee, while Rep. Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, will lead the Energy & Utilities Subcommittee, as House Speaker Richard Corcoran released committee assignments Thursday for the 2018 legislative session. Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, announced other leadership changes in July, with Rep. Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton, moving from chairman of the Ways & Means Committee to chairman of the Commerce Committee and Rep. Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast, replacing Boyd as chairman of the Ways & Means Committee. Those changes were needed because Miami Republican Jose Felix Diaz, who had served as chairman of the Commerce Committee, resigned from the House to run in a special election in Senate District 40. Rep. Cary Pigman, R-Avon Park, had served as chairman of the Health Quality Subcommittee but stepped down from the post in March after being charged with drunken-driving in St. Lucie County. Pigman, a physician, remains on the subcommittee. Pigman was temporarily replaced in the chairmanship by Rep. Jeanette Nunez, a Miami Republican who is a top lieutenant to Corcoran. Trumbull, meanwhile, succeeds Rep. Kathleen Peters, R-Treasure Island, as leader of the Energy & Utilities Subcommittee. House and Senate committees will start meeting in mid-September in preparation for the 2018 session, which begins in January.

#### **BILL COULD EASE OPEN-CARRY PENALTIES**

The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee filed a bill Tuesday that would reduce penalties for people who have concealed-weapons licenses and openly carry guns. The bill (SB 148), filed by Sarasota Republican Greg Steube for the 2018 legislative session, stems from a law that bars people from openly carrying guns in Florida. The bill would keep a second-degree misdemeanor penalty for people who do not have concealed-weapons licenses and openly carry guns. But it would lead to reduced penalties for people who have the licenses and openly carry. In such cases, license-holders could be cited for noncriminal violations that would include a \$25 fine on a first violation and a \$500 fine on a second violation. They would face second-degree misdemeanor charges on third or subsequent violations. Under the bill, people with concealed-weapons licenses also could not be arrested or charged if firearms are "temporarily and openly displayed."

#### **NEGRON GIVES SENATE COMMITTEES A MAKEOVER**

With legislative committees poised to start meeting again in less than a month, Senate President Joe Negron on Tuesday revamped the leadership of several key Senate panels.

Negron, R-Stuart, appointed new heads of five budget subcommittees, while changing the leaders of committees that oversee policy areas involving the environment, agriculture, utilities and elections. Also, Negron added members to numerous committees.

"In the era of term limits, I believe it is important for each senator to be considered for the opportunity to participate in the committee process based on demonstrated competence, expertise and interest," Negron said in a memo announcing the committee assignments.

Committee meetings will begin Sept. 12 to prepare for the 2018 legislative session, which

starts in January.

Perhaps the biggest changes announced Tuesday will affect appropriations subcommittees, which play an important role in drawing up the state budget.

Negron appointed Sen. Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples, to replace Sen. David Simmons, R-Altamonte Springs, as chair of the Pre-K-12 Education Appropriations Subcommittee, which oversees public-school funding. Simmons will shift to the chairmanship of the General Government Appropriations Subcommittee, replacing Sen. Denise Grimsley, R-Sebring. Similarly, Sen. Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island, will leave the chairmanship of the Environment and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee and become chairman of the Transportation, Tourism & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee. Sen. Lauren Book, D-Plantation, will replace Bradley as leader of the Environment and Natural Resources budget panel.

Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, is shifting from the leadership of the Transportation, Tourism & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee to replace Sen. Aaron Bean, R-Fernandina Beach, as chairman of the Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Subcommittee.

While Grimsley and Bean will stop chairing the budget subcommittees, Negron appointed both to lead policy committees.

Grimsley, who is running for state agriculture commissioner next year, was appointed to chair the Agriculture Committee. In that role, she replaces Sen. Keith Perry, a Gainesville Republican who was named by Negron to replace Passidomo as head of the Ethics and Elections Committee.

Bean, meanwhile, was appointed chairman of the Communications, Energy and Public Utilities Committee. That position was held for much of the 2017 session by former Sen. Frank Artiles, a Miami Republican who resigned from the Legislature in April amid a controversy about vulgar and racially charged remarks he made at a private club. Sen. Kelli Stargel, R-Lakeland, finished the 2017 session as chair of the committee after Artiles' resignation.

Negron also named Bradley, who played a key role on Everglades-related issues during the 2017 session, to serve as chairman of the Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee. Bradley will replace Book in that role.

#### **8-17-2017 LAWMAKERS TO AGAIN CONSIDER 'NO FAULT' REPEAL**

A long-discussed proposal to repeal Florida's no-fault auto insurance system is headed back to the Legislature in 2018. Sen. Tom Lee, R-Thonotosassa, filed a bill (SB 150) this week that would repeal the no-fault system, which requires motorists to carry \$10,000 in personal-injury protection, or PIP, coverage. In its place, Lee's bill would require motorists to carry bodily-injury and medical-payment coverages. Lawmakers have repeatedly considered revamping auto-insurance laws in recent years and passed a 2012 measure aimed at curbing fraud and lowering rates in the PIP system. But in a prepared statement this week, Lee pointed to continuing problems with fraud and high insurance premiums. "While well intentioned anecdotally, Florida's Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law has resulted in widespread fraud, abuse and a complex litigation process," Lee said. "Since its enactment (in the) '70s, the value of the PIP benefit has eroded, while Florida's auto insurance premiums continue to rise."

#### **SENATE COMMITTEES TO MEET THREE DAYS IN SEPTEMBER**

Starting to prepare for the 2018 legislative session, Senate committees will hold meetings over three days in mid-September, according to a tentative schedule posted online. The meetings

are slated to start the afternoon of Sept. 12, with time set aside that day for the Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee, the Finance and Tax Appropriations Subcommittee, the Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee, the Commerce and Tourism Committee, the Criminal Justice Committee and the Education Committee. The meetings will run through the afternoon of Sept. 14, with seven appropriations subcommittees slated for the final day. Also, the tentative schedule indicates the Joint Legislative Budget Commission, made up of House and Senate leaders, will meet Sept. 13. The 2018 session will begin in January.

#### **FHP SENDING MESSAGE: NO TICKET QUOTAS ALLOWED**

By JIM TURNER THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, August 16, 2017..... A prohibition on ticket quotas will become part of training for supervisors and higher-ups in the Florida Highway Patrol, a top highway-safety official told Gov. Rick Scott and the state Cabinet on Wednesday.

Terry Rhodes, executive director of the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, said the move is part a response to a report that Maj. Mark Welch of the patrol's Troop H in Tallahassee had sent an email to troopers requesting "two citations each hour."

"You have my commitment here today that no quotas will be tolerated within the Florida Highway Patrol," said Rhodes, whose department includes the patrol.

Attorney General Pam Bondi said she was "troubled" by Welch's directive, which she called "a stupid statement."

"One misplaced, reckless statement like that can give everyone a bad name," Bondi said.

"Thank you for clarifying something that is a given. It's illegal to have quotas, and it's wrong."

While Welch still faces disciplinary action, Rhodes told reporters that she believes the issue has otherwise been resolved.

"We feel like there's going to be no other type of mistake that was made like that," Rhodes said.

Col. Gene Spaulding, director of the Florida Highway Patrol, told reporters that Welch's comments were "unfortunate and inappropriate" and that the need for disciplinary action for Welch is under review.

"The rank and file know that they have never been disciplined, they have never been evaluated, there has been no punitive damages, they've never been rewarded for strictly writing citations," Spaulding said. "They know they have a job to do, because their job is public safety."

Welch --- in his email to troopers patrolling Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor and Wakulla counties --- stated the directive wasn't a quota, yet "when you look at citations per hour, we are at 1.3 so we have a goal to reach."

He also wrote that more tickets would help reduce the fatality rate within Troop H's area.

"Many times," Welch wrote, "it is easier to issue a warning opposed to a citation for behaviors observed. But the only way to try to alter that behavior is by impacting the motorist with the sanctions surrounding a traffic citation."

8-15-2017 The new version of the **Vulnerable Road Users bill** has now been filed in the Florida Senate. It is SB 116 by our friend Sen. Baxley. This bill has new language and covers more areas which should facilitate support from more legislators. I have attached a PDF version of the bill which can also be found here:

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2018/116/BillText/Filed/HTML> The House version will be coming out soon and will be the same language. I will notify you once it is filed.

### **STEUBE BACK WITH GUN BILLS FOR 2018 SESSION**

Senate Judiciary Chairman Greg Steube, who filed a string of firearm-related bills that died during the 2017 legislative session, has reintroduced two --- focused on courthouses and private businesses --- as lawmakers begin submitting bills for the 2018 session. The Sarasota Republican filed one measure (SB 134) on Thursday that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to store firearms with security officers at courthouses. A similar proposal was approved during the 2017 session by the Senate in a 19-15 vote. But the House never brought it up on the floor as other bills backed by Second Amendment advocates failed to advance out of the Senate. Steube's second proposal (SB 120), filed Wednesday, would allow private businesses to be held liable if they bar concealed-weapons license holders from carrying guns on their property and the license holders get injured by other people or animals. Similar legislation filed for the 2017 session was not heard in committees.

### **WILLIAMS DRAWS CHALLENGER FOR BROWARD HOUSE SEAT**

**Lauderdale Lakes Democrat Patricia H. Williams** appears headed toward a primary-election battle next year as she seeks a second term in the state House. Fort Lauderdale Democrat Paulette Armstead last week opened a campaign account to challenge Williams in Broward County's House District 92, according to the state Division of Elections website. Williams had raised \$9,000 for the race as of July 31. Also last week, Tampa Democrat Jose Vazquez Figueroa became the fifth candidate to open a campaign account to try to succeed House Minority Leader Janet Cruz, D-Tampa, in Hillsborough County's House District 62. Cruz cannot run again next year because of term limits. Other candidates seeking the seat are Democrats Michael Alvarez, Carlos Frontela and John Rodriguez and Republican Christopher Licata.

### **FELON RIGHTS INITIATIVE TOPS \$500,000 IN JULY**

A political committee seeking to get a felons' rights initiative on the 2018 ballot raised \$500,936 in July, with \$250,000 coming from the American Civil Liberties Union, according to a newly filed finance report. The committee, Floridians for a Fair Democracy, also spent nearly \$662,000 during the month as it tries to collect enough petition signatures to put the issue before voters in November 2018. The committee had \$93,000 on hand as of July 31. The initiative, if approved, would automatically restore voting rights for all nonviolent felons who have served their sentences, completed parole or probation and paid restitution. Felons convicted of violent crimes, such as murder, would not be eligible. The committee still needs to submit about 700,000 valid petition signatures to the state to meet the overall requirement of 766,200 signatures, according to the Florida Division of Elections website. Along with money from the ACLU, the committee received \$150,000 last month from The Advocacy Fund, a San Francisco organization.

### **DEMOCRAT FILES TO RUN FOR AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER**

**Broward County Democrat David Walker** opened a campaign account Friday to run in 2018 for agriculture commissioner, according to the state Division of Elections website. Walker joined fellow Democrat Michael Christine in taking the initial step to try to succeed term-limited Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam. Christine opened his campaign account in April but did not raise any money in June and July. Meanwhile, four Republicans are vying to replace Putnam. They are state Sen. Denise Grimsley, R-Sebring; state Rep. Matt Caldwell, R-North Fort Myers; former state Rep. Baxter Troutman, R-Winter Haven; and Orlando businessman Paul Paulson.

## ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes August 20, 2017

Meeting Called to order at \_\_11:42\_\_AM \_14\_\_Members Present \_\_1\_\_Guest Present

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

PRESIDENT: Thanked everyone that showed despite all the rain. We turned a profit from our June event thanks to descent weather. We are having problems with emails going out. Working on that issue. Our A.D.D insurance is still in effect. VP has been excused.

VICE PRESIDENT: Excused to represent the chapter.

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

TREASURER: We are in good shape financially.

MEMBERSHIP: Currently we have 162 members.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ride safe. Keep hydrated. Don't pass on the right.

SAFETY: Safety table was at Big Apple Flea Market Car Show and drew a lot of interest. Thursday is Bike Night at Harley. Plan on setting up weather permitting.

DELEGATE: Doc says all chapters should work together against unjust laws. State Biker Bash is in November at Peace River Campground. Get your gun tickets in at the next meeting. State is working on trying to get back our safety money. Beware of the E20 20 percent ethanol fuel. It's bad for your bike. Next State meeting Port Charlotte Oct 14.

LEGISLATIVE: Vulnerable Road Users bill has been submitted SB 116.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: Trying to find a bulk email provider. Our Facebook has 448 likes and 440 followers.

PRODUCTS: We still need a products person. Slo Mo brought new Life Membership form if anyone wants to order. Sold last two challenge coins, will get more at next state meeting

NEWSLETTER: We need more advertisers.

OLD BUSINESS: Trying to figure out date for our December event due to only a tentative date for Bills Bikes Memorial Toy Run. We normally have our event afterwards.

NEW BUSINESS: Considered the chapter do a gun raffle to raise funds, After group discussion, the idea was dropped. Looking for ideas for other possible raffle items.


GOOD OF THE ORDER: Put the word out on the Peace River event November 3-5 Tickets available at meeting or safety table. Check the calendar for events.

MEETING ADJOURNED at \_12:42 pm\_\_\_\_\_



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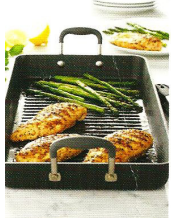
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November 3rd - 5th, 2017

GATES OPEN: Friday at Noon, GATES CLOSE: Sunday at Noon  
**PEACE RIVER CAMPGROUNDS**  
2998 Northwest Highway 70, Arcadia Florida 34266

★ LIVE MUSIC BOTH DAYS ★ SCHEDULED RIDE SATURDAY ★  
★ BIKE GAMES ★ VENDORS ★ CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES ★



- ★ WEEKEND ADMISSION: 2 DAYS (Friday check-in) - \$30 in Advance, \$35 at Gate. 1 DAY (Saturday check-in) \$20 at Gate. Includes primitive tent camping on a first come, first serve basis. Any RV/Trailer Camping must contact Campground.
- ★ CONTACT CAMPGROUND AT: 863.494.9693 for RV/Trailer Camping. Mention ABATE for discounted pricing.
- ★ NO CHILDREN OR PETS IN EVENT AREA: Childrens activities provided by CMA outside of Event area.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FALL STATE BIKER BASH EVENT CALL:  
**BILLY BIRD 941.249.1276** (or talk to your local ABATE Chapter)  
VENDOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Adams 841.875.3293  
CAMPING ARRANGEMENTS CONTACT: Peace River Campground 863.494.9693  
[www.abateflorida.com](http://www.abateflorida.com)

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Get your advanced tickets and save \$5 at Chapter meeting or at event table. Last year's party was fun even though it was right after the hurricane. This year it is not tied to a State Meeting so we can have more time there and more fun. So bring your RV or tent and let's party!

Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting  
VFW POST 4143  
**SEPT. 17, 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.
  - To** educate the public about motorcycle awareness.