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President's Message

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

Hope everyone survived the hurricane alright, it was sure a nasty one. Things seem to be getting back to normal now. I hope we don't get another one this year.

Our next chapter meeting will be October 15th and I hope we have a better turn out for that meeting. Remember it is our chapter, we all need to show up and participate to make our chapter a success.

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OK now just a little safety FYI. When riding around after the storm there is still a lot of sand on the roads especially along A1A close to Ocean. Please be very careful out there.

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Ken "Snooze"



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Monday Oct 2 Mob of Brothers MC Open House 2590 Commerce Park Dr. Unit F5 Boynton

Thursday Oct 5 Palm Beach Harley Beers N Brats Bike Night and/or Black Pistons Open House

Friday Oct 6 Soldiers for Jesus Open House / Ink Link Bike Night / Classic Cruisers Bike Night

Saturday Oct 7 new Attitudes MC Annual

Sunday Oct 8 Southeast ABATE Annual

Tuesday Oct 10 Lone Legion Brotherhood MC Open House 2590 Commerce Park Dr. Unit F5 Boynton

Thursday Oct 12 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night Ladies Garage Party

Friday Oct 13th Palm Beach Harley Tattoo Marathon 1 –7pm Friday Oct 13 AOA WPB MC Open House

Saturday Oct 14 Motor Madness Gin Mill Jensen Beach

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Wednesday Oct 18 States MC Lake Worth Open House 3570 Boutwell Rd. Lake Worth

Thursday Oct 19 Palm Beach Trick or Treat Harley Bike Night Oct 19-22 Biketoberfest Daytona Beach

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Thursday Oct 26 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Friday Oct 27 AOA WPB MC Open House

NOV. 3—5 ABATE of FL Inc Fall Sate Biker Bash Peace River Campgrounds Arcadia FL

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Irma wasn't as nice as last year's hurricane as Facebook had Sept. 14 video of the campground flooded. I didn't notice any landmarks so no point of reference so not sure how much of the video is actually the campground but some photos showed areas by the office with the tree carving



https://www.facebook.com/peacerivercampground/videos/vb.92743847425/10155057938952426/?type=2&theater

ABATE of Florida, Inc. Mission StatementWHO 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.

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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.

OLD MOTORCYCLE WORSHIPED AS A DEITY IN INDIA



MOTORING NEWS - In the Indian state of Rajasthan, some 50km from the city of Jodhpur, along National Highway 65, there is a temple.

That is not unusual, as temples are virtually everywhere in India, but what is strange is that the deities worshiped here are an old Royal Enfield 350cc motorcycle and its deceased owner.

The story of the "Om Banna" or "Bullet Banna" temple dates back to an accident that occurred almost three decades ago.

On 23 December 1988, Om Singh Rathore, the 23-year-old son of a village elder in Chotila, Pali district, was riding home on his motorcycle when he lost control. He hit a tree and was catapulted some distance, where he died on the spot. His body was discovered the next day and the broken "Bullet" motorcycle was taken to the police station.

That's where things started to get weird.

Legend has it that the police soon discovered that the recovered motorcycle was missing. It was later discovered at the scene of the accident and brought back to the station.

Suspecting that it had been taken by relatives of the deceased, they emptied the petrol tank and removed the chain, but once again the vehicle disappeared and showed up at the accident spot.

Fearing occult forces, the police returned the bike to Om Singh's family, who allegedly sold it to a man in Gujarat. Once again it reappeared at the site of the accident, 400km away. The new owner apparently didn't want it back after that.

Stories of the disappearing motorcycle spread like wildfire.

Many people became convinced that both the Royal Enfield and its deceased rider were deities to be worshiped. They soon built a small temple at the site of the accident, with a shrine for Om Singh Rathore and a protective glass case for the bike.

The bike that kept coming back to the scene of its accident is now considered a deity.

Nowadays, thousands of people from all over Rajasthan come to the Bullet Banna Temple to worship the unusual deities and ask for favours.

Local taxi and bus drivers, tourists driving on National Highway 65 and relatives of lorry drivers often stop at the temple to pray for a safe journey.

They believe that Om Singh and his Royal Enfield motorcycle will protect them on the road and bring them back home safely.

Many swear that since the temple was erected, road accidents on the highway decreased dramatically.

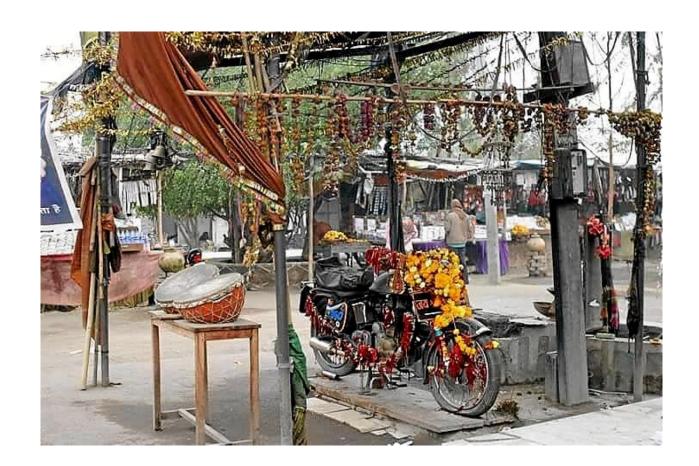
The most popular offering at the Bullet Banna temple is alcohol, preferably hard liquor, like whisky. That's pretty strange, considering people come here to ask for road safety, but if it's not the driver doing the drinking, it's probably okay.

The motorcycle temple of Rajasthan has become so popular that it now has its own full-time priest in charge of upkeep. He performs daily rituals and collects donations.

Across the road, vendors have set up a commercial complex, where visitors can buy mementoes - from alcohol offerings, flowers and sacred threads to tie on the wheels of the Royal Enfield, to key-chains and postcards.

Legend has it that sometimes, on the date of Om Singh Rathore's fatal accident, his beloved Royal Enfield motorcycle starts by itself. It may be just a made-up story, but to the devotees at Bullet Banna temple, it doesn't matter.

Source: https://www.oudtshoorncourant.com/News/Article/Motoring/old-motorcycle-worshiped-as-a-deity-in-india-20170919



Storied Italian Motorcycle Company Bimota Hits Another Bump In The Road

End of a dream created by Massimo Tamburini

By Bruno dePrato August 31, 2017

Italian motorcycle company Bimota— created by <u>Massimo Tamburini</u> with technical and styling excellence through his hard work and superb creativity—is almost completely extinct. The premises located in via Giaccaglia, on the outskirt of Rimini, are empty. The Bimota sign has been taken down and the sight of it made me terribly sad.

My memories go back to the enthusiasm and passion that characterized the atmosphere at Bimota in the old days, when Massimo was carefully cutting, bending and welding chrome-moly steel tubing to create the most advanced and refined motorcycle chassis of the time.

Today, a sign says that Bimota moved about 100 yards from the old building, but there is only a 4,500-square-foot storehouse in a public storage building where they piled up the spare parts of the latest Bimota models, in particular the unfortunate BB3. Only three or four people are working there. The present Bimota owners, Messrs. Daniele Longoni and Marco Chiancianesi, are Italian contractors living and operating in Switzerland. They've moved all the components that would keep production alive for a few months to a shop somewhere near Lugano. This was confirmed to me by an Australian friend, Captain Niels Faerch, who ordered a Bimota Tesi 3 from his local dealer and who confirmed that the bike had been assembled in Switzerland.

Delivery time had been extremely long to the point that Captain Faerch was getting a little anxious about the final outcome of his purchase and related downpayment, but all turned out nicely. What will happen once the stock of components will be gone is a big question mark because it seems that all connections with the real Bimota tradition have been cut. Bimota changed hands a few times too many, and this last time looks, well, final.

The sequence started after Massimo was stabbed in the back by his "friendly" partner Giuseppe Morri and forced to quit. That was totally suicidal because Massimo unconditionally was the pillar of Bimota. He wanted to keep Bimota lean, agile, focused on R&D and on the production of a highly advanced frame and beautifully designed body kits, for racing bikes and for street bike as well. There was a whole new generation of enthusiastic owners of super Japanese Fours begging for better handling, lighter, leaner chassis kits to harness their powerful engines.

Massimo poured his talent, passion, enthusiasm, dedication and technical knowledge to create each Bimota kit and the Bimota legend with them. Success never diverted him away from his neat, sharp, humble attitude and style. He intended to evolve Bimota step by step with humble and cautious determination, and, most importantly, each new investment had to be carefully pondered and balanced.

This collided with Morri's plan to make Bimota a fully-fledged motorcycle manufacturer producing complete bikes powered by those same, fabulous Japanese Fours. This required new, larger, more expensive premises to store the dismantled Japanese motorcycles from which engines and instrumentations were extracted, while the rest was shelved. Despite many

attempts by Bimota, none of the Big Four was open to sell the power units alone. Here is where the financial problems of Bimota started and its decline began, because sales never fully compensated for the massive investments and the staggering costs related to the purchase of the complete bikes and to the handling of the huge stock of leftovers. There was also plenty of bureaucracy related to the homologations of the new, street-legal models.

In my opinion, Bimota should have stayed lean as Massimo conceived it, progressing step by step, building its superb image through successes in the sport and the perfection and beauty of each new creation. Giuseppe Morri, the bookkeeper turned CEO, proved inadequate to that position. He was too optimistic and ambitious to make Bimota grow fast, not paying adequate attention to the growing financial loads. From then on Bimota kept resurrecting from multiple financial breakdowns and bankruptcies thanks to the dedication of a sequence of excellent project engineers who carried the torch that Massimo had ignited more than 40 years ago and that a sequence of inadequate managers kept dousing.

For me, watching the Italian Bimota factory shut down was very sad and I guess it would be to all who knew the real Bimota. The only hope is that some wealthy and capable entrepreneur will feel the urge of picking up the torch and restore Massimo Tamburini's dream of ultimate beauty and technical excellence. Today's motorcycling needs to dream again.

http://www.cycleworld.com/storied-italian-motorcycle-company-bimota-hits-another-bump-in-road#page-2

WE GRABBED THE 14 MOST BADASS MOTORCYCLES FROM SCIFI MOVIES OF

ALL TIME By Bruce Brown — Posted on September 22, 2017 11:42 am

While we were choosing the most badass motorcycles from sci-fi movies, the suggestions came faster than a 74-Z speeder and with more authority than a Lawmaster. In the end, what we originally intended to be a "top 10" list quickly grew to a "top 14." If we included television shows — looking at you, Battlestar Galactica — the list could have easily grown longer. Either way, sit back and check out some of the more memorable motorcycles from science fiction (clips included)

Stolen 1990 Harley-Davidson Fatboy *Terminator 2: Judgement Day* (1991) *Terminator 2: Judgement Day* is the 1991 sequel to 1984's original *Terminator*, both directed by James Cameron and starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. In *T2, Schwarzenegger's cyborg character must protect a 10-year-old boy, John Connor (Edward Furlong). After landing in a parking lot on Earth, Schwarzenegger finds clothing and transportation in the form of 1990 <i>Harley-Davidson Fatboy at a nearby biker bar.*

Lawmaster *Dredd* (2012)

Directed by Pete Travis, 2012's *Dredd* starred Karl Urban as a police officer with the power to

make judgments as he saw fit in the pursuit of criminals. The <u>Lawmaster</u>, Dredd's motorcycle, was built on a <u>Suzuki GSX 750</u> with an extended chassis. The Lawmaster in the Stallone-starring <u>Judge Dredd</u>, was too overbuilt to steer so the later film constructed a bike the actor could actually pilot, according to the Lawmaster Wiki.

Ducati 996 The Matrix Reloaded (2003)

Carrie-Anne Moss' character, Trinity, escaped with the Keymaker (Randall Duk Kim) in <u>The Matrix Reloaded</u>, directed by Lana and Lily Wachowski. Trinity drove off a vehicle carrier with a Ducati 996.

74-Z Speeder Star Wars Episode VI: Return of the Jedi (1983)

It turns out the affectionately known "speeder bikes" have an in-canon designation! Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) and Princess Leia (Carrie Fisher) rode and were chased by Stormtroopers through the forests of Endor's moon on these iconic speeders in <u>Star Wars Episode VI:</u> Return of the Jedi.

BatPod The Dark Knight (2008)

In Christopher Nolan's <u>The Dark Knight</u>, Christian Bale's Batman drove the BatPod while in pursuit of the Joker (Heath Ledger). The BatPod is armed with front-mounted cannons, machine guns, and grappling hooks.

Moto-Terminators *Terminator Salvation* (2009)

<u>Terminator Salvation</u> starred Christian Bale in the role of John Connor. The <u>Moto-Terminators</u> were weaponized by Skynet to hunt humans.

Light Cycles Tron: Legacy (2010)

Two motorcycles star in Joseph Kosinski's <u>Tron: Legacy</u>. The film starts off with Sam Flynn cruising the real world on his Ducati Sport 100. As cool as it is, in the virtual world, the Light Cycle racer is the real star. On their apparent 5th-generation, these vehicles bear a much closer resemblance to real motorcycles.

Kawasaki Ninja ZX-10 *Robocop* (2014)

José Padilha directed the 2014 remake of <u>RoboCop</u>. Joel Kinnaman plays the title role of Alex Murphy aka RoboCop. Murphy rides a <u>Kawasaki Ninja ZX-10</u>.

Aurora's bike Rollerball (2002)

In the 2002 <u>Rollerball</u> remake, directed by John McTiernan, Rebecca Romijn-Stamos' Aurora and other players rode modified <u>Gas Gas</u> trail motorcycles.

Kaneda's Bike Akira (1988)

Katsuhiro Ôtomo directed 1988's <u>Akira</u>. In the animated film Shotaro Kaneda, the hero fights a psychotic villain threatening Neo-Tokyo. Kaneda's bike was not real, although some have suggested the Honda NM4 was inspired by the manga moto.

Tom Cruise's custom Honda Folding Dirt Bike *Oblivion* (2013)

Tom Cruise famously does his own stunts, including motorcycle riding, in his films. In 2013's <u>Oblivion</u>, directed by Joseph Kosinski, Cruise, playing the part of Jack, unfolds a <u>dual sport</u> bike. According to <u>Motorcycle-usa.com</u>, the folding dirt bike was based on a <u>Honda CRF450X</u>.

Vampire-hunting Jet Bike *Priest* (2011)

If you're going to hunt vampires, what better ride than a jet-bike built for the task? In <u>Priest</u>, directed in 2011 by Scott Stewart, Paul Bettany plays the title role, hunting vampires to rescue his niece even though the church told him not to. Priest rides a jet-powered bike with drag race tires on each end, according to <u>Motorcycle News</u>. The bike, which wasn't really jet-powered, was based on a Suzuki Gladius 650.

Gun Leg on a chopped Harley-Davidson *Planet Terror* (2007)

Cherry Darling, played by Rose McGowan in Director Robert Rodriquez's 2007 Grindhouse film <u>Planet Terror</u>, lost a leg in a terrible accident. Her choice of a machine gun for a prosthesis, hence her nickname "Gun Leg," defines her character and the zombie film. Darling's exboyfriend Wray, played by Freddy Rodriquez, rides a slightly chopped <u>Harley-Davidson</u> with Gun Leg riding backward on the passenger seat so she can keep shooting.

Norton Commando I Bought a Vampire Motorcycle (1990)

A motorcycle plays the lead role in <u>I Bought a Vampire Motorcycle</u>, 1990, directed by Dirk Campbell. An evil spirit possesses a damaged <u>750cc Norton Commando</u> that seeks revenge on a motorcycle gang.

https://www.digitaltrends.com/cars/badass-motorcycles-from-science-fiction-movies/

Ask RideApart: How Hard Is It to Ride a Motorcycle?

By Kyra Sacdalan - September 23, 2017

Readers: Hey, RideApart! How hard is it to ride a motorcycle?

Kyra: I'm glad you asked!

Readers: Wait, are you about to make this question an opportunity to teach a life esson?

Kyra: Why, yes, I think so! **Readers**: Oh no! *Many groans*

Readers: We want to read about motorcycles, not your overbearing opinions [cue sigh of discontent].

Thinking... Still thinking... Kyra: Yup, I'm going to do it anyway!

My answer to the question "How hard is it to ride a motorcycle?" is one which I think transitions into everyday life. If you agree with my thoughts and take my advice, it may actually add substance and accomplishment to other activities.

First, I'll answer a question with a question. How determined are you? Anything is hard if you tend to give up easily. Maybe you're not talented at it, but how hard something is often depends on how hard you make it for yourself. It's hard if you have a bad attitude. It's hard if you don't listen to your (credible) instructors. It's hard if you lose confidence every time you screw up. These things could create anguish and stress during any sort of activity. Riding a motorcycle combines balance, strength, endurance and agility with courage, focus, acquired knowledge, and a tremendous amount of common sense. Truthfully, that last trait might be the hardest to achieve, but everything else is well-within the average rookie's grasp. READ MORE: Ask RideApart: How Will I Know I'm Ready to Ride

If you take your moto education seriously, and you absolutely should, ripping around town, conquering single-track, even earning points with your Iron Butt will not only be a swift fulfillment, but it could very well be "easy." Consider your training thoroughly. Dirt trails with a friend? Off-road course? Safety Course? Basic Mechanics? All? Finding the right training for the kind of riding you want to do is key.

READ MORE: <u>Ask RideApart: What is the Best Motorcycle?</u>

Then, you have to find the right machine both for the job and for your body type. Don't fool yourself, just because you're "big" or "tall" doesn't mean you need a liter bike or a full-sized adventure bike. Alternately, just because you're "small" or "short" or "petite" doesn't mean you can only buy tiny, small-displacement bikes. Find something that not only looks good, but something that fits you. Sit on a bunch of bikes before you buy. Bikes are like pants, you need to try on a lot of them before you find just the right size. Also, since you're new, go with something you can drop. Because you will. A lot. Make sure you can pick it up just as many times as you drop it (again, a lot).

The right amount of power is also important. On dirt or in an area closed to traffic, you can get away with a vastly under-powered motorcycle. When you plan to continue your moto-Zen practice on public roads howeverw, find something that is humble enough to give you peace of mind, but scrappy enough to pull you out of a dangerous situation. Cars, trucks, grannies – they don't always see you! Use torque and horsepower to your advantage. Considerately, of course.

READ MORE: Ask RideApart: How Dangerous Are Motorcycles?

There are many ways to skin a cat, or so they say. Any person who approaches the challenge with an open mind, patience, and perseverance can overcome whatever obstacle is thrown their way – especially in motorcycling. A positive perspective can help make any situation simpler. Someone clever once told me there are two types of fun: Type A is having fun during an experience. Type B, you find the fun upon reflection of the experience. Learning to ride a motorcycle is both, and everything is easy when you're having fun!

https://rideapart.com/articles/ask-rideapart-hard-ride-motorcycle

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

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

Night Jupiter

Sat Fly-In Wheels MC open house

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

1st Fri Enforcers MC Party









Vintage Motorcycle Nights



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











UBCPBC CALENDAR 2017

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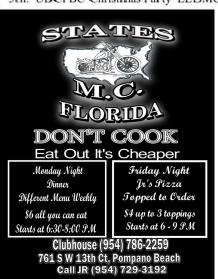
9th: UBCPBC Meeting Location to be announced 2018 Calendar setting.

22nd: Alternative MC Annual

November 5th: AOA Party December

3rd: Toys in the Sun Toy Run

5th: UBCPBC Christmas Party LLBMC



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. Oct. 15 3rd Sun. Nov. 19 3rd Sun. Dec. 17



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

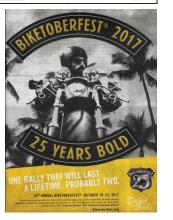


5 Beers 'N Brats Bike Night

public Hosted by Palm Beach Harley-Davidson
Thursday, October 5 at 5 PM - 9 PM

2955 45st west palm beach





October 2017

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

November 2017

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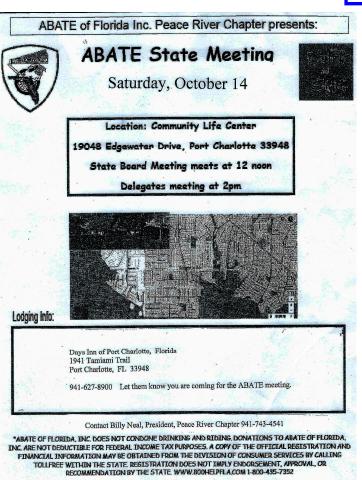
DELEGATE REPORT

So the October State meeting is the day before our Chapter meeting and it is only a 3 hour drive. I noticed now the December State meeting will be by Treasure Coast Chapter the day before our event so good that both meetings are not too far away as we won't be needing to stay over. So if we ask for gas money instead it will save the Chapter some money, especially if Bill and I drive together. Even the June meeting held by Lighthouse chapter will be close to save money since October 2018 will be in the panhandle -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





ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter

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Frank "Pipes" Cook
Robert "Torch" Lyle
Niurka Crespo
Phil Moore
Michael Steffy
Tom "Ramblin' Man" Botticelli
Karen Watkins

Confederate Motorcycles changing name and going electric Published August 31, 2017 Fox News

Boutique motorcycle outfit Confederate Motorcycles is changing its name and making the switch from building bikes powered by big V-twin engines to ones with electric motors, according to a report in the <u>Los Angeles Times</u>.



The Alabamabased company was founded in 1991 and is known for high-end, handcrafted motorcycles with a signature naked industrial style that cost upwards of \$155,000 and have been owned by celebrities like Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt. Confederate president Matt Chambers told the newspaper that he thinks the company has started to lose business because of the name.

"We've missed out on branding opportunities. So, it's time to retire it," Chambers said. The company doesn't use any 'Stars and Bars' or Confederate battle flag imagery, and Chambers recently told <u>Jalopnik</u> that he's glad the South lost the Civil War. He said the name was a salute to the good Southern principles, and that the company's motto, "The Art of Rebellion." is a reference to a cerebral and spiritual one.

Moving forward, the company will be known as Curtiss Motorcycle Co., after aviation pioneer Glenn H. Curtiss. Confederate's bikes are all named after airplanes, and the company owns the rights to use the Curtiss name and <u>is already selling merchandise featuring it on its website</u>.

Chambers also told the Times that the company has taken its current bikes as far as it can, so its next cruiser will be battery-powered and feature twin electric motors developed by California's Zero Motorcycles.

A Confederate representative would not confirm the details in the Los Angeles Times report to Fox News, but said an official announcement on the company's future would be coming in a few weeks.

http://www.foxnews.com/auto/2017/08/31/confederate-motorcycles-changing-name-and-going-electric.html

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

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

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We know that Irma covered the entire state of Florida, even causing the Legislative sessions to be shut down. Darin "Scribe" Brooks, state VP and Legislative, did Irma updates up to when it hit his west coast. I was worried as he was off line for awhile before resuming his posts this past week. Since a lot of election reporting that I have edited to state and our local races. I still worry about the Southernmost chapter as the Keys were hardest hit and no news.

I hope that you have all been able to contact everyone in your Chapter and everyone made it thru the storm at least without physical injury. I have not been made aware of any serious injury or loss of life with our members. If you know of any please pass that info to me. So many people have suffered damage to homes, vehicles, etc. I am amazed at the destruction that Irma unleashed upon the Keys. Please keep them in your thoughts. - Darin "Scribe"

9-21-17 HOUSE COMMITTEES SCHEDULED FOR THREE DAYS

House committees and subcommittees could hold more than 30 meetings during the second week of October, including a meeting of the newly formed Select Committee on Hurricane Response and Preparedness, according to a schedule posted online Tuesday. The House meetings will be held Oct. 10 to Oct. 12, as lawmakers begin getting ready for the 2018 legislative ses-



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District 22
Ted Deutch

sion, which starts in January. Committee meetings scheduled last week were canceled because of Hurricane Irma. The Select Committee on Hurricane Response and Preparedness, unveiled Tuesday by House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, is scheduled to hold its first meeting Oct. 12. Top House policy and appropriations committees are scheduled to meet Oct. 10.

HURRICANES DRIVE UP FLORIDA GAS PRICES

Gas prices in Florida have hit a three-year high after the combination of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. The cost of a gallon of gas has gone up 46 cents in Florida in the past month, averaging more than \$2.70, according to the AAA motor club. Hurricane Harvey slowed oil refining in Texas and began to increase the cost of gas. Then, Irma significantly increased demand in Florida as millions of people evacuated from the projected path of the storm. AAA spokesman W.D. Williams said prices should begin to slowly drop again over the next few weeks. "Barring any more disruptive hurricanes as we have had, we expect prices to continue to drop over the next days and weeks," Williams said. "Actually, we foresee before we celebrate New Year's Day this year, that we'll see the lowest prices of 2017." Williams said gas prices will not go down as quickly as they went up, but they are expected to drop about 30 cents a gallon in the coming weeks. Gas prices in Florida averaged \$2.16 per gallon a year ago. "You can blame it on just simple economics," Williams said. "Hurricane Harvey put a little crimp in our supply, and then Hurricane Irma actually bumped up demand a little bit."

SANCTUARY' CITIES BAN PROPOSED IN SENATE

Local government "sanctuary" designations to aid undocumented immigrants would be outlawed, and violators would face strict penalties, under a proposal filed Wednesday in the Florida Senate. The proposal (SB 308), filed by Sen. Aaron Bean, R-Fernandina Beach, for the 2018 legislative session, is called the "Rule of Law Adherence Act." The measure would require local governments to comply with federal immigration laws and detention requests from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Government agencies that fail to comply could be fined \$1,000 to \$5,000 a day for each day a sanctuary policy was in effect. The proposal, if approved, would go into effect Oct. 1, 2018. A similar measure (HB 697) was approved 76-41, mostly along party lines, by the House during the 2017 legislative session. Critics argued the proposal targeted minority populations and was an unfunded mandate from the Legislature on local governments. A Senate version (SB 786), sponsored by Bean, failed to advance in committees during the 2017 session.

9-19-17 SENATE PLANS FULL SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

After canceling committee meetings last week because of Hurricane Irma, the Florida Senate plans a full slate of meetings when it gathers the week of Oct. 9. Senate committees and subcommittees will meet over four days as lawmakers start preparing for the 2018 session, which starts in January. The committee week will start Oct. 9 with meeting times set aside 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, according to a schedule posted on the Senate website. Later in the week, seven appropriations subcommittees are scheduled to meet Oct. 11, with the full Appropriations Committee slated for Oct. 12. Lawmakers also are expected to hold committee meetings the week of Oct. 23, two weeks of meetings in November and one week of meetings in December.

SENATE REPUBLICANS SET TO DESIGNATE NEW PRESIDENT

Florida Senate Republicans are scheduled to meet Oct. 24 in a caucus to designate Sen. Bill Galvano as the next Senate president, following the 2018 elections. Senate Majority Leader Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, scheduled the caucus for 11 a.m. in the Senate chamber. Galvano, a Bradenton Republican and lawyer, will be designated by the 26-member caucus to succeed President Joe Negron and oversee the 40-member Senate during the 2019 and 2020 regular sessions. A former House Rules Committee chairman and the current chairman of the Senate Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee, Galvano has excelled "in critical leadership positions," Negron, R-Stuart, said in a memo to senators on Monday. "I am confident he will lead the Senate with the steadfast commitment to excellence he has demonstrated throughout his legislative service."

SENATE BILL FILED ON GUNS AT RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Floridians with concealed-weapons licenses would be allowed to pack heat while at private schools on the properties of religious institutions, under a proposal filed Wednesday by Sen. Kelli Stargel, R-Lakeland. The measure (SB 274), filed for the 2018 legislative session, which starts in January, reintroduces a proposal that failed during the 2017 session. Rep. Neil Combee, R-Auburndale, introduced an identical House proposal (HB 113) in August. Outside of law-enforcement officers, state law prohibits people from carrying guns at schools. The House approved a measure similar to the Stargel-Combee proposal during the 2017 session, while the Senate approved a narrower version that would have barred people from carrying guns on the properties during school hours or when school activities are underway. Supporters have said people with concealed-weapons licenses should be able to be armed at churches for security reasons.

HOOPER TOPS \$51,000 FOR SENATE BID

Looking to return to Tallahassee next year in a Senate seat, former Rep. Ed Hooper, R-Clearwater, raised \$51,400 in August, according to a newly filed finance report. Hooper, who served in the House from 2006 to 2014, is running in Senate District 16, which includes parts of Pinellas and Pasco counties. Senate Appropriations Chairman Jack Latvala, R-Clearwater, cannot run again in the district because of term limits and is running for governor. Hooper had raised an overall total of \$143,458 as of Aug. 31 and had about \$127,000 in cash on hand, the new report shows. The only other candidate in the race, Dunedin Democrat Bernie Fensterwald, raised \$1,100 in August, bringing his overall total to \$2,300. State candidates and political committees faced a Monday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Aug. 31. Among other Senate candidates with large cash hauls during the month, Senate Majority Leader Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, raised \$35,350 for his campaign account and had about \$293,000 on hand. Simpson is expected to become Senate president in 2020.

RING SINKS \$100,000 INTO CFO RACE

Former Democratic state Sen. Jeremy Ring loaned \$100,000 last month to his campaign for state chief financial officer, as a political committee backing Republican CFO Jimmy Patronis raised \$140,000, according to newly filed finance reports. In addition to the loan, Ring also raised \$54,340 for his campaign, and an allied political committee, known as Florida Action Fund, raised \$14,500. Ring's campaign had raised an overall total of \$124,234 as of Aug. 31 and received the \$100,000 loan, while spending \$48,916, the new report shows. The Florida Action Fund, meanwhile, had about \$100,000 in cash on hand. Patronis, who was appointed to the state Cabinet in June after former CFO Jeff Atwater stepped down, has not announced

whether he will run for a full term in November 2018. But his affiliated political committee, Treasure Florida, began raising money in August and quickly pulled in \$140,000. Also last week, Hollywood Republican Antoanet lotova opened a campaign account to run for the CFO post, becoming the first Republican to file formal paperwork for the race.

MOODY DOMINATES FUNDRAISING FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Former Hillsborough County Circuit Judge Ashley Moody last month continued to lead fundraising for the 2018 attorney general's race. Moody raised \$148,260 for her campaign account and had about \$733,000 in cash on hand as of Aug. 31, according to a newly filed finance report. Her GOP primary opponent, state Rep. Jay Fant, R-Jacksonville, raised \$15,635 during the month and had nearly \$156,000 on hand. Democrat Ryan Torrens, a Hillsborough County attorney, raised \$5,118 and had about \$13,400 on hand, the reports show.

PUTNAM, CORCORAN TOP \$1 MILLION IN AUGUST

Republican gubernatorial candidate Adam Putnam and potential candidate Richard Corcoran continued to rake in political cash during August. Putnam's Florida Grown political committee raised \$726,634 last month, while his campaign account brought in \$313,565, according to newly filed finance reports. Major contributions included \$260,000 to Florida Grown from PACs linked to Associated Industries of Florida. Putnam, the two-term state agriculture commissioner, formally launched his gubernatorial campaign in May. Corcoran, the Republican House speaker from Land O' Lakes, has not announced a campaign but is raising money through his Watchdog PAC. Contributions to the PAC in August totaled \$1,087,675, with the largest check, \$250,000, coming from Miami attorney Robert Rubenstein, according to the committee's finance report. Meanwhile, a political committee affiliated with Republican gubernatorial candidate Jack Latvala raised \$272,154 in August. Latvala, a Clearwater Republican who is the Senate appropriations chairman, also loaned \$20,000 to his campaign account, which received \$850 in contributions, the reports show.

SCOTT, PUTNAM COMMITTEES GIVE BOOST TO BAKER

Political committees linked to Gov. Rick Scott, Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam and future House Speaker Jose Oliva poured tens of thousands of dollars last month into a PAC supporting St. Petersburg mayoral candidate Rick Baker, according to a finance report posted on the state Division of Elections website. Baker, a Republican former mayor of St. Petersburg, and incumbent Mayor Rick Kriseman, a Democratic former state lawmaker, finished an Aug. 29 primary in a virtual tie, forcing a November runoff. The Seamless Florida PAC, which has been widely reported as aligned with Baker, raised \$214,750 in August, the finance report shows. Of that total, \$25,000 came from the Let's Get to Work political committee, which is linked to Scott, and \$25,000 came from the Florida Grown political committee, which is linked to Putnam. Also, \$50,000 came from the Conservative Principles for Florida political committee, which is led by Oliva, who will become House speaker in November 2018. Another \$45,000 came from the Liberty Florida political committee, which is linked to Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, the report shows.

NEGRON COMMITTEE REELS IN \$190,000 IN AUGUST

A political committee led by Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, collected \$190,000 in August after months of little activity, according to a newly filed finance report. The Treasure Coast Alliance committee had about \$194,000 in cash on hand as of Aug. 31. Contributions during the month included \$25,000 from Jacksonville Kennel Club, Inc.; \$25,000 from a political com-

mittee linked to Associated Industries of Florida; and \$20,000 from Florida Power & Light. State candidates and political committees face a Monday deadline for filing updated finance reports. Among the other early filers, a committee led by former Rep. Jose Felix Diaz, R-Miami, raised \$184,000 in August. Diaz is running in a Sept. 26 special election in Miami-Dade County's Senate District 40. Contributions to his Rebuild Florida committee last month included \$35,000 from two PACs tied to Associated Industries of Florida, the report shows. The Diaz committee had nearly \$311,000 in cash on hand as of Aug. 31.

SCOTT COMMITTEE RAISES \$1,000, SPENDS NEARLY \$135,000

Gov. Rick Scott's Let's Get to Work political committee received a single \$1,000 contribution in August, while spending almost \$135,000, according to a newly filed finance report. The committee, which has played a key political role for Scott, still had about \$2.78 million in cash on hand as of Aug. 31. It received its only contribution in August from Longwood physician Thomas Andrews, the report said. Meanwhile, the committee spent \$134,921. While much of that money went to consulting services, Let's Get to Work also contributed \$25,000 to Seamless Florida, a PAC supporting the mayoral campaign of St. Petersburg Republican Rick Baker.

BOOK, OLIVA COMMITTEES RAISE SIX DIGITS IN AUGUST

Political committees led by Sen. Lauren Book, D-Plantation, and Rep. Jose Oliva, R-Miami Lakes, each raised at least \$100,000 in August, according to newly filed finance reports. Book's Leadership for Broward committee raised \$104,000 and had about \$1.08 million in cash on hand as of Aug. 31. Its biggest check last month, \$50,000, came from South Florida Stadium, LLC. Oliva's Conservative Principles for Florida committee received \$100,000 during the month and had about \$482,000 in cash on hand as of Aug. 31. The \$100,000 came in a single contribution from United States Sugar Corp., the committee's finance report shows. Oliva is slated to become House speaker after the 2018 elections.

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CALDWELL, GRIMSLEY TOP FUNDRAISING FOR AG COMMISSIONER

Republican lawmakers Matt Caldwell and Denise Grimsley were the top fundraisers in August in the battle to replace outgoing Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam. Caldwell, a House member from North Fort Myers, raised \$56,645 for his campaign last month, while a political committee known as Friends of Matt Caldwell raised another \$53,500, according to newly filed finance reports. Grimsley, a state senator from Sebring, raised \$68,821 for her campaign during the month, while a Grimsley-led political committee known as Saving Florida's Heartland collected \$15,000. Former Rep. Baxter Troutman, R-Winter Haven, raised \$17,390 for his campaign to become agriculture commissioner, while a closely aligned political committee

known as iGrow PC brought in \$25,000. Troutman's bid also is buoyed by a \$2.5 million check he wrote to the campaign in June. A fourth Republican candidate, Orlando businessman Paul Paulson raised \$2,260 in August. But somewhat like Troutman, Paulson in recent months put nearly \$643,000 of his own money into the race. August finance information for Democratic candidates Michael Christine and R. David Walker had not been posted to the state Division of Elections website early Tuesday afternoon. Putnam cannot seek a third term as agriculture commissioner next year and is running for governor.

SCOTT ORDERS 'FREEZE' ON INSURANCE RATE HIKES

Gov. Rick Scott on Tuesday ordered the state's top insurance regulator to "freeze any and all efforts" to increase property-insurance rates as homeowners and businesses recover from Hurricane Irma. A news release that included directives from Scott to Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier did not detail rate proposals that could be affected by the 90-day freeze. But the Office of Insurance Regulation, at least in part, held a hearing last month on a proposal by the state-backed Citizens Property Insurance Corp. that would increase rates on many customers. "Due to the devastating effects of Hurricane Irma, Floridians should be focused on getting back to their normal lives without their insurance premiums being increased," Scott said in the news release issued late Tuesday afternoon. Scott also said policyholders who had coverage canceled or not renewed in the days leading up to Hurricane Irma should receive 90 days to renew their policies or find new coverage. Also, he directed Altmaier to provide an additional 90 days for policyholders to submit required information to insurance companies. He pointed to large numbers of residents who were displaced by the storm

IRMA DEATH TOLL INCREASES TO 42 IN FLORIDA

Hurricane Irma's official death count in Florida has grown to 42, up from 34 on Monday --- and the number is expected to continue increasing. The latest total doesn't include any deaths from Monroe County, where recovery efforts continue. The Miami Herald has reported at least nine deaths in Monroe, while the county tweeted that it has had eight deaths. Also, a Broward County count grew from six on Monday to seven on Tuesday but still did not list eight residents of a sweltering Hollywood nursing home who died last Wednesday. The deaths of the nursing-home residents have spurred a criminal investigation. The official figures are compiled by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Division of Emergency Management based on reports by county medical examiners. Deaths from Irma have been reported in Broward, Collier, Duval, Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lake, Lee, Liberty, Marion, Okeechobee, Orange, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Polk, St. Lucie, Taylor and Volusia counties. Fourteen deaths across the state are now attributed to a blunt-force injury --- typically involving traffic crashes or injuries that occurred during the storm or while people worked on storm preparation or recovery. Irma is also blamed for seven deaths by drowning and 11 deaths involving carbon monoxide.

PUTNAM WAIVES FEES TO REPLACE LOST WEAPON PERMITS

Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam is waiving replacement fees for concealed-weapon permits and security-guard licenses lost or destroyed because of Hurricane Irma. "Hurricane Irma devastated Florida, and the last thing someone needs to worry about is paying a fee to have their concealed weapon license or security guard license replaced," Putnam, a Republican who is running for governor, said in a news release announcing the fee waiver Friday. People requesting the replacements must submit notarized statements to Putnam's Tallahassee office "explaining that their license was lost, damaged or stolen," the release said. Hurri-

cane Irma made landfall in the Florida Keys and Southwest Florida on Sunday and caused massive flooding in the Jacksonville and interior regions of the state. Putnam, an avid gunrights advocate, has made it easier to apply for concealed-weapon permits, and the number of permits in Florida has steadily climbed during his tenure as agriculture commissioner. More than 1.8 million concealed-weapon permits are now active in the state, more than double the number when Putnam took office in 2011.

9-8-17 SIMPSON, GALVANO COMMITTEES RAISE MORE THAN \$200,000

Political committees led by the next two Senate presidents continued to rake in cash in August. The Jobs for Florida committee, which is led by Sen. Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, raised \$282,500 in August and had about \$1.62 million in cash on hand as of last week, according to a report posted on the state Division of Elections website. The August total included \$50,000 contributions from PACs linked to the Florida Chamber of Commerce and Associated Industries of Florida. Simpson, the current Senate majority leader, is slated to become Senate president in 2020. He will follow Sen. Bill Galvano, a Bradenton Republican who is in line to become president after the 2018 elections. The Galvano-led Innovate Florida political committee received at least \$203,000 in contributions during August, according to a list on its website. That included \$40,000 from a Florida Retail Federation political committee and \$40,000 from Disney Worldwide Services, Inc. State candidates and committees face a Monday deadline for filing reports with the state showing finance activity through Aug. 31. A report for the Galvano committee had not been posted to the Division of Elections website as of early Thursday afternoon.

PATRONIS COMMITTEE PULLS IN \$135,000

A political committee linked to newly appointed state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis raised \$135,000 in late August, as Patronis weighs running in 2018 for a four-year term in the Cabinet post. The committee, known as Treasure Florida, formed in August and posted initial fund-raising numbers on its website. The \$135,000 included \$50,000 from Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Inc., of Panama City, and \$50,000 from the Florida Prosperity Fund, a PAC with ties to the business group Associated Industries of Florida. Gov. Rick Scott appointed Patronis in June to finish the term of former Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater, who stepped down to take a position at Florida Atlantic University. Patronis has not opened a campaign account to run in 2018, but the Treasure Florida committee could play a key role if he decides to run. Patronis is a former Republican state House member from Panama City who also served on the state Public Service Commission.





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"Brit Bike Mike" Stevens send me these articles from the MRF on Federal issues

RIDING FREE FROM DC:

Your Weekly Biker Bulletin from Inside the Beltway

Your **Motorcycle Riders Foundation** team in Washington, D.C. is pleased to provide our members with the latest information and updates on issues that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. Count on your MRF to keep you informed about a range of matters that are critical to the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle. Published weekly when the U.S. Congress is in session.

NEWS FROM THE HILL - School's Back in Session!

Congress returns from its August recess this week, but don't count on much policy work getting done given a jam-packed to-do list on several 'must do' items including lifting the debt ceiling, funding the government (or, more likely, kicking the can until December) and funding Hurricane Harvey and Irma relief efforts.

Still though, the House made some progress this week passing a bipartisan driverless car bill on Wednesday, advancing what could become the first set of federal laws for the emerging industry. The "Self Drive Act" (which your MRF has been closely following and weighing in on) aims to speed up the development of driverless technology as well as preempt states from implementing certain laws governing the new technology. It would also allow car manufacturers to deploy up to 100,000 self-driving cars a year that don't meet normal safety standards. However, note that these cars would not be commercially available, but rather used for testing purposes.

Your MRF has been communicating to our federal lawmakers that robust testing must be required for manufacturers of autonomous vehicles, guaranteeing they have accounted for motorcycle recognition and responsiveness. In addition, we've been asking to have a guaranteed seat at the table as the Department of Transportation moves forward in its regulatory activities so that the voice of the rider is heard. Recently, I met with staff from the Senate Committee with jurisdiction over this issue asking for the aforementioned points to be written into their soon-to-be-released legislation. Happily, we've had a positive dialogue, and I am cautiously optimistic that the Senate bill will be a step in the right direction taking our interests into account. Stay tuned on that...As soon as I get the green light, I will send the draft out.

In the meantime, for more information and resources on the SELF DRIVE Act, you can visit energycommerce.house.gov/selfdrive

EXECUTIVE & REGULATORY UPDATES – New Studies Released on Helmets and the MRF Issues a FOIA Request on the MAC

This week, the Transportation Research Record reported abstracts of several new studies; two of which had to do with motorcycles and more specifically, the use of helmets in fatal crashes.

Not surprisingly, neither report even attempted to hide their predisposed bias. Both

abstract descriptions of the studies each stated that repealing the universal helmet law had a negative effect on motorcyclists. One study looked specifically at helmet use in Colorado, while the other examined long-term effects of universal helmet laws. Shockingly, (::SARCASM::) both studies concluded that policymakers should rethink the universal helmet law. Though there is a charge to access the full studies, you can review the abstracts by clicking on the links below:

http://trrjournalonline.trb.org/doi/pdf/10.3141/2637-06 http://trrjournalonline.trb.org/doi/abs/10.3141/2637-04

In an attempt to continue to express our frustration with the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (and its lack of motorcyclists) this week your MRF issued a FOIA request to the attorney for the Federal Highway Administration. For those outside of the beltway, a "FOIA" request stands for Freedom of Information Act. This is a law that gives you the right to access information from the federal government. Specifically, I requested that all documents/emails/communications having to do with the establishment of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council and the determination of the selected individuals be turned over for my review. Under the law, the appointed attorney has 20 days to respond to my request. I'll keep you all in the loop as we try to unravel this ridiculous example of our government at its worst.....

Oh, and one more thing – this week I heard that Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao indicated that the Agency will release an update to driverless car guidance next week. We'll be watching, and I will send it out to you all once it's in my hot little hands!

STATE NEWS – Emails were flying back and forth over the last 10 days about school bus arms and motorcyclists. For reference, see the pic below:



The conversations over email was whether or not this posed any risk to riders as well as what states did to ensure the safety of children riding the school bus and different measures and approaches (cameras, extended arms, etc.). Generally, the sentiment from everyone was, the extended arms should not be a risk to riders provided they follow the law and don't try and drive around a school bus at a bus stop. Then I came across this article from Idaho:

http://www.kcrg.com/content/news/Motorcycle-runs-red-light-collides-with-school-bus-442933283.html

Though not exactly the situation we had discussed, I think it serves as an important reminder to everyone reading. Not only is "school" back in session for Congress, but also for our kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews. Let's ride smart and respect any school buses we may encounter.

MRF NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – Seriously Solid Line Up for MOTM

I know that many have been asking for the agenda for our upcoming Meeting of the Minds. The good news is that we are putting the finishing touches on this and I can tell you that we have a very good program this year. One sneak peek I'll give you is for one of our general sessions. We have secured Dr. Todd Akins, a rider and head honcho at the National Rifle Association, aka the NRA. Todd happens to have his law degree and Ph.D. and is an expert in state lobbying and is excited to speak to our group. Not only is he going to give us practical tips on how to get our grassroots motivated and get our issues front and center, but interestingly he is going to give his lawyer spin on some of the concerns touched on last year related to motorcycle profiling and gun ownership. It's going to be good, no doubt.

So if you haven't registered, it's not too late. You can do so by calling Tiffany or I or by going on the MRF website by September 14th. And keep a look out for the conference agenda...you should have it shortly!

Until then....

RIDE FREE-

Megan Ekstrom
Vice-President of Government Affairs & Public Relations
The Motorcycle Riders Foundation

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MRF Friends and Supporters-

Today I sat in a congressional hearing that considered the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act (or 'RPM' Act).

As you all know, the RPM Act is critical legislation that became necessary after the EPA attempted to sneak in language that would make it illegal for you to make modifications to your motorcycle even if it is for the purposes of racing. Though the Agency withdrew the language, even today they still maintain they have the authority to enforce this.

We MUST get this legislation passed which would ensure our right to modify our motorcycles as we see fit and ensure the EPA can't fine us for doing what WE HAVE ALWAYS DONE.

This legislation is broadly supported by both Republicans AND Democrats. The only thing it needs now is a chance at a vote.

PLEASE CLICK/SHARE/SEND/POST the following link that will take you to a predrafted letter to your elected officials asking them to consider the RPM Act for a vote.

Let's not just be SAY-ERS, let's be DO-ERS!

Take Action (http://cqrcengage.com/mrf/app/take-action?

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ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes September 17, 2017

Meeting Called to order at 11:40 AM 19 Members Present 1 Guest Present

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

PRESIDENT: Thanked everyone that showed. Hoped all fared well after the hurricane. The vulnerable users bill to be reintroduced without emphasis on motorcycles. Biker Bash tickets are available.

VICE PRESIDENT: Motorcycle Riders Foundation has a petition online against profiling of bikers by the government. There is a website to sign the petition. Check it out.

SECRETARY: Asked if anyone had any objections to last month's meeting minutes as published in chapter newsletter. There were none. Reminded members to be there for your Brothers and Sisters, you never know when you may need their help.

TREASURER: We are in good shape financially.

MEMBERSHIP: We need to increase membership.

SARGENT AT ARMS: No lane splitting! Ride safe and set a good example.

SAFETY: Bike night should be on at Harley. We plan to set up the safety table. Gun tickets are still available. Things have been pretty quiet out there.

DELEGATE: Next meeting in Port Charlotte on October 14. Peace River Campground got flooded during Irma. Hopefully things will be back to normal by the Event date.

LEGISLATIVE: Greg Evans passed away and had been an ABATE supporter. Thanks to Brit Bike Mike for the MRF stuff.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: Still trying to find a bulk email provider. Hurricane has made things difficult lately.

PRODUCTS: We still need a products person. New shirts are needed to be found. Challenge coins will be picked up at next state meeting

NEWSLETTER: B. B. Mike is going to print some additional newsletters to supplement the ones we have printed. We need more advertisers.

OLD BUSINESS: Bills Bike Toy Run and the Toys in the Sun Toy run are both scheduled for

December 10. We are planning our event for that day as well. Renegades is being auctioned off. We need a venue for our event. Discussions on possibilities was held.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Put the word out on the Peace River event November 3-5. Hit the bike nights and make a showing! 50/50 was won by Hamish and donated to the chapter.

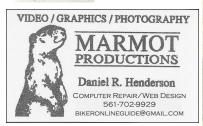
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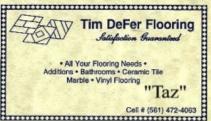














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REQUIREMENTS—must be at least 18 years of age. In does not matter what you or even if you ride. You can be an independent or member of a club or association. All are welcome at meetings.

JOIN FOR THE CAUSE. Everything is voluntary, we understand work and family comes first. We hope you can help in any small way, vote and spread the word.

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.

INSURANCE As an active member you have a \$4,000 **Accidental Death and Dismemberment** policy from American Income Life. You will get a card in the mail from state office to register your beneficiary for ADD insurance. Do NOT mail it, just be sure your family knows about the policy. If you send it in and they try to meet to sell you more so only if you are interested in more insurance. If they bother you contact our State Office to have it stopped. You can mail to the office as Registered letter to have it done when you family notifies. Be sure to renew in time so are always covered! It does not have to be a motorcycle accident.

MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE 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 op 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

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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.

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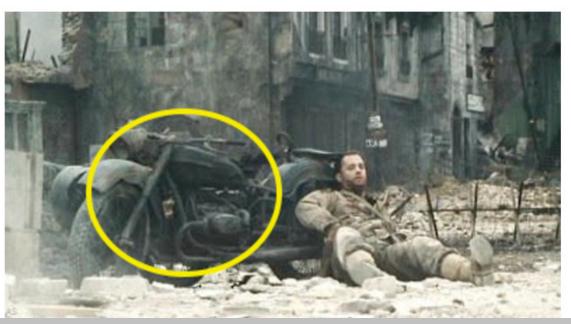
Membership Dues: \$20 for 1 year or \$600 for Life Membership per person Fill out form, print, sign attach your check or money order and mail to:

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This movie was so well done, you could hardly believe there were any movie bloopers, but sadly, *Saving Private Ryan* isn't safe. Captain Miller has been hurt in battle, and he's composing himself, resting on the ground, leaning up against a motorcycle. The motorcycle in question is a Ural M-63, and a rather authentic model at that. The blooper here is that the bike wasn't actually released until over eighteen years after the movie was set. Still, it looks good.



Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting VFW POST 4143 OCT. 15, 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.