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### **Peter Fonda Dies at 79**

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## President's Message

Curtis Alva

We lost a Brother, Chino, last month. He was a great man and always had a smile for everyone. We had 8 ABATE members on the Council ride to his services in Ft Pierce. It rained hard, which was fitting because Chino loved riding in the rain. He will not be forgotten. His friends and family are planning an annual event in his honor. There is also a go fund me page to help pay funeral costs.

See back cover for more on this.

August was a great month for service to our brothers and sisters. We passed the hat to help a member who had lost his job and our brother, Zach, from the Southeast chapter helped him find a new job. We also helped a member with some donated legal services. If you know of a biker who needs help, just let any member of the Board know. We are here to serve.

The weather will be getting cooler and there are lots of great events coming up. Pompano States Key West Tune Up is Sept 8 and Peterson's Key West Poker Run is Oct. 11-13

September is also a great time to make sure that your membership is current. If you're expired then you have no insurance and your financial support of ABATE is all spent.



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2019 International Ural Ride Day September 7, 2019

## **UPCOMING Event Schedule**

Monday Sept. 2 - LABOR DAY

Wed Sept. 4 - Bike Nights Island Jack's,

Thurs. Sept. 5 - Abacoa Bike Night PB Harley 7-10, Black Piston's Open House, Howley's Bike Night

Sept. 6 to 8 Roar to the Shore

Sept. 8 States Pompano Key West Tune Up Party

Tuesday Sept. 10 - Lone Legion Open House

Wednesday Sept. 11- Bike Night at Island Jack's

Friday Sept 13 AOA WPB Open House

**3rd Sunday Sept. 15 — 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. Sept. 18 - Bike Night Island Jack's, States MC Lake Worth Open House 3570 Boutwell Rd. Lake Worth

Friday Sept 20 AOA TC Open House

Saturday Sept. 21 Bikes and Coffee 9am to 1pm Burn Up Company 500 Palm. St., WPB

Tuesday Sept. 24 Skulls MC Open House

Wednesday Sept. 25 - Bike Night Island Jack's,

Thurs. Sept. 26 - Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Monday Sept. 30 - Mob of Brothers Open House

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

Saturday Oct.. 26 Bikes and Coffee 9am to 1pm Burn Up Company 500 Palm. St., WPB

### **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**

## Motorcycle Icon Peter Fonda Dead At 79



AUG 17, 2019 By: Justin Hughes

The actor's involvement with motorcycles went far beyond Easy Rider.

Actor Peter Fonda, best known to motorcyclists for his starring role in the iconic movie Easy Rider, died the morning of Friday, August 16 at his home in Los Angeles, his family confirmed to People. The official cause of death was respiratory failure due to lung cancer. He was 79.

Easy Rider is what put Fonda on the map. In a 2007 interview with the LA Times, he gave the movie, which he not only starred in but also produced and co-wrote. "I never stopped working, thanks to Easy Rider," Fonda told the LA Times. Fonda earned an Academy Award nomination for Best Original Screenplay for Easy Rider. It also brought him out from living in the shadow of his father, actor Peter Fonda. In fact, Peter Fonda's interest in motorcycles was the direct result of rebelling

against the elder Fonda.

"My father didn't want me to," he told the LA Times. "It was like, in your face. As soon as I could, I bought a Harley. That was the beginning. Loved it. Never have stopped."

Although a fan of Harley-Davidson, Fonda was never exclusive to them. He's also owned Triumphs, BMWs, a Ducati, and an MV Agusta, as well as more unusual bikes like Bultaco and Montesa. He also partnered with a pre-Polaris incarnation of Indian to produce replicas of the bikes from Easy Rider.

Contrary to the drug-dealing Captain America he portrayed in Easy Rider, Fonda was truly one of us, not merely a celebrity who dabbled in motorcycles. He was inducted into the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame, not only for his work on Easy Rider but also for his motorcycle-related charity work. He has supported numerous charity fundraising events, including the Love Ride and the Easy Ride for Autism. In 1973 he appeared along with Evel Knievel in Not So Easy, a short training film advocating wearing proper gear and practicing safe riding techniques. This philosophy is common today but was somewhat rare in the early 1970s. Yet who was going to call Peter Fonda, of all people, a square for preaching safety?

"As I say, it's the freedom," Fonda told the LA Times. "The road has no fences, and you're out there and there's no cars and no towns, you see eagles, you see all kinds of wildlife." Indeed, I've had very similar thoughts myself as I've recently started to leave the pavement behind and explore more remote places.

Let's all raise a glass of whatever tasty beverage you prefer and drink to the memory of a true motorcycle icon, both on and off the big screen.

Sources: People, LA Times, CIO, AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame

<https://www.rideapart.com/articles/365601/motorcycle-icon-peter-fonda-dead-79/>

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/16/entertainment/peter-fonda-death-trnd/index.html>

Other bike movies: The Wild Angels (1966), Easy Rider (1969), the Cannonball Run (1981 Chief Biker), Ghost Rider (2007), Wild Hogs (2007)

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## **ABATE of Florida, Inc. Mission Statement**

### **WHO WE ARE**

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

### **OUR GOALS**

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

### **MEMBERSHIP**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## INDIAN MOTORCYCLE AND TRAEGER TEAM UP FOR BIKE WITH WOOD-FIRE GRILL SIDECAR

It's the motorcycle/grill hybrid you never knew you needed. BRANDON FRIEDERICH

This smokin' new collab between Indian Motorcycle and Traeger Grills is guaranteed to fire up both bike fans and grilling aficionados alike.

The two American heritage brands joined forces to create a truly one-of-a-kind bike with a fully functional wood pellet grill attached as its sidecar. It just doesn't get much more badass than that, folks.

Renowned customizer Thor Drake of Portland's See See Motorcycles brilliantly melded an Indian Springfield Darkhorse and a Traeger Ironwood Series 885 to create the meaty machine, complete with all of the necessary grilling tools.



Attendees can look forward to seeing the high-octane cooker deliver killer brisket, ribs and pulled pork at the 2019 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota, where it'll make its official debut.

More details on the build itself will arrive at a two-day demo during the world-famous hog gathering, but we can surmise a fair amount of specs.

Off the lot, the Indian runs a "Thunder Stroke" 111cc V-twin with glossy blacked-out finishes and rides on a menacing 10-spoke front wheel that's exposed by a flared front fender.

The Traeger is forged from commercial-grade stainless steel and boasts a number of high-tech features, including a digital controller that controls ignition, preheat settings and temps, double side-wall insulation, and Wi-Fi connectivity (cleverly dubbed WiFIRE) that can be utilized to monitor food from a smartphone via an app.

If you make it to Sturgis this year, make sure to check out the Indian x Traeger moto in action on Lazelle and 3rd. Traeger's Ironwood 885 is a beast of a grill

This bike was custom built by Thor Drake of See See Motorcycles

The team isn't messing about, either – it's a decent-sized Traeger Ironwood 885 wood-fired unit, capable of fitting in 10 whole chickens or seven racks of ribs. We don't know what that equates to in squirrels, foxes and deer, but whatever it runs over can be served up with a nice wood-chipped smoky flavor.

These beastly grills are well known for their excellent performance in cold weather, but there's no word on whether you'll be able to do your nine-hour brisket smoking operation on the highway at speed.

Combining two great American passions – motorcycle cruising and smoky BBQ. If you're headed to Sturgis, you can catch this machine, built by Thor Drake of See See Motorcycles, at the corner of Lazelle and 3rd, where it'll be serving lunch to anyone that takes an Indian demo bike out for a cruise. <https://newatlas.com/indian-motorcycle-bbq/60854/>  
<https://robbreport.com/motors/motorcycles/indian-motorcycles-traeger-motorcycle-grill-2862253/>

## AI warns motorcycle riders before they turn too abruptly

KYLE WIGGERS @KYLE\_L\_WIGGERS JULY 15, 2019 7:30 AM

Turns taken too quickly or sharply are responsible for nearly a fifth of all motorcycle accidents, according to estimates, which also suggest misjudged curves are to blame for 15% of rider fatalities. Fortunately, researchers at ETH Zurich and KU Leuven have recently proposed a solution in a paper on the preprint server Arxiv.org (“Learning a Curve Guardian for Motorcycles”). Their road curvature warning system leverages computer vision and mapping data to predict lane position and motorcycle roll angle, in addition to the road geometry of future paths.

“The most difficult maneuver on a motorcycle is riding through a curve, as it involves the rider adjusting their speed and the lane position of the vehicle before entering the turn and subsequently adjusting the handlebars to properly roll the motorcycle,” wrote the coauthors. “The slightest mistake can lead to an accident and it is thus no surprise that studies have shown that many motorcycle accidents (25-30 %) [2], occur when the rider is negotiating a curve.”

The team notes that road curve warning systems aren’t entirely novel, but that prior systems largely relied on assumptions about motorcycles’ lane positions, used costly sensors, and didn’t account for road incline. By contrast, the researchers’ approach taps a map database from Here Technologies and convolutional neural networks — AI architectures often used in visual analysis — to anticipate intra-lane position and estimate the current roll angle, and to obtain road geometry across the Americas, Asia, and Europe.

The team trained twin AI networks — LNet and RNet — by supplying images recording at different locations within a lane, some of which were augmented via rotations to simulate motorcycle roll (from -90 degrees to 90 degrees). The researchers collected the frames with a custom-built camera rig featuring seven GoPro Hero 5 Black cameras that simultaneously captured footage from different lane positions spaced at defined intervals within the lane, contributing to a corpus — aptly called the Learning Dataset — of around 2 million images split into training, validation, and test sets.

The researchers next simulated yaw and pitch changes of up to 10 degrees to improve the system’s overall performance and compiled a second data set (Motorcycle Dataset) containing four hours of real-world motorcycle riding recorded by a front-facing camera. They extracted images along with GPS coordinates and used a path-matching algorithm to predict the most likely path traveled by the motorcycle during recording. This enabled them to get map-matched GPS coordinates for each synchronized video, which they tapped to query a map database to obtain road curvature, incline, and speed limit data.

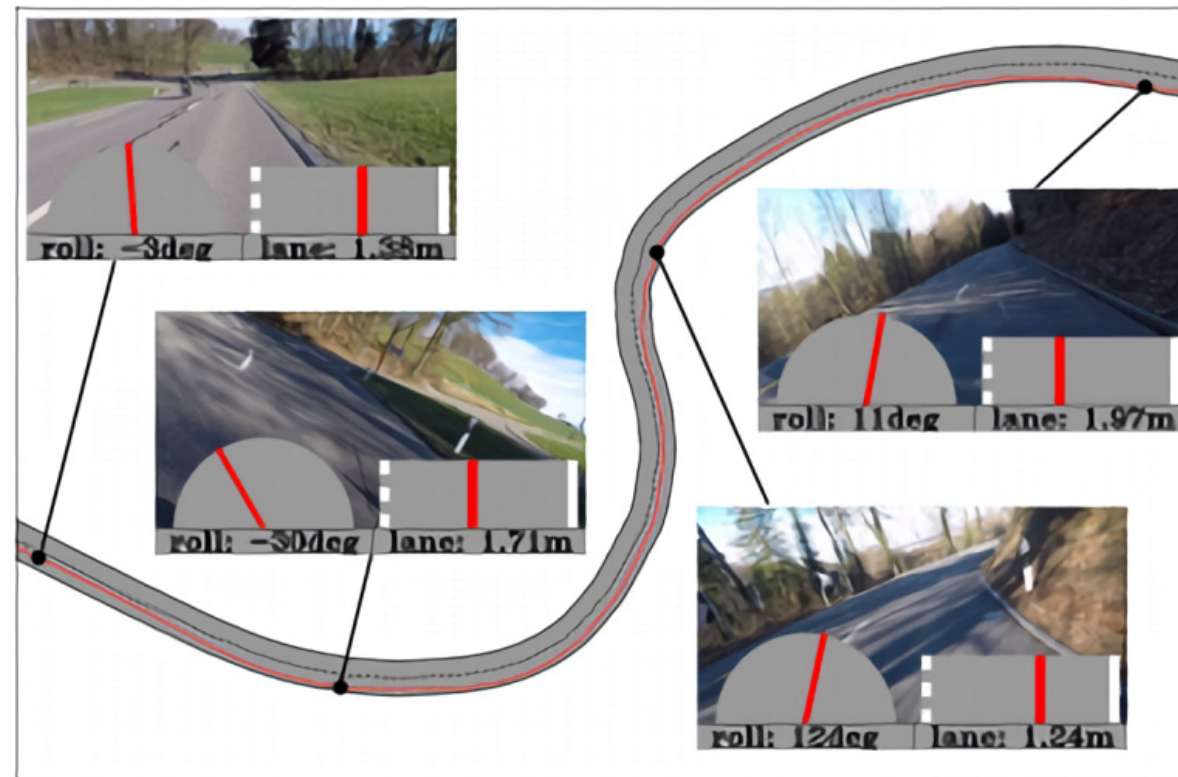
To validate their approach, the researchers conducted two tests: one involving



images that the AI systems hadn't encountered during training, and another during which the models were evaluated on real-world data captured with a GoPro camera. They report that the networks, trained on 1.5 million images from the Learning Dataset for 24 hours on a Nvidia Titan X GPU, performed "very well" in simulation and that in real-world tests the system could predict roll angles with a 3.7 degree mean absolute error compared with physical sensor measurements and lane position within 22.4 centimeters of the ground truth.

"We test our system on a diverse set of real-world scenarios and present a detailed case study. We show that our system is able to predict more accurate and safer curve trajectories, and consequently warn and improve the safety for motorcyclists," wrote the coauthors. "Extensive experiments have shown that our system is able to perform well in the wild, giving rise to a more complete motorcycle curve warning system."

<https://venturebeat.com/2019/07/26/u-s-doj-approves-t-mobile-sprint-merger-states-maintain-antitrust-suit/>



Above: The researchers' AI system predicts roll and intra-lane position.

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## Harley-Davidson Launches New Motorcycle Models And Technology For 2020 The Debut of the All-Electric LiveWire™ Motorcycle and the Return of the Legendary Low Rider® S Model

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 20, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- New models and technologies are featured in the expansive lineup of Harley-Davidson® (HOG) motorcycles for 2020, including the aggressive Low Rider® S model, the all-electric LiveWire™ model and the new CVO™ Tri Glide® model, the ultimate three-wheel motorcycle. Also new for 2020 is the H-D™ Connect cellular connectivity service for select Harley-Davidson motorcycles, and the Reflex™ Defensive Rider Systems (RDRS) technologies for select models that includes traction control and advanced Antilock Braking System (ABS).

The new models and advanced technologies are components of the More Roads to Harley-Davidson plan to accelerate building the next generation of riders through new products in additional motorcycle segments, broader access and a commitment to strengthen dealers globally.

"Harley-Davidson offers riders a host of new models, gear and accessories for 2020 as we leverage our unmatched ability to blend style, performance and technology in products designed to elevate the motorcycling experience," said Heather Malenshek, Harley-Davidson Chief Marketing Officer. "This year Harley-Davidson offers more choices for more riders than ever before."

The new LiveWire model is an all-electric motorcycle designed to offer the rider a high-performance motorcycling experience infused with a new level of technology, and the premium look and feel of a Harley-Davidson product. With up to 146 miles of range\*, performance is optimized for the urban street-rider – no clutching or gear shifting required. The LiveWire model is the first in a broad portfolio of electric two-wheelers designed to establish Harley-Davidson as the leader in the electrification of motorcycles.

\*146 miles (city) / 95 miles (combined). Riding range estimates provided following the SAE J2982 Riding Range Test Procedure and are based on expected performance of a fully charged battery when operated under specified conditions. Actual range will vary depending on riding habits, ambient weather and equipment conditions.

The new Low Rider S motorcycle takes a performance-first approach that emphasizes power, agile handling, and enhanced rider control combined with styling cues from the coastal build scene. Handling of the Softail chassis is enhanced by premium suspension components tuned for aggressive riding stoked by the power of a muscular Milwaukee-Eight® 114 engine.

H-D™ Connect service introduces subscription-based cellular connectivity to select Harley-Davidson® motorcycles to keep riders connected to their motorcycle through their smart phone using the Harley-Davidson™ App\*\*. The H-D Connect service allows owners to view key vehicle health information and to remotely monitor their motorcycle's security.

\*\* The H-D™ Connect service is not available in all markets. Market availability will vary.

The Reflex™ Defensive Rider Systems (RDRS) is a new collection of technology designed to match motorcycle performance to available traction during acceleration, deceleration and braking, utilizing the latest chassis control, electronic brake control and powertrain technology. The RDRS features are standard on the 2020 LiveWire, Trike and CVO models, and optional on all 2020 Touring models in the U.S. (except Electra Glide® Standard models).

The new CVO™ Tri Glide® is a super-premium trike that offers distinctive style, powerful performance and long-haul touring capability. The Tri-Glide chassis delivers confident stability, a comfortable ride and easy handling. Created for discerning customers, CVO models offer show-stopping finishes, advanced technology, exclusive components and attention to detail that borders on obsessive. The Milwaukee-Eight® 117 powertrain – the most displacement and power offered from the H-D factory – is exclusive to CVO models.

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View photos <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/harley-davidson-launches-motorcycle-models-140000894.html>

## Book Review: ‘Motorcycle Traveler’ By Peter Starr



### MOTORCYCLE TRAVELER



**Peter Starr**



Jason Fogelson Contributor  
Cars & Bikes I cover luxury automotive, motorcycles and related topics.

Nearly every rider who has swung a leg over a motorcycle has dreamed of riding in exotic locations. Imagine the people you'd meet, the places you'd see, the experiences you'd have. Author, filmmaker and American Motorcyclist Association Hall of Famer Peter Starr has spent the last few years living the dream. Fortunately for the rest of us, he returned to share his recollections, photographs and videos from his two-wheeled adventures in the new book and accompanying DVD "Motorcycle Traveler."

Starr is perhaps best-known for his 1980 documentary film, “Take It to the Limit,” which covered the competitive and cultural life of motorcycles in the late 1970s. He has directed over 50 specials and documentaries about motorcycling and motorsports, and developed the first fully functional motorcycle sidecar camera vehicles for use in major movies, including “Batman and Robin,” “Apollo 13” and “Lethal Weapon 3.” Through his travels, he has become widely recognized as an international ambassador for motorcycling, which he touts as a tool in his “pursuit of purpose.”

“Motorcycle Traveler” chronicles Starr’s journeys to 12 countries over six years of travel, which took him to Thailand, Poland, Canada, Ecuador, the Isle of Man and Wales, New Zealand, Scotland, Taiwan, Finland, Romania, Australia and Israel. Each journey and country comprises a chapter in the book, which makes for a very sensible and episodic layout. Sized for the coffee table with Starr’s travel stories interspersed among full-color reproductions of his original photography, the hard-cover book is the perfect companion for exploration beside the hearth on a rainy day, when riding is more of an aspiration than a real possibility.

Starr doesn’t just ride through a country, he savors the experiences along the way, often with local guides and friends to help him along the way. He has a great eye for landscapes and wildlife, which he shares in his photographs and in his descriptions. Motorcyclists will appreciate the ways that he is able to place his bike in situations that illuminate the contrast of a modern sport-touring bike with timeless rural scenes, almost like an alien craft descended on Earth. The cover photo, which shows Starr posed on a bright green Kawasaki Ninja in front of three elephants and their handlers, is a great example of this juxtaposition.

Perhaps the most moving chapter covers Starr’s three visits to Taiwan to ride with the Grand Riders, a group of elderly gentlemen aged 75 to 92. The annual visits to participate in a group ride for charity helped reinforce Starr’s vision of the role that motorcycling can play in maintaining mental and emotional vitality, and how a diverse community of motorcyclists can grow around a worthy cause.

Like any motorcycling journey, Starr encountered obstacles of changing climates, mechanical gremlins, physical exhaustion and logistical challenges, but he weathers all with stoic good nature and perseverance, encountering good will from strangers and fellow travelers along the way. To anyone who dreams of exotic travel on two wheels, his journeys are an inspiration.

“Motorcycle Traveler” covers 285 pages, and is published and sold directly by MotoDVD.com. It retails at \$59.95, including a bonus DVD of documentary footage from Peter Starr, affixed to the inside cover of the book

Full disclosure: I have known Peter Starr personally for the past seven years, and have worked with him as a judge on the Motor Press Guild Awards. I received a complimentary copy of “Motorcycle Traveler” for the purposes of review.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/jasonfogelson/2019/08/08/book-review-motorcycle-traveler-by-peter-starr/#2c7375275877>

## **Curtiss Motorcycle Unveils Three Radical Electric Bike Designs; CEO Says He Wants To Challenge Harley-Davidson's Livewire**

Bill Roberson

Almost three decades ago, Matt Chambers launched a motorcycle company he hoped would be able to snatch away market share from Harley-Davidson by building V-Twin-based bikes that were far beyond the style, power and specifications The Motor Company were currently offering.

It was called Confederate Motorcycles, and while the company never scaled up to take on Harley, the bikes that did eventually come out of Chamber's shop were some of the most outrageous, daring and polarizing machines to ever hit the road.

They were also insanely expensive. Hand-built and sporting designs either loved or loathed, bikes like the P-51 Fighter, X-132 Hellcat, the B-120 Wraith and others remain neck-snappers in terms of horsepower and style. Even today, there really isn't anything like them out on the road.

But while naming a company "Confederate" in the 1990s was workable without significant social blowback (Chambers has said the name was chosen for its connotations of rebellion, not for any socio political viewpoint), the moniker eventually became untenable and in 2017, Chambers made a massive pivot. He offloaded Confederate (which is still in operation to some degree) and started a new company, Curtiss Motorcycles, with an exclusive focus on electric motorcycles.

The name is an homage to the American godfather of velocity, Glenn Curtiss. Curtiss, a prolific inventor, daredevil and business tycoon, spooned a massive 4.4-liter V8 aircraft engine into a spindly motorcycle frame and dialed it up to maximum velocity - a record 136 miles an hour - back in 1907. That was faster than anything on land, sea or in the air had gone to date. That bike is now in the Smithsonian.

Now, Chambers and his Curtiss Motorcycles team have debuted three typically atypical electric motorcycle designs, and the Confederate themes continue in terms of lofty prices and out-there design - with one price (but not design) exception: The new Psyche motorcycle. That machine, says Chambers, will sell for \$30,000, the same price as a certain bike from a certain other "new" electric bike maker: Harley-Davidson and their Livewire machine.

More on the Psyche in a moment, as there are more pressing matters for Chambers and his small team. They are currently assembling a pair of the new "Zeus" bikes (pre-production render below), which are an obvious modern-retro nod towards the original Curtiss V8 land speed record machine. But instead of eight cylinders of internal combustion pumping power to the rear wheel, the Zeus machines feature eight canted banks of batteries feeding electrons to a 201 horsepower electric motor sitting beneath the bespoke seat of the \$75,000 chariot.

The Zeus design pays tribute to the Curtiss V8 bike.. The Curtiss Team is working overtime to get a pair of the new Zeus bikes ready for The Quail Gathering auto show. The design pays tribute to the Curtiss V8 bike. CURTISS MOTORCYCLES

Chambers says the team is working hard to have the Zeus bikes ready to show August 16th at The Quail Gathering, one of the highest-profile automobile shows in the world. The Quail has requested Chambers bring his creations to the show, even though he makes motor-

cycles. That's respect. Chambers told Forbes.com the Zeus machines will be ready in time.

The other high-end machine Curtiss has in the works is the Hades bike (below), which has clear echoes of past Confederate designs but instead of a monstrous V-Twin, it features a prominent (ahem) proboscis that houses the batteries needed for its 200+ horsepower electric power plant. Chambers said the \$75,000 Hades machines will debut on Halloween of this year, appropriately, with the Psyche bike set to arrive 18 to 24 months from now.

The Psyche motorcycle, as priced, is not designed to be another high-end halo machine in a three-bike quiver. Instead, Chambers says he wants the Psyche (below) to take on Harley's new Livewire in the marketplace, a tall order for a small shop, even if Goliath's fortunes are in decline. But Chambers is undeterred. "I've wanted to do this for 30 years," he said, adding that Curtiss is "a different animal" business-wise from Confederate.

"We're going to be looking at everyone that's test-riding that Harley. We're going to tell them, 'wait a couple of years and get a Psyche, it's a Curtiss!'" Chambers says his approach to the electric bike market - and his designs make this quite clear - is to not make the bikes look like familiar motorcycles, something he views as a mistake by Harley and ebike leader Zero, with whom he had a short but unproductive relationship. He said the two companies had very different ideas about design and materials.

The Psyche machine features an architecture reminiscent of the Confederate Wraith, but with two large lobes that hold the batteries in a position that vaguely recalls BMW's iconic flat-twin engine's cooling fins. The bike is devoid of bodywork, exposing its curved architecture to the rider. A large multi-link front suspension system - a Confederate and Curtiss signature - holds the front wheel instead of traditional tubular forks.

Curtiss' CEO says he thinks he can make a better electric motorcycle for the same price as the Livewire. Chambers says he wants Curtiss bikes to be like heirlooms, a precious and sacred possession that may get passed down for generations. And because the bikes are electric, batteries and motors can essentially be upgraded continuously while retaining their original form factors. Chambers says he wants his bikes to last 500 years and allow riders in that distant future to experience essentially the same riding experience Curtiss riders today will enjoy. "This has been a dream for all of us for a long time," Chambers said. "The space we want to occupy is the best and finest battery-electric motorcycle you can buy."

Looking toward a nearer future, Chambers sees Curtiss as eventually offering different lines of motorcycles, such as an entire Psyche line of machines, with different form factors. Chamber cites legendary GM designer and president Harley Earl as an inspiration for organization and design operations by essentially pitting his designers against each other. Neither one knows what the other is doing, but Chambers does. The result is a disparate collection of design ideas to work with and pursue. "There will numerous Psyche" models, Chambers says, comparing the Psyche to a Chevy while a bike like the Zeus is more of a Cadillac.

Indeed, the Psyche motorcycle as spec'd is down on power to the Harley, but it's also much lighter, which can help make up the power gap and also extend range. Chambers also said the lower power output would be more beginner-friendly, and after riders get some miles under their belt, more power could be unlocked. In one important metric - range - Chambers is claiming the Psyche could achieve about 160 miles on a charge, while the Harley currently

struggles to clear 100 miles.

Chambers knows the performance potential of electric motorcycles but he's also on board for the sustainability. Curtiss is making their own battery packs and he says the plan is to offer low-cost replacement and recycling of batteries over time. He calls the upcoming era of transportation "a new golden age." However, he says Curtiss bikes will be about a more singular focus on the ride, not on gadgets, complicated sensing equipment or enabling rider distraction. "We want to focus on solitude" while riding, he said. "I want the Curtiss ride to be about unplugging and disconnecting" from our many distractions, a sentiment that will certainly echo with many riders who increasingly have to dodge close calls with distracted drivers. "We're creating something for people that have never thought of themselves as wanting a motorcycle," Chambers said, "and have them say 'I do want that.'"

Chambers and his team have their work cut out for them. With no physical production bikes yet in hand, time will tell if they can bring their bold visions to fruition and then sell them to a riding public still getting used to the idea of motorcycles that run on batteries. But if they can get production started, Chamber's vision of electric bikes being handed down with pride and care from generation to generation could come true, if his past creations are any indication. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/billroberson/2019/07/31/curtiss-motorcycle-unveils-three-radical-electric-bike-designs-ceo-says-he-wants-to-challenge-harley-davidsons-livewire/#52f9d9e3b25e>

Louisiana-based Curtiss Motorcycles positions its two-wheelers at the intersection of transportation and art. Called Psyche, its next new model is a premium, battery-electric motorcycle aimed right at the Harley-Davidson Livewire unveiled during CES 2019. It's not quite ready for production yet, though.

Every motorcycle company needs to put a strong emphasis on design, because the parts that make up a bike are all visible. Curtiss takes this commitment to the next level, and the Psyche is no exception. Stylists penned a long, swept-back motorcycle with a fully exposed drivetrain, and structural parts that give it a skeleton-like look. It's a model you'll either love or hate. Either way, it's not for those looking to keep a low profile.

The barrel-shaped battery pack holds enough electricity to deliver 160 miles of range, according to New Atlas. The motor which zaps the rear wheel into motion makes anywhere between 48 and 96 horsepower depending on its configuration. The Psyche is less powerful than the Livewire, but its 375-pound weight makes it 174 pounds lighter than its Harley-badged rival. Theoretically, anyway.

The company needs help to make the Psyche a reality. While Livewire deliveries begin in August 2019, the Psyche is only a concept at this stage, a series of computer-generated renderings that show what Curtiss is technically capable of creating. The company turned to crowdfunding to raise money, and it plans to go public by 2021.

Curtiss Motorcycles predicts the Psyche will cost approximately \$30,000, a figure that will put it in the same ballpark as the Harley-Davidson Livewire, and make it one of the most expensive motorcycles on the market. To add context, the Ducati Diavel 1260 starts at approximately \$20,000, and Volkswagen charges \$27,595 for a new Golf GTI.

The company predicts most examples of the Psyche will be registered in California, and odds are it's right. The Golden State is the biggest market for electric cars in America, and it's also the nation's biggest motorcycle market. It stands to reason electric motorcycles will be more popular there than anywhere else. To that end, Curtiss hinted it could assemble the Psy-



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2nd Tues Jupiter Moose Bike Night

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# DELEGATE REPORT

From The Desk of The President  
ABATE of Florida, Inc.

I want to thank Southeast Chapter for providing an excellent venue for the August state meeting. The next state meeting will be hosted by Gulf Coast Chapter in Pensacola. There was an excellent turnout with a lot of people I haven't seen in years.

The planning for the next legislative session is 90% completed. We have sponsors for our bills and we have talked to legislators about sponsoring a bill or resolution on motorcycle profiling. Remember next year is an election year not only for the federal government but the state government. Campaigns are going to come looking for your vote. We need to contact every law maker in every district and let them know that we want their support if they want our vote.

I have an update on the abate cruise leaving from Port Canaveral the dates are May 1, 15, and May 29th. I still haven't got the firm price yet but the travel agent will have it to me shortly. Remember it's double occupancy but you can have three to a room and it would be a little cheaper per person. As soon as I get more information I will get it out to you.

I hope to see all of you in Pensacola in October. Until then keep your tires on the road and Ride Safe and Free!!!

Doc

The August state meeting was held in Fort Lauderdale and hosted by the Southeast chapter.

It was nice to have a state meeting so close to palm beach county. They did a great job and I hope they do it again soon.

We had a good turn out from our chapter and I would like to thank those of you who went to the meeting it was a nice ride and a great time.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm Doc opened up by saying there has been a rash of motorcycle accidents this year so for god sake be careful out there.

Most new members for the month of May went to the south east chapter also for \May they received the highest % of

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growth. As for the month of June it was Southeast again with the most new members but not the highest % of growth that went to the Freedom chapter.

Our next ABATE state meeting will be in Pensacola and will be hosted by the Gulf coast chapter at the American Legion post 340 8890 Ashland Ave. Pensacola Florida. Hotel reservations can be made at 850-941-0908 75.00 per night.

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We have the Capital courtyard reserved for our Monday Feb. 10th Tally Freedom Rights Run. The State Meeting will be on Sunday Feb. 9th in Monticello. Please start early to make your reservations for the Motels in that area of I-10 and US 19. Super 8 by Wyndham Monticello 1-850-347-1541 Days Inn by Wyndham Lamont/Monticello 1-850-347-4022 See you up there!! Florida ABATE State VP

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## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

### DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON



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

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**D88** Al Jacquet (D)  
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**D89** Mike Caruso (R)  
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**D90** Joseph A. Casello (D)  
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**D91** Emily Slosberg (D)  
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With our last meeting having a great turn out including lots of Legion Riders and our Legislative presentation at the BMW Riders meeting several concerns were brought up for bills.

Dead Red, getting not turns to turn left at a traffic light. Several states have addressed this problem. At BMW we had a retired DOT engineer and several police officers. Did you know that the turn sensors are no longer in the road and never were magnetic? The sensor is now above the light looking like the cameras to catch red light runners.

Lane Splitting. During traffic slowdowns motorcycles doing this are ignored by the police

Drivers with suspended licenses are no longer charged

Free or reduced Tolls as motorcycles are more green and caused little wear on highways. Will be hard to get done.

I add the yellow light length. Been tol by DOT engineers that the yellow should last one second per 10 mph posted speed. Notice in Palm Beach County they often go from yellow to red faster making stopping in time unsafe.

While the sessions start in January, many committees start in mid September so need to see legislators NOW.

Daren ABATE State VP/Legislative I want to give a brief tutorial on how to find your specific State and Federal Legislators in very easy way.

#### Palm Beach County FL Senators

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**D31** Lori Berman (D)  
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Marco Rubio

Rick Scott

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**District 18**

Brian Mast (R)

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Alcee Hastings

**District 21**

Lois Frankel

**District 22**

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**HB 2007 - Abate of Florida, Inc. Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program**

Appropriations Project by Rep. McClain

Abate of Florida, Inc. Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program: Provides an appropriation for the Abate of Florida, Inc. Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program.

Effective Date: July 1, 2020 Last Event: Filed on Thursday, August 22, 2019 10:08 AM

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**LONGSHOT BID FOR SPECIAL SESSION ON GUNS FALLS SHORT** Aug 23, 2019 NSF Staff

House Republicans have killed an effort by their Democratic colleagues to call the state Legislature to Tallahassee to address gun violence in a special session. In straight party-line votes, 56 House Republicans voted against the special session proposal, making it impossible for the Democrats to reach the required 60 percent support, according to the latest tally released Friday evening by the Florida Department of State. Democrats needed 72 of 120 votes in the House and 24 of 40 in the Senate to require the special session. The polling that began Wednesday showed 30 House Democrats have voted in support of the special session. In the Senate, voting also was split along party lines, with 16 Republicans against and 10 Democrats in favor of the session. House Democrats called for the special session in the wake of mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, earlier this month, but were quickly opposed by Republicans leaders in both chambers. The Democrats wanted seeking background checks for the transfer of all firearms, prohibitions on the sale and possession of large-capacity magazines, revisions to requirements about in-home weapon storage, an expansion of the state's "red-flag" law that allows judges to order the removal of guns from individuals who pose a danger to themselves or others, and the creation of an "Urban Core Gun Violence Task Force." The polling of legislators is scheduled to continue until Tuesday. State lawmakers will be in Tallahassee the week of September 16 for the first pre-session committee week in advance of the 2020 legislative session, which begins Jan. 14.

**DESANTIS SEEKING 'BEST VALUE,' SPEED ON ROAD PROJECTS** Aug 23, 2019 NSF Staff

With an eye on traffic headaches throughout the Sunshine State, Gov. Ron DeSantis said he has expressed concerns to the head of the Florida Department of Transportation about the cost and length of time to get projects completed. "I think if you look at some of the price tags in these things, I just want to make sure we are getting the best value," the governor told reporters in Orlando on Friday, following a speech to members of the Florida Realtors Association. DeSantis added that he would like to see infrastructure projects done "as soon as possible and not take forever and a day." The Republican governor, who took office in January, added, "We are working on ways to be able to do that. ... I have talked to the DOT secretary and he understands that that is a concern of mine." While the governor said he was not referring to any specific projects, DeSantis did say he would like a "speed up" on the I-4 Ultimate corridor expansion project, and he'd like the project to be more cost effective. The governor also wants to see infrastructure projects in Central and Southeast Florida, areas of the state that have the most congestion. And with Universal Orlando Resort building a new theme park, DeSantis said the state will be acting as a "partner" to help with road improvements. "[Universal officials] have worked with DOT because there are some roads that need to be done," the governor said. "We have worked constructively

with them on that and we will continue to do so.” The Orlando Sentinel reported Friday a state grant will help build a 1.7-mile road extension that will run alongside or through Universal’s property, where the new theme park is being built. “Orlando is a place for marquee attractions and I think this Universal park is taking it to the next level,” DeSantis said.

#### **NRA LOBBYIST UNLOADS ON PROPOSED ASSAULT WEAPONS AMENDMENT**

August 22, 2019 Jim Turner

TALLAHASSEE --- Florida’s top gun lobbyist took a second shot Thursday at a proposed constitutional amendment that seeks to prevent the possession and sale of assault weapons.

Marion Hammer, a lobbyist for the National Rifle Association and Unified Sportsmen of Florida, appeared before state economists for the second time in a week to clarify her opposition to the proposal she claims would result in all rifles and shotguns being outlawed in the state.

Hammer, a former president of the national gun-rights organization, accused supporters of the ballot initiative of peddling an “abundance of erroneous information” about the proposal.

“Clearly the sponsors of the assault-weapons ban are confused and seem to be trying to confuse you and everyone else,” Hammer said. “No matter what people think the amendment says, no matter what they want it or don’t want it to say, it says what it says and it’s a disaster of confusion.”

The Financial Impact Estimating Conference is reviewing the potential economic impacts of the proposed amendment, as required by state law. The conference will hold additional meetings on Sept. 3 and Sept. 6, the state’s chief economist, Amy Baker, said Thursday.

Hammer a week ago warned the panel that the proposal, if approved by voters, would have a negative impact on more than 150 major gun manufacturers in the state.

The proposal, backed by the Miami-based political committee Ban Assault Weapons Now, would prohibit possession of assault weapons, “defined as semiautomatic rifles and shotguns capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition at once, either in fixed or detachable magazine, or any other ammunition-feeding device.”

At a July 30 meeting, the economists struggled to reach consensus on what the language of the proposed amendment means.

Hammer noted the dilemma over the word “capable” in her remarks to the conference Thursday.

“There is no clarification, no qualifier, no modifier,” she said. “Anything you can do to a semi-automatic rifle or shotgun, to extend the capacity of rounds, means it is capable of holding more than 10 rounds at once.”

But Ben Pollara, the campaign manager for the political committee behind the proposal, blamed Hammer for “doing everything she can to try to confuse voters.”

“What we have in the amendment is very simple. If you have a semi-automatic rifle or shotgun that can accept a high amount of ammunition, 10 rounds or more, then it is prohibited. And if you own one of those guns when this is passed, then you can keep it,” Pollara told The News Service of Florida in a telephone interview Thursday afternoon.

The measure, which would not prohibit handguns, includes an exemption for military and law-enforcement personnel “in their official duties.”

The proposal would allow people who already own assault weapons at the time the constitutional amendment goes into effect to keep them, if they register the guns with state law enforcement.

“It isn’t terribly confusing, what this amendment does. We’re not trying to take anybody’s legally owned weapons. What we’re trying to do is stop the sale and future possession of military-type assault weapons that are capable of firing of a bunch of rounds in a very short time and killing a lot of people,”

Pollara said.

Countering Hammer and other critics of the proposed amendment at Thursday's meeting, Tom Enoch, a retired Tallahassee family practice physician, said human lives should be weighed above the economic benefits of selling guns.

"They can sell plenty of guns that are not weapons of mass destruction," said Enoch, accompanied at the meeting by members of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, who were clad in the group's iconic red T-shirts. "People did just fine hunting before they were widely available. I don't see the need for those sorts of weapons for hunting."

In late July, Attorney General Ashley Moody asked the Florida Supreme Court --- which reviews the wording of ballot initiatives to make sure they meet certain legal standards --- to keep the proposal off the 2020 ballot, arguing that it is "clearly and conclusively defective."

Moody also focused on the use of the word "capable," which she argued would "ban the possession of virtually every semi-automatic long-gun."

Ban Assault Weapons NOW , which has been working in the wake of the massacres in 2017 at Pulse nightclub in Orlando and Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland last year, is trying to get the assault-weapons measure on the November 2020 ballot.

Apart from the court approval, Ban Assault Weapons NOW also needs to submit at least 766,200 valid petition signatures to the state.

As of Thursday, the state had received 104,070 valid petition signatures, up nearly 5,000 from late July, according to the Florida Division of Elections website.

--- News Service of Florida Senior Writer Dara Kam and Assignment Manager Tom Urban contributed to this report.

#### **PRIVATE COMPANY UNDER FIRE FOR SCHOOL GUARDIAN TRAINING** Aug 21, NSF

A private security company that was paid thousands of dollars to train school "guardians" in Palm Beach County signed off on armed school security that did not meet statutory training requirements, according to the chairman of the state's school safety panel. In a memo sent Wednesday to members of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission, Pinellas Sheriff Bob Gaultieri said the Boynton Beach-based company, Invictus, failed to train "guardians" for the required 144 hours mandated in state law. Following a mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in 2018, state lawmakers created the school guardian program, which allows specially trained school personnel --- including classroom teachers --- to have guns on school grounds to protect students in case of an active shooter situation. Gaultieri, the chairman of the commission, wrote that the company "graduated" armed school security who did not receive the required 85 percent score on firearm training. Invictus also failed to include low-light firearms training, Gaultieri pointed out. "The school district contracted with Invictus and paid about \$3,000 per student for this training despite our caution, and caution of the [Department of Education], that the training is required under law to be conducted only by a sheriff," Gaultieri, who is also a lawyer, wrote in the memo. The sheriff also raised questions about the qualifications of Invictus' "lead instructor," writing that he lacks the certification required by state law and was "separated" from the Lauderhill police department last year for "violating agency/training center policy." As a result of the findings, Gaultieri said the school guardians trained by Invictus will be retrained by Palm Beach Sheriff Ric Bradshaw before they are allowed to be safe school officers at the charter schools where they were supposed to be stationed. "In the meantime, Palm Beach County sheriff's deputies will staff the charters to ensure the safety of children in Palm Beach County," Gaultieri wrote. The retraining "is being re-done at an additional and duplicated expense," and the school district will also have to pay for sheriff's deputies at charter schools "while these security officers again attend the required training," Gaultieri wrote. Palm Beach County school officials have agreed to have Brad-

shaw's office conduct guardian training in the future, according to Gualtieri. "We will nonetheless proceed with our recommendation to the legislature that it make unequivocally clear that all safe school officer training be conducted only by a Florida sheriff," Gualtieri wrote. The commission's request is expected to be pushed during the 2020 legislative session, which starts in January.

#### **POLLING BEGINS FOR SPECIAL SESSION ON GUNS** August 21, 2019 NSF Staff

Florida lawmakers have until Aug. 27 to weigh in on a special session on gun violence sought by House Democrats. Secretary of State Laurel Lee late Tuesday night announced that polling of legislators had begun. The polling comes after 41 House Democrats, more than the 20 percent of the chamber needed to activate the survey, "filed written certifications with the Department of State asserting that conditions warrant convening the Legislature into special session," Lee's office said in a press release. The request for a special session, which doesn't have the backing of Republican leaders, requires 60 percent support from both chambers --- 72 members of the House of Representatives and 24 members of the Florida Senate --- for the session to be called. The Democrats' demand for the special session comes in the wake of mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, earlier this month. The shootings reinvigorated Democrats' efforts to pass stricter gun regulations. The House Democrats are seeking background checks for the transfer of all firearms, prohibitions on the sale and possession of large-capacity magazines, revisions to requirements about in-home weapon storage, an expansion of the state's "red-flag" law that allows judges to order the removal of guns from individuals who pose a danger to themselves or others, and the creation of an "Urban Core Gun Violence Task Force." To win the call for a special session, Democrats will have to hold their own ranks and sway 25 House Republicans and seven members of the GOP in the Senate. Cementing bipartisan support for a special session on the topic of guns seems unlikely, however. Senate President Bill Galvano, R-Bradenton, and House Speaker José Oliva, R-Miami Lakes, said Monday they don't support calling the Legislature into a special session on the issue. Committee meetings begin next month in advance of the regular 2020 legislative session, which starts in January.

#### **HOUSE DEMOCRATS SEEK LONG-SHOT SPECIAL SESSION ON GUN VIOLENCE**

August 20, 2019 Jim Turner

TALLAHASSEE --- Florida House Democrats say they've rounded up more than enough support to require votes from both Republican-dominated chambers of the Legislature to determine if there is any appetite for a special session dealing with gun violence.

But such an effort may be futile, as Republican leaders are likely to quash the effort.

#### **DESANTIS ASKS JUSTICES TO WEIGH IN ON FELONS' RIGHTS** August 9, Dara Kam

TALLAHASSEE --- A week after asking a federal judge to toss out a lawsuit on the issue, Gov. Ron DeSantis is seeking guidance from the Florida Supreme Court about a controversial state law requiring people convicted of felonies to repay financial obligations before they can regain the right to vote.

"It is ultimately my responsibility, through the Department of State, to 'protect the integrity of the electoral process' by maintaining accurate and current voter registration records, including ensuring only eligible voters remain on the statewide voter registration system," DeSantis, a Harvard-educated lawyer, wrote in a four-page letter to the Supreme Court on Friday.

But some Democrats blasted DeSantis for turning to the Supreme Court, even as the state law is the focus of a federal lawsuit. As a candidate last year, the Republican governor did not support the constitutional amendment to restore felons' rights.

"My take is that it's a continuation of a party who is hell-bent on trying to deprive citizens of the right that the people of the state of Florida indicated they should have," state Sen. Perry Thurston, a Fort Lauderdale lawyer and former chairman of the Legislature's black caucus, told The News Service of Florida on Friday.

The law, approved during the legislative session that ended in May, was intended to carry out a constitutional amendment that granted restoration of voting rights to felons “who have completed all terms of their sentence, including parole or probation.” The amendment excluded people “convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense.”

The interpretation of “all terms of their sentence” spawned some of the session’s most-intense partisan divides as lawmakers struggled to reach consensus about what it meant. The law, signed by DeSantis in late June, requires “financial obligations” ordered by courts as part of sentencing --- including fines, fees and restitution --- to be paid in full for voting rights to be restored.

The law also allows judges to modify financial obligations other than restitution that were part of sentences. And the law allows judges to convert financial obligations to community service hours. Under that scenario, financial obligations are considered paid in full once community service is complete.

But voting- and civil-rights groups quickly challenged the law in federal court. They allege that hinging the right to vote on finances amounts to an unconstitutional “poll tax” and is a vestige of Jim Crow-era policies aimed at preventing black voters from participating in elections.

Republican legislators and attorneys representing the DeSantis administration, however, maintain that the law is more permissive than the language of the amendment.

DeSantis’ lawyers last week asked U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle to dismiss the lawsuit, arguing the challenge belongs in state, not federal, court.

DeSantis then followed up Friday by asking the Florida Supreme Court for an opinion about “whether ‘completion of all terms of sentence’ ... includes the satisfaction of all legal financial obligations --- namely fees, fines and restitution ordered by the court as part of a felony sentence that would otherwise render a convicted felon ineligible to vote.”

Sen. Jose Javier Rodriguez, a Miami Democrat who is another Harvard-educated lawyer, questioned the request, pointing out that the constitutional amendment went into effect in January and the new law went into effect on July 1.

“It sounds suspicious,” Rodriguez said. “It’s August. It just seems a little suspicious why he would be seeking the Supreme Court to weigh in at this juncture.”

As soon as the amendment went into effect, Floridians who were convicted of felonies and who had completed their time behind bars --- called “returning citizens” by the amendment’s supporters --- began registering to vote, and some have already cast ballots in municipal elections.

While most backers of the amendment insisted that the Legislature did not need to implement the measure, county elections supervisors said they needed guidance from lawmakers on its interpretation. Part of the problem, the local officials said, is that there is no single database containing information about felons’ repayment of fines, fees and restitution.

The new law ordered the Department of State to “obtain and review information” related to individuals who register to vote “and make an initial determination on whether such information is credible and reliable regarding whether the person is eligible” to vote under the amendment. The department sends the information to local elections supervisors, who make the final decision about whether the person should be removed from the voting rolls.

DeSantis pointed to that process in Friday’s letter asking the state Supreme Court for an “advisory opinion.” He wrote that he has “the constitutional duty to transact business with” the Department of Corrections, county elections supervisors, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Florida Commission on Offender Review and other entities “regarding the collection of information related to the eligibility of voters” under the amendment.

“We share the task of protecting the integrity of elections throughout Florida,” the governor wrote, adding that he wanted to “ensure the proper implementation” of the amendment.

The Department of State has to determine whether convicted felons have completed all terms of their sentences, including the satisfaction of legal financial obligations, DeSantis wrote.

“I will not infringe on the proper restoration of an individual’s right to vote under the Florida Constitution,” he added.

But Thurston, a fierce opponent of the implementation law, said voters understood the amendment to mean that people who’ve served their time would automatically have their voting rights restored. “That is what the plain language said. That is what the people thought they were voting for,” Thurston said. “What he’s really trying to do is to thwart the will of the people of the state of Florida.”

DeSantis, who appointed three new justices to the Florida Supreme Court shortly after taking office in January, also noted in Friday’s request that he was not asking the state court “to address any issues” regarding the federal lawsuit.

But a finding from the Florida Supreme Court that the law upholds the Constitution could bolster the state’s arguments in the federal case. And state and local elections officials could rely on such a court opinion if decisions to remove people from the voting rolls are challenged.

DeSantis’ Friday letter to the Supreme Court mirrored language in the state’s motion to dismiss the federal case. It referred, in part, to statements the amendment’s backers have made in addressing the Florida Supreme Court and Secretary of State Laurel Lee.

During arguments before the state court in 2017, Supreme Court Justice Ricky Polston asked Jon Mills, a former University of Florida law school dean and onetime speaker of the Florida House who helped craft the amendment, whether “all terms” of a sentence included full payment of any fines.

Mills replied that “all terms means all terms within the four corners” of the sentencing document, including restitution.

After the constitutional amendment passed, supporters wrote to Lee that “completion of all terms of sentence” includes “any period of incarceration, probation, parole and financial obligations imposed as part of an individual’s sentence.”

#### **‘CAMPUS CARRY’ PROPOSAL FILED FOR 2020 SESSION** August 8, 2019 NSF Staff

A long-debated proposal that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry handguns on Florida college and university campuses was filed Thursday for consideration during the 2020 legislative session. Rep. Anthony Sabatini, R-Howey-in-the-Hills, filed the “campus carry” proposal (HB 6001) after years of unsuccessful attempts by gun-rights supporters to pass such a measure. The proposals in the past have been opposed by higher-education leaders such as Florida State University President John Thrasher, a former House speaker and state senator. Sabatini proposed a similar measure for the 2019 session, but it was not heard in House committees and did not pick up a Senate version. As of July 31, Florida had more than 2 million people with concealed-weapons licenses. The 2020 legislative session starts in January.

#### **LAWMAKER SEEKS TO ROLL BACK GUN RESTRICTIONS** August 9, 2019 NSF Staff

A Panhandle Republican is again asking the Florida House to repeal gun-related provisions of a law passed in 2018 after a mass shooting that killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. Rep. Mike Hill, R-Pensacola, on Friday filed a bill (HB 6003) for consideration during the 2020 legislative session that would roll back parts of the 2018 law, which raised the minimum age from 18 to 21 to purchase rifles and other long guns, required a three-day waiting period for buying the weapons, banned so-called bump stocks and established what is known as a “red flag” system. Hill proposed a similar bill for the 2019 legislative session (HB 6073), but it was not heard in committees. The 2020 session starts in January. “Red flag” laws have drawn heavy attention nationwide after separate shootings last weekend that left 22 people dead in El Paso, Texas, and 10 people dead in Dayton, Ohio. Such laws allow law-enforcement agencies to seize firearms from people who may pose

a threat to themselves or others. U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., was among people urging U.S. Senate leaders to take up a red flag bill he introduced in 2018 after the Parkland shooting. On Monday, Florida Senate President Bill Galvano, R-Bradenton, directed Senate Infrastructure and Security Chairman Tom Lee, R-Thonotosassa, to lead efforts to determine if any further action is needed on state gun laws.

**POSSIBILITY OF MOVING STATE CAPITAL RE-EMERGES** August 7, 2019 NSF Staff  
Scribe's Note \*\*\*\* This would get my vote, but the legislators don't want the public to have easier access to them. \*\*\*\*

In an idea that has popped up repeatedly --- and been rejected --- in the past, a South Florida Democrat is asking lawmakers to consider moving the state capital from Tallahassee. Sen. Kevin Rader, D-Delray Beach, filed the proposal (SB 112) for consideration during the 2020 legislative session, which starts in January. The proposal seeks a study by the Legislature's Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability about the cost of relocating the capital to Central Florida, as well as the economic impact to Tallahassee and the surrounding area. Rader, who would like the study completed by the end of 2021, wants the review to include calculations about the cost to travel to the state capital for members of the public and lawmakers. Rader proposed similar legislation for the 2019 session, but it did not get heard in committees. Similarly, then-Rep. Bill Hager, R-Delray Beach, proposed a measure in 2018 to form a task force to look at options for relocating the Capitol building, executive-branch offices and the Legislature. Hager's proposal also failed to get heard in committees. Tallahassee was selected as the territorial capital in 1824, as it was the midway point between the state's two principal cities --- St. Augustine and Pensacola, according to the Florida Department of State. Florida voters in 1900 rejected a referendum to relocate the capital. In 1969, when plans were advanced to build a new Capitol, a debate on relocation surfaced but never made it to the ballot. In 1972, the Legislature agreed to build the 22-story Capitol building that stands behind the Old Capitol.

**PRIMARY ELECTIONS PROPOSAL GOES TO SUPREME COURT** July 29, 2019 NSF Staff

A proposed constitutional amendment that would revamp Florida's primary-elections process has been formally sent to the state Supreme Court for review of the ballot wording. Attorney General Ashley Moody late Friday sent the measure to the Supreme Court and appeared to signal that she would not contest the wording. The proposal, which supporters hope to place on the November 2020 ballot, would allow all registered voters to cast ballots in primaries, regardless of political affiliation. The two candidates getting the most votes in each primary would advance to the general election. Florida currently has a "closed" primary system, which limits primaries to voters registered with parties. The Supreme Court reviews proposed constitutional amendments to make sure ballot wording is not misleading and meets other legal requirements. In a letter formally sending the primary-elections proposal to justices, Moody did not raise any objections to the wording. That was a marked contrast from Moody's approach to another proposed constitutional amendment that seeks to ban assault weapons. Moody also sent that proposal to the Supreme Court on Friday and offered arguments about why she thinks justices should block it from going on the ballot. Along with needing Supreme Court approval of the ballot wording, backers of proposed constitutional amendments also need to submit at least 766,200 valid petition signatures. As of Monday evening, 395,924 valid signatures had been sent to the state for the primary-elections proposal.

**NEW TAX ESTIMATES POINT TO 'WINDED' ECONOMY** August 14, 2019 Christine Sexton

TALLAHASSEE --- Heading into a critical election year, Florida legislators may have to tighten spending because of a combination of a slowing economy and reverberations of financial decisions.

State economists on Wednesday drew up new estimates that predict the state will take in about \$867 million less in revenue over two years than earlier anticipated. The new forecast was drawn up on the same day that the stock market tanked amid worries that a recession could be looming.

Amy Baker, head of the Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research, didn't go that far in predicting a recession but warned of signs that the state economy is slowing.

"In my mind, I think of it as winded," Baker said. "If you're on a marathon, and you've been on it for a very long time, those last few miles, you're starting to get winded. I think that's where we think the economy is. It's moving into a slowing of growth."

Economists meet periodically during the year to draw up forecasts of how much general revenue --- the main building block for Florida's nearly \$91 billion budget --- is expected to come into state accounts. The new forecast approved by economists trimmed estimated revenue by \$451.6 million in the current fiscal year, which began July 1 and will be in effect until June 30.

The economists also agreed to reduce estimated revenue for the 2020-2021 fiscal year by \$416.1 million.

The estimates came as the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped by 800 points Wednesday and as the economy is expected to play a key role in the 2020 presidential election.

But the reduced state tax estimates also took into account other factors.

One big issue is a decision by the Seminole Tribe of Florida to quit sharing money from its casino operations with the state after legislators and Gov. Ron DeSantis were unable to reach a new gambling agreement. The tribe made its last payment to the state in March.

The end of the deal with the tribe resulted in a drop of \$346.7 million for the current fiscal year.

The vast majority of Florida's general-revenue funds come from sales tax dollars. But they aren't the only source. Corporate income taxes also flow into the general revenue fund as do taxes on insurance premiums, beverage and liquor licenses, real estate transactions, and corporate filing fees, among other things.

The amount of sales taxes is a good indicator of the state's economic health, while general revenue plays a critical role in funding education, health and prison programs.

Economists meet regularly over the summer to develop financial projections for the current fiscal year and to develop forecasts for the coming years. The financial estimates are used by the governor's office when developing a legislative budget request. The estimates also are used by lawmakers as they negotiate a new budget.

The FY 2019-2020 budget is comprised of more than \$34 billion in general revenue. The majority of those funds are spent in two budget areas: education and health care. More than \$17.5 billion in general revenue is targeted toward education, from kindergarten through college, and \$10.2 billion in general revenue is spent in five state agencies that offer health care and social service programs.

#### **REPEAL SOUGHT OF LONGSTANDING GUN LAW** August 14, 2019 NSF Staff

A Democratic senator Wednesday filed a bill that seeks to repeal a decades-old prohibition on cities and counties passing gun restrictions that are stricter than state firearms laws. Sen. Annette Taddeo, D-Miami, filed the bill (SB 134) for consideration during the 2020 legislative session, which starts in January. Florida since 1987 has barred cities and counties from passing regulations that are stricter than state firearms laws. The issue gained renewed attention last month when a Leon County circuit judge struck down a 2011 law that threatened tough penalties if city and county officials approve gun restrictions. Attorneys for the state have appealed the circuit judge's ruling, which did not strike down the underlying 1987 law, known as a "preemption" law.

#### **'KEEP OUR CONSTITUTION CLEAN' GETS BOOST** August 13, 2019 NSF Staff

A political committee seeking to make it harder to amend the Florida Constitution received \$816,000 in in-kind and cash contributions last month, with most of the aid going toward the collection of petition signatures, according to a newly filed finance report. The committee, Keep Our Constitution Clean PC, has filed two ballot proposals that, if ultimately approved by voters, would make it harder to amend the Constitution. One of the proposals would require voters to approve constitutional amendments twice



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

**General Meeting - VFW Post 4243, 2404 Broadway, Riviera Beach  
Aug 18, 2019**

**Called to order: 12:00 noon Attendance 20**

**PRESIDENT:** Curtis Alva Attended Lauderdale State Meeting. We went to BMW Riders meeting and did a Legislative presentation. Use your horn every day to keep it working and build muscle memory.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** John Valiquette. Spoke of Skulls' Chino dying in an accident, his Go Fund and funeral coming up.

**SECRETARY:** Florrie Wilcox No corrections, additions to last month's minutes as in the newsletter

**TREASURER:** Suzanne Sequin. We are still in the green

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** Pete Carroll. Ride safety and use your horn.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Vincent Fazzese Excused. Curtis spoke that BMW club might be getting us-members, one joined there and several others showed interest including a UCF employee who works as Motorcycle Safety Outreach Specialist, Motorcycle Injury Prevention Institute —hope she joins.

**LEGISLATIVE:** Amanda Stout spoke about the issues brought up at the BMW meeting and seeing your legislators. Please send [Bikeronlineguide@gmail.com](mailto:Bikeronlineguide@gmail.com) your emails so can create a phone tree to act on contacting legislators. They will be held private

**SAFETY:** Dan Henderson hoping to get table at more events

**DELEGATE:** Snooze spoke on State Meeting, see report page

**PR/WEB/NEWSLETTER:** Dan Henderson Need contacts of News feeds

**PRODUCTS:** Katt excused

**OLD BUSINESS:** Looking for location for December event as last year's venue is closed. Hope to work with Bill's Bike Toy Run.

**NEW BUSINESS:** no new business

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Hat was passed to collect funds for member who loss job so can make bike payments. Hamish won 50/50 nad put his winnings into the hat.

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:** 1:30

## 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

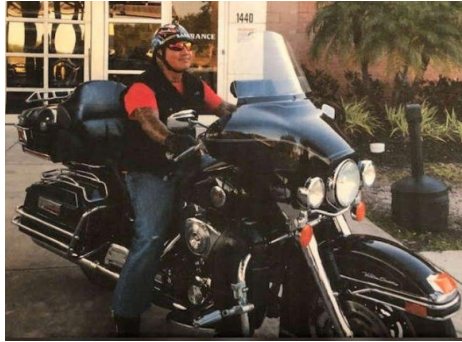
State newsletter the *MasterLink* every other month online and our Chapter newsletter  
*The Chrome Chronicles* is online at start of month in color with active Links.

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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



We lost a dear brother on August 10, 2019. He died doing what he loved—riding his motorcycle. Robert “Chino” Perone was riding home after spending some time with his brother and some friends. About 2 a.m., he was riding north on I95, near mile marker 91 in Martin County. A Lauderdale Police Department cruiser was also traveling north, looking for a stolen car that had earlier eluded the police in a high speed chase. Reportedly, when the cruiser thought that it spotted the stolen car, off on the side of I95, the cruiser changed lanes to get off the highway and over to the car. In doing so, the cruiser collided with the front

wheel of Chino’s motorcycle, causing it to flip several times and killing Chino.

FHP and Lauderdale PD are investigating. FHP identified the driver of the cruiser, a 23 year old patrolman who was hired in 2018. He was treated for minor injuries and put on paid administrative leave.

Chino was an active member of our biking community. He was a full patch member of a local motorcycle club and supported many of the clubs in the area. Chino was friendly and always had a smile for everyone he met. He was 47 years old. He is survived by his mother, Juana, his wife, Angela Van Den Brink, brother Anthony “Nonie” Perone. His services were held at the Biker Chapel in Ft Pierce, which was filled beyond capacity. His family and club are planning an annual event in his honor and there is a go fund me page to help cover his final expenses.

Photo from Palm Beach Post article <https://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/20190826/fhp-audio-on-fatal-police-crash-rsquothere-is-somebody-down-they-need-fire-rescue-nowrsquo>

Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting VFW POST 4143

**3rd Sunday Sept. 15, 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.**

Support the VFW by having breakfast 9 am to Noon

#### **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.