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## President's Message

Curtis Alva

In July, we had our best meeting in a year. We had 41 bikers in attendance. The 50/50 was \$142. The door prize was a 16" knife. We had Riders from AL Posts 271, 268 and 47. We got reports from SloMo on all the latest with the State Legislature and the Governor. We passed a resolution to circulate a statewide petition demanding that the Legislature disclose what they do each year with the motorcycle safety money they take from every registered motorcycle owner in Florida, and we got a new Membership Assistant Trustee.

2019 is an off-year for elections, no statewide elections in Florida this year, so this is a good opportunity to spend some time with your current state legislators. Their names are printed in this newsletter every month in Slo Mo's Legislative Report. Look yours up there and then make an appointment to meet with them. Wear your colors to show them who ABATE is.

There are some new biker events happening nowadays. Howley's Restaurant 4700 S Dixie WPB FIRST Thurs. bike night Sept 5 co-sponsored by Black Sheep Motor Co., Gorilla Bob, Burn Up Company, the Dub City Rollers and others. If you haven't been to Howley's recently, it opened in 1950, it is now a subculture phenomenon and biker friendly. And speaking of the Dub City Rollers, Palm Beach county's own roller derby queens, they have their next bout August 3 at 6 pm at the DeGeorge Boys and Girls Club on Pinewood Ave in WPB and ABATE is going to support our derby queens. Also on August 3, the local BMW riders, called the Gold Coast Beemers, will be meeting at Broward Motorsports, Okeechobee Blvd and Congress Ave at 10 am, for coffee, bagels, their monthly meeting and a current legislative report from ABATE. Please come and join us there.

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## **UPCOMING Event Schedule**

Thurs. August 1 - Abacoa Bike Night PB Harley 7-10, Black Piston's Open House

August 2-11 Sturgis Black Hills Rally

Saturday August 3 BMW Riders Meeting Broward Motorsports, Okeechobee Blvd/Congress Ave 10 am

Monday August 5 - Mob of Brothers Open House

Wed August 7 –Gorilla Bob's/PB Harley Bike Night Island Jack's

Thurs. Aug. 8 Vintage Iron Club Bike Night

### **Saturday August 10 ABATE of FL Inc. State Meeting Ft. Lauderdale**

Tuesday August 13 - Lone Legion Open House

Wed August 14 –Gorilla Bob's/PB Harley Bike Night Island Jack's

### **3rd Sunday August 18 — Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc.**

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

Wed. Aug. 21 - Bike Night Island Jack's, States MC Lake Worth Open House 3570 Boutwell Rd.

Sat. August 24 Bikes and Coffee 9 am to 1 pm Burn Up Company 500 Palm St. WPB

Tuesday August 27? Skulls MC Open House

Wed August 28 –Gorilla Bob's/PB Harley Bike Night Island Jack's

Thurs. August 29 - Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Saturday August 31 Biker Night at Roger Dean Stadium

August 29 to Sept. 2 Milwaukee Rally

Phil Peterson's Florida Keys Poker Run is ON! Save The Date! October 11, 12, 13, 2019

### **REMINDER: EVERY**

**Palm Beach Harley Dealership 3rd Thurs Bike Nights had stopped for the summer until Oct. They still have 1st Thurs. Abacoa Bike Night, Wed. Bike Nights at Island Jack's, and weekend events**

Monday Night Happy Hour & Dominos with the **MOB** LLB clubhouse

Wed Nights Gorilla Motors/PBH Bike Night at Island Jack's,

Sat. night Fly n Wheels Open House

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

# Florida Motorcycle Legislative Update

Every year in Tallahassee bills circulate through the legislative process that could potentially impact all motorcyclists. Whether related to "motorcycle only" checkpoints, cell phone usage or other issues that may be detrimental to our interests, it's important that we have a legislative watchdog. Fortunately for us, that watchdog is ABATE.

Our fellow member, Curtis Alva, serves as President of the Palm Beach Chapter of ABATE. Curtis and his legislative associates, Dan "Slo Mo" Henderson and Amanda "Derby Girl" Stout will be at our next meeting to bring us up to speed (slowly in Dan's case) on what's going on in Tallahassee as it relates to our favorite pastime, motorcycling. Don't miss this opportunity to hear firsthand about the current legislative topics that are important to our sport.

Date: Saturday, August 3, 2019

Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: BMW Motorcycles of WPB  
2300 Okeechobee Blvd.  
West Palm Beach, FL



## Agenda

1. Meeting Called To Order
2. Welcome New Members and Guests
3. Legislative Update - ABATE of Palm Beach
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
7. August Ride
8. Review of Upcoming Events
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. 50/50
12. Adjournment and Ride to Lunch

BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse  
1807 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd



## **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.

**EDITOR'S NOTE** If you read my report in last issue about the story of how self driving cars will change our culture, be sure to follow that link and read the full story. I don't believe in ten years our driving culture will really change that much even with the younger generation not rushing to get their licenses. The freedom of the road is what really made America what it is today and I'm not sure if or when those changes will occur.

It seems that we are putting our lives into technology. We have smart TVs. Phones, homes, cars, etc. but not enough smart people.. The incident in New Hampshire where the truck drove over the group of motorcycles has been one of the big stories. I found the following story in my Google Alert searches. I shows why I believe we ae putting too much faith into technology. Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

## **Driver in Accident That Killed 7 Should Have Had License Suspended**

Seven people were killed after several motorcycles and a pickup truck collided on a rural highway in Randolph, N.H., in June By Kate Taylor July 1, 2019

Some notices of driving offenses languished in an electronic queue that no one was responsible for checking. Others — tens of thousands of violation notices sent by mail — were sorted into bins and left in a records room. Yet another set of notices seemed to have disappeared entirely.

After a devastating crash last month in which a pickup truck collided with a group of motorcyclists on a rural New Hampshire highway, killing seven of them, questions have emerged about why the driver of the truck still had a commercial license from the state of Massachusetts even though he had been charged about a month earlier with driving under the influence.

When the driver, Volodymyr Zhukovskyy, 23, was arrested in May, he had refused to be tested for alcohol, the authorities said, which should have disqualified him from operating a commercial motor vehicle for at least a year.

On Monday, Massachusetts officials acknowledged major lapses at the state's Registry of Motor Vehicles that had allowed not only Mr. Zhukovskyy, but also hundreds of other drivers, to slip through the cracks when they should have had their licenses suspended. In the past three days, registry employees going through old records have suspended the licenses of 546 people, according to the state Department of Transportation, and the search of records is continuing.

"This failure is completely unacceptable to me, to the residents of the Commonwealth who expect the R.M.V. to do its job and track drivers' records," Gov. Charlie Baker, a Republican, said in a news conference on Monday.

An advocacy group for motorcyclists expressed outrage at the findings.

"It is disturbing and unacceptable that drivers are allowed to operate on our

highways who have no business being there,” said Pete terHorst, a spokesman for the American Motorcyclist Association. “Motorcyclists have every right to be on the road, as do other licensed operators, and we rely on our states’ motor vehicle divisions to ensure that laws and regulations are enforced.”

In the case of Mr. Zhukovskyy, an R.M.V. computer system was unable to process an electronic notification from Connecticut about Mr. Zhukovskyy’s arrest in May, so it was added to a list of unprocessed notices that were to be looked at by hand. No one at the registry was assigned to review that list, though, and as a result, Mr. Zhukovskyy’s license was not suspended.

In the fatal New Hampshire accident in June, Mr. Zhukovskyy has been charged with seven counts of negligent homicide and has pleaded not guilty. Efforts to reach his lawyer on Monday evening were unsuccessful.

Last week, Massachusetts officials acknowledged that the R.M.V. had made a mistake in not suspending Zhukovskyy’s commercial license, and the head of the registry, Erin Deveney, resigned. At the same time, state officials said that Connecticut had failed to provide sufficient information about the arrest.

On Monday, however, Mr. Baker said that Connecticut had done nothing wrong. Rather, the preliminary findings of a review set off by the crash had found that there were serious gaps in the way the state processes notifications from other states about violations by drivers with Massachusetts licenses.

First, there were unprocessed electronic notifications about commercial license holders like Mr. Zhukovskyy.

Even more serious problems were discovered in cases where violations by Massachusetts drivers were sent by mail from other states. The office responsible for reviewing these violations had been incapable of keeping up, producing a serious backlog by the middle of 2016, the state’s review found. At that point, responsibility was transferred to a different office, but in March 2018, for reasons that are unclear, workers in that office stopped processing the notifications altogether. Instead, they were sorted into mail bins and stored in a records room, the state’s review found.

Some 53 bins, containing tens of thousands of notifications, have been discovered, and state officials were continuing to search through them. More suspensions were possible.

It remains a mystery what happened to the backlog of mailed notifications that existed in September 2016, when responsibility for reviewing them was transferred <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/01/us/motorcycle-crash-new-hampshire-Volodymyr-Zhukovskyy.html>

Related story link

[In wake of deadly NH biker crash, thousands of out-of-state traffic notices found untouched in bins](#)

# Motorcycle safety tips to live by

By Kelly O'Brien | Jul 05, 2019 |

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. (WCAX) The sun is shining, the grills are grilling and the motorcycles are in force this Independence Day weekend. It's a short-lived season for bikers and for those not prepared it can be dangerous or even deadly.

During the summer months, the streets and highways are filled with motorcycle enthusiasts across the region, including Richard Potiker. "It is my passion, it's what I love to do," he said.

But the motorcycle instructor with the Northern NY Driving Academy says the short window of prime summer riding can also lead to more accidents for bikers. "People that don't ride year-round -- they take six or seven months off -- aren't as sharp as they would be had they ridden a lot and a lot more," he said.

Just this week a Quebec man died in a motorcycle crash in Clinton County, New York. And although no fault of their own, the recent tragedy in New Hampshire left seven bikers dead.

A 2017 study by the Governor's Highway Safety Administration shows the percentage of fatal motorcycle crashes from all motor vehicle accidents. New Hampshire showed 14 percent of the crashes were fatal, New York was at 13 percent, and Vermont had the 10th highest in the country at nearly 18 percent.

"In a car you are surrounded by a cage, so the consequences of a crash are way less. If you get into a crash on your motorcycle you're ten times more likely to be killed or injured," Potiker said. "If you're looking for safe, don't get on a motorcycle."

Whether on a bike or by car, Plattsburgh Police Chief Levi Ritter says the best way to prevent a crash is to be prepared, cautious and aware. "Please be very, very aware that motorcycles are out on the road," he said.

Potiker says it's the riders' responsibility to be visible, have on the proper safety gear, and that technique comes with experience. Cover your skin, wear proper safety pads and follow mandatory helmet laws in New York and Vermont. New Hampshire remains one of only three states without a helmet law.

"With that in mind you go out there and expect the unexpected," Potiker said.

"The most common phrases we hear from the motorist in a motorcycle car accident is, 'I just didn't see them,'" Chief Ritter said.

Experts urge everyone to think twice before hitting the road, you could save a life.

<https://www.wcax.com/content/news/Motorcycle-safety-tips-to-live-by-512269242.html>

"The state coordinator with ABATE of South Carolina, a motorcyclists' rights group, says it almost feels like sometimes it's bike riders who are being blamed for incidents on the road." <https://www.wistv.com/2019/07/03/motorcycle-rights-group-says-stop-blaming-bikers-who-choose-not-wear-helmets/> for the full copyrighted story.

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## Most dangerous states for motorcycle riders

By Staff report Jul 17, 2019 0

According to an insurance industry analysis, despite more than 500,000 people coming to the Sturgis rally and other big motorcycle events, South Dakota is the second-safest place to ride a motorcycle in the U.S.

Against most mothers' best wishes, notes Adam Johnson in a QuoteWizard Insurance News story, motorcycles are still a popular mode of transportation. Whether that be a commuter scooter in the city or a weekend Harley cruiser.

In 2017, there were just over 8.4 million registered motorcycles in the U.S. That's a 23 percent increase over the last decade. Pretty good for an industry that is supposedly being diminished by millennials.

Riding a motorcycle no matter where you are is dangerous. The open exposure compared to the confines of a vehicle presents a greater risk of bodily harm. Safety features are better than ever but injuries and death are an ever-present risk. We here at QuoteWizard set out to see which states are the most dangerous for motorcycle riders.

### **Methodology**

QuoteWizard looked at 2017 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) fatality figures in each state and compared it with 2017 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) motorcycle registration data to find which states had the highest rate of fatalities per registered motorcycle.

### **Results**

According to this research, the top three most dangerous places to ride a motorcycle were: Mississippi, with more than 28,000 registered motorcycle, and 40 fatalities, resulting in 14.2 fatalities per registered motorcycle.

Texas, with almost 365,000 motorcycles, and 490 fatalities, 13.44 fatalities per motorcycle.

South Carolina, with 118,000 motorcycles and 145 fatalities, for 12.27 fatalities per motorcycle.

#### **The western states fared much better:**

Wyoming, No. 23, with almost 29,000 motorcycles has just 17 fatalities, for 5.87 rating

Colorado, No. 27, with 190,000 registered cycles and 103 fatalities, has a 5.42 fatality rate.

Nebraska, No. 31, with almost 56,000 cycles and 27 fatalities, 4.84 rate.

North Dakota, No. 45, with almost 52,000 cycles and 12 fatalities got a 2.31 rating.

The bottom two ratings came from Montana and South Dakota:

South Dakota has more than 117,000 registered motorcycles, and saw 16 fatalities for 1.36 rating.

Montana, the safest place to ride, has more than 306,000 registered cycles, 23 fatalities, and earned a .75 rating.

### **Takeaways**

A key pattern insurers found in fatality rates among states is weather.

Colder, more northern states like Alaska and New Hampshire have low fatality rates, while warmer, more southern states like Texas and Mississippi had the highest rates.

When you consider that motorcycle riders in Alaska can only ride a few months out of the year,

compared to Texas where you can ride all year long, that difference in rideable seasons has a huge impact on the number of fatalities.

Warm weather states are most dangerous for motorcycle riders because of the year round chances of road fatalities compared to the limited time frames of colder weather states.

[https://www.capjournal.com/news/most-dangerous-states-for-motorcycle-riders/article\\_b827877a-a8e4-11e9-a8d4-e719bcfb33bc.html](https://www.capjournal.com/news/most-dangerous-states-for-motorcycle-riders/article_b827877a-a8e4-11e9-a8d4-e719bcfb33bc.html)

## Weekend WTF: Motorcycle Movie Physics

JUL 19, 2019 at 9:44AM By: Kate Murphy

Movie motorcycle crashes are always so... clean.

We all know that [movie physics are not real physics](#). This goes double when it comes to motorcycles.

Think about every movie you've ever seen that has motorcycles in it. None of it is real, and it rarely makes any sense at all. We all know [the Bat Cycle was an absolute bear to ride](#). The Mission Impossible motorcycle scenes were just crazy. Remember the Matrix? Okay maybe that doesn't count because they were all demonstrably outside reality.

This movie, the latest in the "Fast and Furious" franchise, is "[Hobbs and Shaw](#)." Generally speaking, the F&F movies have been seriously outside the bounds of physics, and if you get caught up in the Hollywood impossibilities, well, the movies can be pretty stupid. Suspend your disbelief and they're just fun with fast cars and motorcycles, and lots of explosions. This one has a motorcycle that, bafflingly, rotates in the middle just to... +checks notes+... ride underneath a tractor-trailer? If you think about that for longer than the scene takes, the entire concept makes no sense at all! So we are trained not to think about it.

I wonder if Hollywood is doing us motorcyclists a disservice, and has been forever? First it was Marlon Brando in "The Wild One," where they painted us all as criminals. Life imitates art, and becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. Motorcyclists are portrayed in movies as criminals, and people who want to convey that image dress like the bikers in the movies, and buy the bikes the badasses in the movies ride.

Let's also look at the way motorcycle crashes happen in movies. Have you ever thought about that? I have, probably too much. Because injury is a bummer, the movie stars who [crash motorcycles on screen](#) do so with relative impunity. We don't see the real result of a motorcycle crash, and haven't since the original "[Mad Max](#)." Everyone slides a bike down the road while wearing street clothes and then hops up, brushes themselves off, and continues on with their lives.

You and I both know, that [that is never how it really goes](#). But does the general non-motorcyclist movie-going public know that? You know, the ones who threaten to [knock us off our bikes](#), or door us in traffic? All they've ever seen, when it comes to

motorcycle crashes, is movies in which the protagonist gets tossed off his motorcycle consequence-free. They don't stop to consider that dooring us in traffic is going to have some [seriously injurious consequences](#), both to our bodies, our bikes, and their doors. In my experience, very few people stop to really think through the consequences of any kind of motorcycle crash, sometimes even those of us who ride the things.

Is it because in every movie we ever see, motorcycle crashes don't hurt people? I bet you can think of a ton of movies where sliding or crashing a motorcycle doesn't even bloody the hero, even when he's wearing a business suit and no gloves. And that's the only place most people on this planet ever see a motorcycle crash.

Of course, this does not mean I'm not going to go see "Hobbs & Shaw" when it comes out, because I so am. Source: [YouTube](#)  
<https://www.rideapart.com/articles/360820/weekend-wtf-motorcycle-movie-physics/>

## **Harley-Davidson Livewire electric motorcycle range, performance specs revealed**

ERIC C. EVARTS JULY 18, 2019

Up until now, the most important factors surrounding the Harley-Davidson Livewire electric motorcycle—other than that Harley is making an electric motorcycle—have been missing or vague.

Now, at a series of first-drive events earlier this week, offering rides to journalists on the production bike—and generally positive impressions, from what we see so far—the company has finally released a full range of specs, like range and power and charge times.

Harley officially rates the Livewire at 146 miles of range in city riding from an air-cooled 15.5 kilowatt-hour battery, which drops to 70 miles on the highway. (The EPA does not test or rate motorcycle efficiency, as it does cars.) That's about a 7 percent bigger battery than the competitive Zero SR/F, which that company rates at 160 miles in city riding.

The bike can be charged either at Level 1, using a standard wall outlet, or via a DC fast-charge at any CCS-equipped fast charger. Harley announced last week that it will offer first-year buyers the equivalent of 500 kilowatt-hours of free charging with Electrify America. On those fast chargers, the Livewire will charge to 80 percent in 40 minutes or require an hour to take on a full charge.

Most of the time, riders will probably charge up in their garage, with a cord-set that fits under the seat. It takes between 10 and 11 hours for a full charge on Level 1.

The Livewire's liquid-cooled electric motor, mounted longitudinally at the bottom of the chassis, delivers 105 horsepower (78 kw) and 86 pound-feet of torque, that Harley says will scoot the 549-pound bike from 0-60 mph in 3.0 seconds. Top speed is limited to 100 mph.

Harley also released some riding specs, noting that the Livewire can lean at a 45-degree angle either direction when cornering, which it notes is a record for a Harley.

That performance—and the brand name— don't come cheap. The bike, which will be available this fall, retails for \$29,799, plus a delivery charge of \$355, for a total of \$30,154.

Harley dealers also routinely charge a mandatory "set-up" fee which can vary in amount, pushing the Livewire price solidly over \$30,000.

HIGH-RES GALLERY: [Harley-Davidson LiveWire electric motorcycle](#)

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[We Test Drove Harley-Davidson's New Electric Motorcycle. Here's How It Sounds.](#)

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### **BMW's new electric motorcycle concept is a fresh vision of the future**

The Motorrad Vision DC Roadster is the most coherent electric two-wheeler concept to come out of Munich By Sean O'Kane@sokane1 Jun 26, 2019, 11:36am EDT

BMW has spent the last few years steadily working toward an electric motorcycle, and this week, it showed off a revamped vision of what that bike might ultimately look like. As part of a suite of announcements tied to the company's new push to accelerate its electrification plans, BMW revealed the "Motorrad Vision DC Roadster," an electric motorcycle concept that looks as close to road-ready as almost anything the company has shown before.

In true concept form, the company hasn't released any specs, and it hasn't said if or when it will turn into a real motorcycle that people can buy. But it's one of the most grounded takes on an electric motorcycle from BMW yet.

#### FOR ONCE, BMW SHOWED OFF SOMETHING THAT LOOKS DEALER-READY

The German automaker's road to an electric motorcycle really started with the release of the fairly practical C Evolution electric motor scooter in 2014. Over the course of the next few years, the C Evolution (which is basically the size of a motorcycle) was eventually upgraded enough that it offered 100 miles of range per charge and a top speed of 80 miles per hour. With a retail price of nearly \$14,000, though, the C Evolution became little more than a sort of limited-run test-bed for the electric future of BMW's Motorrad division.

But it's been obvious that BMW wants to do bigger and better things with an electric motorcycle. In 2016, BMW went all out with the Vision Motorrad Next 100 concept bike, which looked like it came straight from the set of a superhero movie. And in 2017, BMW showed off the Motorrad Concept Link, which was like a more futuristic version of the C Evolution.

That brings us back to the new Motorrad Vision DC Roadster. It's a highly stylized bike, for sure, but it also looks like something you could buy from a dealer right now (with a lot of money). If you squint, you can see that BMW has taken some ideas from its more outlandish electric motorcycle concepts and squeezed them into this new vision of the future, and they've been assigned a bit more purpose. For instance, the excessive gills or "ribs" found on the Motorrad Next 100 are back but in more moderate amounts. BMW says these will help cool the battery pack.

#### BMW IS MOVING UP ITS ELECTRIFICATION PLANS

The motorcycle is also, of course, bathed in BMW's signature colors. In total, it feels like BMW is saying with the Motorrad Vision DC Roadster: "Hey, we know we spent the last few years going pretty far out with our motorcycle concepts, so here's a taste of what we really want to make." It's a concept bike that calls on past BMW designs, and it doesn't stretch the idea of a BMW motorcycle so far that diehards won't buy it. It's not clear when the company will put a

real electric motorcycle on the road, but considering BMW just announced that it's moving its electrification plans up by two years, there's a chance it will be sooner than later.

<https://www.theverge.com/2019/6/26/18759611/bmw-electric-motorcycle-concept-motorrad-vision-roadster>

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/billroberson/2019/06/28/bmws-vision-dc-roadster-electric-motorcycle-echoes-back-90-years-while-also-riding-into-a-possible-future/#7bc9394f5281>

## **Husqvarna Motorcycles Launches its First Electric Motorcycle, the EE 5**

Press Release | June 25, 2019 The Husqvarna EE 5 Minicycle is expected in North America this fall.

Husqvarna Motorcycles are proud to launch the new EE 5 – an electric engine Minicycle that continues the brand's pioneering motocross journey and delivers a complete and fully adaptable, five-kilowatt competition machine. Set to rival any 50cc fuel-powered motorcycle, the quick-charging EE 5 combines the latest high-quality componentry with bodywork specifically designed to give young riders an ergonomically effortless, all-electric riding experience.

The first-ever electric model from Husqvarna Motorcycles, the EE 5 offers youngsters an environmentally friendly way to learn, compete and have fun. Easily adaptable, the ride height can be simply adjusted to keep pace with an improving or growing rider. Delivering two hours of riding enjoyment for beginners and 25 minutes for serious racers, the supplied charger takes just 70 minutes to fully charge the lithium-ion battery.

Featuring the latest suspension technology, the EE 5 is fitted with 35mm WP XACT forks that offer 205mm of travel and combined with a fully-adjustable WP rear shock ensure exceptional damping characteristics. A high-strength chromoly frame, hydraulically operated brakes, lightweight wheels, tapered NEKEN handlebars and striking graphics complete Husqvarna Motorcycles pioneering, all-new EE 5 machine.

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Accompanying the EE 5, Husqvarna Motorcycles offer the Kids Railed Gear – a range of off-road clothing and protective equipment that ensures safe and comfortable riding. Designed specifically with tomorrow's champions in mind, premium materials are mixed to ensure stylish and functional garments. In addition, a lineup of accessories is available for the EE 5, which enhance performance and increases protection.

The new Husqvarna EE 5 will start to be available worldwide from July 2019, and will be in North America in fall 2019.

<https://www.cyclenews.com/2019/06/article/husqvarna-motorcycles-launches-its-first-electric-motorcycle-the-ee-5/>

[Click here for more Husqvarna motorcycle reviews and news.](#)

WEEKLY EVENTS

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Mon Dinner 6:30 States MC Pompano Clubhouse

Usually 2ndTues Lone Legion MC Brotherhood Open House  
end Thurs Skulls MC Open House  
2nd Tues Jupiter Moose Bike Night

3rd Wed States MC Lake Worth Open House 8pm  
Wed Island Jack's Bike Night with Gorilla Motors & PB Harley  
Wed Chit Chat's bike night 7pm Free BBQ, music  
Last Wed Gatti's Garage Bike Night 130 South H St Lake Worth

Thurs usually first Black Pistons MC WPB Open House  
1st Thurs PBH Abacoa Bike Night  
2nd Thurs TBS Bike Night Tequesta  
3rd Thurs Treasure Coast Harley Bike Night  
Last Thurs Turboz/Ralph's Bike Night Jupiter

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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11	12 Mob of Brothers Happy Hour & Dominoes LL	13 Lone Legion Open House	14 Gorilla Bob/ PB Harley Island Jack's Bike Night	15	16	17 Fly n Wheels Open House
18 <b>ABATE PB Chapter Meeting</b>	19 Mob of Brothers Happy Hour & Dominoes LL	20	21 States LW Open House Gorilla Bob/ PB Harley Island Jack's Bike Night	22	23	24 Fly n Wheels Open House Bikes and Coffee at Burn Up Co. 9am to 1pm
25	26 Mob of Brothers Happy Hour & Dominoes LL	27	28 Gorilla Bob/ PB Harley Island Jack's Bike Night	29 Turboz/ Ralph's Bike Night Milwaukee Rally	30 Milwaukee Rally	31 Fly n Wheels Open House Milwaukee Rally

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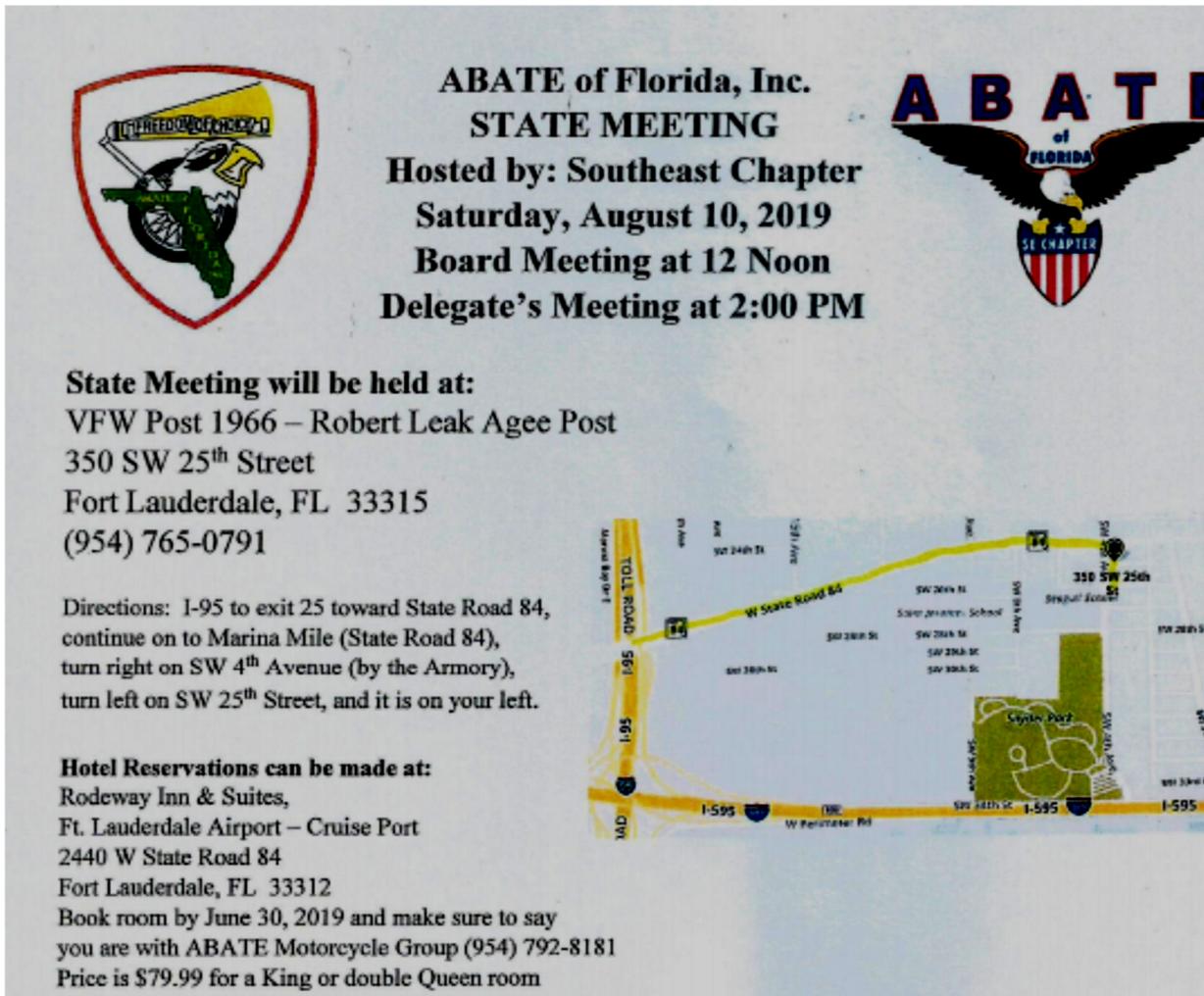
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# DELEGATE REPORT

We had a good Chapter turnout at Leadership Seminars in Ocala . Hopefully we will have a larger one at the August 10 State Meeting in Lauderdale. Best and closest change to attend and see how the State is run. Board members and trustees should attend to see how the positions are done at the State level and learn more . Slo Motion

## STATE MEETINGS Host Chapter & Location

Aug 10 Southeast  
Oct, 12 Gulf Coast  
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Now is the perfect time to visit and get to know your representations while they are home from Tallahassee . It is also good to get to know their local staff so they know about ABATE and our goals for safer roads, and personal freedoms. If you do not know who represents you, go to the county elections office link above. Bikers don't have relationship with them so be polite, kind and always be honest. We need them on our side. Bills we are interested in are for safer roads, stiffer penalties for those injuring other by failure to yield, and the monies for motorcycle safety. That money is ONLY from us paying our bike registration not from general taxes . Since 2012 there has been no information on where that money has gone from the budget. We used some it for our table giveaways. So give them a newsletter and tell them all about the good we do.

FROM ABATE OF FL INC.

It is time for my annual welcome to my Legislative News email list speech.

For those of you that have been on it for a while, I say thank you for staying in a leadership role in your Chapter. You have my undying gratitude for the work you have done and will continue to do for ABATE of Florida, INC.

Now for those of you that are new or maybe returning to a leadership role in your Chapter, let me welcome you and thank you for stepping up to help us out. We can definitely

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use your help and we appreciate your time and energy.

Now a little about this Legislative News Email list that you have found yourself on, the email list contains all the Chapter Presidents, VP's, Legislative, PR/COMM, Newsletter Trustees. It also contains all of the State Board of Directors and many other people that have expressed an interest to be on the list.

I keep the email addresses private by addressing the emails to my personal email address and then BCC all of you. The past few years, the list has become so big that I have to send out each email to 4 separate subgroups so I don't trigger the spam feature.

I will regularly send out news items that I think might be of interest to our members. They are not all motorcycle related issues because we all have a vast array of issues that we find interesting. If you have a interest that you would like news about, let me know and I can keep an eye out for that issue. Otherwise, scan through what I send out and if it is of interest to your Chapter please pass it along to them. If it is not of interest, thats what the delete button is for

At times, I will use this email list to send out important news regarding ABATE of Florida, Inc. Somethings I send out will NOT be for the general public. In that case I will put in big red letters "Private --- not for general information" across the top. But this does not happen very often. If you have any questions about what can be shared, please email me and ask... Better Safe Than Sorry...

I look forward to working with all of you, If we have not yet met, please come up and introduce yourself to me whenever you see me. We are still a big organization and I don't know everyone yet. So please introduce yourself, I would like to meet you.

I hope to see you this weekend in Ocala at the Leadership Seminars. If you can't make it there, I hope to see you at a State Meeting near you.

Thank you again for your help!!! Darrin "Scribe" Brooks

### **FLORIDA GROWTH TO TOP 300,000 PEOPLE A YEAR**

July 25, 2019 NSF Staff

Florida will continue growing by more than 300,000 people a year and will top 22 million residents in 2022, according to a report posted online this week by state economists. The Demographic Estimating Conference updated population forecasts through April 1, 2024 and showed steady growth during the multi-year period. "Between April 1, 2018 and April 1, 2024, population growth is expected to average 330,605 net new residents per year (906 per day), representing a compound growth rate of 1.53% over this six?year time horizon," an executive summary of the report said. "These increases are analogous to adding a city slightly larger than Orlando every year." The report estimated the population on April 1, 2018, at 20.84 million, with it increasing to 21.2 million on April 1, 2019. It is forecast to hit 22.2 million as of April 1, 2022 and be at 22.8 million on April 1, 2024. The population increases will primarily stem from "net migration" as people move into the state, rather than births, which are largely offset by deaths. The report noted that the state forecasts are lower than population predictions by the U.S. Census Bureau, pointing to different methodologies in the way estimates are reached.

**BY THE NUMBERS: HEPATITIS A OUTBREAK** July 23, 2019 NSF Staff

TALLAHASSEE --- The Florida Department of Health posted a report Monday that showed the state has had 1,978 reported cases of hepatitis A this year.

An outbreak of the virus, which can cause liver damage, started in 2018 and has ex-

ploded this year in parts of the state, such as in the Tampa Bay region and areas of Central Florida. Other parts of the state, such as rural counties across North Florida, have seen few cases.

Here are the number of cases reported in 2019 in counties throughout the state: Pasco: 355; Pinellas: 323; Volusia: 174; Orange: 140; Hillsborough: 114; Marion: 108; Lake: 91; Hernando: 90; Manatee: 82; Brevard: 62; **Palm Beach: 40**; Lee: 38; Seminole: 34; Martin: 32; Sarasota: 31; Sumter: 27; Citrus: 25; Miami-Dade: 25; Osceola: 24; St. Lucie: 24; Polk: 23; Charlotte: 14; Broward: 12; Santa Rosa: 10; Bay: 6; St. Johns: 6; Alachua: 5; Duval: 5; Okaloosa: 5; Okeechobee: 5; Collier: 4; Jackson: 4; Taylor: 4; Clay: 3; Escambia: 3; Flagler: 3; Indian River: 3; Leon: 3; DeSoto: 2; Glades: 2; Hendry: 2; Nassau: 2; Walton: 2; Columbia: 1; Franklin: 1; Gilchrist: 1; Hamilton: 1; Hardee: 1; Levy: 1; Liberty: 1; Madison: 1; Putnam: 1; Wakulla: 1; Washington: 1; Baker: 0; Bradford: 0; Calhoun: 0; Dixie: 0; Gadsden: 0; Gulf: 0; Highlands: 0; Holmes: 0; Jefferson: 0; Lafayette: 0; Monroe: 0; Suwannee: 0; Union: 0

Source: Florida Department of Health

### **AHEAD OF 2020, REPUBLICANS CRAFT IMMIGRATION POLICY**

July 22, 2019 Ana Ceballos

TALLAHASSEE --- Two prominent state senators intend to release proposals for the 2020 legislative session that would set up the Republican platform on immigration, a key issue going into next year's election cycle.

Sen. Joe Gruters, who doubles as the chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, and Senate Judiciary Chairman David Simmons plan to file measures that illustrate different approaches to the thorny topic of immigration, the source of some of the Legislature's most heated controversies in recent years.

While Gruters' proposals would further crack down on illegal immigration, Simmons is seeking to add protections for undocumented residents living and working in the Sunshine State.

Simmons says he will file legislation that would give undocumented immigrants legal permits to work and drive in Florida, in an effort to bring them "out of the shadows" and have them follow state laws. Such a policy change would have an impact on roughly 800,000 undocumented immigrants living in the state.

"They are already working, and they are already driving," Simmons, R-Altamonte Springs, told The News Service of Florida in a recent interview. "This is not a path to citizenship. This is about dealing with this in a matter that is not demagoguing individuals."

Gruters, who earlier this year sponsored a ban on so-called "sanctuary cities," is taking the opposite approach. He wants to pair up with state Rep. Cord Byrd again to push bills that will toughen immigration laws in the state.

One measure "would enhance penalties for convicted and deported criminals who re-enter the United States illegally," Gruters said in a text message.

Another proposal would require all Florida employers to use E-Verify, a federal electronic system that checks employees' eligibility to work in the U.S.

With President Donald Trump at the top of the ticket on next year's ballot, the immigration measures could be an important tool in Florida, a state considered crucial for a White House win and a place where the issue has aided GOP candidates.

For example, Gov. Ron DeSantis used a hard-line stance on immigration as part of a

successful playbook in his bid for governor last year.

Since taking office in January, DeSantis --- whose endorsement by President Donald Trump helped boost him to victory in November --- was heavily involved in the passage of the sanctuary city ban. The law, which went into effect on July 1, is being challenged in federal court.

The governor's office did not respond when asked if DeSantis would support any of the immigration proposals next session. And Gruters said it is "too early" for the governor to be involved in his bills.

With the passage of the sanctuary city ban, Gruters already allowed the governor to deliver on one of his campaign promises. And the Sarasota Republican may help DeSantis make good on another immigration pledge with the E-Verify proposal, which has faced fierce opposition from Florida agricultural and business interests in the past.

Gruters, meanwhile, said he is still open to considering other immigration-related bills. The senator is preparing to embark on a statewide immigration "listening tour." Dates and locations of the stops will be announced this week, Gruters said.

While the Republicans' crackdown on illegal immigration may help court conservative voters in advance of next year's elections, Democrats have lambasted the policies.

"These pieces of legislation are nothing more than a reflection of the President's xenophobic strategy of demonizing our immigrant communities and firing up the Republican base ahead of the 2020 election," Sen. Janet Cruz, D-Tampa, told the News Service.

Cruz is more aligned to what Simmons is proposing.

"Florida's economic future is dependent on continuing to build our reputation as a welcoming state that values diversity and inclusion," Cruz said. "Instead of driving undocumented immigrants further into the shadows, we should be doing all we can to ensure they have the ability to work legally, pay taxes, and live without fear of being separated from their families."

Simmons' softer approach to immigration policy may be a hard sell for his fellow Republicans, especially in an election year. Similar efforts previously have failed to gain traction in the Republican-controlled Legislature.

But allowing undocumented immigrants to work and drive legally in Florida could resonate among Hispanic voters --- a key constituency in the Sunshine State --- at a time when immigrant communities are fearful of the new sanctuary city law.

The new statute requires local law enforcement agencies to fully cooperate with federal immigration authorities when undocumented immigrants are detained or in the custody of law enforcement. That can include detention over a driving offense.

Simmons said he still supports the sanctuary city law and does not believe exemptions should be carved out for undocumented immigrants who commit minor driving offenses.

Instead, he says undocumented immigrants should follow state driving laws and be given the ability to have insurance. Simmons said his proposal would put together an "immigration policy that works," until the federal government acts.

Senate President Bill Galvano's office said none of the immigration proposals were sought at his direction. While Galvano has spoken with Gruters, the Senate president has not talked with Simmons about his bill yet, according to Senate spokeswoman Katie Betta.

"Oftentimes senators from both parties will mention ideas to the president or let him know what they are working on, but he doesn't green-light or red-light every proposal from the onset," Betta said in an email. "To the contrary, the president makes every effort to refrain

from weighing in, so that senators have the opportunity to vet their ideas with their colleagues and constituents.”

Though the Senate’s top Republican says he has refrained from chiming in on the immigration policies, the business lobby is already gearing up for a fight --- at least when it comes to E-Verify.

“It will certainly be a priority of ours,” said Towson Fraser, a spokesman for the American Business Immigration Coalition, whose membership includes South Florida billionaire Mike Fernandez, a former GOP contributor who left the Republican Party, in part, because of its hardline immigration policies.

The group’s members also include billionaire auto-dealer Norman Braman and lobbyist Al Cardenas, a former Republican Party of Florida chairman.

Fraser said the group --- and a “majority of businesses” --- oppose E-Verify and will likely have discussions in the near future to determine what resources will be devoted to the fight against the policy.

In Florida, representatives of the agriculture and construction industry have publicly warned that E-Verify would make it harder for them to find workers.

But DeSantis isn’t backing down from the battle over E-Verify.

“We got a lot of irons in the fire this session, we want to deliver on things that we can,” DeSantis told reporters in March. “This will be one I’m not going to quit on.”

#### **FRIED SAYS REVIEW TIME CUT FOR CONCEALED WEAPONS LICENSES**

July 19, 2019 NSF Staff

Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried said review times for applications for concealed-weapons licenses have been reduced. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, which Fried heads, said review times for people with no prior issues have been reduced from 50 days when Fried took office in January to one day in July. Meanwhile, people with prior arrests or prosecutions now face an average review period of 25 days, down from 88 days in January. “We’ve made our concealed weapons license program more efficient --- but we’ve also made it more accountable,” Fried tweeted on Friday. “I said on day one: everyone who applies to carry concealed weapons in Florida will get the full background check required by law. And now, they do.” In another tweet, she credited “major changes of leadership, staffing, & culture to get it right” as the “licensing program we inherited had serious failures of oversight.” Fried announced the statistics during an appearance at the Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office. An auditor general examination of the licensing process under former Commissioner Adam Putnam pointed to a lack of management oversight by the department. Putnam’s administration said the issues were being addressed. Issues with the background-check process were first highlighted last summer in various media reports. At least 300 concealed-weapons licenses were later revoked. Under Putnam, Florida’s concealed-carry program in 2012 became the first in the nation to surpass the 1 million mark. As of June 30, the state reported more than 2 million concealed-weapons licenses were active.

#### **ECONOMISTS TO ANALYZE BALLOT PROPOSALS** July 18, 2019 NSF Staff

State economists are preparing to analyze three more proposed constitutional amendments that could appear before voters in November 2020, including proposals to change the primary-election system and to ban assault weapons. The economists, meeting at the Financial Impact Estimating Conference, will hold workshops July 30 and Aug. 1 as part of a process of estimating financial impacts of the initiatives, according to a schedule posted on the website of

the Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research. The workshop on the proposed amendment to ban assault weapons will be held July 30. Two days later, the panel will hold a workshop on a proposal that would allow all registered voters to cast ballots in primaries, regardless of political affiliation. The two candidates receiving the most votes in each primary would advance to the general election. Also on Aug. 1, the panel will take up a proposal that would change a provision in the Florida Constitution about the citizenship of voters. The panel is required to analyze and estimate the financial impact of proposed constitutional amendments that are driven by citizens' initiatives. A new law requires the Financial Impact Estimating Conference to produce two documents for each proposal --- a financial impact statement and an initiative financial information statement. The financial impact statement would appear on the ballot to inform voters whether the proposed amendment would increase or decrease costs or revenues. The lengthier initiative financial information statement would be available on the websites of the secretary of state and the Office of Economic and Demographic Research. A summary of financial information statements will also be available at each polling place, the main offices of elections supervisors, and the supervisors' websites. The panel already has held meetings on other proposed constitutional amendments, including proposals to expand Medicaid eligibility, overhaul the electric utility industry and increase the minimum wage.

**STATE TO CUT TIES WITH SUNPASS CONTRACTOR** July 10, 2019 NSF Staff

Florida will seek new bids in three years instead of renewing its contract with the company that oversaw last year's botched SunPass conversion. Florida transportation officials on Wednesday confirmed their plans to re-bid the second half of the contract with New Jersey-based Conduent State & Local Solution. The Tampa Bay Times reported earlier Wednesday that Department of Transportation Secretary Kevin Thibault said in an interview that Conduent's contract wouldn't be renewed. The Times interview was conducted after the newspaper outlined problems involving SunPass at Florida airports, such as late reimbursements for parking fees. In March, the state agency imposed a \$4.6 million fine on Conduent, and announced internal changes to how the state's toll-collection system is managed. At the time, fines against the company had already reached \$780,000, which included failing to meet an initial deadline to implement upgrades to the system. Conduent's \$343 million contract includes running the system for the next three years. The SunPass system conversion was supposed to last about a week and be completed last June. Instead, the system was overwhelmed by the volume as it went live, and parts of the system were down for a month, with serious issues lingering into August involving overcharges, poor website performance and unacceptable wait time at a customer call center.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CRACKS DOWN ON SPEEDERS** July 15, 2019

Highway speeders, no matter how little they go over the posted limit, are being targeted as Florida Highway Patrol troopers and transportation officials team up with federal and regional agencies in a weeklong speed-enforcement campaign. "The speed limit is the speed limit," Florida Highway Patrol Lt. Derrick Rahming said. "It's not suggested. It is there for a reason. It's there to keep you safe and to keep us safe as well." "Operation Southern Shield" is a joint law enforcement operation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration focused on high-speed corridors in Florida, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee. In Florida, the targeted roads are Interstate 10, Interstate 75 and Interstate 95. Rahming said the faster someone drives, the more catastrophic an accident becomes. "We are going to be focusing on

drivers who are failing to observe posted speed limits,” Rahming said. “We are going to make sure we stop them from speeding, to make sure the roads are safer during this season.” The highest legal speed limit anywhere in Florida is 70 mph. Operation Southern Shield will run through Sunday. Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kevin Thibault said in a statement that it’s his department’s “priority to bring attention to the dangers of speeding on our roadways.” Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle data show the state had more than 10,590 crashes in 2018 involving speeding or driving too fast for conditions, with speeding deemed a contributing factor in more than 270 fatalities.

#### **AUTOMATED VEHICLES AT ISSUE:**

Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, will speak as part of a multi-day Automated Vehicles Symposium in Central Florida. (Symposium plenary session starts at 8 a.m., with Brandes scheduled to speak at 8:15 a.m., Orlando World Center Marriott, 8701 World Center Dr., Orlando.)

#### **JUDGE WEIGHS DEMOCRATS’ CHALLENGE TO BALLOT POSITIONS**

July 15, 2019      Dara Kam

TALLAHASSEE --- In a state where razor-thin election margins have become the norm in major races, Democrats are seeking to make inroads by trying to do away with a decades-old Florida law that requires candidates who are of the same party as the governor to appear first on the ballot.

Having Republicans at the top of the ticket in statewide, legislative and congressional races --- and even local races --- puts Democrats at a disadvantage because research shows voters are more likely to pick the candidate who appears first, lawyers representing several national Democratic groups argued Monday in the kick-off to what is expected to be a four-day trial.

Florida’s ballot-position law was enacted 68 years ago, when Democrats controlled the governor’s office and the Legislature.

But as margins in many high-profile elections have narrowed, who comes first is more important than ever, the Democrats argued.

“There’s no secret in politics that where a candidate appears on the ballot matters,” lawyer Abha Kanna, who represents the Democratic National Committee, the Democratic Governors Association, the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, Priorities USA, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and other plaintiffs, told Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker during opening arguments.

But lawyers for Florida Secretary of State Laurel Lee argued that, while Democrats may not like the law, the statute doesn’t do anything to limit Floridians’ ability to participate in the electoral process.

“People vote for all sorts of reasons and no reasons at all,” Mohammad Jazil, a private lawyer representing the state, told Walker. “The statute, at the end of the day, doesn’t keep a single voter from casting a ballot.”

The Democrats are relying heavily on a report by Stanford University political science professor Jon Krosnik, who studied the impact of ballot position on thousands of elections conducted over the past 70 years.

Listing a candidate’s name first on the ballot “almost always accords that person an advantage in gaining votes,” a concept called a “primacy effect,” Krosnik wrote in a report for

the plaintiffs, filed in January.

The primacy effect has been widely studied for many decades, and the “body of accumulated evidence is especially compelling and consistent with the conclusion that candidates listed first on the ballot have an electoral advantage solely as a result of their position on the ballot,” Krosnik wrote.

In Florida, Republican candidates have gained an average 5.35 percentage-point advantage over Democrats by being listed first on the ballot, the professor found. Democratic candidates have gained 4.57 percentage points on average by being listed first, according to Krosnik.

“Candidate name order, governed by Florida’s ballot order statute, is extremely likely to have influenced election outcomes in Florida and is extremely likely to do so in the future,” he concluded.

Nancy Jacobson, a Democratic fundraiser and activist who is one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit, said she is “harmed” by the statute because “my vote, which is my voice, is being suppressed.”

The law reminds her of obstacles she encountered as a young female lawyer, Jacobson said.

“I always had to run faster, work harder,” she said, adding that she feels her vote “doesn’t have the same value as a Republican vote.”

In November, Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis defeated Democratic candidate Andrew Gillum by four-tenths of 1 percent. And the race between former U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson and former Gov. Rick Scott, a Republican, was even closer. After a statewide recount, Scott emerged the victor, edging out the veteran Democratic lawmaker by just two-tenths of a percent.

Jacobson blamed the Democrats’ narrow losses on the ballot-position law.

But lawyers for the state asked Jacobson a series of questions about her voting choices over the years in an effort to demonstrate the success of some of her preferred candidates, such as Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried, a Democrat who was elected in November despite appearing second on the ballot in her Cabinet race.

Heather Williams, the deputy executive director of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, said her organization has to spend more resources on Florida candidates to offset Democrats’ disadvantages because of ballot placement.

“In Florida, we often see that our candidates are polling well ... then they underperform” on Election Day, Williams said, also attributing the losses to ballot position.

Democrats are suggesting that elections supervisors use a county-by-county approach in determining ballot positions, where counties are ranked based on the number of registered voters. The counties would be divided into two groups, with every other county being assigned to “group one” or “group two.”

About 53 percent of voters would be assigned to “group one” and 47 percent of Florida voters would be assigned to “group two” under such a system, which is in use in some other states, Williams said.

But Jazil pointed out that the county-by-county system would still result in some Republicans being at the top of the ticket in many races.

Williams conceded that would be the case but said the system “would at least give Democrats the opportunity to be listed first in some districts, which is certainly better than where we’re at today.”

But that's just one possible way of addressing the issue, lawyers for the Democrats pointed out during Monday's hearing.

Walker, who refused Democrats' request last year to impose a temporary injunction against the law prior to the November elections, could rule that it is unconstitutional and order the state to adopt the county-by-county process or come up with its own solution. Or he could propose a remedy of his own.

The ballot-position challenge is one of a variety of election-related lawsuits Walker is overseeing, including several linked to a sweeping elections package approved by the Republican-dominated Legislature in May and signed into law by DeSantis. One of the legal challenges is focused on provisions in the new law aimed at carrying out a constitutional amendment restoring voting rights to felons who've completed their sentences.

Under the new law, Floridians convicted of felonies will have to pay financial obligations related to their crimes --- including restitution, fines and fees --- before they are eligible to have voting rights restored. Voting-rights and civil-rights groups allege the legislation unconstitutionally "creates two classes of citizens," depending on their ability to pay financial obligations that many don't even know about.

Another challenge is centered on a part of the new law that requires "sufficient non-permitted parking" at early voting sites. Plaintiffs in a long-running dispute over campus early voting argue the provision will create an unconstitutional burden on young voters attending colleges or universities.

### **THREE BALLOT PROPOSALS DOMINATE SIGNATURE GATHERING**

July 10, 2019 NSF Staff

With backers trying to get a series of high-profile constitutional amendments on the 2020 ballot, three proposals are dominating the critical process of collecting petition signatures. As of Wednesday morning, the political committee Citizens for Energy Choices had submitted 339,553 signatures for a ballot proposal that would require major changes and deregulation in Florida's electric utility industry, according to numbers posted on the state Division of Elections website. Close behind, the political committee Florida For A Fair Wage had submitted 331,694 signatures for a ballot proposal that would gradually increase the state's minimum wage to \$15 an hour. Meanwhile, the number of signatures submitted by the committee All Voters Vote has dramatically increased in recent weeks. The committee had submitted 219,401 signatures for its proposal, which would revamp the state's primary-election system. To reach the November 2020 ballot, committees must submit 766,200 valid signatures to the state and get Supreme Court approval of the proposed ballot wording. The Supreme Court has not ruled on any of the ballot proposals. Tens of thousands of signatures also have been submitted for other proposals, such as efforts to expand Medicaid eligibility and ban "assault" weapons.

### **SOUTH MIAMI TO CHALLENGE 'SANCTUARY CITIES' BAN** July 10, 2019 Jim Turner

TALLAHASSEE --- The city of South Miami is preparing to fight a controversial new law aimed at banning so-called "sanctuary cities," after commissioners unanimously agreed Tuesday to hire an attorney to handle the legal challenge.

The ban, signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis last month, was one of the most fiercely fought issues of the 2019 legislative session that ended in May. The measure came after DeSantis vowed during his 2018 campaign to prevent sanctuary cities.

The law is designed to spur local law-enforcement agencies to fully comply with federal immigration detainers and share information with federal immigration authorities after undocu-

mented immigrants are in custody. Under the new law, local governments are required to "use their best efforts to support the enforcement of federal immigration law."

But, during a brief special meeting Tuesday evening, South Miami Mayor Philip Stoddard echoed critics' concerns that the law would discourage undocumented residents from reporting crimes.

"Our police are responsible for maintaining the public safety, and as soon as they are seen as somebody who might turn you in if you called for assistance, they're no longer trusted and they can no longer do their primary job of keeping all the citizens and all the residents of a community safe," Stoddard said. "It creates divisions."

Stoddard, who said the city had been approached about the lawsuit by the Southern Poverty Law Center, said the statute is vague and overrides local authority.

"This state-level anti-sanctuary movement not only looks to repeal local sanctuary policies, it is also aimed at eliminating the discretion that local communities have traditionally exercised over their involvement in federal immigration enforcement efforts," the resolution approved by the city commission states.

City Attorney Thomas Pepe warned the commission that several economic issues could arise from complying with the law, such as a lack of reimbursement from federal agencies and potential lawsuits against the city.

"If the city detains someone and there is no warrant, and nine times out of 10 there is no warrant other than an administrative warrant, the city could be liable for a due-process, equal-protection kind of claim that could be filed by the person that was detained by the city," Pepe said.

When signing the bill into law in June, DeSantis said the measure will help ensure the safety of communities.

"This is about the rule of law," he said at the time. "It's also about public safety."

But opponents blasted the governor for signing the measure, which was sponsored by Sen. Joe Gruters, a Sarasota Republican who doubles as chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, and Rep. Cord Byrd, R-Neptune Beach. Critics of the proposal have argued, in part, that the law will lead to increased detention and deportation of undocumented immigrants, including people stopped by police for minor offenses.

An arm of the Southern Poverty Law Center previously issued a statement alleging that the measure violates the U.S. Constitution's Fourth Amendment ban on unreasonable seizure.

"The legislation signed by Governor DeSantis today is unconstitutional, and Republican lawmakers knew this when they fast-tracked the bill to appease anti-immigrant voters and use racial grievance to drive a wedge between Floridians," Scott McCoy, senior policy counsel for the SPLC Action Fund, said after the governor signed the measure. "This law forces local and state police to detain people for federal immigration authorities without probable cause."

#### **DESANTIS SIGNS CRIMINAL JUSTICE PACKAGE**

June 28, 2019 NSF Staff

Florida will soon see the first change in 35 years to the legal threshold for felony theft after Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a criminal-justice package into law on Friday. Raising the threshold that triggers felony theft charges from \$300 to \$750 was one of the biggest changes in the bill (HB 7125). Other changes will also give judges more leeway over sentences of non-violent drug offenders and will allow thousands of non-violent offenders to be released from

prison earlier for good behavior. House sponsor Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast, issued a statement Friday evening describing the bill as “the largest criminal justice reform package in more than a generation. This law now provides a framework that preserves our nearly 50-year low crime rate while taking a new approach to low level, non-violent offenders and increases employment opportunities for former felons seeking employment,” But when lawmakers passed the bill in May, it received mixed reactions. Some lawmakers called it an “important first step,” while others said they would have liked to see it do more.

#### **COUNTING ON A FULL COUNT**

The sparring between Harris and Biden came hours after a U.S. Supreme Court split decision that could have a significant impact on Florida.

The court blocked --- at least for now --- a citizenship question from being asked in the 2020 census, saying the Trump administration offered a “contrived” explanation as to why it was needed.

The opinion, written by Chief Justice John Roberts, eased Florida Democrats’ concerns that a citizenship question in Florida, which is a magnet for immigrants, would lead to an undercount of the state’s population.

“With 750,000 undocumented residents, we need everyone counted so our state can receive important federal resources and congressional representation!” state Rep. Carlos Guillermo Smith, D-Orlando, tweeted shortly after the decision.

Roberts said the U.S. Department of Commerce failed to provide an adequate explanation about why a citizenship question was needed.

#### **BILLS, BILLS AND MORE BILLS**

Gov. Ron DeSantis may be running out of ink, after signing more than four dozen bills into law this week, including a measure that could lead to more underground power lines in hurricane-vulnerable Florida.

The bill dealing with power lines (SB 796) came after millions of residents and businesses lost electricity in storms over the past three years. State officials and utilities have long faced questions about why more power lines are not buried underground, where the lines could be less susceptible to punishing winds and falling trees.

Utilities already have underground power lines in some areas. But a key part of the bill would change the way underground power-line projects are financed, a change that could lead to more projects --- but also higher bills for utility customers.

DeSantis also signed a proposal, pushed by Attorney General Ashley Moody, that will allow attorneys for the state to have access to a prescription-drug database as they pursue a lawsuit against the pharmaceutical industry over the opioid epidemic. He also approved a measure (SB 1020) designed to set the stage for a hemp industry in Florida.

Among the other measures DeSantis signed was a bill that will allow needle-exchange programs across the state and a plan to help curb human trafficking.

The needle-exchange bill (SB 366) is aimed at preventing the spread of diseases such as HIV by intravenous drug users and builds off a Miami-Dade County pilot program that lawmakers authorized in 2016. Lawmakers were told this spring that the pilot, run by the University of Miami, had taken 275,000 used syringes off the streets.

The new law will allow county commissions throughout the state to approve needle-exchange programs.

## **ABATE of FL Inc Palm Beach Chapter**

General Meeting - VFW Post 4243, 2404 Broadway, Riviera Beach July 21, 2019  
Called to order: 11:34 am Members: 35 Guests: 4

**PRESIDENT:** Curtis Alva

Thanked all the American Legion Riders present. Spoke of State Leadership Seminars in Ocala. Still looking into locations for our multi Chapter Party and Chapter December event. Looking forward to working with Stan Ellsworth of American Ride, BYU TV .

**VICE PRESIDENT:** John Valiquette

Need to work with Ellsworth's Nov. event

**SECRETARY:** Florrie Wilcox

No corrections, additions to last month's minutes as in the newsletter

**TREASURER:** Suzanne Sequin

We need money. Memberships and December event would help build our funds

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** Pete Carroll

Need to plan how to ride together. Next month will do presentation

**MEMBERSHIP:** Vincent Fazzese

No new members prior to meeting. At meeting several new members, renewals and transfers.

**LEGISLATIVE:** Dan Henderson

Need to meet and work with our legislators while at home summer. Be honest and kind.

**DELEGATE:** Dan Henderson

Spoke of Ocala Leadership seminars. August State meeting at VFW Post 1966 Robert Leak Agee Post 350 SW 25th St Fort Lauderdale 2 pm

**SAFETY:** Dan Henderson

Need more events. Send me notifications, and for table. Setup at BMW meeting

**PR/WEB/NEWSLETTER:** Dan Henderson

After retirement in August will try to do more, could use help. Explained what ABATE is about and what we have done. Reminded membership gets you free business card ad in newsletter.

**PRODUCTS:** Kathy Hale

Products sold after meeting

**OLD BUSINESS:**

More discussion on locations for December Event and need to get going. Passed a resolution as follows: Resolved that all ABATE Florida Chapters circulate a petition for signatures demanding that the Legislature and Governor disclose how the motorcycle safety money has been spent every year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Going to do legislative presentation for BMW riders at Broward MotorSports in West Palm

Aug.3 10 am

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Aug 3 to support West Palm Roller Derby Team

14" knife door prize won by Hogman and the 50/50 was at \$142, and \$71 was won by James Bell

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:** 12:36 pm

## 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)

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.

## 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**

**ALL APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL**

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

# Police identified the motorcyclist as 32-year-old Paul Fambrough of Boynton Beach.

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BOYNTON BEACH — A 32-year-old motorcycle rider remained in critical condition Wednesday after being injured in a crash Tuesday afternoon, Boynton Beach police said.

Police identified the motorcycle rider as Paul Fambrough of Boynton Beach. The crash occurred shortly before 6 p.m. Tuesday on Congress Avenue, between Boynton Beach Boulevard and Ocean Drive.

According to police, the driver of a 2016 Mazda CX-5 was attempting to make left turn from northbound Congress into a bank parking lot when the Mazda collided with a 2007 Triumph motorcycle that was traveling south. The Mazda's driver, identified as Herbert Gilbert, 88, was not injured.

Anyone who witnessed the crash or may have dash-cam video from the area during that time is asked to call traffic homicide investigator Sunny Surajbally at 561-732-8116.

<https://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/20190717/motorcycle-rider-in-critical-condition-after-crash-in-boynton>

Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting VFW POST 4143

**3rd Sunday August 18, 2019 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.**

Breakfast will be served 9:00 AM 'til Noon so support the Post

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**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.