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**NEXT CHAPTER
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11:30 AM
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President's Message

Curtis Alva

Welcome to the 2018-19 year at ABATE. The new Board of Directors is in place and already working hard with the outgoing Board, the Trustees and other officers. ABATE has a mission to perform and we are excited to serve as the missionaries to make motorcycling safer and motorcyclists free-er. With the new fiscal year here now, we want every interested member of ABATE to help us set the agenda for the next 12 months by coming to our July 22 planning meeting.

Do you want rides this year? Just come to the meeting and tell us where you want to go. Are you interested in motorcycle sports, drag races, road racing, Homestead, Jennings. Or auto racing, Daytona, Sebring? How about dirt trail riding or motocross?

How about hanging with the group? Let's discuss riding to dinner every first Saturday, lunches on the Saturdays/Sundays when HOG is serving food at Palm Beach H-D, MC open houses, assorted bike nights, special events and our regular third-Sunday breakfasts.

We also want to hear from you about charity events, about biker families who have been stricken by illness, death, accident or drug or alcohol addiction, and about putting every able member of ABATE on two wheels. And, hurricane season is here and storms regularly put bikers in a position to be first responders for communities and families needing immediate disaster relief.

So come on over to the first meeting, saddle up and hang on—it's going to be a hell of a ride!

Remember next meeting is 4TH Sunday July 22 due to Leadership

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ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Leadership Seminars

Saturday, July 14, 2018

President's Meeting

Sunday, July 15, 2017

At the Vero Beach Inn and Suites

8797 20th St, Vero Beach, FL 32966, For Reservations Call: (772-567-8321)

Deadline for ABATE Special Rates June 30, 2018

These Leadership Seminars are for **ALL CHAPTER OFFICERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES.**

Each seminar will be presented by the State Board Member based on his or her respective office.

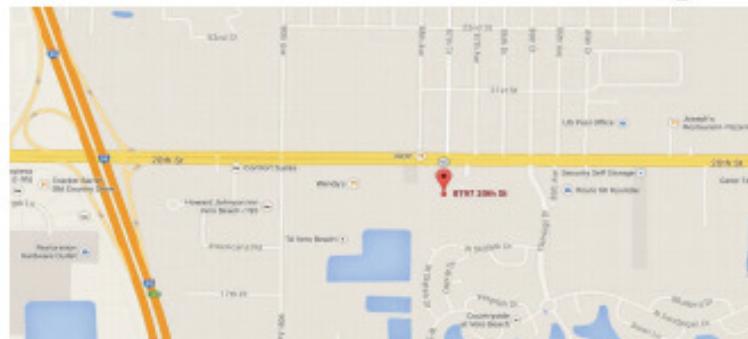
These seminars will offer a good overview of the duties and responsibilities of a Chapter Officer and will give attendees a chance to get answers to their questions on an individual basis.

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2018

TIME	ROOM A	ROOM B	ROOM C
8:00 - 9:00	Treasury (part 1)		
9:00 - 10:00	Treasury (part 2)	Products	PR/Communications
10:00 - 11:00	Treasury (part 3)	Legislative	Websites
11:00 - 12:00	Treasury (part 4)	Sgt-At-Arms	Delegates
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	Safety (part1)	Secretary	Newsletter
2:00 - 3:00	Safety (part 2)	Insurance	Membership

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018

9am - 12 Noon Presidents/Vice Presidents Meeting



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UPCOMING Event Schedule

Monday July 2 Mob of Brothers Open House

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

Thursday July 5 Black Pistons Open House and/or Abacoa Bike Night PB Harley 7-10

Friday July 6 Soldiers for Jesus Open House

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

Wednesday July 11 Bike Night at Island Jacks

Friday July 13 AOA WPB MC Open House

Saturday July 14 ABATE of FL Leadership Seminars Vero Beach

Sunday July 15 ABATE of FL Presidents and VPs meeting Vero Beach

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

Wednesday July 18 Bike Night at Island Jacks

Thursday July 19 Bike Night at Palm Beach Harley

Sunday July 22 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. 11:30 am Board Nominations
V.F.W. Post 4143 located at 2404 Broadway, Riviera Beach 561-844-5718. From I 95 exit Blue Heron
Blvd. go east to Broadway (Federal Hwy., US- 1) turn right, go south 1 block the V.F.W. is on the east
side. Look for the flag. Breakfast will be served 9:00 AM 'til Noon

Sunday July 22 Soldiers for Jesus WPB Annual

Wednesday July 25 Bike Night at Island Jacks

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

Friday July 27 AOA WPB MC Open House

REMINDER: EVERY

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

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



NEW STATE SHIRTS

Shown at the June State meeting are new designs for shirts. These are very reflective so great for night riding without vests. Said to hold up great after many washings. The front is as on the left in the tank top. Above are the five choices for full back. On the next page is example of that on the “mechanic” shirt. You can order your choice of back and shirt style and color.

I will be putting all the information on our chapter website to get better ideas for your orders. This will continue on page 9.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. Mission Statement

WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. We ARE NOT A CLUB NOR A GANG. We fund our work through events, toy runs, poker runs, campouts, and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors & friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community. We serve and support our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others. We are Pro-choice NOT anti-helmet, it is up to you to decide.

OUR GOALS

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

What else do you get with your membership? All members receive with their paid membership, the Membership Card, Event Discounts and Updates, Voting Privileges, Free Newsletter Classified Advertisements, a Chapter Newsletter, and a free \$4,000 Accidental Death or Dismemberment Insurance Policy from the American Income Life Insurance Company.

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



You can order how you want: style (t, v-neck, sleeveless, long sleeve, strap or 2-tone men's "mechanic") color, size and which logo.

PRICE: the regular styles are \$20 S-XL and extra \$2 for each larger size.

The 2 tone guys shirts are style SY20S/S short sleeve sy24L/S long sleeve. Short sleeve shirts will be \$35 and long sleeve will be \$40.00 sizes S-XL and extra \$2 for each larger size. These shirts are collared, with 2 front pockets and even pen pockets on sleeve from the one I saw at meeting (left). Colors are: black/ lime, navy/grey, charcoal/orange, black/red, charcoal/grey, black/charcoal, and charcoal/royal .blue

shirts must be pre paid

any questions call or text me 850-485-3853 or the state office number Brandy

I have printed out order forms if we want to do a bulk order as will be best to order and delegates can pick up at state meetings. We could do for August or if you order yourself

they might be ready at Leadership. I am going to add all this on our website as a new Products page including the catalog pages she sent.



So here are more photos of the two toned above and the samples from the meeting so you can see how they look on some colors (hopefully you are viewing online and not the printed newsletter)



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Peer-to-peer motorcycle rentals gaining traction through websites like Twisted Road, Riders Share

Rick Barrett, Milwaukee Published 9:24 a.m. CT June 7, 2018 |

Some people would have a hard time letting their beloved motorcycle roll off with a stranger, but it's become more common through bike rentals that resemble Airbnb room shares.

David Anderson of Grafton recently rented out his 2016 Indian Springfield to a motorcyclist from California who was visiting the Milwaukee area.

Anderson listed his bike on a website called Twisted Road that connects motorcyclists from across the country through peer-to-peer rentals.

Launched last October in Texas, the service has since gone nationwide and now has about 600 bikes for rent and more than 5,000 registered users.

A similar service, called Riders Share, has about 700 bikes on its website.

Anderson, a teacher at University School of Milwaukee, says the experience of renting out his Indian for \$140 a day went well.

He uploaded photos of the bike to Twisted Road, along with a description that noted the bike had a removable windshield, locking saddlebags and a backrest.

"It is smooth and powerful," Anderson said.

Soon after, Twisted Road emailed him to say that a motorcyclist from California wanted to rent his bike for the weekend.

Twisted Road screens renters for things such as having a valid motorcycle license and years of riding experience.

Renters must have their own liability insurance and be active motorcyclists.

"If you don't own a bike, you can't rent from us," said company founder Austin Rothbard.

Twisted Road, like Airbnb, handles the payment and paperwork for a rental.

There's no charge to advertise a bike on the website, but there's a 30 percent fee collected from each rental.

Anderson rented his bike to a retired California motorcycle police officer who was in Milwaukee to visit another retired motorcycle cop.

"It was a little bit of an experiment on my part, but my first experience was good," Anderson said.

Some people are nervous about letting their bike go with a stranger, even for only a day, but it gets easier each time you do it, Rothbard said.

"It's like parents leaving their child with a baby sitter for the first time. When you walk out the door, you wonder, 'What did we just do?'"

Rothbard came up with the idea for Twisted Road while vacationing with his family at the Grand Canyon and other national parks in the West.

"I looked at all the beauty around me and thought, 'Gosh I wish I had my bike,'" he said.

But there weren't any motorcycle rentals available in the area, Rothbard said, and following similar experiences on other trips, he decided to start his own company.

Rothbard, 46, had been a business executive more than 20 years, including a stint as president of Brunswick Billiards.

He's only been a motorcyclist for a few years, and this was the first business he started from scratch, but he says the website is getting about 100 more bike listings a month.

Those have ranged from an antique 1947 Indian Chief to dual-sport adventure bikes popular with riders wanting to travel by road and trail.

"There are (Harley) Sportsters in Miami that get a ton of rentals, and there's a Ducati in Los Angeles that's seen a lot of action," Rothbard said.

Twisted Road says it's had motorcycle rentals from foreign tourists riding across the U.S., but more typically people rent a bike for a few days while they're out of town.

The service has a generous cancellation policy, so if a bike owner or a prospective renter changes their mind and wants out of a deal, there's no penalty.

Twisted Road would take responsibility for damages to a rental bike, according to Rothbard.

But insurance is an issue because a rental bike would be considered a commercial vehicle, said James Lynch, head actuary at the Insurance Information Institute.

"You should definitely check with your insurance company on this. There's a good chance you will be told you don't have coverage," Lynch said.

Owners set the rental rates, which range from about \$70 to \$200 a day.

Renters pick up the bike with a full tank of gas and return it with a full tank. There's unlimited mileage, and renters are expected to return the bike in the same condition they received it.

"Washing it before you bring it back is the considerate thing to do, but it doesn't always happen," Rothbard said.

Before launching Twisted Road, he polled hundreds of motorcycle owners for their views on renting out their bike through a website.

Only about 15 percent said they would do it.

But there are 9 million motorcycles in the U.S., and many of them are ridden only a few thousand miles a year. The rest of the time, they're parked in a garage.

"I figured if we got only 1 percent of the bikes, we could blanket the country," Rothbard said.

Los Angeles-based Riders Share is similar to Twisted Road but carries its own insurance.

The company's cofounder, Guillermo Cornejo, said he launched the service after he wrecked his bike and medical bills kept him from buying another one.

He could have rented a Harley-Davidson, from the rental agency EagleRider, but it was expensive and not the bike he wanted.

"In Los Angeles, a Harley Sportster, with insurance, will cost you \$200 a day," he said.

RELATED: EagleRider expands motorcycle rentals at Harley-Davidson dealerships

Riders Share has about 700 bikes, of many makes and models, listed on its website.

Cornejo said some people rent 10 different motorcycles a year, for the variety, and others want to try a particular model before deciding whether to buy it.

People who engage in peer-to-peer rentals tend to be more considerate of the bike than if they'd rented it from a dealership, he said.

Motorcycle rentals, like Airbnb and Uber, are evolving, said Peter terHorst, spokesman for the American Motorcyclist Association.

Used bike sales are thriving, too.

"Even if you are a serious rider, you could be one of those people who never buys a new bike because you don't want to spend that much, and you can get exactly what you want

in a bike that's five or seven years old," terHorst said.

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/money/2018/06/07/motorcycle-rentals-gaining-traction-twisted-road-riders-share/640702002/>

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DELEGATE REPORT

Dan and I drove up to Stuart for the meeting hosted by the Lighthouse Chapter. It was a quiet meeting, not all the Chapters turned up.

Doc and Darrin mostly talked about the upcoming Elections.
(Dan will fill you in)

Highest percent of growth. March:- Forest. April:- Polk.
Most new members. March:- Lake. April:- Polk.

We were shown the new designs on the T-shirts and Shirt. We will get the details for you at the Leadership Seminar. The Leadership Seminar is on the 14th-15th July in Vero Beach. All are welcome. The next State Meeting is on the 11th August in Ocala, hosted by State. Debbie and Doc got voted in for the State board. Well done.

That's all for now. Ride Safe.

Hamish.

President Doc was asked to link to a Profiling site but since the data was incorrect he wouldn't give bad data. VP Darin is heading a fund raising committee and asked for any ideas. Marcus, Sergeant-at-arms, reminded us to hydrate as we ride. Doc added how heat can built up under helmet when stuck in traffic. Safety items have new pens and need small magnets. Darin said good to get election candidates to speak at meetings. I think better if we can host a Meet the Candidates at a Harley bike night and will look at that. The State needs input on who would be biker friendly so help do the research and talk with them. The lobbyist proposal was accepted and Doc will tell Darin more about what he does to add to the delegate reports. Much of his work needs to be confidential. Read my legislative report for more. The lawsuit has been given and Curtis is working with Doc. Asked to avoid Renegades. NCOM will have its convention in Orlando May 9-12 2019 so good to have close to attend. I attended the last one there and it was good. Will likely have a lot more like bike show, BBQ, leadership and safety seminars. So put that one on your calendars! The MRF and AMA are still on the anti E15 and found that locally Lois Frankel is onboard. The Tallahassee state meeting will be Sunday April 14 and the Ride to the Capital will be Monday so try to do that too. Products candidate Crum withdrew so Shane is the new one. Debby won Treasurer in a landslide. The president race was close. The State Party in central Florida is still under planning. Proposals to host state meetings are due at the August state meeting to be held 6-11 in Ocala.

Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

STATE MEETINGS

Host Chapter & Location

July 14-15 Leadership Seminars Vero Beach

August 11 Ocala

Oct. 13 Gulf Coast

Dec.8 Gator Ally

2019 meetings locations will be announced August



ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter GBNF

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ABATE of Florida, Inc. State Meeting



Saturday, August 11, 2018

Board Meeting at 12:00 Noon

Delegate's Meeting at 2:00 PM

**Held at the Marion County Association of Realtors
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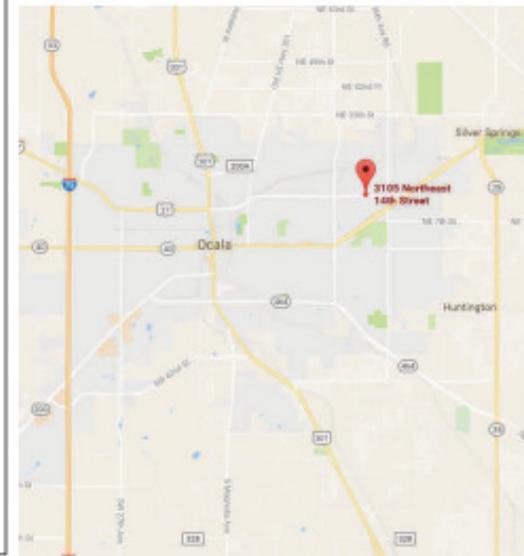
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WEEKLY EVENTS

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
2nd Tues Jupiter Moose Bike Night

1st Wed, Bike Night @ the Beach
Gill Mill Jensen Beach
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

Thurs Once a month Black
Pistons MC WPB Open House
1st Thurs PBH Abacoa Bike Night
2nd Thurs TBS Bike Night
Tequesta
3rd Thurs Palm Beach Harley
Davidson Bike Night 5-9 PM
3rd Thurs Treasure Coast Harley
Bike Night
Last Thurs Turboz/Ralph's Bike
Night Jupiter

1st Fri Soldiers for Jesus Open
House
1st Fri Enforcers MC Party
Fri Twice a Month AOA MC WPB
Open Houses

SAT HOG Morning Palm Beach
Harley and often other events and
bikini bike washes Grill Days

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4th Sunday July 22
due to Leadership

3rd Sunday Aug 19

3rd Sunday Sept 16

3rd Sunday Oct. 21

3rd Sunday Nov 18

3rd Sunday Dec 16



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LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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I use Google Alerts to search the internet for motorcycle stories for the newsletter. The stories of bike accidents as increased almost being the total result. Even animals are getting involved in them. More police motorcyclists are being hit. Almost as if a war against us is on. So many local deaths and crashes locally with many not in the news. With many of accidents involving police in Central Florida getting plenty of press coverage, our Lobbyist thinks it might be time to re-introduce our stiffer penalties bill. Will have to see as sessions start.

Even Laconia Bike week had several deaths and I found it interesting in that article that it was stated that since NH is an helmet free state, it didn't seem to make a difference. In fact many stories are going that way instead of the old standard "was not wearing a helmet." Not seeing that I always assumed they were. Maybe journalists are getting smarter to the truth

One thing that would help to make the roads safer would be mandatory drivers education. Let's face it there are more young adults dying on the highways than in any school shootings. With all the doing in Tallahassee after Parkland it would be great to see that attention go to educating our drivers. At present only half of high schools in Palm Beach County have DE and only as an elective. People say it is too expensive, but doing it at school's night education for traffic school would

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provide all driver training and funds for the offenders to pay for it. After all we motorcyclists have to pay for our certification. Drivers should also to make our highways safer. Even with my talks with the ex-Senator Jeff Clemens he asked if making it more difficult to get a license would help, I agreed as so simple at present, no real road test to prove they can drive.

Links for local accidents and the Laconia article

<http://cbs12.com/news/local/fatal-motorcycle-crash-in-delray-beach>
<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/fl-sb-motorcycle-turnpike-fatal-20180604-story.htm>
https://www.laconiadailysun.com/news/local/caution-urged-after-motorcycle-accidents-two-fatal/article_8f4147b0-6f47-11e8-9159-8729fa5e18a5.html

SOME OTHER INTERESTING STORY LINKS

Fishing line strung across road cuts neck of motorcycle rider in Washington

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/graham-washington-motorcyclist-hurt-fishing-line/>

Mormon motorcycle club had a couple of stories

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/utah/articles/2018-06-11/mormon-motorcycle-club-holds-national-rally-in-southern-utah>

News on electric motorcycles

<https://newatlas.com/ethec-2wd-electric-motorcycle/55021/>

Supreme courts against police motorcycle searches

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-court-motorcycle/supreme-court-rules-against-police-over-motorcycle-search-idUSKCN1IU1U2>

Which brings us to Darin's stories especially this one with cars as weapons opening some legal doors

SUPREME COURT PONDERES QUESTION OF CARS AS WEAPONS

June 6, 2018 Jim Saunders

TALLAHASSEE --- Florida Supreme Court justices appeared skeptical Wednesday of arguments that a car should not be considered a weapon in helping determine the sentence of a man convicted of fatally driving into another man after an altercation at a Jacksonville Beach bar.

The court heard an appeal from Adam Lloyd Shepard, who was convicted on a charge of manslaughter with a weapon after fatally striking Spencer Schott in January 2011. Under state law, the use of a weapon bumped up the manslaughter charge from a second-degree felony to a first-degree felony, carrying a longer prison sentence.

Shepard's attorney, Matthew Kachergus, focused heavily Wednesday on a 1995 court decision that dealt with what can be considered a weapon in reclassifying sentences. He said a car could not be considered a weapon under that court precedent and that any change in the definition of weapons should be made by the Legislature.

But justices raised repeated questions about Kachergus' arguments, including whether items such as a baseball bat, a hammer, a rock --- or even a toaster thrown into a bathtub --- could be considered weapons. Chief Justice Jorge Labarga said the key is the intent in how items are used.

"Let's say a roofer drops a hammer from the roof and it lands on some poor guy walking underneath picking up debris, the intent is not there to enhance the sentence. However, if he picks up the hammer and throws it at him, that's another thing," Labarga said, adding that the court "can't lose common sense here."

"You've summarized my position admirably," Assistant Attorney General Kaitlin Weiss, who was arguing to uphold Shepard's sentence, quickly responded to Labarga, drawing laughter in the court-

room.

Justice Charles Canady acknowledged that the court might have to back away from the 1995 precedent in a case known as State v. Houck. But like Labarga, Canady and Justice Alan Lawson focused on intent in how items are used.

“If someone takes a baseball bat to a fight and beats someone with it, common understanding, would that be a weapon?” Lawson asked.

Shepard and Schott were University of Kansas basketball fans who watched a game at the Jacksonville Beach bar before getting into the altercation. Shepard, now 37, received a 30-year sentence on the charge of manslaughter with a weapon. A second-degree felony could carry a sentence of 15 years.

The 1st District Court of Appeal rejected Shepard’s arguments last year about the car being considered a weapon but said its conclusion differed from a ruling by the 2nd District Court of Appeal in a separate case. Shepard then took the issue to the Supreme Court, which agreed in January to hear it.

While other justices repeatedly questioned the arguments made by Kachergus, Justice Barbara Pariente raised concerns about too broadly defining weapons in reclassifying sentences. She said the law deals with reclassifying sentences, not whether crimes have been committed.

“My concern is, after this decision, the reclassification becomes automatic if we allow this definition for anything except for passive objects,” Pariente said.

Similarly, Kachergus raised a concern about a “Pandora’s box” getting opened by a broad definition of weapons.

Canady, however, disputed that argument.

“Why is that a Pandora’s box? That escapes me,” Canady said. “If someone uses an instrument as a weapon, why shouldn’t it (the sentence) be enhanced?”

POLL POINTS TO TROUBLE FOR MANY BALLOT PROPOSALS

Lloyd Dunkelberger TALLAHASSEE --- Only four of the 13 state constitutional amendments on the November ballot have enough voter support to be enacted, according to a poll from the Florida Chamber of Commerce.

The poll, conducted in late May and early June, showed four amendments with the necessary 60 percent of voter support. They are:

--- Amendment 1, which would expand the homestead property-tax exemption. It was placed on the ballot by the Legislature, with the chamber survey showing 67 percent of voters in support, 22 percent opposed and 11 percent undecided.

--- Amendment 3, which would require voter approval of gambling expansions in the state, including allowing casinos. The amendment, which was placed on the ballot through a voter petition drive backed by Disney World and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, was supported by 61 percent of voters, with 23 percent opposed and 15 percent undecided.

--- Amendment 7, which would require the payment of death benefits when law enforcement officers, paramedics, correctional officers and other “first responders” are killed while performing their official duties. The measure, which came from the Constitution Revision Commission, also would establish a governance system for the 28 state and community colleges and require a supermajority vote by university boards of trustees and the university system’s Board of Governors when raising student fees. It has support from 80 percent of voters, with 7 percent opposed and 13 percent undecided, the poll showed.

--- Amendment 8, which would impose an eight-year term limit on school board members. It would also allow an alternative process for approving public schools, including charter schools, rather than by local school boards. It would establish a requirement for teaching civic literacy in public

schools. The measure, which came from the Constitution Revision Commission, has support from 75 percent of voters, with 11 percent opposed and 15 percent undecided.

In a memo sent Friday to members of the Chamber of Commerce's board of directors, Mark Wilson, the organization's president, noted support and opposition for the 13 amendments will be impacted by media campaigns seeking to sway voter opinion.

"In other words, these numbers will change as November approaches," Wilson wrote.

He also noted that with the large number of amendments on the Nov. 6 general-election ballot, the most since the 1998 election, "voter fatigue is certainly a concern of ours." But he also said the survey showed nearly nine of every 10 voters said they planned to vote on the ballot measures.

Some ballot measures fell short of the 60 percent approval requirement but were close in the survey.

Among them was Amendment 9, which would ban offshore oil drilling and vaping in workplaces and restaurants. It was supported by 55 percent of voters, with 31 percent in opposition and 14 percent undecided.

Also, Amendment 12, which would establish a new ethics standard for public officials and impose a six-year lobbying ban on state elected officials, state agency heads and local elected officials, had support from 55 percent of voters, with 18 percent in opposition and 27 percent undecided.

Among the measures with the lowest voter support was Amendment 4, which would restore voting rights to ex-felons who have served their sentences. The measure, which was the result of a petition drive, had support from 40 percent of the voters, with 17 percent opposed. However, 43 percent of the voters said they were undecided, showing there is room for supporters of the measure to persuade voters to back it.

Only 34 percent of voters supported Amendment 5, which came from the Legislature and would require a supermajority vote by the state House and Senate when enacting taxes or fees. Some 36 percent of the voters were in opposition, with 30 percent undecided, the poll showed.

Another measure that would ban greyhound racing in the state had 47 percent support from the voters, with 36 percent in opposition and 17 percent undecided. Amendment 13, which came from the Constitution Revision Commission, is being contested in court by groups that support dog racing.

The Florida Chamber of Commerce poll was conducted by Cherry Communications between May 25 and June 2. Some 605 "likely" voters were polled, including 249 Democrats, 237 Republicans and 119 others. The margin of error was 4 percentage points.

COURT SETS DATE FOR FELONS' RIGHTS ARGUMENTS

May 31, 2018 NSF Staff

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments July 25 in Atlanta in a constitutional battle about Florida's process for restoring the voting rights of felons. The court on Wednesday set the date for the arguments. The case went to the appeals court after U.S. District Judge Mark Walker declared unconstitutional Florida's process for restoring the voting rights of felons who have served their sentences. Gov. Rick Scott and members of the state Cabinet, who serve as the clemency board, have defended the current process, which involves felons waiting five to seven years to apply to have their rights restored --- and years after that to complete the process. Walker had ordered Scott and the Cabinet to revamp the process by April 26. But state officials won a partial victory April 25, when a panel of the federal appeals court granted a stay of the order.

BILLIONAIRE GREENE JUMPS INTO GOVERNOR'S RACE

June 4, 2018 Lloyd Dunkelberger

TALLAHASSEE --- Billionaire real-estate investor Jeff Greene has filed paperwork to run as a Democrat for governor, joining a crowded field that already includes four major candidates.

Greene, 63, who lives in Palm Beach two doors down from President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate in 2010. Greene earned 31 percent of the vote in the Democratic primary but was far behind former U.S. Rep. Kendrick Meek, who had 57.5 percent.

Greene also ran unsuccessfully in 1982 as a Republican for a congressional seat in California.

With two weeks before the start of formal qualifying for state races, Greene opened a campaign account on Friday in a primary that includes former U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham of Tallahassee, former Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine, Orlando-area businessman Chris King and Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum.

Christian Ulvert, a top adviser to Levine's campaign, noted that Greene is entering the race just 50 days before the Aug. 28 primary ballots are mailed out. Levine and Graham have been the early leaders in the primary, although a large swath of Democratic voters remain undecided, public polls indicate.

Levine's campaign has been bolstered by television ads financed by more than \$15 million he has raised through May, including some \$8 million in personal contributions.

But Greene, who has a net worth of \$3.8 billion according to Forbes, will be able to immediately compete if he decides to self-fund his campaign like he did in 2010, when he spent nearly \$24 million in his Senate bid.

While welcoming Greene to the race, Gillum said he remains the only "non-millionaire" running in the primary. "I believe Florida Democrats need a true champion for working people as their nominee," he said in a statement.

Although his personal wealth may be an asset, Greene is likely to face questions in the Democratic primary over favorable remarks he made about Trump shortly after the president's election in November 2016.

In an interview with Forbes, Greene said he supported Hillary Clinton in the election but urged Democrats to get behind Trump "and not think about voting him out of office," noting his non-political background may give him an opportunity "to look at everything with fresh eyes."

But Greene criticized Trump for allowing "previously intolerable rhetoric to become tolerable," pointing to campaign statements about keeping Muslims out of the country and identifying Mexicans as "rapists."

"He opened the door to bigoted and racist behavior," Greene told Forbes. "I hope he is going to pivot away from that rhetoric."

Greene lives with his wife, Mei Sze Chan, and three sons in Palm Beach. A native of Massachusetts, he has an undergraduate degree from Johns Hopkins University and a master's degree in business administration from Harvard.

Greene may not be the only late-arriving candidate in the Democratic primary for governor, with former U.S. Rep. Patrick Murphy, who represented a congressional seat in Martin, St. Lucie and Palm Beach counties, also contemplating a bid.

Murphy said he is exploring a campaign that would include former U.S. Rep. David Jolly, a Pinellas County Republican, as his running mate.

Candidates for governor, Cabinet seats and legislative offices will formally qualify for the 2018 ballot from June 18 to June 22.

The winner of the Aug. 28 Democratic primary for governor will face the winner of the Republican primary, where Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam and U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis of Palm

Coast are the leading candidates. Gov. Rick Scott, who is running for the U.S. Senate, is leaving office in January because of term limits.

SUPREME COURT MAY 29, 2018 Lawrence Hurley

Supreme Court rules against police over motorcycle search

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday put restrictions on police searches of vehicles for the second time this month, ruling in a Virginia case involving a stolen motorcycle that officers generally cannot search a vehicle on private property without a warrant.

The 8-1 decision called into question evidence police obtained from a motorcycle search that was used to convict defendant Ryan Collins of receiving stolen property. The case will return to lower courts to determine if the police had other lawful grounds for entering the property without a court-approved warrant.

The stolen motorcycle was covered by a tarpaulin and parked on private property next to a house in Charlottesville, Virginia.

The Supreme Court in another ruling on May 14 limited the ability of police to search rental cars driven by someone other than the person who signed the rental agreement.

At issue in Tuesday's ruling was whether police violated the U.S. Constitution's Fourth Amendment, which protects against unreasonable searches and seizures, by failing to obtain a warrant before conducting the search.

Liberal Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote on behalf of the court that Supreme Court precedent that says warrants are not always required for a vehicle search does not extend to vehicles parked outside a house on private property. Warrants are generally required for the search of a house and the immediate surrounding property, called "curtilage" in legal terminology.

Sotomayor wrote that "searching a vehicle parked in the curtilage involves not only the invasion of the Fourth Amendment interest in the vehicle but also an invasion of the sanctity of the curtilage."

Conservative Samuel Alito, a former prosecutor, was the only justice to dissent, saying the search was "entirely reasonable." He quoted a line from the Charles Dickens classic novel *Oliver Twist* in which a character called Mr. Bumble complains that "the law is a ass."

In Collins' case, the motorcycle was a few feet from the house. Police were looking for the driver of the motorcycle who had on two occasions evaded police pursuit. It turned out to be Collins, who was later convicted of receiving stolen property.

When the case returns to lower courts, the state can argue that no warrant was required because there were "exigent circumstances" that meant it was not practical for them to obtain one at that time.

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NEWS FROM THE HILL – The MRF Speaks Up on Ethanol

As I alluded to in the last bulletin, your MRF was front and center this week on ethanol. On Thursday afternoon, over 70 attendees gathered at the American Petroleum Institute (a multimillion dollar trade association for the oil and gas industry) to talk ethanol and RFS reform. The event, which was filled with congressional aides, agency staff and the movers and the shakers of D.C., took a hard look at renewable fuels policy via a “key stakeholders” panel. One of those panelists? Yours truly. Your MRF was the ONLY motorcycle and consumer group on the panel (and in the room) and I delivered strong remarks on riders’ concerns over ethanol. Specifically, I discussed the appalling lack of consumer education, concerns over misfuelling, fears about residual fuels in blender pumps and the possibility that one day, in-the-not-so-distant-future, one of our members could be at a gas station with only higher ethanol blended options for fuel, and would be forced to make a choice between walking home or voiding their warranty (and breaking the law) by using E15. I thought our comments were well-received...at least no one disputed them (not even the lobbyist for the corn industry!) It was a great event and it was an honor to be included.

But that’s not all...your MRF has also been working with the Congressional Motorcycle Caucus AND the Congressional Boating Caucus to put on a joint briefing on ethanol for elected officials and staff. Scheduled for July 19, we’ve been in close contact with the boat and marine lobby to help push for support for H.R. 5855 – the Consumer Protection and Fuel Transparency Act of 2018. This congressional briefing is a product of this joint effort and we hope it will spur support for this controversial issue. To be clear, I don’t have high hopes that this legislation will advance this year. It was introduced late in the season and will likely need to be stuck in to a bigger package on ethanol reform. And I don’t know that this is likely before 2019. BUT, that doesn’t mean we don’t give it all we’ve got. Let me know if you have questions.

P.S. if you want to see a little of the event your MRF participated in on Thursday, check out our Facebook page. We’ve got a video up with opening remarks including a detailed description of the RFS, how it came to be and where it stands today.

P.P.S. you can do your part by asking your Member of Congress to support H.R.5855 – we made it easy for you. Just click here: <http://cqrcengage.com/mrf/app/write-a-letter?2&engagementId=482033>

EXECUTIVE & REGULATORY UPDATES – Heidi King Voted in as NHTSA Head

This week, the Senate Commerce Committee voted to approve Heidi King’s nomination to serve as Ad-

ministrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. You've heard Heidi's name before...she has been serving as the temporary figurehead of the department for the last 18 months. And now Congress is making it official. Your MRF saw the writing on the wall and as I reported back in March, has been in contact with her directly talking about concerns over self-driving vehicles, and what is and isn't working in the states with regard to motorcycle safety. (see pic – that's myself, Heidi and the lobbyist for Harley-Davidson at a recent meeting).

Of course, not everyone is a King fan... Ranking member Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) voted NO because King "lacks the fire in the belly to protect consumers from something which is killing" people. And no, he isn't referring to autonomous cars, but rather defective Takata airbags.

So now that the Committee has voted, the full Senate must vote. And that may not happen anytime soon. Heidi King is likely to be entered into the purgatory hell that's plaguing other Trump nominees. Several have been approved by the Committee but are awaiting a vote by the full Senate. Calendar issues are undoubtedly a factor here. Stay tuned.

Industry News – H-D and Trump go from Besties to Frenemies

Well, shit (at least that's what I imagine H-D said a lot this week). Harley-Davidson announced they are moving production of its motorcycles that are sold to European customers out of the United States. The reason being? New tariffs from Europe would add \$2,200 to the cost of an average motorcycle and rather than pass on those costs to the consumer, HD would need to move some production overseas to avoid paying high export fees. To be clear this is JUST for bikes that go to customers in Europe... meaning your motorcycle will still be made and assembled here in the good ole' USA.

The announcement was BIG news here in Washington, D.C. Why? Because President Trump has been a big H-D fan since he came into office, mentioning them in his State of the Union speech as an exemplary American company and even inviting them to come hang out at the White House. They were Trump's posterchild as a symbol of successful American manufacturing and job growth, even saying, "Harley-Davidson is a true American icon, one of the greats."

The Harley made their announcement and very quickly Trump fired off a string of tweets and quotes including this doozy:

Ouch. The saga continues...

NEWS FROM THE STATES – ABATE of Arizona Legislative Scorecard

With permission, I wanted to share with you faithful readers, what one state motorcycle organization is doing as we gear up during election season. ABATE of Arizona issued an information guide and legislative scorecard this week to their members and it does a fantastic job of detailing which state lawmakers supported motorcycle-friendly policies and which failed miserably. Its an amazing document and big pat on the back goes to them for putting this together on behalf of riders in the Grand Canyon State. I have to assume many of our state partners do a similar exercise. If you have an example you want to share, shoot me an email. And on a related note, if you are in the process of pulling together a voting guide and need potential survey questions to understand a candidate's position on an issue, the MRF has you covered. Let me know and I can email, mail, or fax you a list of 8 questions that inquiring (motorcycle) minds want to know about their candidates.

MRF NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – Registration is now OPEN – Meeting of the Minds

You should have received an announcement this week...It's time to start registering for Meeting of the Minds! This year's event is being hosted in Denver, Colorado September 20-23. If you haven't attended in the past, make this be the YEAR YOU DO. This is where important stuff gets decided like legislative priorities, as well as updates on critical issues that impact you as a rider and your state. We recommend you register ASAP...there is a discounted rate for early birds, plus a limited room block. All the infor-

mation is on our website or you can call the office directly.

It should be a good one this year – we are finalizing the agenda, but we’ve got some amazing speakers already lined up...stay tuned for more in the coming weeks.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

No bulletin next week – Congress is out of session for t

NEWS FROM THE HILL – See? Congress Does Work on Fridays! (Sorta)

The House Subcommittee on Environment held a rare Friday hearing today. Typically come Friday mornings, our lawmakers are already back in their districts or in the process of getting there. Legislative business rarely happens on a Friday – much less a hearing, but in this case, it was warranted as the ethanol debate is RAGING in Washington, DC. The hearing titled, “Advanced Biofuels Under the Renewable Fuel Standard: Current Status and Future Prospects” offered the opportunity for Republicans, Democrats, environmentalists, corn farmers, oil and gas industry reps, and truckers to get into a very public pissing match over ethanol. Fun times! But like I said the hearing was necessary; there has been lots going on in this space from trade restrictions and duties to the imposition of new administrative measures, tax credits, compliance concerns and more. In short, it’s a ****ing mess. The committee has already held 3 hearings on the issue since January (and yes, your MRF has been at all 3) and discussions on everything from sunseting the issue entirely, to transitioning to higher octane fuels has been discussed. And yet, I can’t say any headway has been made. Today proved no different. And if you are reading this and saying to yourself, why should I care again??? Let me break it down for you in very plain speak:

A dozen years ago, with gas prices on the rise and a desire to stop buying oil from countries that hate our f**king guts, Congress passed a bill that required certain levels of ethanol to be injected into the nation’s fuel supply. Which is AWESOME if you are a corn farmer, because more ethanol = more \$\$\$\$ for you. And personally, I have no issue with ethanol – it’s a cheaper alternative at the pump and it makes us less dependent on foreign oil. And if given the opportunity, I would use in my car which is a 2012 Toyota Highlander... which can take ethanol-gasoline like a CHAMP. BUT, where I wouldn’t use ethanol-laced gasoline is in my motorcycle. Why? BECAUSE IT IS ILLEGAL. Yes. Illegal. And, for most motorcycle manufacturers it voids your warranty. Why? Because it can severely damage the engine. So, here we are. Ethanol = bad for motorcycles, boats, snowmobiles, etc. and yet, more and more is getting introduced into our nation’s fuel supply because of this law that was passed a dozen years ago. And now we are trying to make everybody happy, and judging from the tone of today’s hearing, it just isn’t going to happen. So, who wins and who loses? That my friends, is why you have me. I’m trying to get a little relief for you all – relief through a stronger misfuelling mitigation program, better consumer education surrounding E15, and the guarantee that we will never be at a gas station faced with the choice of walking home, or voiding your bike’s warranty. Much more on this in next week’s bulletin. I’ve got some things cooking....

EXECUTIVE & REGULATORY UPDATES – Threats from Oil & Gas, Plus FHWA Coming to a City Near You....

Okay so its Friday afternoon and they haven’t done it yet, but the EPA was aiming to roll out its proposed rule setting new ethanol volumes for 2019. But after EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt was criticized this last week over waivers he granted to small oil refineries allowing them to not meet their ethanol requirements, it seems the agency may be rethinking its path. Reportedly, the upcoming rule may reallocate the waiver that small refiners got to larger refiners for next year. Basically, big oil and gas companies would have to blend extra volumes to compensate for the small refiners' hardship waiver ex-

emptions. So that's going to make Shell and Exxon SUPER HAPPY. β sarcasm. Here's Chet Thompson, President of the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers with his take: "To say that we would be livid were this deal to move forward would be a gross understatement" Yikes. Game On. The Federal Highway Administration recently announced a National Dialogue on Highway Automation and is in the process of holding a series of meetings across the country. They want to "engage a diverse group of stakeholders" (hoping that means bikers?!) to facilitate information sharing, discuss the implications of automation on the roadway infrastructure and other areas of interest to the highway community. The purpose of all of this is to help inform FHWA research, policies, programs, and support the development of a national transportation community around automation. Next up? A stop in Philly where your MRF will be represented (hat tip to Andy Kelly). But if you're not in the Philly area, you have a chance to participate if you live near Seattle, Chicago, Phoenix, or Wisconsin. Want more info or care to register to attend? Link below...

<https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/automationdialogue/index.htm>

Industry News – Rough Week for Harley

Boring but important: the European Union announced a 25 percent tariff this week on products ranging from motorcycles, to steel, bourbon and jeans in retaliation for President Trump's tariffs on imports of European steel and aluminum. (Basically, Europe is going to tax the hell out of all the good shit this country makes). What this could mean for you? Well, if Harley is paying more in taxes to get their motorcycles into Europe, that money has to come from somewhere... and I doubt their CEO is volunteering to take a pay cut. Oddly enough, India, who is also threatening tariffs and taxes, left motorcycles off their list. Guess India really loves their Harley's?!

NEWS FROM THE STATES – Missouri's Freedom of Road Riders Doing It Right

Setting a good example for all motorcycle rights orgs that want to get an early supporter in Washington, Missouri's Freedom of Road Riders (FORR) are helping to host a rally for Senate Candidate, Lt Colonel Tony Monetti. There is going to be a motorcycle escort to the event and some of FORR's members have volunteered to participate as well as help to set up/take down/generally help out. This is how its done folks...if Lt. Colonel Tony Monetti becomes Senator Monetti, guess who he is going to remember that helped him get there? Nicely done, Missouri.

MRF NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS – Announcement Time

If you attended Meeting of the Minds last year, you may have heard me mention that there was a group of folks representing different facets of motorcycling (some of which are our friends, some of which are our enemies) that were trying to figure out how to have some sort of arrangement going forward where, at the very least we all talked regularly and had an open dialogue, and at best, worked together on some common interests. I have an exciting update that this is officially underway....

Last year the National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators (SMSA) and your MRF teamed up to form the National Motorcycle Safety Alliance. The Alliance held its first meeting September 27, 2017 in Burlington, Vermont. Participants of the alliance include the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF), Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA), American Motorcyclist Association (AMA), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). And of course, yours truly. It's a power house of people that directly touch the rider community in one way or another. In addition to

regular communication we are going to initially focus on 2 issue areas - Left turn crashes involving a motorcycle and rider impairment. More to come on this over the next few months, but I think that it's so critical that the MRF is not only seen as a participant, but also viewed as a leader in this newly formed group. It helps increase our political clout, expand our reach and puts us on a level playing field with organizations with MUCH bigger budgets and staff that we could only dream of. Anyway, I hope you'll share in my enthusiasm as this group moves forward. And as always, I promise to keep you in the loop and up to date with my eyes and ears WIDE open in case the conversation turns sour. But for now, all is quiet on the helmet front.

Enjoy your weekend and most importantly- RIDE FREE-
Megan Ekstrom Vice-President of Government Affairs & Public Relations
The Motorcycle Riders Foundation

This cowboy's motorcycle has a sidecar for his horse

I have never seen anything like this before: A motorcycle-riding cowboy in Idaho has figured out a way to bring his horse along with him... in a sidecar!



Video at <https://boingboing.net/2018/06/15/this-cowboys-motorcycle-has.html>

The motorcycle Arnold stole in 'Terminator 2' sold for nearly \$500K

When Terminator 2 was released in 1991, it ushered in a new generation of computer-generated imagery, blending live action with virtual graphics. The terrifying liquid-metal T-1000's (Robert Patrick) depiction is still impressive by today's standards. One of the most memorable scenes in T2, however, involved a freshly-arrived nude T-800 (Arnold Schwarzenegger) beating down bar patrons on its way to secure a motorcycle. And that very bike — a Harley-Davidson Fat Boy — went up for auction earlier this month. The screen-used Harley's sale was handled by Profiles In History as part of its "Icons & Legends of Hollywood" auction, which ran June 5-8. An email from Profiles in History showed that the bike sold for \$480,000, beating the estimated sale price of \$200,000-\$300,000. Full story at <https://www.digitaltrends.com/cars/terminator-2-harley-auction/>

WWI motorcycle kicks off U.S. tour in Mobile

Posted by [Jason Johnson](#) | Jun 20, 2018

An American made Harley Davidson used in the first World War passed through the Port of Mobile on Wednesday ahead of its cross-country tour of the United States.

The motorcycle, a Model J built in 1918, was discovered in 2008 by Christophe de Goulaine of the Château de Goulaine in France. The century-old machine was in a dilapidated state when de Goulaine purchased it, but it was restored by Pierre Lauvergeat to its original state.

From the beginning, the Frenchmen had intended to bring the vintage Harley back to the U.S. and take it on a cross-country journey. That excursion began today when de Goulaine and Lauvergeat arrived at the Port of Mobile with the motorcycle.



It's the first time the motorcycle has rolled on American soil since it exported to France 100 years ago to support troops engaged in combat a year after the U.S. joined the global conflict in Europe. de Goulaine said restoring the motorcycle and repatriating it to the country where it was first built is an expression of admiration for both Harley-Davidson and the U.S.

"This motorcycle was built to liberate Europe," de Goulaine added. "In all, we plan to complete 5,600 miles on a 1918 motorcycle without any special technical assistance."

From here, both the owner and restorer plan to drive the bike to Jacksonville, Fla. to begin their cross-country trip, which will include a stop at the Harley Davidson Headquarters in Wisconsin.

However, the vintage 1918 Harley-Davidson Model J Sidecar will remain in Mobile on display at GulfQuest through

Sunday, June 24. Gulfquest's Interim Executive Director Brent Beall said it was "a rare opportunity for us to showcase a piece of military history that transited seaports 100 years ago, assisted the war effort and found its way back home through the Port of Mobile."

The vintage motorcycle's war effort also has other Alabama roots, though. Alabama native and original State Docks builder, General William L. Sibert, commanded the initial four regiments of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), which formed the 1st Infantry Division in France, which is better known by its nickname "The Big Red One." By 1918, more than 2 million Americans landed in France, but it was the AEF that made use of 400 Harley-Davidson and Indian motorcycles sent to their stations at Port of Saint-Nazaire in Northern France. Over the course of the War, Harley-Davidson would provide over 20,000 motorcycles to the U.S. Military, and its involvement in the war effort later contributed to the development of the company's legendary brand.

<https://lagniappemobile.com/wwi-motorcycle-kicks-off-u-s-tour-in-mobile/>

ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/17/18

Meeting Called to order at 11:32 AM 14 Members Present 0 Guest Present

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

PRESIDENT: Important meeting today, we will have a new board. It's been real being President, both good and bad.

VICE PRESIDENT: State meeting was good. I look forward to working with the new board members.

SECRETARY: Asked if anyone had any objections to last month's meeting minutes as published in chapter newsletter. There were none. Welcomed the new board. Wished them luck in their new endeavors.

TREASURER: We have money. We still have gun tickets

MEMBERSHIP: Currently at 132, Talk to people about ABATE to try to increase memberships.

SARGENT AT ARMS: Want to congratulate and thank those stepping up.

SAFETY: We did Rock and Roll Sunday. Looking into Bike Night at Abacoa.

DELEGATE: State is looking to create a fund raising committee. There are new shirts coming out.

LEGISLATIVE: Full report is available in the newsletter. Doc was renewed as lobbyist. NCOM will have their meeting in may in Orlando. Tallahassee ride will be 4/14/19. Steve is new products. Debbie is new state treasurer, Doc is still President. Still talking about a State party. August State meeting in Ocala.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: Website is updated

PRODUCTS: Still no products person.

NEWSLETTER: Having 80 printed. We need to increase distribution.

OLD BUSINESS: New board has been determined and announced

NEW BUSINESS: New board took their place.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:50/50 was won by Big Bad Fred who donated his winnings to the chapter. JULY MEETING WILL BE CHANGED TO JULY 22 due to Leadership seminars.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:22 pm

Nighthawk ABATE PBC Secretary

OPINION REVIEW & OUTLOOK

Trump's Motorcycle Club Revenge June 26, 2018

Harley-Davidson wants to live to ride another day. Cue the rage.

When it comes to misguided revenge, Sons of Anarchy has nothing on Donald Trump. The President's own man-of-mayhem trade policies have forced Harley-Davidson to move some of its motorcycle production overseas. But Mr. Trump responded to this week's announcement by menacing the company on Twitter Tuesday morning.

"A Harley-Davidson should never be built in another country—never!" Mr. Trump raged. "Their employees and customers are already very angry at them. If they move, watch, it will be the beginning of the end - they surrendered, they quit! The Aura will be gone and they will be taxed like never before!" In another tweet, the President added, "Harley must know they won't be able to sell back into U.S. without paying a big tax!"

Taxed if you do, taxed if you don't. In retaliation for Mr. Trump's steel and aluminum tariffs, the European Union raised tariffs on U.S-made motorcycles to 31% from 6% last week. The \$2,200 price hike would be a deal-breaker for many would-be Harley bikers in Europe and would damage the company's sales.

As motorcycle sales in the U.S. continue to decline, Harley knows it needs to reach a global market. So the company was left with two choices: Avoid the tariff by moving operations abroad, or pay the new EU tax, which will cost the company \$90 million to \$100 million each year. Keep in mind that Harley is already paying \$15 million to \$20 million more for manufacturing this year because of Mr. Trump's tariffs on metal.

Harley chose to live to ride another day, but you can bet its executives didn't make the decision to relocate lightly. Harley's American ethic is a big part of its brand, and there was always the risk of Mr. Trump's Twitter vigilantism.

Meanwhile, Harley is dealing with union backlash for opening a production plant in Thailand while closing one in Kansas City. Harley made that hard call after Mr. Trump withdrew from the Trans-Pacific Partnership last year, though that agreement would have reduced foreign tariffs on American-made motorcycles. Mr. Trump's TPP decision made it harder for Harley to compete in the Asian market while still using U.S.-based steelworkers and machinists. Cause, meet effect.

We remember how Barack Obama railed against Anthem for raising insurance premiums when Democrats were distorting the health-care market. One might expect that Mr. Trump, supposedly savvy about business realities, would understand how corporations have to make tough choices to survive bad policies. Mr. Trump should rage against the man in the mirror who is the reason for Harley's choices.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/trumps-motorcycle-club-revenge-1530054068>

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

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

Mail: **ABATE - Palm Beach Chapter, P.O. Box 530944, Lake Park, FL 33403**

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



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

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

ABATE — Palm Beach Chapter

PO Box 530944 Lake Park FL 33403

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY Will Palm Beach Chapter be your HOME voting Chapter

NEW Member: Year or Life Renew: Transfer: Address Change:

First : Last : Road :

Address:

City: State: Zip (full): -

Phone: Cell: Text notification Yes No

Email for News Alerts

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

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.

MEMBERSHIPS FEE \$

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SIGNATURE Date:

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

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Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting VFW POST 4143

Due to Leadership Seminars

4th Sunday July 22, 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

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.