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President's Message

Curtis Alva

October-a great time to be a biker. Biketoberfest is October 17-20, Peterson's Florida Keys Poker run is October 11-13, Orlando Hogtoberfest is October 18., the South East Chapter of ABATE has their annual on October 13, Palm Beach Harley's Hogtoberfest is 10/5, and the Thunder beach Fall Rally is October 24-26. Palm Beach Harley is starting up their bike nights at the dealership again with their trick or treat bike night on 10/24, and their Hogoween is 10/26 and 27.

ABATE continues to serve the biker community. In September we sent a lawyer to help a member who job had laid him off until a legal problem "made its way through the court." But that can take a year or more, so the lawyer showed the employer how they could hire the guy back right away-and they did. Now those rent payments and bike payments can be made on time! We also have members traveling to the Bahamas to do hurricane clean up and repairs and we collected lots of hurricane donations for the Scurvy Few hurricane party at Mickeys in Pompano Beach and several ABATE riders delivered them there. The need for hurricane volunteers in the Bahamas continues so if you are available and able to do hard physical labor all day for 4 days, we can get you on a plane, house you in air conditioned, genuine US Army tents and feed you authentic Bahamian cuisine, and you'll be helping people who have lost everything. Contact any member of our Board of Directors to get signed up.

ABATE members have also been doing their part to keep the Motor Company happy by buying bikes this month. Check out Tony's V-Rod and Amanda's electric blue, chromed out bagger. Our community was recently reminded how important the ABATE accidental death insurance can be to a biker and his family. Please check your membership to see that it is current. If it has lapsed, your insurance is not in force. And, tell you biker friends who are not members that an ABATE membership comes with this insurance.

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UPCOMING Event Schedule

Wed Oct.. 2 - Gorilla Bob Bike Night Island Jack's,

Thurs. Oct. 3 - Abacoa Bike Night PB Harley 7-10, Black Piston's Open House, Howley's Bike Night

Sat. Oct. 5 AL 268 Thanks for Giving Dinner 2-6 / NOON Grill n Chill Treasure Coast Harley Stuart

Tuesday Oct. 8 - Lone Legion Open House

Wednesday Oct. 9- Gorilla Bob Bike Night at Island Jack's

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

Sunday Oct 13 Southeast ABATE Event/ NOON Grill n Chill Treasure Coast Harley Stuart

Wed. Oct. 16 - Gorilla Bob Bike Night Island Jack's, States MC Lake Worth Open House 3570 Boutwell Rd. Lake Worth

17 to 20 Daytona Biketoberfest

Friday Oct 18 Orlando Hogtoberfest, Daytona Boardwalk Biek Show

Sat. Oct0 19 Daytona Speedway Bike Show

Oct 19 & 20 Treasue Coast Harely Customer Appreication Stuart

3rd **Sunday Oct. 20 — Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc.** 11:30 am V.F.W.
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Tuesday Oct. 22 Skulls MC Open House

Wednesday Oct. 23 - Gorilla Bob Bike Night Island Jack's

Oct. 23 -26 Thudar Beach Fall Rally

Thurs. Oct 124 Palm Beach Harley Trick or Treat Bike Night

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

Monday Oct. 7 - Mob of Brothers Open House

Wednesday Oct. 30 - Gorilla Bob Bike Night Island Jack's

Thurs. Oct. 31 - Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

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

Everyone knows how much I like movies, especially biker ones, so I had saved this—Slo Mootion

BEST HALLOWEEN MOTORCYCLE MOVIES

Our list of the best Halloween motorcycle movies for your viewing pleasure. Get ready, some have a very high cheese factor. OCT 30, 2013 at 7:11AM By: Sean MacDonald

You love motorcycles. You love Halloween. For those of you who are staying in, instead of using your motorcycle gear to make a Halloween costume, here are the best Halloween motorcycle movies for your viewing pleasure

Werewolves on Wheels - 1971 Satan-worshipping monks, evil monasteries, and a bike gang that turns into werewolves. The recipe for perfection. You can find a better version of the trailer [here](#).

I Bought A Vampire Motorcycle - 1990 Don't you just hate it when your motorcycle attacks your girlfriend?

Biker Zombies From Detroit - 2001 This looks like a film school project, which makes it that much more amazing. The movie poster is a huge over-sell on its quality. You may need to open a bottle of whiskey to really appreciate this one.

Chopper Chicks in Zombietown - 1989 I wasn't going to include this one until I noticed it was starring Billy Bob Thornton! Hey, we all make mistakes, but watching this isn't as big a mistake as starring in it. (*Actually this a a good film –Slo Mo*)

The Violent Kind - 2010 Outlaw bikers go to a party and their friends turn into zombies. Not a lot of bike action, unless you count using your biker-badassness to kill things.

The Not-So Honorable Mentions - The following movies are not exactly horror movies, but still involve Halloween or Halloween characters and motorcycles...just in case the first five movies were too scary for you.

The Karate Kid - 1984 I couldn't talk about Halloween movies and leave out The Karate Kid, even if only for the initial bike chase scene.

Ghost Rider - 2007 Yes, I know it sucked, but it has motorcycles. Watching Nicholas Cage act counts as terrifying, right?

The Twilight Saga: New Moon - 2009 I know, and I'm sorry for including it. Sweet slide, bro. Remember kids: no sex before marriage or your baby will eat you from the inside out.

Manwolves You say commercial, I say my favorite combination of werewolves and motorcycles.

<https://www.rideapart.com/articles/255606/best-halloween-motorcycle-movies/> for some trailers The titles are links to IMDB.com for the movies

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How To Outrun The Zombie Apocalypse On a Motorcycle

OCT 29, 2013 at 11:22AM By: HFL Staff

Undead clawing at your front door? A Hummer's just going to get stuck in traffic. Here's how to outrun the zombie apocalypse on a motorcycle.

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.

As Norman Reedus has taught us through "The Walking Dead," a two-wheeled vehicle can be the ideal way to evade hordes of the undead and human survivors alike. Here's your step-by-step guide on how to outrun the zombie apocalypse on a motorcycle.

Step One: Choose the Right Bike

In any sort of apocalypse scenario — zombies or no — transportation is going to be a major problem. I recall here the 1998 masterpiece "Deep Impact" in which (spoiler alert) Elijah Wood escapes through gridlocked traffic on a dirt bike.

You and I can learn a lot from Frodo's choice — a simple, broadly capable, large-capacity dual sport.

In any disaster scenario, you'll almost certainly be facing horrendous traffic as legions of drivers attempt to flee populated areas in their gas guzzling automobiles. Light, slim, easily-manageable dual sport motorcycles are an ideal lane-splitting tool; they're capable of easily squeezing through gaps other motorcycle can't and the tall, upright riding position contributes to both vision and low-speed control.

Now add in something a little more significant than just a traffic jam. An earthquake, perhaps? Those have been known to cause damage to road infrastructure, collapsing bridges, breaking water mains, felling power lines, and this is especially likely during an apocalypse. Suddenly, you need a bike that won't be fazed by rubble, is capable of easily hopping curbs and which opens up the widest selection of alternate routes. We can't recommend doing so for liability reasons, of course, but a single-track vehicle may be able to find ways through or over damaged roadways that a four-wheel vehicle never could. A four-inch-wide footprint means a bike can go pretty much anywhere you can walk.

Worst case scenario? A dual sport doesn't need any roads at all.

Compare Motorcycles

Like Elijah, we'd go for one of the 650 cc, single-cylinder dual sports. They're cheap, widely available, tough as nails and, should you ever be subject to an EMP attack, remember to run on carbs, not fuel-injection.

Step Two: Modify Your Ride

So the above dual sports are basic, cheap and capable. But, because they're all such old designs, they also leave a lot to be desired by the zombie apocalypse prepper.

Because gas stations will likely be overwhelmed and will quickly run out of gasoline and, because siphoning fuel from another vehicle makes you stationary and therefore exposed, you're going to want to give your bike a decent fuel range. With the exception of the KLR and its impressive 6.1-gallon capacity, all of the above bikes have tiny tanks and ranges limited to the 100-mile neighborhood as a result. Fortunately, aftermarket fuel tanks for all of the bikes above are widely available and easy to retrofit. We'd start our modifications there.

Next, we'd think about tires. Most of the above bikes come with "80/20" rubber,

meaning they're largely biased towards on-road use. Operating bikes so equipped for off-road can be dangerous and slow. We'd instead recommend accentuating their go-anywhere ability with a good 50/50 or even 40/60 tire. Just keep in mind that you'll likely be carrying extra weight and potentially putting in big on-road miles.

Which brings us to our next modification: giving your bike the ability to carry stuff. This is a big limitation of many of this style of bike, often their subframes simply aren't capable of supporting the weight of both a passenger and luggage. Luckily, exposed steel tube frames are easy to modify. Many bike shops are capable of welding on strengthening gussets or, if you know what you're doing, it's relatively easy to do so yourself. You'll next want to consider luggage. Kriega's Overlander series is extremely versatile, giving you the ability to load your stuff into soft, waterproof bags, or bolt on Rotopax containers for extra fuel and water. Carrying both would be a good idea. But, hard aluminum panniers give you the ability to securely lock your supplies away, potentially advantageous should you need to leave your bike unattended. During an apocalypse, folks tend to have sticky fingers.

Lastly, you'll want to fit aftermarket protection parts to the bikes, so they can crash and then just keep on going. Barkbusters should be first on your list, because they protect both the crucial levers and your hands. Next should be crash bars of some kind, protecting the engine and frame.

Step Three: Take Only What You Need

Survival priorities in any scenario remain the same: Shelter, Water, Fire, Food. Prioritized in that order.

Shelter is dependent on region and environment. Pack a tent, bivvy shelter or the tools (and knowledge) to construct a shelter should you need one. The point of shelter is to regulate your body temperature, so clothing counts. Many a rider has spent a night in the Aerostich Motel; make sure you have adequate undergarments to insulate or cool as needed.

Water, you have to carry with you or find along the way. One gallon of water per person, per day is the required minimum for survival outdoors. We'd take enough for a day or two (space and weight make it difficult to pack more) and the tools to collect and treat found water. A long (10-foot) piece of quarter-inch rubber tubing can help you draw water from cisterns or similar difficult-to-access places, while tincture of iodine two-percent can be added at a ratio of two drops per liter, then allowed to rest for 15 minutes before making most water safe to drink.

****Note:** during the zombie apocalypse water sources may be tainted with untreatable pathogens.

Take several different means for starting a fire. A lighter is easiest, but is subject to weather and damage. A ferro rod and striker can't be broken and work in the cold, wind and rain, but may require a little knowledge to use. Also take fire starting material; we use Vaseline-coated cotton balls, which are incredibly cheap but more effective than commercial alternatives.

You're not going to starve to death for about a month, but food can help keep you mentally alert, energized and warm. Protein bars or similar are an excellent source of emergency calories that store for a long time and aren't really subject to damage. Since you're relying on a vehicle, you're also going to want a basic tool kit to repair it, paying special attention to tire replacement. Spare tubes, tire levers, the wrenches you need to remove the wheels, etc. It's probably a good idea to go ahead and fill your tubes with puncture-preventing Slime right now, before you need to rely on the bike for emergency transportation.

To that basic list, you may also want to add defense. While simply fleeing any potential threat remains the best way to exploit a bike's benefits — speed, maneuverability — and ameliorate its disadvantages — the rider and passenger are exposed — you may want to consider carrying some sort of weapon. I'd go with the ESEE Junglas that arrived at my house last night. It doubles as a survival knife for processing firewood and building shelters, while its 16-inch reach should give adequate advantage over any zombie attackers. Whatever you choose, make sure it attaches to the motorcycle (you don't want to fall onto a 16-inch knife in a crash) securely and safely.

Step Four: Plan Your Movements

When we interviewed barefoot survival expert Cody Lundin, he warned about the fruitlessness of simply fleeing a city, sans destination. It's exceptionally hard to survive in the wilderness, unsupported, for more than a few days. And you simply can't carry enough food and water on a bike to last more than a week or so. The solution? Have a destination planned and get there as quickly as possible.

Be it a family home, secluded cabin, boat, or cave, make sure it's stocked with adequate supplies for you and to maintain/repair/service your bike. Extra gas is a great idea, but be aware that it degrades over time. Treat any long term supplies with an additive like Stabil.

If you're Bugging In, rather than Out, a bike makes a great vehicle for reconnaissance and foraging. A battery powered radio can help keep you apprised of any Zombie troop movements, supply drops or off-limit zones in your area. Also, stay well away from the men with guns. Know multiple local sources for things like medicine, clean water and food and plan routes that avoid areas of danger. Because all the bikes listed above are very quiet as stock and because the way a bike moves through an urban area is impossible to recreate with any other vehicle, you'll be hard to track. Maximize that quality by using circuitous routes to avoid leading potential enemies back to your location and remember to store your motorcycle securely out of sight.

Step Five: Dress For Success

You know what would really stink? Buying and building the ideal survival motorcycle, loading it up with supplies, then setting out for your Bug Out Location only to topple over and break your leg, then watch all your carefully-laid plans go up in smoke as Zombies consume your brain. Luckily, all the impact-reducing, anti-abrasion, anti-penetration, full-range-of-movement qualities of good motorcycle gear apply to fighting

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off voracious packs of the undead too.

A full-face helmet will protect your face, head and neck from bites (or the baseball bats of fellow survivors) just as well as it will against impacts with the road. A good Cordura or Leather (or similar) suit provides armor across your back, chest, shoulders and elbows, while providing a shell which should be impervious against teeth or claws and provide some protection against edged weapons. Sturdy boots give you solid footing, supporting your ankles as you bear weight on uneven surfaces while providing incredible penetration and impact protection for you feet and lower legs.

Even in a more mundane disaster scenario such as an earthquake, flood or nanobot rampage, emergency services and hospitals will quickly be overwhelmed and, even if they weren't, the traffic and possible damage to roadways would drastically impact their response time. Keeping yourself safe from harm becomes even more important when the chips are down.

What's your plan to survive the zombie apocalypse?

Here's What To Do After A Motorcycle Crash

Jerry Smith

You see it in a flash as you round the blind corner on the twisty mountain road—the cloud of dust, your friend's bike jammed under the guardrail, and they're lying on their back in the middle of the road, not moving. Your first thought is, "Wow, that's a bad crash." Your second thought is, "What the hell do I do now?"

Most motorcycle crashes don't involve injuries except to the riders' pride, their insurance premiums, and the amount of shit dished out to them by their riding buddies. But not everyone who eats asphalt is lucky enough to get up and walk away with nothing more than a bent lever and a story to tell. If you see a crash, or are among the first on the scene right after one, what you do next can mean the difference between someone having a bad day, and having the worst day of their lives.

The first thing to do is secure the scene. Pull off the road and park in a safe spot, leaving enough room for emergency vehicles to stop close to the victim. Go up the road, or send someone, to flag down oncoming traffic so there isn't a second accident right after the first. Then see to the rider.

Now is when you determine whether to call 911. Crash victims can be loosely divided into three categories: not hurt; partially hurt; and badly hurt. But those aren't clearly delineated categories—there can be some overlap depending on the circumstances.

If the crash was a simple low-side and the rider is already up, cursing the gravel on the road or the deer that jumped out of the forest (or more rarely, but more accurately, their lack of sufficient riding training) and trying to lift their bike back on its wheels, it's a category one and you probably don't have to call 911. If they were wearing good riding gear they might not even have a scratch.

But if you actually saw the crash as it happened, and they tumbled or hit their head or landed on their back, or they seem dazed and not entirely with it, get them to leave the bike, sit down, and chill. Neck and spine injuries don't swell up right away, and they could do more

damage to themselves with a feat of adrenaline-fueled weightlifting than is obvious at first. Any pain or tightness in the neck or back after 10 minutes or so pushes them into category two, and warrants a 911 call.

Other category two injuries worthy of dialing for help include closed fractures (broken bones that don't poke through the skin) and any injury that bleeds a lot. Road rash looks bad but typically doesn't bleed that much, although if it's extensive, as it often is for riders who believe tats, a tan, and a tank-top constitute safety gear, you need to watch for signs of shock, such as glassy eyes, and pale, ashen skin. If it's hot, try to keep the victim cool, and if it's cold, keep them warm; the idea is to return their body temperature back to normal. Don't give them any fluids until help arrives.

The best thing to do with a closed fracture is leave it alone until the EMTs arrive. Don't try to take the boot off a broken foot or ankle, or the jeans, riding pants, or jacket off someone who has a broken arm, collarbone, or leg. Let the EMTs cut clothes off at the scene, and then the rider should thank that leather or textile riding gear for doing its job so they can ride another day. Compound or open fractures are another matter, as they often bleed, sometimes a lot. Stop the bleeding as soon as possible by putting pressure on the wound, cutting away whatever clothing prevents you from doing it.

You'll know a category three crash when you see one: The rider will be unconscious, or not breathing, or both. Even if you suspect spinal injury, you need to get the victim's helmet off right away, because if they're not breathing they'll be dead in about four minutes anyway. This is a job for two people, one to support their neck and the other to [lift the helmet off](#).

Now check their ABCs—airway, breathing, and circulation. First make sure their airway is clear. If they're not breathing just clearing the airway might get them started again. Then look at their chest to see if it's moving, or put your hand or cheek near their mouth to see if you can feel their breath. If they're breathing they have circulation, but check it anyway by feeling for a pulse in the carotid artery. Keep them still and calm until the EMTs can take over.

There are first-aid kits small enough to fit in a saddlebag, tank bag, or backpack that are sufficient to treat minor cuts and scrapes, and bandage small bleeding wounds. You can find them at many camping supply stores or order them through [some motorcycle accessory companies](#). Look for one that has at least the following items: four-by-four-inch gauze bandages; a CPR mask; latex gloves (or better yet non-latex to prevent an allergic reaction); alcohol wipes for sterilizing a dirty wound; and adhesive tape. Then add the following: a space blanket for shock victims; some Band-Aid-type adhesive bandages in several shapes and sizes; gauze pads larger than the four-by-fours; scissors in case you have to cut away clothing; and a pain reliever like ibuprofen or acetaminophen. Also carry a small flashlight to check for airway obstructions.

That should be enough to deal with all but the most serious crash injuries. Remember, the goal of first aid isn't to heal or cure an injury, it's to stabilize the victim until trained professionals arrive. Short of becoming one of those professionals yourself, you can take low-cost Red Cross CPR and emergency first-aid courses. If at least one rider in your group has basic first-aid skills, it increases the chance of all of you making it home to ride another day. Of course if that one rider is the one who crashes, then you'd better have two graduates in your group. Better yet, get together with all the people you ride with often and take a course together.

Jerry Smith's latest book, *Missed Shifts*, spans a career riding fast bikes and covering the motorcycle industry. You can [get it on Amazon here](#).
<https://jalopnik.com/heres-what-to-do-after-a-motorcycle-crash-1838020011>

AMVETS plans massive Memorial Day motorcycle rally to replace Rolling Thunder's ride

By: Leo Shane III

Riders in the Rolling Thunder Memorial Day motorcycle procession travel through Washington, D.C. on Sunday, May 27, as part of the annual remembrance festivities in the city. (Ben Murray/Military Times)

AMVETS officials will sponsor a three-day, motorcycle-themed demonstration rally in Washington, D.C. next Memorial Day weekend to replace the annual Rolling Thunder even that annually draws tens of thousands to the nation's capital.

The new event, titled the "Rolling to Remember" Demonstration Run, will run from May 22 to 24 and retain the old event's focus on public awareness of troops still missing in action from overseas conflict. But AMVETS officials said the program will also heavily emphasize more public discussion of the national veterans suicide crisis, which claims 20 lives a day.

"(The goal) is to remember those who have yet to come home, to remember those who are in harm's way, and to remember those who came home but are still struggling, to remember we as a country are still a long way to fulfilling our promises to those who served," said AMVETS National Commander Jan Brown during a press conference on the plans at Harley-Davidson of Washington D.C. held Friday.

AMVETS Executive Director Joe Chenelly said the event won't use the Rolling Thunder name but will work closely with past organizers to coordinate logistics for what they hope is a massive demonstration.

"It's not a parade. It's not a party," he said. "It's not a free-for-all to block the roads and cruise Constitution Avenue without traffic ... It is a demonstration, something of a protest, of our failings (as a country) over the years. We must own those failings."

For the last 32 years, the annual Rolling Thunder Memorial Day ride has drawn ever-larger crowds to the streets of Washington, D.C., and with it a host of security and planning headaches.

Last year, organizers announced they were ending the event because of the costs, including a bill of more than \$200,000 for use of the Pentagon parking lots for pre-staging motorcycles before the ride.

Chenelly said his group has already applied for new permits with military officials to use the lots next year, and with National Parks Service officials to set up a stage at the Lincoln Memorial for three days of speakers and presentations.

He said the group is working with potential sponsors to defray some of the costs, and asking for volunteers both inside and outside the veterans community to help make the event a success.

Just hours before the final Rolling Thunder event last May, President Donald Trump posted praise for the riders on social media and promised "The Great Patriots of Rolling Thunder WILL be coming back to Washington, D.C. next year, & hopefully for many years to come."

Chenelly said his group is working with White House officials to coordinate the new event's logistics. The planned route for the ride for now includes motorcycles traveling in front of the White House and Capitol building, passing the National Mall and other landmarks along the way.

More information and event registration is available on the AMVETS web site.

<https://amvets.org/>

Officials said the event will continue to be free, but advance registration will help them gauge crowd size and staffing requirements.

Friday's announcement event corresponded with National POW/MIA Recognition Day. About 81,000 service members are still listed as missing in action in wars overseas.

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2019/09/20/amvets-plans-massive-memorial-day-motorcycle-rally-to-replace-rolling-thunders-ride/>

Indian Motorcycle Celebrates the Scout's 100-Year Anniversary With Two New Limited-Edition Models

America's oldest motorcycle manufacturer is marking the centenary of its most iconic bike with the Scout 100th Anniversary and the Scout Bobber Twenty.

BY BRYAN HOOD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

Indian Motorcycle's 100th Anniversary Scout Indian Motorcycle

Even for the unsentimental, turning 100 is a cause for celebration. That's why America's oldest motorcycle manufacturer, Indian Motorcycle, is marking the centenary of its iconic Scout by releasing two special edition versions of the bike.

In honor of the Scout's big birthday, the Springfield, Massachusetts-based manufacturer will add both the limited edition Scout 100th Anniversary and the Scout Bobber Twenty to its 2020 lineup. Though the bike has come a long way since it was introduced in October 1919, both versions look to the motorcycle's rich history for stylistic inspiration.

Originally designed by famed Indian Motorcycle racer and engineer Charles Franklin, the first Scout, then called the G-20, was a huge step forward for American motorcycles. Its v-twin engine displaced an at-the-time-staggering 606 ccs, and is a huge part of why the bike quickly became a household name, that's still considered the brand's best bike.

Limited to just 750 examples, the 100th Anniversary edition pays tribute to the model's second version, the Scout 101. The newer bike shares the original's iconic Indian Motorcycle Red paint job, accented with classy gold trim that matches its anniversary badge. It also features beach bars, black wire wheels, a tan leather solo seat and a luggage rack.

The less rare Bobber takes its design cues from the original G-20 and features 10-inch Ape Hanger Handlebars, wire wheels and an ergonomic floating saddle. It will be available in three colors: Thunder Black, Sagebrush Smoke and Burnished Metallic. The motorcycle features an anti-lock brake system, though a non-ABS version is available in Thunder Black.

In addition to its two new Scouts, Indian Motorcycle is also releasing three new exhaust options for the line, which will fit any 2019 or 2020 model. Each modifies the bike's look and will also increase horsepower by 10 percent. The company is also releasing a slew of new Scout accessories, including smoked windshields, bar-end mirrors, saddle bags and luggage racks.

The Scout 100th Anniversary is priced at \$15,999, while the Scout Bobber Twenty will cost you \$11,999 for non-ABS and \$12,899 for ABS. Check out more photos of the bikes below: <https://robbreport.com/motors/motorcycles/indian-motorcycle-scout-ce>



Harley-Davidson new E-Bicycles Courtesy of Harley-Davidson

It's hard to image Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper trading their custom Harley-Davidsons in Easy Rider for electric bicycles. Indeed, for more than 100 years the Milwaukee-based manufacturer has been synonymous with long-haired, wild-eyed, bandana-wearing expressions of bad boy cool and, of course, grunty two-wheelers. But the company is rolling onto greener pastures, with a new line of eBikes.

According to the Harley-Davidson site, the three electric pedal-assist bikes are "light, fast and easy for anyone to ride." Though it doesn't specify performance specs, the prototypes appear to be fully fleshed out, road-ready rides rather than 3D renders or concepts. The bikes look to be sporting multi-speed rear hubs, a belt drive instead of chains, disc brakes and electric motors that sit above the pedaling mechanism. The svelte design sees the batteries held within the frames and one bike has no upper frame spar, allowing for an easy step-through mounting.

The 116-year-old nameplate has been toying with EV concepts since 2014 and earlier this year it turned off its fuel-burning V-twin engines and launched its first-ever battery-powered motorbike: the LiveWire. A far cry from Harley-Davidson's heavyweight hogs, the swift and (mostly) silent ride was designed for the future with a slew of digital features, like Bluetooth connectivity, navigation and music settings that are displayed on a screen.

The dramatic departure from the reverberant machines of yore is in part due to the company's ongoing slump in sales. Harley-Davidson no longer has the reach it once did, and Easy Rider definitely doesn't have the pull. Younger generations don't want to splurge on a fuel guzzler, so the company has made a seismic shift in order to appeal to environmentally conscious riders. In fact, the company states on its website that it's "actively working to inspire a new generation of two-wheeled riders around the world."

Harley-Davidson has not specified when the new e-bikes will arrive, nor given any possible pricing. And a disclaimer on the site warned that "Production model features will vary." Still, we're buzzing for the debut of the new electric additions.

<https://robbreport.com/motors/motorcycles/harley-davidson-electric-bicycles-2866245/>

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mon Mob of Brothers MC Happy Hour & Dominos @ Lone legion
Mon Dinner 6:30 States MC Pompano Clubhouse

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

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 Once a month Black Pistons MC WPB Open House

1st Thurs PBH Abacoa Bike Night

1st Thurs. Howley's Bike Night 4700 S Dixie WPB

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

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 19-Sat WHEELS OF MAN MC -
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 9-Sat USMVMC CH 1 - ANNUAL
 11th-Mon Veterans Day
 23-Sat Leathernecks MC Annual
 28th-Thurs Thanksgiving Day

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6 Bikefest Las Vegas	7 Mob of Brothers	8 Lone Legion Open House	9 Gorilla Bob/ Island Jack's Bike Night	10 Vintage Iron Bike Night	11 Peterson's Keys Poker Run Cotee River Bikefest 11- 13th	12 Peterson's Keys Run ABATE FL State Meeting SE ABATE
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20 Biketoberfest ABATE PB Chapter Meeting	21 Mob of Brothers Happy Hour & Dominoes LL	22 Skulls MC Open House	23 Gorilla Bob/ Island Jack's Bike Night Thunder Bch Fall Rally	24 Thunder Bch Fall Rally PB Harley Trick or Treat Bike Night	25 Thunder Bch Fall Rally	26 Thunder Bch Fall Rally Bikes and Coffee at Burn Up Co. Fly n Wheels Open House
27	28 Mob of Brothers Open House LL	29	30 Gorilla Bob/ Island Jack's Bike Night	31 Turboz/ Ralph's Bike Night Lone Star Rally		

November 2019

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					1 Lone Star Rally	2 Lone Star Rally Fly n Wheels Open House
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10 Roscoe's Chili Challenge	11 Mob of Brothers Happy Hour & Dominoes LL	12 Lone Legion Open House	13 Gorilla Bob/ Island Jack's Bike Night	14 Vintage Iron Bike Night	15	16 Fly n Wheels Open House
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24	25 Mob of Brothers Happy Hour & Dominoes LL	26 Skulls MC Open House	27 Gorilla Bob/ Island Jack's Bike Night	28 Turboz/ Ralph's Bike Night	29	30 Fly n Wheels Open House High Seas Rally to 7th

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BELL RINGS FOR TOURISM

MONEY FIGHT Members of the tourism industry have quickly seized on the state's latest economic outlook to push for Florida's tourism-marketing arm to be "fully funded and reauthorized" in the 2020 session.

"We know the impact tourism has to Florida's communities --- the industry helps put people to work, fuels economic development and, according to the latest report, helps Florida's overall economy remain strong," Robert Skrob, executive director of the industry group Destinations Florida, said in a prepared statement this week. Skrob called for the state marketing agency, Visit Florida, to be "fully funded," which for many means increasing the state's annual contribution back to \$76 million.

The Senate and DeSantis during this spring's legislative session supported providing that amount of money to Visit Florida, as the state had done in previous years. But House leaders have been highly critical of Visit Florida funding, which led to a compromise of providing \$50 million to the agency. The compromise resulted in Visit Florida, under the leadership of former legislator Dana Young, cutting one-third of its staff in May.

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House Appropriations Chairman Travis Cummings, R-Fleming Island, said Monday that House leaders have not given direction on the agency's future funding as the 2020 legislative session prepares to start in January, but Cummings praised Young's efforts.

"She's had to make some tough decisions, and sometimes that affects staff and human capital, which is unfortunate," Cummings said. "We think it's a new year, and we clearly know what the Senate's stance has been."

Asked about future Visit Florida funding, DeSantis spokeswoman Helen Ferre said in an email, "The governor knows tourism is a major driver for Florida's economy and will continue to engage with the Legislature as we move forward."

The Department of Economic Opportunity, which is under the governor's office, included a \$50 million request for Visit Florida as part of budget proposals presented Wednesday to the House Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee.

Skrob's statement came as Amy Baker, who leads the Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research, made a series of presentations to lawmakers about the state's long-range financial outlook.

Baker's presentation highlighted tourism exceeding expectations, accounting for a record-high 13.4 percent of overall revenues. That has helped cover for sagging construction numbers, particularly in suburban home building.

SENATE'S NEW SECURITY Members of the public will no longer be able to approach Senate budget writers at the dais before meetings.

In the past, it was common for lobbyists, reporters and other people to approach lawmakers in the minutes before meetings started to make pitches for budget items, conduct quick interviews or just to say hello.

But the new rule and metaphorical pre-meeting velvet rope comes amid concerns about people doing "weird stuff" and certain messages sent via social-media platforms, according to Senate Appropriations Chairman Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island.

But Bradley stressed the move wasn't because of any individuals or specific threats.

"There is nothing specific that has happened that I am aware of, period," Bradley said. "This is long-term security planning issues."

The Senate has implemented new security enhancements and protocols, which are confidential, Senate spokeswoman Katie Betta said.

"The Senate rules give Senate committee chairs authority to maintain order in their committee meeting to ensure legislative business can be conducted in an efficient matter," she added.

The Appropriations Committee meets in a massive room in the Capitol's Knott Building. That contributed to the decision that new security measures needed to be considered, as the size of the committee room has a "unique set of issues," Betta said.

TWEET OF THE WEEK: "With a rise in vaping-associated pulmonary illness, our State is working to raise awareness and educate the public. Together, we will combat this preventable epidemic and ensure the safety of all Floridians, in particular our youth." --- Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nunez (@Lt.GovNunez).

THE NEWS SERVICE HAS: FIVE QUESTIONS FOR CHRIS SPROWLS Jim Turner

TALLAHASSEE --- House Rules Chairman Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, was formally chosen Tuesday by his Republican colleagues to become the next House speaker. Sprowls will take the gavel after the November 2020 elections and serve as speaker for two years.

After making remarks during Tuesday's ceremony, Sprowls, 35, talked with reporters

about issues such as the state budget, the need for inspectors general to investigate financial wrongdoing, social media and his support for a plan that could lead to building or expanding three toll roads.

Here are five questions for Chris Sprowls from his discussion with reporters:

Q: You talked about budgets in (your) remarks ... it sounds like you're indicting previous generations of the party for overspending and not setting parameters.

SPROWLS: We can't ignore our own failing. So, what I was saying is that we haven't allowed our reserves to keep up with our growth and our budget, and that is something we should make a priority. So, I was specifically pointing out something that we as a caucus can do better.

Q: About your proposal for inspectors general, and what you mean by strengthening, what specifics do you have in mind?

SPROWLS: I think the inspectors general need to have some teeth so that they can go and investigate these organizations. If you all recall, and really it was the reporters that brought it up first in the Career Source example that I used. It was brought to us by the press. It wasn't something that government initiated. It wasn't initiated by a state attorney or the Attorney General's Office. So, my point there was, we need more teeth, so when there is instances like this where they can go in, they can investigate, they can recover misspent money. And if it's really, really bad, they can go forward with criminal prosecution.

Q: In the beginning of your speech you talked about two different worlds, D.C. and Tallahassee, and people being filled with apocalyptic rage and being obsessed with what they do on Twitter. What are your thoughts about the president and his use of Twitter and the way he engages with people?

SPROWLS: I don't like sometimes what the president tweets. It isn't what I would tweet. I actually candidly think it distracts from all the great things that he is doing. What I would say is, it was a message about all of us. All of us are engaged in a social-media world where people react quickly. They react loudly. It's apocalyptic. And it's not reality. My point to everyone was we should be grounded firmly, focusing on real problems, not being worried about what the emotional moment is on Twitter.

Q: You mentioned not getting caught up in semantics. Do you think the Republican Party nationally has gotten too caught up in, like, being afraid of the words "climate change?"

SPROWLS: I think both parties have gotten amped up about words. Part of the problem when you talk about things like the environment is that it's been so hyper-politicized by everyone that we're not having an actual conversation as to what do we need to do. What is a reasonable step? What's a practical way to mitigate things like risks of flooding in our coastal communities? So, my point was to stop the national nonsense of the conversations that are so toxic and focus on what are practical solutions.

Q: The bill will be due when you're speaker on those toll roads that were approved this past year. It's an idea that mostly emanated from the Senate, but it's going to come on your watch. Are you four-square in favor of those?

SPROWLS: I voted for it. I supported the plans. And I continue to support the plan.

BY THE NUMBERS: SALARIES OF STATE OFFICIALS Sept 16, NSF Staff

TALLAHASSEE --- Florida Supreme Court justices are the highest-paid statewide officials, with their salaries substantially higher than the amounts paid to the governor, state Cabi-

net members and legislators.

Here are the 2019-2020 salaries for a variety of state officials and judges:

- Supreme Court justices: \$220,600
- District Courts of Appeal judges: \$169,554
- State attorneys: \$169,554
- Public defenders: \$169,554
- Circuit judges: \$160,688
- County judges: \$151,822
- Public Service Commission members: \$132,036
- Attorney General Ashley Moody, Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried and Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis: \$128,972
- Gov. Ron DeSantis: \$130,273
- Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nunez: \$124,851
- Senate President Bill Galvano and House Speaker Jose Oliva: \$41,181
- House and Senate members: \$29,69

Note: State officials may voluntarily reduce their salaries.

Sources: State budget and the Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research

WINDSHIELD REPAIR INCENTIVES TARGETED Sept 16, NSF Staff

A South Florida lawmaker Monday filed a proposal that would prevent auto-glass shops from offering cash, gift cards and other incentives to motorists to attract windshield-repair work. The bill (HB 169), filed by Rep. Richard Stark, D-Weston, could be an opening salvo in a renewed debate about the controversial insurance practice known as assignment of benefits. In assignment of benefits, policyholders sign over claims to contractors who then pursue payment from insurers. Lawmakers during the 2019 session placed restrictions on assignment of benefits for property-insurance claims and debated restrictions for windshield claims. Ultimately, lawmakers did not address the windshield issue, but state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis has already said he will pursue it during the 2020 legislative session, which starts Jan. 14. Insurance companies contend the so-called AOB process is riddled with fraud and excessive litigation, while contractors say it helps ensure that claims are paid properly. Stark, an insurance broker, pushed a similar bill during the 2019 session to try to prevent windshield-repair firms from providing incentives to attract business. The proposal was approved by the House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee but did not advance further. Supporters of the bill pointed to concerns about unnecessary windshield claims that could lead to higher premiums for motorists. But opponents said the bill would hurt small windshield-repair businesses that compete with larger corporations that have arrangements with insurance companies.

FINANCIAL PICTURE COULD LEAD TO BUDGET 'RESTRAINT' September 12, Jim Turner TALLAHASSEE --- An economic slowdown, not a recession, is on the horizon for lawmakers, who will have a relatively small surplus as they piece together Florida's next budget, a top state analyst said Thursday.

Amy Baker, who leads the Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research, cautioned that the state's economic stability remains vulnerable to the potential impacts of natural disasters, especially major hurricanes, and outside forces such as escalating trade tensions and global economic downturns.

Baker, speaking to a joint House and Senate budget panel, outlined a report known as the Long-Range Financial Outlook, which indicates the state will get about \$867 million less in revenue over two years than previously projected.

"Even though we do not anticipate a recession, the caveat is that turning points in the economy are very, very difficult to predict," Baker told members of the Joint Legislative Budget Com-

mission.

The projections rely on tourism continuing to exceed expectations, as the industry now accounts for a record-high 13.4 percent of overall revenues. Tourism has also covered for sagging construction numbers, particularly in suburban home building, Baker noted.

Senate Appropriations Chairman Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island, said lawmakers will need to “stick to the basics” in crafting a 2020-2021 budget and not add new spending or programs.

“We’re going to have a very constrained, modest approach to budgeting this year,” Bradley said after the presentation. “Having an economic uptick doesn’t last forever.”

House Appropriations Chairman Rep. Travis Cummings, R-Fleming Island, pointed to a need for “restraint” from lawmakers as they seek tax dollars for projects, groups, events and activities in their districts.

“Clearly, we can’t fund but even a small fraction of those,” Cummings said.

Lawmakers will begin holding committee meetings next week to prepare for the 2020 legislative session, which starts in January. They will negotiate the 2020-2021 budget during the session.

Because of an increase in powerful hurricanes affecting the state, Baker suggested establishing a new fund to collect reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which would then become the primary source to “help buttress” the state’s general revenue fund.

As another alternative, loans from a state reserve known as the Budget Stabilization Fund “could be a more direct source of disaster funding --- spreading the repayment over no more than the statutorily required five-year period and better aligning to the FEMA reimbursement practices,” the report, which is produced each year, said.

The state has spent \$1 billion through budget amendments responding to hurricanes during the past three years, but the final budget impacts from the storms remain unknown because state matches for federal funds and FEMA reimbursements remain preliminary.

As of Aug. 30, the state had received \$211.9 million in reimbursements for the storms.

Meanwhile, overall revisions to the state economic forecast, crafted over the summer, project a surplus of \$289.3 million, or just 0.8 percent of the general revenue estimate, for next fiscal year.

Among the major factors is a decision by the Seminole Tribe of Florida to stop paying hundreds of millions of dollars from casino operations to the state.

The Seminole Tribe decided to end payments after legislators and Gov. Ron DeSantis did not reach a new gambling agreement. The change is expected to cost the state \$346.7 million in the current fiscal year. The annual payment was expected to have grown to \$353 million by fiscal year 2022-2023.

The tribe made its last payment to the state in March.

Bradley said while he’d like to see a new gambling deal with the Tribe, the budget for now will be put together without plans to have the money.

“I think it’s in their best interest, I think it’s in the state’s best interest to have a deal,” Bradley said. “But we’re not going to make a deal, the governor isn’t going to make a deal, the House is not going to make a deal that isn’t in the best interest of the taxpayers.”

The outlook was developed, in part, by analyzing programs that have historically driven significant increases in the state’s budget, including Medicaid, public-school funding and constitutional requirements.

Last month, DeSantis declared Florida better positioned for a recession than it was a decade ago.

“I think we are much better positioned to weather an economic downturn than we were in 2008, 2009, when we really took it on the chin there,” DeSantis said during an Aug. 16 appearance before the Florida League of Cities in Orlando. “I think we’ve been able to expand the base and build better economic resiliency here.”

CONTRIBUTIONS POUR IN FOR ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN Sept. 12, 2019 Dara Kam TALLAHASSEE --- In the wake of two mass shootings in Texas and Ohio last month, contributions flooded into a political committee seeking to ban possession and sale of assault weapons in Florida, according to a new campaign-finance report filed at the state Division of Elections. Ban Assault Weapons NOW, the political committee behind the proposed constitutional amendment, drew more than 28,000 contributions totaling \$595,000 in August, by far the largest amount in a single month since the committee was launched in March 2018. Nearly 12,000 of the contributions were \$5 or less, the campaign report shows. Also, more than 5,000 were for \$10.

The committee is trying to put on the November 2020 ballot a proposed constitutional amendment that would prohibit possession of “semi-automatic rifles and shotguns capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition at once, either in a fixed or detachable magazine, or any other ammunition-feeding device.”

The ballot proposal includes an exception for people who own the guns at the time the measure would take effect. Those people would be able to keep assault weapons if they register the guns with the state.

Last month’s contributions brought the total amount collected by the committee to just over \$1.67 million.

With 105,000 valid petition signatures submitted so far, the group has surpassed the number needed to spur a Florida Supreme Court review of the proposed amendment’s wording. The committee needs 766,200 valid signatures to make it onto the 2020 ballot.

Last month’s boost in contributions came on the heels of two mass shootings. On Aug. 3, a gunman opened fire at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, killing 22 people and injuring two-dozen others. The following day, 10 people were killed and 27 others were injured in a mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio.

The committee received 763 contributions, totaling nearly \$18,000, the day after the El Paso massacre. On Aug. 5, the committee received more than 1,500 contributions, ranging from \$1 to \$250, for a total of more than \$36,000.

August’s largest contribution --- \$50,000, on Aug. 23 --- came from Americans for Gun Safety Now, a political organization based in Virginia that was founded by Al Hoffman, a former finance chairman for the Republican National Committee who lives in North Palm Beach.

A \$3,000 contribution by a Miami donor and \$2,000 each from people in Beverly Hills, Calif., and New York City were the next-largest contributions.

But the vast majority of the contributions were less than \$25.

“Our strong August fundraising is a message from Floridians --- and concerned individuals across the country --- that we simply have to do something about the terror and devastation that military-style assault weapons can cause in our communities. Unfortunately, the catalyst for this outpouring of support was largely the back-to-back incidents of mass murder we all witnessed in horror over a single weekend in August,” Ben Pollara, senior adviser to Ban Assault

Weapons NOW, told The News Service of Florida in a text message Thursday.

Writers, health care professionals, teachers, accountants, a pilot, a plumber, an art dealer and a number of people who identified themselves as “not employed” or “retired,” were included in the more than 28,000 contributors. The contributions came from dozens of states, including Hawaii and Alaska, as well as from Florida donors from Pensacola to the Keys.

Until August, the committee’s largest monthly total came in March, with just over \$170,000 in contributions, including \$75,000 from Hoffman’s group.

The effort behind the proposed assault weapons ban was launched a month after the Feb. 14, 2018 massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County, in which 17 students and faculty members were slain. Ban Assault Weapons NOW Chairwoman Gail Schwartz's nephew, Alex Schachter, was among the students who were killed at the Parkland school.

COSTS OF ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN WEIGHED September 5, 2019 Ana Ceballos

TALLAHASSEE --- If Floridians approve a constitutional amendment next year to block possession of assault weapons, a panel of economists on Thursday estimated the state budget could take a \$26.9 million hit in lost revenue.

But the head of the Legislature’s Office of Economic and Demographic Research said the amount would likely be smaller because revenue lost in taxes from gun sales would be balanced out with other purchases that can be taxed.

“More than half of the direct sales-tax loss would be offset by redirected spending,” Amy Baker, the office’s coordinator and a lead state economist, told panel members as they tried to figure out the financial impact of the proposed amendment, which backers hope to put on the November 2020 ballot.

The ballot proposal, spearheaded by the political committee Ban Assault Weapons NOW, would prohibit possession of “semi-automatic rifles and shotguns capable of holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition at once, either in a fixed or detachable magazine, or any other ammunition-feeding device.”

It includes an exception for people who own the guns at the time the measure would take effect. Those people would be able to keep assault weapons if they register the guns with the state.

Baker estimated the loss of revenue from the measure would have a “minimal” impact on the state’s roughly \$90 billion budget.

“It’s a very small composition of the budget,” she said.

To determine the economic impact of the proposed amendment, economists are looking at a number of variables, including a loss in sales taxes from assault-type weapons, ammunition and gun accessories, as well as impacts on government contracts and tourism.

During the panel’s meeting Thursday, supporters of the proposed ballot measure said savings associated with fewer mass shootings should also be taken into consideration.

Beth Dumond, a Tallahassee-based volunteer with Moms Demand Action, said taking away assault weapons from the equation in mass shootings could save taxpayers money because of reduced medical costs, police response and demand for mental health services.

“The medical expenses associated with (assault weapons) are higher, there is just no getting around it,” Dumond said. “You are able to kill more people and you are able to injure more people.”

Dumond cited the work of Ted Miller, a health economist with the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation. Miller has studied the costs of firearms injuries for more than two decades, according to the university's website.

In 2016, Miller told PBS he estimated the costs of the mass shooting at Orlando's Pulse nightclub to be about \$385 million, when considering the costs of victims' medical care, police response and the dollar value of the lives lost.

Baker said the panel of state economists was made aware of the data set and tried to get a study with Florida-specific information. She said the panel was told there was no state-specific data at the time.

The panel said it was also "indeterminate" to know the cost of the proposed constitutional amendment to law enforcement, corrections and courts. While costs associated with court cases could decline because of fewer assault weapons, the measure also would create a third-degree felony charge for people who violate the ban.

"We don't know how that would net against each other, so we don't even have a direction on that one," Baker said.

SENATORS TO START LOOKING AT MASS VIOLENCE ISSUES September 10, NSF Staff

After a directive from Senate President Bill Galvano, R-Bradenton, a Senate committee next week will start looking into issues related to mass violence. Galvano in August directed the Senate Infrastructure and Security Committee to examine the issues after mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio. The committee chaired by Sen. Tom Lee, R-Thonotosassa, will hold a workshop Monday that will include presentations about academic research, law-enforcement issues, mental-health issues and judicial-system issues, according to an agenda. Among the speakers will be Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Rick Swearingen, leaders of the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Police Chiefs Association, professors from the Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice and officials from the Florida Department of Children and Families and Apalachee Center Inc., a Tallahassee-area mental health treatment program.

VAPING-LINKED LUNG PROBLEMS SURFACE IN FLORIDA Sept. 10, Christine Sexton

Updated with additional information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

TALLAHASSEE --- VAPI. It isn't the latest internet slang.

It's an acronym for what health officials are calling "vaping associated pulmonary injury."

It has potentially affected 450 people in 33 states, including Florida, and caused five deaths as of Friday, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida told The News Service of Florida on Monday that state health officials have "received several potential reports of illness" and that the Department of Health and the Florida Poison Information Center Network are working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on investigating a multistate outbreak of severe pulmonary disease.

The Department of Health declined to give the precise number of reported cases or disclose where the residents live.

Matt Jordan, Florida director of government relations for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, said the outbreak is further evidence that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration needs to increase regulation of electronic cigarettes.

"The consequence of that inaction has led to potential product manipulation and permitted tobacco companies to lure a new generation with (electronic cigarette) advertising and flavors

directed at youth," Jordan said in a statement to the News Service. "It's past time for the FDA to do its job and subject these products to a review in order to better understand their potential health impact."

E-cigarettes devices heat liquid into an aerosol that is inhaled into the lungs. The liquid can contain nicotine, flavorings and other ingredients. The liquid can also include marijuana. And on the black market, the liquid can contain a combination of marijuana and nicotine.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on its website that the multistate investigation has "not identified any specific substance or e-cigarette product that is linked to all cases." But it said many patients reported using liquids that contained cannabinoid products, such as tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the euphoria-inducing chemical in marijuana.

While manufacturing companies have said electronic cigarettes are aimed at adults, data show that large numbers of youths are vaping. The Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida, which is part of the Department of Health, reported that in 2018, about 25 percent of Florida high school students reported they used vaping devices. That's a 58 percent increase compared to the previous year.

Florida's experience is mirrored in other parts of the nation. A 2016 U.S Surgeon General report showed that e-cigarette use among high school students grew 900 percent between 2011 and 2015.

To date, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention investigation has not uncovered evidence that vaping-related illnesses are infectious. Symptoms include coughing, shortness of breath, chest pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, fever, and weight loss.

Patients have reported histories of e-cigarette use, which has led health officials to suspect the illnesses are being caused by a chemical exposure. On Friday, the CDC asked that consumers consider not using e-cigarette products during the investigation.

The CDC is encouraging clinicians to report possible cases of illness to county health departments or state health departments.

Thomas Berlin, director of pulmonology respiratory care at AdventHealth in Orlando and president of the Florida Society of Respiratory Care, told the News Service that the hospital in downtown Orlando has treated one patient who came to the facility with such a pulmonary illness.

The patient, Berlin said, was "critically ill," not able to inhale enough oxygen and required the assistance of a breathing machine.

Though he was aware of one patient who's been treated, Berlin pointed to the national data and said the issue is a widespread problem.

"This is an epidemic," said Berlin, who has been a practicing respiratory therapist in Orlando for 35 years. "This is new. It's not an increase in previously seen cases."

Berlin isn't alone in his use of the word "epidemic."

American Medical Association President Patrice Harris issued a statement saying the "illnesses currently sweeping across the country reaffirm our belief that the use of e-cigarettes and vaping is an urgent public health epidemic that must be addressed."

Meanwhile, the Food and Drug Administration on Monday sent a warning letter to Juul, the largest distributors of electronic cigarettes in the United States, accusing it of illegally touting nicotine pads used in e-cigarettes as less harmful than cigarettes.

The company, owned in part by Marlboro cigarette maker Altria, accounted for 76 percent of the electronic cigarette market in 2018.

SENATE AGAIN TARGETS CONSTITUTION REVISION PANEL September 9, NSF Staff

State senators next week will again consider an effort to do away with the Florida Constitution Revision Commission, a powerful panel that sparked controversy last year by linking unrelated issues in proposed constitutional amendments. The Senate Judiciary Committee is scheduled Sept. 17 to take up a proposal (SJR 142), filed by Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, that would let voters decide whether to abolish the commission, which meets every 20 years to consider changes to the Florida Constitution. During the 2019 legislative session, Brandes launched a similar effort that was approved by the Senate, but it died in the House. Similarly, the Senate approved a measure that would have prevented the commission from “bundling” multiple topics in ballot proposals. The House also did not pass that proposal. Both proposals have been refiled in the Senate for the 2020 session, which begins in January. Last year’s Constitution Revision Commission was mostly appointed by then-Gov. Rick Scott, then-Senate President Joe Negron and then-House Speaker Richard Corcoran. But it drew widespread criticism for bundling multiple topics into single ballot measures, such as a proposal that banned offshore oil drilling and banned vaping in workplaces. The commission placed seven amendments on the November 2018 ballot, all of which were approved by voters.

TWO SENATE PROPOSALS TARGET WHITE NATIONALISM September 4, 2019 NSF Staff

Senate Republicans and Democrats filed separate legislation Wednesday to condemn white nationalism and white supremacy after high-profile incidents such as a mass shooting at a Walmart store in Texas. The proposed resolutions are filed for consideration during the 2020 legislative session, which will start in January. While the resolutions both say white nationalism and white supremacy contradict the “values” of the people of Florida, they differ in length and detail. One of the proposals (SR 222), filed by Sen. Wilton Simpson, a Trilby Republican who is slated to become Senate president in November 2020, is a one-page resolution that says, in part, “the Florida Senate rejects white nationalism and white supremacy as hateful, dangerous, and morally corrupt and affirms that such philosophies are contradictory to the values that define the people of Florida.” Senate Rules Chairwoman Lizbeth Benacquisto, R-Fort Myers, and Senate Appropriations Chairman Rob Bradley, R-Fleming Island, have signed on as co-introducers of Simpson’s proposal. Meanwhile, Sen. Jose Javier Rodriguez, D-Miami, proposed a four-page resolution (SR 214) that goes into more detail, quoting Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr. and Ronald Reagan and citing three mass shootings, including the Texas massacre last month. Rodriguez’s proposal says, in part, that “white nationalism and white supremacy are rejected and condemned as hateful expressions of intolerance which contradict the values that define the people of Florida and the United States.” Sen. Janet Cruz, D-Tampa, has joined Rodriguez as a co-introducer of the resolution.

ASSAULT WEAPONS REGISTRY WOULD COME AT A COST September 3, Ana Ceballos

TALLAHASSEE --- A panel of state economists on Tuesday estimated it would cost \$4 million to build a registry to carry out a proposed constitutional amendment that targets possession of assault weapons, if Floridians approve the measure in November 2020.

The ballot proposal, backed by the political committee Ban Assault Weapons NOW, would prohibit possession of assault weapons but would provide an exception for people who own the guns at the time the measure takes effect. Those people would be able to keep assault weapons if they register the guns with the state.

Before people could register the weapons, a system would need to be developed under the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. One agency official warned economists on

Tuesday that a “number of caveats” could impact the cost of the registry and the time it takes to build it.

“When you are talking about a gun registry, you are talking about potentially millions of guns,” said Ron Draa, the law-enforcement agency’s director of external affairs.

Draa told the panel of economists that they should consider the cost of background checks, about 2,500 work hours for staff to build the system and about \$3 million every year to maintain the registry.

While the proposed ballot measure does not require the state agency to conduct background checks on the people registering their guns, Draa said not doing so could be “problematic.”

“If the gun is going to be registered with us, it is probably a liability for us to have a registry with people who should not be possessing a firearm,” Draa said. “From our perspective, we thought that might be a public safety issue.”

If the ballot measure is approved, the state agency would also be required to have the registry up and running within 30 days of passage. Draa told the panel that would be “impossible.”

“Depending on what the Legislature determines a registration system would look like, it could take up to a year and a half,” Draa added.

Panel member Amy Baker, who heads the Legislature’s Office of Economic and Demographic Research, said another “unusual dimension” to the cost of the registry would be accounting for the number of out-of-state people who would move to Florida and register guns.

The registry issues were raised during a meeting in which the economists worked to nail down specific costs of the proposed ballot measure.

The measure defines an assault weapon as “semi-automatic 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.”

The panel covered the financial impact the amendment would have on government contracts, tourism and sale taxes. For the most part, the panel was uncertain on the exact impact on such issues.

Banning assault weapons has long been a controversial concept in Florida. But a deadly shooting rampage on Feb. 14, 2018 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County brought the possibility of imposing such a ban into the spotlight again.

The effort gained traction after the Republican-dominated Legislature passed a law last year with gun control measures, but not a ban on assault-style guns. The ban was advocated by Democrats and students from the Parkland school.

For the proposal to make it onto the 2020 ballot, Ban Assault Weapons NOW needs to clear two major requirements. The Florida Supreme Court needs to sign off on the wording that Floridians would see when they vote on the measure, and the political committee would need to submit at least 766,200 valid petition signatures.


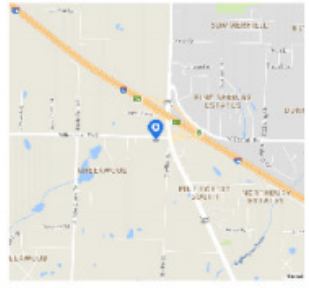
As of Tuesday, the state had received 105,062 valid petition signatures, according to the Florida Division of Elections website.

Economists are scheduled to meet again Thursday to continue crunching numbers before signing off on a final tally of the ballot measure’s financial impact.

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.
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 Hosted by: **GULF COAST CHAPTER**
 Saturday Oct, 12, 2019


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 Dec. 12 Forest

Our Safety Money bill, HB 2007, has been assigned it's two committees that it will have to pass. The first on is:

Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee

I would really like for you to reach out to your personal House Representative and ask them if they could help us by talking to Rep. Trumbull, the committee Chair, and tell him that their constituents are very interested in getting HB 2007 on the committee agenda. I trust that all of you have already been in contact with the Representatives in your area and told them about HB 2007 and how important it is in regards to saving lives and educating the public. For the few of you that may not have contacted your Representative, now is a great time to contact them and tell them about HB 2007.

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ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter Minutes

General Meeting - VFW Post 4243, 2404 Broadway, Riviera Beach Sept. 15, 2019

Called to order: 11:36 am Present: 19 members 2 guests Pledge and moment of silence

PRESIDENT: Curtis Alva

October's meeting is the last Sunday of Biketoberfest and will NOT be changed. There will be no more SFPC Run in the Sun Toy Rides in Broward. West Palm's Bill's Bike Toy Run is December 15. December 15 is our proposed date for our annual so we are awaiting the Council's approval of that date. Since that is the 3rd Sunday, our regular meeting date, our December chapter meeting will be changed to the 8th. Since the State meeting is the previous day the 7th, the Delegates will have to return right after the meeting to be at our meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT: John Valiquette

Plan on ride to Mickie's for Scurvy Fews Baharman Relief fundraiser Sept. 22. Donations have been collected. Nov, 23 is date for Turkey Run to benefit Children Cancer fight.

SECRETARY: Florrie Wilcox

Any corrections, additions to last month's minutes as in the newsletter. None, Minutes approved.

TREASURER: Suzanne Sequin

Still in the green

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Pete Carroll

Tickets for the Rifle Drawing available and will need to be turned in before the Dec. State meeting

PRODUCTS: Kathy Hale excused

MEMBERSHIP: Vincent Fazzese excused.

Harold did report and going to work on renewals. Two cards to get out. Did get member after meeting. Need to check on the ADD card status and provide cards.

LEGISLATIVE: Amanda Stout

Not much coming out of Tallahassee, a lot of talk about gun control, ban on assault weapons. Committees have started so might have to contact legislators at the Capital.

SAFETY: Dan Henderson

Hoping rain almost over to set up tables. Harley having more events, even at dealership so waiting to see if back on 3rd Thursdays or when. Looking at doing a Cycle Gear and Howley bike Nights. Amanda cheking on Howley dates.

PR/WEB/NEWSLETTER: Dan Henderson

Printing more newsletters. Nighthawk reported on the Trump re-election support group.

OLD BUSINESS: working on confirming details on our December event so can settled with State, Looking like will be at Pirate's Well

NEW BUSINESS:

Again about the Scurvy Few Hurricane relief

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Treve won the knife door prize, watch out Petee. Big Bad Fred won the 50/50 and donated it all back to the Chapter

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 11:59 am

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