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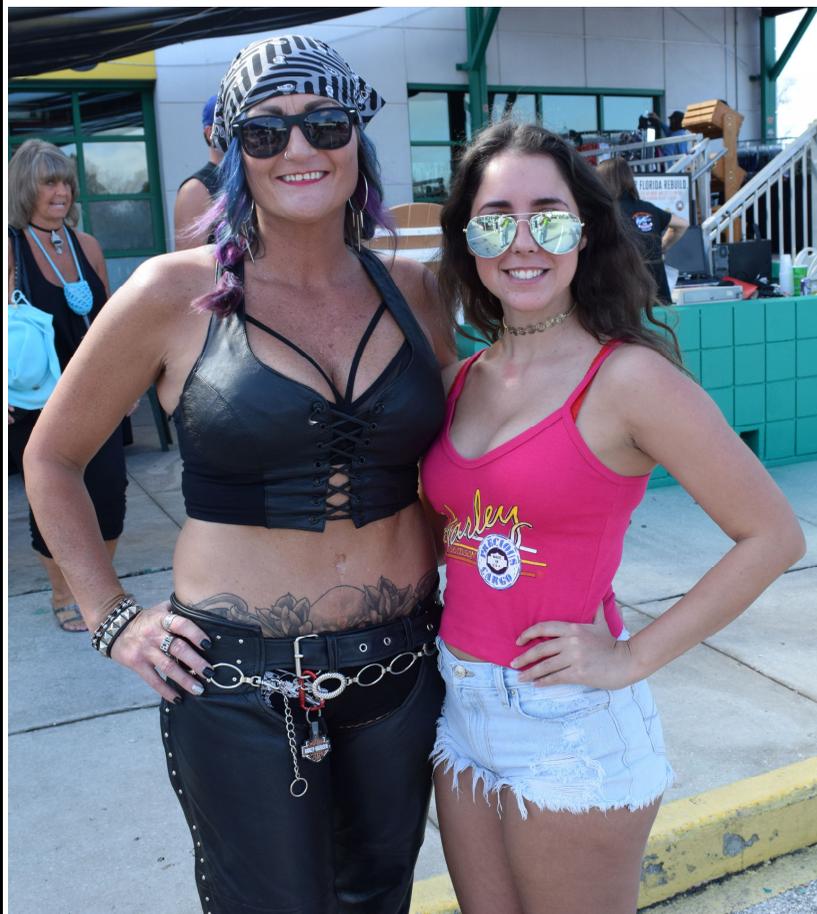
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## President's Message

Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

Well its March already so you know what that means - yup Bike Week in Daytona!! We will be staying at the Fast Lane campground same as last year. The campground is about 15 min. West of Daytona in Deland it is just 15 dollars a night best deal for bike week you are gonna get. You will need to bring a tent or camper with you though. Last year we had a great time. Bike Week starts on March 9th and runs to the 18th. I am planning on riding up the second weekend Friday the 16th for the weekend if you are interested in camping with your abate brothers for Bikeweek let us know we will give you all the info you need. Don't miss out going to be a great time !

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On another note we need to find someone to be our chapter treasurer so if you know someone or if you are interested please come to our next chapter meeting and let us know if you know someone who would like to be our treasurer bring them with you to the meeting they are held every third Sunday at 11:30 at the VFW in Riviera Beach. Please help us find a new treasurer because if we don't find someone by June's meeting we will be forced to close our chapter down.

Note: next chapter meeting will be on the forth Sunday of the month March 25th due to bike week !!!!

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## **UPCOMING Event Schedule**

Thursday March 1 Black Pistons Open House

Thursday March 1 PB Harley Abacoa Bike Night 7-10 Stadium Grill

Friday March 2. 1 Soldiers for Jesus Open House / Ink Link Bike Night Bike Night

Sunday March 3 Lone Legion Brotherhood Annual

Monday March 5 Mob of Brothers MC Open House 2590 Commerce Park Dr. Unit F5 Boynton

Wednesday March 7 Bike Nights at Island Jacks, Chit Chats and Gill Mill Jensen Bch

Friday March 9 AOA WPB MC Open House

March 9-18 Daytona Bike Week

Tues March 13 Lone Legion Brotherhood MC Open House 2590 Commerce Park Dr. Unit F5 Boynton

Wed. March 14 Bike Nights at Island Jack's, Chit Chats

Wednesday March 21 States MC Lake Worth Open House 3570 Boutwell Rd. Lake Worth

Wednesday March 21 Bike Nights at Island Jacks and Chit Chats

Friday March 23 AOA WPB MC Open House

Sunday March 25 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. 11:30 am

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Wednesday March 28 Bike Nights at Island Jacks and Chit Chats

Thursday March 29 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Monday April 2 Mob OF Brothers Open House

Wed. April 4 Bike Nights at Island Jack's, Chit Chats and Gin Mill Jensen Beach

Thursday April 6 Black Pistons Open House

Saturday April 7 Black Pistons MC West Palm Annual

Tues April 10 Lone Legion Brotherhood MC Open House 2590 Commerce Park Dr. Unit F5 Boynton

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### **OUR GOALS**

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.  
To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms.  
To motivate the bikers to write letters to legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.  
To furnish a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to upcoming legislation.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

When you become a member of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. you are helping make a difference in the ongoing mission to protect your right to ride and enjoy the motorcycle of your choice, your choice of riding apparel, and when and where you can ride a motorcycle. These are issues that are real and present in today's "protect yourself from yourself" political environment. This holds true for all levels of government. There will always be those who see our love for motorcycling as a negative and will try any means to control and if possible prohibit motorcycle use.

On the local level our members get out the vote and support candidates who are sympathetic to our issues. We also will endeavor to lobby local governments whenever there are issues that need to be addressed, affecting local motorcycle use, ownership, and any discrimination that may result from said use of ownership.

At the state level we have a paid registered lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital in Tallahassee to lobby our legislators on the issues concerning the motorcycling public in Florida. He also finds reliable House and Senate sponsors for the bills we support. On the national level we are aligned with Motorcycle Riders Foundations (MRF), and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), along with several other international motorcycle rights organizations (MRO's).

As one can see we have our ear to the ground and our resolve tempered like steel. As Americans we have had it demonstrated to us time and again the vigilance is armor of free men and women. We shall not let the armor rust or weaken. With your support we can re-enforce and strengthen the armor for now and generations to come.

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Memberships are open to anyone 18 years of age or older, no matter what type of motorcycle you ride, if any at all! We welcome all riders—in clubs, associations, independents, and sport riders to join us.



## Motorcycle masterpieces From dreaming to dream job

When Chris Frasher, a 1994 graduate of Ardmore High School, painted his first helmet, in 1988, he had no idea he was beginning his career. “I started doing dirt bike helmets for all of my buddies because we all rode, and it just grew from there.” Today, he owns his own custom paint shop, CF Designs Paint, has had his work published in numerous magazines, and does specialized paint jobs for the fifth largest Harley Davidson shop in the nation.

“I probably wouldn’t have got this opportunity if it wasn’t for Longhorn Scooters in Lone Grove,” Frasher said. “The owner gave me a chance in 2005, and it just took off from there.” Through word of mouth, he was presented the opportunity to perform a custom paint job for a service manager’s bike from Texoma Harley in Sherman, Texas. This deed opened the door to doing custom work for Texas Harley in Bedford, Texas. “They’ve been the biggest client I’ve ever had, and it’s changed my life.”

One of his favorite aspects of his work for Texas Harley is working on the new bikes.

“We’re painting brand new motor cycles. They’re pulling them off the floor, tearing them apart, and sending them up here,” Chris said. “It’s nice that they aren’t beat up and covered in bugs and tar.” He can get right to work doing what he does best.

He also enjoys the challenge of matching colors and re-creating factory techniques. For a recent job, he worked on painting a trailer for a Harley Davidson CVO. The bike had stripes that were faded from orange to red, and he needed to duplicate that on the trailer.

“We had to fade all of those colors and try to make it match,” Frasher said. “That’s the hardest thing — getting the right color.”

Fortunately, he’s quite savvy at just that skill. For another of his projects, he recreated the color Tiffany blue to make a one-of-a-kind motorcycle.

“We actually took a Tiffany box and matched the color to it,” he said. “The lady who ended up buying it had gone into the store with her husband to pick up his new bike, saw it, and knew she had to have it. She’d never ridden a motorcycle in her life, but had to have it because it was that color.”

In addition to working with motorcycles, he’s also created custom paint jobs on vehicles. His work has even appeared on the cover of magazines such as a *Rod & Custom* and *High Performance Pontiac*. *His talent and dedication have taken him from a child painting helmets to an accomplished professional, and the future holds even more promise.*



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The rebirth of the Livewire.....

## Harley-Davidson's electric motorcycle will be a 'Revelation' (according to trademark filings) February 22, 2018 By Motofire

Harley-Davidson trademark casts revelatory eye into future of their electric motorcycle plans. If you were to have said a year or so ago that arguably the world's most famous motorcycle brand would be frequently linked with falling sales and financial woe then most people would have said that you were barking mad.

However, with recent stories of millennial woe and mounting board concern the immediate future of the famous Bar and Shield brand is far from certain.

With a commitment to releasing 100 new motorcycles over the next ten years however, the folks at Harley-Davidson motorcycles do at least seem to have a plan to tackle their problem, and – along with Indian Motorcycle – they are preparing to take that battle to uncharted territory.

Last month the news broke that Harley were looking to get their electric motorcycle out and onto the streets by the end of 2019 and now it would seem that we know a little more about what form that new electric technology might take. Or the name of it at least.

According to a recent trademark application filed with the United States Patent & Trademark Office then name that Harley Davidson will use to refer to their new electric drive-train technology will be 'Revelation'.

The interpretation by our (genuine) friends over at Asphalt & Rubber is that this will not be the name of the final motorcycle however, but rather the name used to refer to the technology/motor itself.

We're not sure if the final name of the electrified Harley will be that of the Livewire moniker attributed to its pre-production/concept that was produced as a test vehicle back in 2014, but the choice of 'Revelation' for the motor technology is an interesting one to say the least.

The company already uses similar sounding names for it's 'Evolution' and 'Revolution X' V-Twin engines, so 'Revelation' isn't too far of a stretch for the imagination, but it's certainly an interesting one...

The Book of Revelation in Christian faith is effectively an apocalyptic prophecy.

The notion that it will be the old, warhorse Harley-Davidson to be the first major manufacturer on course to release a production electric motorcycle could well be considered an event of almost biblical proportions.

Source: USPTO via Asphalt & Rubber <https://www.motofire.com/2018/02/harley-davidsons-electric-motorcycle-will-be-a-revelation-according-to-trademark-filings/>

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## Harley-Davidson release two new, old Sportsters

Published 2 days ago on February 22, 2018 By Motofire

New Harley Iron 1200 and Forty-Eight Special come with new graphics, chrome and high bars. There are a lot of new motorcycles coming out of the Harley-Davidson stable – at least one hundred by 2027 in fact, so we can expect a frequent flow of model revisions and changes to be revealed over the coming months and years.

The two new bikes announced today by Harley aren't hugely new or exciting – but the new graphics are pretty sweet and ape-hanger bars are always worth clinging onto.

'Since its inception, the Sportster has offered the perfect combination of size, power and character that makes it appealing to so many different riders' -Brad Richards, Harley-Davidson V.P. of Styling & Design.

The Harley Sportster was introduced in 1957 and has now hit somewhere in the region of 30 varying production models. Along that time owners have got pretty used to stripping their bikes down and customising/re-inventing them. It's this fact that Harley say they've used as inspiration for their two, new machines.

The Forty-Eight Special comes with a tiny 10 litre tank, new, steamroller front-end and 8 inch high Tallboy handlebars. Compared to the regular Forty-Eight, there's also a lot more chrome. <https://www.motofire.com/2018/02/harley-davidson-release-two-new-old-sportsters/> <http://www.motorcycle.com/mini-features/2018-harley-davidson-iron-1200-and-forty-eight-special-revealed.html>



## Harley-Davidson tries to regain coolness factor

As Harley-Davidson's core demographic ages out, the motorcycle company tries to attract younger riders. The company focuses on building the next generation of riders, not just motorcycles. But some millennials say Harleys are no longer cool. It's like the Cadillac. It's not your idea of cool," one analyst says. [Kellie Eil](#) | [@KellieAutumnEil](#)

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Tiffany Camhi rolls up to work on her motorcycle.

Despite the eye-catching entrance Camhi makes each day, the Northern [California](#) resident prefers smaller motorcycles. Her 1983 [Yamaha](#)Virago XV500 is less in-your-face than a [Harley-Davidson](#).

"I could never see myself on a Harley," said Camhi. "They're really loud and super expensive."

The 30-year-old Camhi isn't alone.

Harley-Davidson motorcycles have been a mainstay in the industry since the company was established in 1903 in Milwaukee. But the Hog maker has struggled of late.

Thursday's [earnings report](#) marked the end of another difficult year, with the company posting a 6.7 percent decline in worldwide retail sales in 2017 compared with the year before. Motorcycle shipments were also at a six-year low.

Harley lowered its 2018 shipment expectations to a range of 231,000 to 236,000 bikes after narrowly meeting its target in 2017 at 241,498 vehicles. While the company anticipates increased international retail growth this year, retail sales in the U.S. are expected to be down, according to Michael Pflughoeft, manager of corporate media relations for Harley-Davidson.

## Reclaiming the Past With Indian Motorcycle's Scout Sixty

Henry David Thoreau once said “The savage in man is never quite eradicated.” Although Thoreau likely meant humankind has the capability of savage violence toward one another, for me, his words are more befit the idea of reclaiming one's relationship with our history. A history before computers, cell phones, and the noise of social media. A time when the fastest means of transportation had four legs and required meals twice a day. That's the experience the Indian Scout Sixty delivers; the ability to leave the modern behind.

More often than not, this sort of imagery and reflection is more closely associated with adventure or off-road motorcycles. Bikes like Honda's ready-for-anything Africa Twin. Yet, in the Scout Sixty, there's a sense of rawness and history not found in Honda's buttoned-up adventurer. Sure, the Honda will go anywhere you want at incredible speeds, but that's what it was designed to do. If it didn't, it'd be a failure. The Scout Sixty, however, is bumpy, loud, and bucks on pothole impacts like a horse that hasn't been given a break in months. It's a modern motorcycle, yet delivers an anachronistic experience.

The Scout nameplate is one of historical significance. The Scout was brought to life in 1920 – a time that still saw horses used as means of transportation – and was produced until a few years after World War II. During the war, it was used by the military in a similar manner as the Willys Jeep. It proved to be a hit. But during the post-war period, it fell out of fashion as Harley-Davidson became the dominant American motorcycle manufacturer. Over time, the Scout name returned. However, due to the brand's financial issues, quickly disappeared again into the annals of history until 2015 when Indian staged a rebirth.

From the moment I saw the Scout Sixty, I knew I needed to get out onto the long open stretches of desert highway that encircle Los Angeles. A plot was quickly hatched to ride the Scout Sixty to Palm Springs for a date with an open-wheel race car at The Thermal Club. The 137-mile journey would take the bike and I through the San Bernardino foothills, over wind-swept mountains, and finally onto the vast desert floor that surrounds Palm Springs. “Go [East], young man!”

The following day, I pointed the Scout Sixty's front tire toward the rising sun, strapped on my Velomacchi Giro bag, queued up Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young's “Ohio” and blasted eastward.

The Scout Sixty is the smallest displacement Scout in Indian's lineup. It only makes 78 horsepower and 65 lb-ft of torque from its liquid-cooled 60 cubic-inch V-Twin engine. It's not a lot for a motorcycle weighing 524 pounds without rider. It's even less when you consider I added another 215 pounds. However, throughout my ride, I was never wont for added grunt due to the Scout Sixty's torque curve. In operation, the V-Twin feels like a naturally aspirated American V-8. Torque is low and meaty and always available as it surges you ever-forward.



The agility of the Scout Sixty while splitting lanes and diving to-and-fro through traffic, however, isn't something I expected given its portly proportions. The Scout's steering isn't as telepathic as Yamaha's FZ-10 or KTM Super Duke R, nor should it be. Yet, it's better than any modern Harley-Davidson by leaps and bounds. I found myself leaning more in turns, dragging my knee ever closer to the pavement and speeding through traffic as if I were on a new sportbike.

That's not to say you'll keep up with the sporty offerings from Kawasaki, Ducati, or KTM in the canyons; you won't. But the Scout Sixty has more than enough capability to leave every cruiser firmly in your rear-view mirrors.

Through my path's mountain section, the Scout Sixty cruised comfortably at highway speeds and I was able to take in the splendor that is the American Southwest. It's easy to forget how beautiful the desert's desolation is when you live here. Even when a February rain-shower hit and my hands began to freeze through my warm Alpinestars gloves, the Scout Sixty's presence and personality made me push on with my adventure. The bike's soul egging me on after every mile-marker. And as I left the mountains, the sun pierced the clouds, warmed my body, and reinvigorated my soul. I couldn't have asked for a more picturesque moment as I made my way toward the desert floor.

Yet, as I breached the cooler mountain barrier, I encountered my next foe; wind.

The Scout Sixty doesn't come standard with any sort of fairing. It's not really meant for long road trips or high-speed desert romps. As such, I was absolutely battered by the hellish winds near Palm Springs. In fact, the winds here are so strong that Palm Springs is home to one of the largest wind farms in the state of California; the San Geronio Pass Wind Farm. For an hour I was pushed across the roadway, pulled toward semis, and hunched over so greatly to reduce my profile, I thought I'd end my journey as Igor from Young Frankenstein saying, "Walk this way."

But through it all, I persisted. In my mind, I thought of those intrepid souls that made far longer journeys into the west at the turn of the century. My mild discomfort compared to their abject misery and bouts of gut-wrenching dysentery wasn't about to beat the motorcycle or I.

An hour later, I was on the last leg of my journey, and onto the broken dust-strewn roadways that make up the agricultural hub that ensconces The Thermal Club. Potholed and pitted aren't the right descriptors for the roadways here. Rather, the roads and alleyways look more similar to the lunar or Martian surface than the pristine glass-smooth track of Thermal. Given my weight, and the tightly sprung factory suspension setup tuned for more urban environs, the Scout Sixty bucked and lurched as I smashed into the god-awful pavement, threatening to rip the bars from my hands and send me flying down the road. If I was to make my destination, I had to tame the wild Scout and pick my lines more carefully. It was a bronco and I was the cowboy.

With sand coming up through my Shoei helmet from a massive dust storm, my teeth were gritted and my face blackened – a resemblance likely similar of those first explorers that made their way across the plains – I finally reached my destination. A feat I accomplished without ever thinking of the world's hustle and bustle.

On the Indian Scout Sixty I wasn't plugged into the internet, worried about paying rent, or enraged by the news of the day. I was just a rider and machine. The modern world faded away all because of the somewhat magical quality of an old-school motorcycle and a trip into the desert. I must warn you though, the Scout Sixty isn't meant for long trips such as this. It can be done, and for me, the trip was worth the momentary soreness. But the Scout Sixty is much happier just going from bar to bar, taking you to and from work, and showing up your friend with a Harley-Davidson.

As a \$9,000 time machine, however, it has no equal.

<https://www.themanual.com/auto/indian-scout-sixty-motorcycle-first-ride/>

## Riding team plans longest-ever electric motorcycle expedition

A team of three determined travellers are planning to undertake the longest ever expedition using electrically powered motorcycles. JC Davis, Greg Smith, and Danell Lynn are hoping to ride from Prudhoe Bay in the frozen northern tundra of Alaska all the way to the southernmost reaches of Tierra del Fuego in Argentina.

The Expedition Electric team, two men and one woman, will travel 25,000 miles through fifteen different countries using custom-built electric motorcycles. It will be their second attempt at the trip after a first attempt ended because of technical difficulties in 2016. “After we’d made it down through Alaska, through the Yukon, and were on our way into British Columbia, we had a battery failure,” explained JC Davis.

The expedition was derailed ... but only temporarily. Now, they instead hope to restart their north-south voyage late this year or early in 2019. JC Davis said: “Part of what we want to show is that we can do it even though we had a failure with the first bike. It wasn’t technology’s fault that the trip failed.

“We want to be able to highlight green technology as we go and show its possibilities. So many people out there are either misinformed or just don’t know enough about [electric vehicles].”

Expedition Electric takes to the highway

Lynn, Smith and Davis on the open road 2016. Image by: Expedition Electric

On their original trip, they were travelling around 120 miles a day and they hope to far exceed that range the next time around. They are looking to tie in with a TV production company, who might be interested in charting the trip along the Pan-American Highway.

JC Davis said: “When we get back on the road, we will go to Prudhoe Bay and make our way south from there and probably with an eight to eleven-person crew.

“Hopefully, that will be with new bikes, and we are currently talking to battery and solar companies. We would like to be able to use solar power to charge the bikes but that will require a fair amount of energy.

Get out on the highway

Out on the open road in 2016. Image by: Expedition Electric

“If the funding shows up, we will go this year and what I’ve said to everybody is we are probably looking to start again early in 2019.

“Once we get going and get that momentum, we want to ship over to Africa and do the same there, and then in Europe. Phase Three would probably be across Asia.”

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/news/2018/02/14/riding-team-electric-motorbike-longest-trip/>

I have a large woman's Harley jacket for sale. My husband used to ride with ABATE, he has passed away, and I no longer ride. I also have a man's leather coat 2xl, not a bikers jacket, for sale. \$50.00 for each, if anyone is interested I am in Lantana, Mararalago Cay. respond by email please. Respond asap as I am moving and would like to bless a biker deborah griesi <dgsky2002@gmail.com>

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**Mon** Dinner 6:30 States MC Pompano Clubhouse

**Once a Month Tues** Lone Legion MC Brotherhood Open House  
 2nd Tues Jupiter Moose Bike Night

**1st Wed** Gin Mill BM Jensen Bch  
**Wed** Island Jack's Bike Night with Gorilla Motors  
**Wed** Chit Chat's bike night 7pm Free BBQ, music  
**3rd Wed** States MC Lake Worth Open House 8pm

**1st Thurs** PB Harley Abacoa BN  
**Thurs Once a month** UBCPBC Council Ride Night  
**Thurs Once a month** Black Pistons MC WPB Open House  
**3rd Thurs** Treasure Coast Harley Bike Night  
**?? 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** Enforcers MC Party

**SAT HOG Morning** Palm Beach Harley And often other events and bikini bike washes

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3rd Sun. April 15  
3rd Sun. May 20  
3rd Sun. June 17

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- JUNE 6-16  
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<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> MOB Open House	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Gill Mill Bike Nights	<b>8</b> Vintage Iron Bike Night Jupiter Moose Bight Night	<b>9</b> Bike Week Daytona	<b>10</b> Bike Week Daytona
<b>11</b> Bike Week Daytona	<b>12</b> Bike Week Daytona	<b>13</b> Bike Week Daytona Lone Legion Open House	<b>14</b> Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Bike Nights Bike Week	<b>15</b> Bike Week Daytona	<b>16</b> Bike Week Daytona	<b>17</b> Bike Week Daytona
<b>18</b> Bike Week Daytona	<b>19</b> Bike Week Daytona	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> States LW Open House Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Bike Nights	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Palm Bch ABATE Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Island Jack's, Chit Chat's, Bike Nights	<b>29</b> Ralphs /Turboz Bike Night	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

# April 2018

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# DELEGATE REPORT

Bill could not make the meeting and Slo Mo could not get time off for the Ride to the Capital. I declined to go for just the meeting and spoke with Snooze who was going to go but he couldn't get job coverage. So I, Slo Mo, wetn up just for the meeting after spending Saturday at the Full Throttle Bike Builder Expo in Clearwater (and got the cover girls). Sunday morning I drove to Monticello in time for the board meeting. President Doc talked to the club head about supporting us and they said they would attend if we had a state party so looking into something that would be around Bronson central Florida where we might have access to open fields to party. He also told us that Adam Putnam who is running for governor really wants to address us as had been on our side. There are 900,000 licensed motorcyclists in Florida. VP was absent been report that reports next year proposal to create a trust fund for ABATE to have share of the motorcycle safety money without the issues of the past few years.

Lake County Chapter almost had a sweep of the membership awards with most new members for November and December, highest % of growth in November. December went to Freedom. There was no MasterLink published. Legislative report is covered on page 22 in my reports. NCOM meets May 10-13 in Mobile Alabama and will have seminars in the legislative process. May 9-12 2019 NCOM will be in Orlando and ABATE will need to be volunteers to drive from airport to hotel and maybe more. While it stormed during the meeting, Debby represented us on the Ride to the Capital and said the weather was good. She got our GBNF names in for the Bell reading. The gun drawing will be repeated this year and we got tickets. There were nominations for the state board and actually some races this year. They are:

**President:** Doc Reichenbach and Boyd Decelle Black Creek

**VP:** Darrin Brooks and Annett Borestein Duval

**Secretary:** Shelly Johnston, and Boots who was absent

**Treasurer:** Deb Hamby Palm Beach, Carol Decell black Creek

**Sgt-at-Arms:** Marcus Hotelling

**Pr/Comm:** Shelly Carroll, Joanne Napoli Southeast undecided

**Masterlink:** Joanne "Critter" Napoli Southeast accepted

**Membership:** Laurie Hanley

**Legislative:** Darrin Brooks

**Products:** open

## STATE MEETINGS

### Host Chapter & Location

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 GBNF

Ed "Gunner" Bassett

Frank "Pipes" Cook

Robert "Torch" Lyle

Niurka Crespo

Phil Moore

Michael Steffy

Tom "Ramblin' Man"

Botticelli

Karen Watkins

"Bones" Maurice Clark

So you see most of the present board and trustees that are voted on are running again except for offices of Treasurer, MasterLink, and Products. There appears to be a power take over but those candidates are ones that seem to make a fuss at meetings and I'm not sure if they have enough delegate support. We will discuss these races at chapter meeting for our delegates to vote in your behalf so another reason to attend chapter meetings. Usually we also vote on a Lobbyist proposal but none has been Submitted

Next State meeting is April 14 Port Charlotte. Since our chapter meeting is the next day, it will be an over and back trip. Hope we can get our delegation to drive over together.



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## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

### DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON



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

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772-545-3481 Hove Sound

**D85** Rich Roth (R)  
850-717-5085 Tallahassee  
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**D86** Matt Willhite (D)  
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561-791-4071(2) WPB

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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)  
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561-470-6607 Boca Raton

**D90** Lori Berman (D)  
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561-374-7850 Boynton Bch

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

Election season is upon us as campaign posters are blossoming roadside for local elections. Senate District 31 has been Vacant and a special election is set for April 10, candidates include Lore Berman and Irving Slossberg.

**Bill Status from our State Meeting.** It looks like the bill to make texting while driving a primary offense will pass both. I read HB215 and S504, they do define autocycle as different that a motorcycle so I do not understand why we oppose that as would remove them for our statistics. Not much action reported but hear it should pass.. HB419 would mandate motorcycles have same insurance as other vehicles. It has not had any hearing, not Senate bill and the sponsor has dies so it appears to also to die. Even without Clemons around the Vulnerable Road Users has been under attack by bicyclists, making the bill only for them and not everybody as we wanted. Still hoping to get a share of the money for Motorcycle Safety but while the Hose and Senate again favor it it will be up to Scott. Talk for next year to create a fund for us to get. SB 358/HB171 should pass and will rename a Panhandle road he Greg Evers Memorial Highway. He was a great friend to ABATE, a member and deserves honor. The moped helmet bill has failed so far

**From Scribe ABATE State Legislative SUPREME COURT EYES RED LIGHT CAMERA REVIEWS TALLAHASSEE --- Luis Torres Jimenez**

#### Palm Beach County FL Senators

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

**D31** April 10 election  
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561-540-1140 Lake Worth

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Patrick Murphy

##### U.S. HOUSE

**District 18**  
Brian Mast (R)

**District 20**  
Alcee Hastings

**District 21**  
Lois Frankel

**District 22**  
Ted Deutch

admits he made a right turn at a red light when he wasn't supposed to, but he still wants his ticket quashed.

The fate of Jimenez's 2011 citation --- issued after a red-light camera captured an image of his illegal turn --- now rests in the hands of the state's highest court. But several justices appeared skeptical Wednesday as Jimenez's lawyers tried to persuade the court that the way the city of Aventura handles citations issued to motorists caught on camera is unlawful.

Jimenez's lawyers contended the city had illegally given "unfettered discretion" to a red-light camera company to review images of potential violations and to print and send out citations.

A Miami judge threw out Jimenez's ticket, but the 3rd District Court of Appeal overturned that decision and asked the Supreme Court to weigh in on the issue.

Wednesday's arguments in the case centered on the role that American Traffic Solutions, Inc. -- a major player in the industry --- has in handling red-light traffic violations.

The company sorts through images and puts them into two databases --- a "working" database that police review for possible traffic violations and a "non-working" database that police do not use for ticketing motorists. In sorting through the images, the company considers issues such as whether cameras have misfired and whether license plates are legible. It also reviews photos of cars entering and going through intersections.

Up to 35 percent of the images are rejected, according to court documents. The rest are given to city traffic enforcement officials, who decide whether to issue citations or not.

#### **SENATE READY TO TAKE UP CHURCH GUN BILL**

The Senate is scheduled Thursday to take up a bill that could help clear the way for people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns at churches. The proposal (SB 1048), sponsored by Sen. Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala, has been backed by Republican lawmakers who contend it could help prevent incidents such as a massacre last year at a Texas church. But the bill has been opposed by Democrats and narrowly passed two committees in 6-4 and 7-5 votes. Under current law, people with concealed-weapons licenses can carry guns at churches and other religious institutions, but they are prevented from doing so if schools are on the property. The bill seeks to allow people to carry guns at churches that have schools, though it would prevent carrying firearms during school hours or when school extracurricular activities take place. A House version of the bill (HB 1419) does not include the restrictions related to school hours or extracurricular activities. That version, sponsored by Dover Republicans Ross Spano and Lawrence McClure, has cleared committees and is positioned to go to the full House.

#### **TOUGHER TEXTING WHILE DRIVING BAN CONTINUES MOVING**

Legislation that would make texting while driving a "primary" traffic offense continued to move forward Thursday, as it cleared the House Judiciary Committee. Currently, texting while driving is a "secondary" offense, meaning motorists can only be cited if they are pulled over for other reasons. But under the legislation (HB 33 and SB 90), it would become a primary offense, which would allow police to stop drivers for texting behind the wheel. Rep. Emily Slosberg, a Boca Raton Democrat who is co-sponsoring the House bill and whose twin sister Dori died in a car accident 22 years ago, said the law needs to change as drivers of all ages continue to text and drive every day. "We all do it. It's a culture on our roadways," she said. "In the last two years, motor vehicle fatalities have jumped by the largest two-year increase in more than five decades." Co-sponsor Jackie Toledo, R-Tampa, said Florida had more than 50,000 distracted-driving crashes in 2016, resulting in more than 200 fatalities. The Judiciary Committee approved the House bill but did not agree to a proposed change that would have required police to record the race and ethnicity of drivers when writing tickets for texting while driving. A Senate panel this week added that requirement to the Senate version of the bill because of concerns about racial profiling of minorities. The House and Senate bills each must clear one more committee before going to

the full chambers. At least 39 other states make texting while driving a primary traffic offense.

#### **DEMOCRATS GO TO POLLS IN CLEMENS DISTRICT**

Democratic voters in part of Palm Beach County will select their nominee Tuesday to replace former state Sen. Jeff Clemens, a Lake Worth Democrat who resigned in October after disclosure of an extramarital affair with a lobbyist. State Rep. Lori Berman of Lantana is running against former federal worker Arthur Morrison of Lantana in the Democratic primary in Senate District 31. The seat will remain vacant through the current 2018 legislative session, as the Berman-Morrison winner will face Palm Beach County Republican Party Vice Chairwoman Tami Donnally of Lake Worth in the April 10 special general election. Among voters in the district, which includes Lantana, Lake Worth, Delray Beach and Boynton Beach, Democrats hold a nearly 47 percent to 24 percent registration advantage. Donnally was the only Republican to file for the race. She had raised \$9,886 for the contest as of Thursday. Berman had raised \$266,101 and loaned \$100,000 to her campaign, while Morrison's account included \$10,040 that he put up himself

#### **BERMAN DOMINATES FUNDRAISING IN SENATE PRIMARY**

With a Democratic primary Tuesday in a special election for a Palm Beach County Senate seat, state Rep. Lori Berman, D-Lantana, has dominated fundraising in the race, according to newly filed reports. Berman raised \$106,716 from Dec. 15 through Thursday, bringing her overall total to \$266,101...

#### **SECOND REPUBLICAN FILES FOR MILLER HOUSE SEAT**

With state Rep. Mike Miller planning to run for Congress this year, a second Republican has entered the race to replace him in a Central Florida legislative district. Orlando Republican Mikaela Nicole Nix opened a campaign account Friday to run in Orange County's House District 47, according to the state Division of Elections website

#### **GRUTERS DRAWS DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER FOR HOUSE SEAT**

Sarasota Republican Joe Gruters has drawn a Democratic challenger as he seeks a second term in the Florida House. Bradenton Democrat Liv M. Coleman opened a campaign account Thursday to try to unseat Gruters in November in House District 73, which includes parts of Sarasota and Manatee counties, according to the state Division of Elections website

#### **FOURTH REPUBLICAN SEEKS TO REPLACE CORCORAN**

With House Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, leaving the Legislature in November, the race to replace him in a Pasco County House district continues to get crowded. Odessa Republican Ryan Patrick Boney opened a campaign account Friday to run for the House District 37 seat, joining four other candidates who have taken the same step, according to the state Division of Elections website. The other Republicans seeking the seat are Bill Gunter, Elle Rudisill and Ardian Zika, while Tyler Anthony Sambucci is the only Democrat running. Zika has dominated fundraising, bringing in \$147,437 as of Dec. 31, according to a finance report posted on the Division of Elections website.

## **NEWS ON FEDERAL LEVEL**

Brit Bike Mike continues to provide us with news from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation

February 9, 2018

### **Lawmakers & Staff Gather to Discuss Self-Driving Cars & Motorcyclists' Concerns**

WASHINGTON, DC – On Thursday, at a briefing put on by the Senate Motorcycle Caucus,

the subject of automated vehicles or self-driving cars was examined through a different lens; the viewpoint of a motorcyclist.

Senators Gary Peters (D-MI) and Joni Ernst (R-IA) opened the briefing as the Chairs of the Caucus. Both avid riders, they discussed the need to be inclusive of all roadway users when advancing legislation and regulations related to the emerging technology. Both agreed that the Senate Bill - the AV START Act - and which Peters helped to author, would achieve this. Specifically, they addressed a section of the legislation that required automakers and technology developers to include motorcycle recognition, identification and responsiveness in a required safety report that would be reviewed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Panelists chosen to address the audience (packed with Congressional and Administration staff from the Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Federal Highway Administration along with motorcycle industry representatives including Harley-Davidson, and the Motorcycle Riders Foundation) discussed that while automated driving technology could yield tremendous benefits for riders by helping to eliminate driver error, motorcyclists were wary of how they fit into this new driving environment.

At one point, the discussion turned to detection by other road users as a constant challenge for the nearly 8.5 million registered motorcycles in the U.S. Distracted driving is on the rise according the latest reports from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the failure by some motorists to “see” motorcycles with their smaller profile can end in disastrous – and often fatal – consequences. But whether self-driving vehicles would actually improve this problem remains up for debate.

Panelists recognized the obvious need to make sure that automated vehicles would appropriately detect and respond to motorcyclists. However, some feared that this message has been diluted. The recent NHTSA guidance on driverless vehicles failed to mention motorcycles in this context whatsoever. Further reinforcing this concern was an incident last year involving a Tesla vehicle operating on autopilot. The vehicle struck a police officer on a motorcycle in Phoenix, AZ. Even recently, news reports surfaced about Chevy Bolt which allegedly veered into a motorcyclist while traveling on a San Francisco freeway while on autopilot.

Panelist John Lenekit from Dynamic Research discussed his preliminary research which reviewed a driver assist technology that was currently on the road; forward collision warning systems. Designed to alert the driver if they were too rapidly approaching the vehicle in front of them, this technology is widely-used in the current market, even coming standard on some makes and models. Dynamic Research’s project looked at the reliability of this warning system and found that between car to car, the warning system worked over 90% of the time. However, with a car approaching a stopped motorcycle, the warning system failed 40% of the time either warning the driver too late, or failing to warn the driver at all.

This research lead into the discussion about what was needed to ensure motorcyclists’



safety and the entire panel agreed that more motorcycle specific research was needed – and fast.

The panel concluded by musing on a question raised by the audience. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation’s chief advocacy officer pressed the panel on how motorcycles fit into a world with truly autonomous vehicles. Citing potential disincentives to drive as a way to achieve market penetration for self driving cars, she asked panelists how motorcycles could co-exist, if at all. Harley-Davidson’s Director of Government Affairs Ed Moreland responded, “We need to continue to tell the story of motorcycles – they omit less emissions into the atmosphere, cause less stress, wear and tear on our nation’s infrastructure, decrease traffic congestion and improve travel times – there is a world for motorcycles. As long as there are riders, there will be motorcycles.”

And as for self-driving motorcycles? “I will NEVER ride a self-driving motorcycle,” stated Sen. Peters. “Doesn’t that defeat the entire purpose?” The riders in the audience responded with rousing applause.

February 13, 2018

## WHAT ABOUT US?

### Why the Bikers of America Cannot Continue to be Ignored or Forgotten

I’ve held the position of Vice-President of Government Affairs for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation for roughly 18 months. And during those months I’ve sat in countless meetings, congressional hearings, public information sessions, symposiums, conferences and breakout sessions which have covered a gamut of issues that affect riders. Anything and everything from ethanol to self-driving cars to road design and infrastructure, I’ve sat, listened and taken detailed notes. However, during the last couple of months I’ve started to uncover a deeper (and darker) underlying message in my meetings. I’m not one for conspiracy theories so I won’t suggest that my theory is the product of some sort of anti-motorcycle secret society, but what I am beginning to believe is that the future of riders – our future – is questionable.

I say this because as I’ve sat through these meetings and conference calls, my takeaway increasingly becomes that the U.S. population at large, just doesn’t give a shit about motorcycles. We’re ignored or perhaps forgotten. We’re relegated to the category of recreation. And dangerous recreation at that. We’re swept into the same column as shark cage diving, or bull running or cliff base jumping. And though I have no problem with any of those recreational activities, riding motorcycles is not the same. It’s not even CLOSE to the same! Though many of us ride for the fun and the thrill of it, our bikes also get us from place to place. Unlike swimming with the sharks or running with the bulls, riding a motorcycle is a form of transportation. Motorcycles get us to work, to the post office, to the dentist. So why, in America of all places, are we forced to say again and again and again, what about us?

There is surprisingly little research done about the benefits of riding motorcycles. And I am not talking about benefits to the rider. You ask any one of our MRF members and they’ll tell

you that riding is cheaper than seeing a psychiatrist. So let's put that aside for a minute and talk about the benefits to society. In Europe several years ago, there was a study done to test mobility – that is moving from point A to point B. They looked at commuting routes from outside major cities and within major cities as well as rural areas over varying distances and compared the mobility of a motorcycle to that of a car. And out of the fourteen tests they conducted to measure mobility, the motorcycle won 85% of the time. So in other words, a motorcycle is more likely to get you to your destination faster (and not just because you're speeding).

The impacts go on from there. Another study (also in Europe where motorcycles are better viewed and accepted as a legitimate form of transportation) showed the impact of what might happen if just 10% of cars were replaced by motorcycles. Time loss for all vehicles would decrease by 40%. That means a quicker commute for everyone whether they are on a motorcycle or not. And with less cars on the road and less sitting in traffic, that means an impact on emissions. Though I have not uncovered a comprehensive study on the specific issue of reduced emissions and motorcycle usage, a case study by Transport & Mobility Leuven (yep, Europe again) stated that, "New motorcycles emit fewer pollutants compared to average private cars (less NOX, NO2, PM2.5 and EC, but more VOC). They also emit less CO2. Total external emission costs of new motorcycles are more than 20% lower than average private cars. On the section of motorway between Leuven and Brussels, total emission costs can be reduced by 6% if 10% of private cars are replaced by motorcycles."

There are other benefits too. Things like fuel efficiency; most bikes get as many miles per gallon as a car if not much more. What about infrastructure? Right now, the Trump Administration is currently figuring out how to raise \$200 billion to upgrade our nation's infrastructure which is in dire shape in some parts of the country. What may have helped our nation's crumbling infrastructure? A motorcycle's lighter touch could mean less wear and tear on a bridge or a road than a heavier, wider-set vehicle.

Given all the aforementioned benefits, you'd think I'd hear some praise from non-riders. Instead, I hear a lot about noise pollution. And that's when they even talk about motorcycles. In many cases, they aren't. Take the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA); when they put out their initial guidance on autonomous vehicles and potential policies and safety factors, motorcycles weren't even mentioned. They revised the document a year later, and though they did mention motorcycles, it was in the context of what vehicles NHTSA has jurisdiction over. Where it was blindingly not was in the section that has to do with the ability of this technology to identify and respond to objects on the road. Interestingly, the guidance names cars, trucks, pedestrians, bicyclists and animals. But not motorcycles.

Another instance of riders being forgotten (or ignored)? The newly minted U.S. version of Vision Zero, called Road to Zero. It's a program with an admirable goal – to completely eliminate deaths on our nation's highways in 20 years. The program spends very little time or resources on motorcycle and related issues in every meeting I've attended. Even the logo can't be bothered to contain a motorcycle rider.

It is estimated that there are more than 300 million powered two-wheelers in the world. These are substantial numbers, so when it comes being viewed as a legitimate form of transpor-

tation, why are riders having to fight for a seat at the table? And an even bigger question is how we can change this dynamic? I don't have the answers, but I bet if enough of us put our heads together we can start to chip away at the problem targeting not just society as a whole, but the different segments that contribute to this pervasive problem. From policymakers to media to public interest groups and everyone in between, we need to make sure that riders everywhere, regardless of what patch you hold or bike you ride, deliver the message that motorcycles have a place in the future.

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#### About Motorcycle Riders Foundation

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) provides leadership at the federal level for states' motorcyclists' rights organizations as well as motorcycle clubs and individual riders. The MRF is chiefly concerned with issues at the national and international levels that impact the freedom and safety of American street motorcyclists. The MRF is committed to being a national advocate for the advancement of motorcycling and its associated lifestyle and works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials and policymakers in Washington and beyond.

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### Full Throttle Bike Builder Expo in Clearwater



## KEANU REEVES'S SECOND MOTORCYCLE IS A CARBON FIBER WONDERMOBILE

Whoa. BY MICHAEL NOLLEDO 15 FEBRUARY 2018

For all the theatrics that went into Squarespace's Super Bowl commercial of [Keanu Reeves surfing a motorcycle](#), you'd be forgiven for missing the secondary objective of the ad, which was to plug [Arch Motorcycles](#) the custom moto company co-founded by Reeves with business



partner and friend Gard Hollinger.

Late last year, the company revealed the newest addition to its bespoke lineup, [the Method 143](#), a new bike that combines carbon fiber, machine aluminum and leather to dazzling effect. Limited to only 23 units, Arch says the bike will feature a monstrous 143 cubic-inch 2343cc engine housed in a one-piece carbon-fiber chassis. Not only that: the 143 will also feature a carbon-fiber exhaust system, house-designed carbon-fiber turbine wheels and Suter Industries-produced CNC machined bodywork.

No word yet on pricing, but trust it'll be a pretty penny.

Just don't try to surf it.

<https://www.insidehook.com/nation/arch-method-143-motorcycle-keanu-reeves>

## The TVS Zeppelin concept is a Hybrid Cruiser

Does new hybrid concept from Indian manufacturer point way to the future?

TVS  
ZEPPELIN



Car makers have long seen the allure of hybrid vehicles – the promise of low cost, electrically powered town driving coupled with the benefits of cruising distances on petrol sparked the uptake of four-wheelers such as the Toyota Prius and the UK's current favourite battery-powered machine, the Mitsubishi PHEV hybrid.

Could a machine like the TVS Zeppelin concept announced at last week's Indian Auto Expo do the same for motorcycles?

A 220cc, single-cylinder engine on its own isn't really much to write home about, but the TVS Zeppelin has a

handy backup 1200W (1.6 PS) electric generator that is charged via the motor.

TVS are the same firm that make the BMW G310R and have their own range of smaller displacement machines available, so the company have more than enough industry clout to actually go ahead and make a production version of the Zeppelin should they desire.

Their question is – as is so often the case – would the public actually buy one? We think it's rather lovely.



## Here Is the First New Curtiss Motorcycle since the Company's Rebranding The Drive Eric Brandt



© Curtiss Motorcycle Co. is releasing its first new model since it [changed its name](#) from Confederate Motors last year. The newly branded company is named after motorcycle and aviation pioneer Glenn Curtiss who is often credited with inventing the V-twin motorcycle engine in 1903.

The new Curtiss Warhawk motorcycle will be limited to a 35 model

production run. Curtiss Motorcycle Co. likes to name motorcycles after [military aircraft](#) and the Warhawk is no different. It is named after the Curtiss P-40 Warhawk that served in World War II. (The plane was produced by the Curtiss-Wright Corporation which is not affiliated with Curtiss Motorcycle Co., which has only been around since 1991.)

The Warhawk will be powered by a 2,163cc V-twin engine that makes 150-horsepower and 160 pound-feet of torque linked to a five-speed manual transmission. The massive triple-camshaft OHV engine is cradled in a machined modular aluminum monocoque frame. The Warhawk has a claimed top speed of 165-plus mph.

“We’ve spent the past 27 years working to optimize and perfect Mr. Curtiss’s V-Twin invention,” explained Curtiss CEO Matt Chambers in a press release. “Everything we know is built into this machine. Because the Warhawk is based on our acclaimed P51 Fighter, the engine, powertrain, and chassis are as solid as a bank vault. But now, we’ve cranked it to 11. There are no more rabbits we can pull out of the proverbial hat. There’s simply no way to make a more explosive hot-rod American V-twin than the Curtiss Warhawk.”

Chambers is serious about that statement because this is the final gas-powered motorcycle his company will have produced. He’s made it official that every Curtiss motorcycle after this one will be [electric](#).

“The American V-twin is undoubtedly the most iconic and revered powertrain in motorcycle history,” said Chambers. “As we prepare to lead an all-new golden age of electrified motorcycles, this Curtiss Warhawk represents the best and final chapter in American V-Twin power and refinement. We’re building a handful of these Warhawks in honor of Mr. Curtiss and as a bequeathment from the brand of yesterday to the brand of tomorrow.”

Production of the Curtiss Warhawk is underway and it has an MSRP as hefty as its engine at \$105,000.

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/autos/autosmotorcycles/here-is-the-first-new-curtiss-motorcycle-since-the-companys-rebranding/ar-BBJqnai>

# ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/18/18

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 for coming out. We will need a treasurer for June otherwise we will not be able to continue. I'd also like to step down and have someone else take the job. Nominations open in April.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** I will be willing to stay on as VP.

**SECRETARY:** Asked if anyone had any objections to last month's meeting minutes as published in chapter newsletter. There were none. Will probably stay on as a board member.

**TREASURER:** We are good. Gun raffle tickets are available

**MEMBERSHIP:** Currently at 150.

**SARGENT AT ARMS:** Excused. Pettee sat in.

**SAFETY:** Not much going on. Planning on setting up at Harley Bike Night.

**DELEGATE:** Besides what's in legislative safety money may come through this year. There was no MasterLink. May 10-13 will be NCOM in Alabama. The following year the same weekend it will be in Orlando. Ride to Capital was wet. April 14 Peace River is next state meeting. See newsletter for more info.

**LEGISLATIVE:** Full report is available in the newsletter. Texting law making texting a primary offense should pass. Motorcycle insurance law not going anywhere at this time.

**PR/COMMUNICATIONS:** Cannot find a mass email system that'll work.

**PRODUCTS:** Still no products person.

**NEWSLETTER:** Considering dropping print version to 100 a month.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Gun tickets are available. June event is on hold.

**NEW BUSINESS:** State is looking into a party.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Local events happening that day were discussed. Hamish won the 50/50 drawing and donated his winnings back to the chapter.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:45 pm

## Motorcycle Girl gets release date

February 15, 2018

LAHORE- The release date of Zenith Irfan's biopic titled '*Motorcycle girl*' starring Sohail Ali Abro has finally been locked on 20th April. *Motorcycle Girl* is written and directed by Adnan Sarwar, whose first feature film titled '*Shah*' was a biopic based on Pakistani Olympian boxer Hussain Shah.

The film is based on Zenith Irfan's life journey when at the age of 12 she started riding. In June 2015, Zenith Irfan motorcycled 3200 kilometres from Lahore, through Northern Pakistan and up to the Khunjerab. The three week journey made her the first female Pakistani motorcyclist to ride through the northern terrains of the country.

Talking to this scribe, director of the film Adnan Sarwar said, "I have always targeted subjects which makes impact on people. When Zenith told me about her journey it really inspired me. I understand biopic in Pakistani cinema doesn't have a good repute of generating money at the box office but every film is not meant to be a blockbuster.

"It's a very interesting film and I have high hopes for this project. I have scripted a fictional world around the core true story of her journey and I hope that *Motorcycle Girl* will help further the cause of women empowerment in Pakistan," Adnan said.

Zenith Irfan said she never knew a motorcycle could hold such power. "My brother brought me a bike so, that I could go to university. In June 2015, I travelled from Lahore up to Khunjerab pass which was a wonderful experience for me. Adnan Sarwar has purchased the story rights. I'm really satisfied by the making of the biopic '*Motorcycle girl*' and the filmmakers have made it beyond my expectations.

"It was the dream of my father to tour northern areas on bike. He could not do so in his lifetime. So this whole journey is dedicated to him," Zenith said.

Sohail Ali Abro got motorcycle training and followed Zenith Irfan's bike journey from Lahore to Khanjerab during the shooting of the film. The film has been co-produced by Jami under his banner Azadfilm Company.

<https://nation.com.pk/15-Feb-2018/motorcycle-girl-gets-release-date>



## WHY JOIN ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.?

**ABATE** is a non-profit Motorcycle Rights Organization whose cause is to EDUCATE the government, motorcyclists and the general public on freedom, rights, road safety, and awareness of motorcycles on the road.

**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](http://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](http://www.LeslieKays.com) The \$3000 accessory package is normal. The State has arranged with Coastal Insurance Company to offer members up to 10% discount and \$3000 parts and accessories coverage. They are at 190 Hwy A1A Suite, Satellite Beach FL . Agent Doug Guido's phone is 888-596-2453. So these are two more options to compare with your company

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

**EMAILINGS** you can be added to a mass mailing which you can opt to be removed at end of email. Usually only do twice a month to let you know our Newsletter is online and remind you of chapter meetings. Local events are included and sometimes urgent matters may be included. No one will see your email **PHONE TEXT** another way to communicate with members. Your phone number may be added to our text alert system To change or add the chapter email is [palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com](mailto:palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com) Our website is [palmbeach.abateflorida.com](http://palmbeach.abateflorida.com)

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

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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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# ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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

State newsletter the *MasterLink* every other month online and our Chapter newsletter *The Chrome Chronicles* is online at start of month in color with active Links.

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Date:  MEMBERSHIPS FEE \$

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



# OUR CHAPTER IS IN YOUR HANDS

**We need members to stand up and get involved for this chapter to continue. We need new board members to fill the spots we have held for too long. We cannot operate without a treasurer. The President and Safety Director would like to step down. The legislative Trustee needs help and the chapter members to work with THEIR elected representatives.**

**We want YOU !!**

Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting  
VFW POST 4143

**4th Sunday March 25, 2018 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.