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## President's Message

Ken Gerecke

Well half the year is gone already but the good news is we have resumed our state and local chapter meetings. Although our meeting hall the VFW has not been able to open its doors to us we have chosen an alternative site for our chapter meetings until further notice. Our meetings will be held at the Anchor Inn 2412 Floral Rd. Lantana. We had our first meeting there last month. It was a great meeting and we were able to scrape together our new board of directors. I am once again President. We now have Harold (whistler) Walters as our Vice President and Kelly Green is our new secretary. Staying on as our Treasurer will be Suzanne (SushiQ) Seguin and rounding out the field will be Quiet Dan as our new Sgt.at Arms. I am looking forward to working with them to make our chapter great again!

August 18 is our Florida primary so get out and vote! If you are not registered to vote, I suggest you do so as soon as possible. We need local representatives that support our legislative efforts in Tallahassee.

Ok now on to a sore subject (Rides) we dont do alot of them but there are reasons for this ! Let me explain this to everyone a couple of years ago we we told we were not allowed to do any rides out of our meeting hall or for that matter we cannot do rides as an Abate ride without first getting insurance for that ride. so we have to call them group fun rides what this means is just simply a group of friends going for a ride together, this allows us to do a ride without Abate of Florida getting sued if something happens on the ride. I will be talking about this at our next chapter meeting on July 19th. Plan on attending the Anchor inn is a great place for a meeting. The food is great. You can order lunch while you are there and enjoy waterfront dining all while attending your chapter meeting !

Ride Safe Ride Smart !!

SNOOZE

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## UPCOMING Event Schedule

With the COVID pandemic, many bars are still closed so their Bike Nights are on Hold. Many events are also on hold for now. This includes Gorilla Bob's bike Night since Island Jacks has been taken over and remodeled, no time has been set. I've spoken with Turboz and his Ralph's Bike Night on last Thursday is still not allowed. I'm keeping watch on what opens but for now in Palm Beach County, it seems the only things on now are from the MCs. I think the Fly m Wheels Saturday night Open House is on (?) So always check on the status especially in Broward county.

Friday July 3 Black Piston's Open House

Friday July 10 AOA WPB Open House

Friday July 17 States MC Lake Worth Open House @ LLB

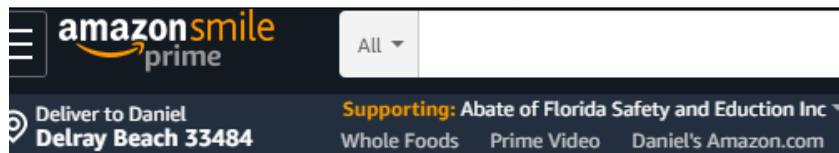
3rd **Sunday** July 19 — **Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc.**  
11:30 am

Location will depend on status of 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. IF VFW CLOSED—meeting will be at Anchor Inn 2412 Floral Rd Lantana - off Hypoluxo west of I95

Friday July 24- Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House

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**JOIN.** Get your friends to join, even if they don't ride but believe in our mission. Your membership fees help ABATE in its legislative effects. While we don't have requirements, we hope you get involved and attend meetings. Get to know your legislators and educate them about what we stand for, our rights and freedom. Always be nice to them as we need their help not their dislike. There are enough out there that are anti-motorcycle. With elections coming up and primaries August 18 we need to find and promote ones that might help us. Do the research for your precinct and candidates at <https://www.pbcelections.org/> and please share your findings with us to help our State Rep and Lobbyist. Register and VOTE

**DRAWINGS** ABATE of Fl. Inc. yearly does drawing as a fund raiser. This year there is a second drawing for a At Large Life Membership. So for \$5 you get a change to win this \$600 value with all the benefits of membership for life, your ADD Insurance will be permanent. The only drawback is that At Large does NOT include a chapter membership, you need to still pay \$20 a year to be in a chapter. Drawing will be at the February State meeting. See Slo Motion for tickets and Support ABATE.



In the past ABATE did a drawing for a motorcycle but that had problems especially when everybody was doing it. For the past several years, the drawing Has been for rifles. See the image for information, drawing at ABATE December State meeting. Get your \$5 tickets from President Snooze or Slo Motion and at chapter meetings.

## Abate of Florida, Inc. Christmas Drawing

1st prize: New Henry .30-.30 Lever Action

2nd prize: New 12 Gauge Shotgun

**\$5.00 Donation**

**Drawing Dec. 12, 2020**

Winner will be notified and must qualify for ownership with a Florida firearms dealer  
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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.

# Businesses to City Council: Don't cancel Motorcycle Week

By MICHAEL MORTENSEN, THE LACONIA DAILY SUN Jun 23, 2020



LACONIA — Several Weirs Beach business operators had an emphatic message for the City Council ON Monday: Don't cancel Motorcycle Week.

The event, which normally takes place during mid-June, was postponed to Aug. 22-30 due to concerns related to the coronavirus pandemic. The council voted for the two month delay in late April when the state was still in the throes of the COVID-19 crisis.

The anxiety on the part of businesses and private citizens was prompted by Councilor Bob Hamel's request for a discussion at the meeting about the annual event that draws thousands of people to the Laconia area and other parts of the state.

Many told the council that they were forced to juggle reservations in order to accommodate motorcycle enthusiasts after the event was moved to August, and that the cancellation of the event would be devastating to those businesses which rely on customers during Motorcycle Week for a large part of their income.

"Dozens and dozens of businesses are depending on this revenue," Jose DeMatos, owner of the Channel Cottages said.

The council voted at its meeting on April 27 to delay the nine-day event. And the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association was poised to make the same decision a few days later.

"You beat us to the punch," Charlie St. Clair, the association's executive director said when he called in to Monday's meeting, held by remote teleconference.

St. Clair said the attendance during this year's event would likely fall short of the turnout of 250,000 to 325,000 bikers in previous years.

He noted that while Motorcycle Week was being scrutinized, there was no concern being raised over crowds of visitors at other times.

"Are motorcyclists more of a threat than people coming up from Massachusetts for the Fourth of July?" he asked.

"Why, having made a decision to postpone the event, are (you) questioning that decision?" said Leslie Schuster, owner of Lazy E Motor Inn on Weirs Boulevard.

"What's changed?"

Hamel, who had requested the topic be placed on the agenda, said while New Hampshire has done a "tremendous job" flattening the curve of new COVID-19

Infections and deaths, “other areas around us have had a tough job.”

He added he was worried that too many people no longer seem to be taking the virus seriously. He said he was appalled by what he saw when he visited Hampton Beach this past weekend.

“I didn’t see anyone walking along the beach with a (face) mask and practicing social distancing,” he said. “The place was packed.”

Hamel noted that all the fairs in the state have been canceled, as has the Seafood Festival in Hampton Beach and the Highland Games in Lincoln.

“It’s out there. COVID is not going away,” Hamel stressed. “It’s our job to have a discussion on this. When we set the August date (for Motorcycle Week) it was a tentative date.”

Hamel and other councilors said the city would be looking to Gov. Chris Sununu’s Office for guidance on what to do as Motorcycle Week draws nearer.

Like Hamel, Councilor David Bownes said the council and other city officials need to remain vigilant.

“It’s our responsibility to pay attention to this,” he said.

Mayor Andrew Hosmer asked that the subject continue to be placed on the council’s agenda for the foreseeable future.

“COVID is a variable that we don’t have complete control over,” he told the council. “It’s going to affect the economy and public health,” he added, “Our obligation is to the economy and our taxpayers. But we are also accountable to those who are most vulnerable,” he said referring to the city’s elderly residents who are among those most susceptible to the COVID virus.

At a news conference Tuesday, Sununu emphasized that COVID-19 remains a serious threat to the state.

“We have a COVID crisis,” he said, “not a COVID problem, not a COVID issue.”

State epidemiologist Dr. Benjamin Chan said, “COVID is still here and remains a risk around our state.”

Sununu said the COVID would continue to be a serious threat for the next few months and maybe until the end of the year.

Hosmer said he would be looking to the state to provide data in the coming weeks so the council can make the right decision.

“As much as we want to wish this away COVID is with us,” Hosmer said, adding that the challenge facing the council is finding the proper balance between the concerns of local business people and the need to protect public health.

[https://www.laoniadailysun.com/news/local/businesses-to-city-council-don-t-cancel-motorcycle-week/article\\_2c55d5f8-b590-11ea-9029-2ba94b15b128.html](https://www.laoniadailysun.com/news/local/businesses-to-city-council-don-t-cancel-motorcycle-week/article_2c55d5f8-b590-11ea-9029-2ba94b15b128.html)

# Sturgis council votes to go ahead with motorcycle rally

JUNE 16, 2020, BY AP WIRE SERVICE

STURGIS, S.D. — The roar of motorcycles will return to the Black Hills this summer with the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, but with some major modifications.

The Sturgis City Council voted Monday night to proceed with preparations for the Aug. 7-16 rally, now in its 80th year.

The event draws hundreds of thousands of motorcycle fans to the area each year and provides a huge boost in tourism spending. Officials estimated the economic impact of last year's rally was about \$665 million.

The council voted 8-1 to allow the rally to take place, but without the usual parade, opening ceremony and B-1 bomber flyover.

The decision comes after weeks of public comment and debate on whether to hold the event amid the coronavirus pandemic. Vendors will be required to wear personal protective equipment. If they don't have any, the city will provide it.

KOTA-TV reports sanitation stations will be scattered throughout the downtown area.

Mass testing is being considered for the safety of residents, but has not been approved. Each test could cost \$75 to \$150 per person

"If mass testing happens, anyone who was interacting with the tens of thousands of people that come into our community are able to be tested so that they know they would need to self quarantine or also seek treatment," said Daniel Ainslie, Sturgis city manager. "We are continuing to work with the Department of Homeland Security and state emergency office to try to get that done."

During a special City Council meeting last week, Ainslie recommended postponing the rally until 2021, but to prepare for the hundreds of thousands of people likely to make their way to the Black Hills anyway.

If COVID-19 numbers suddenly spike at any time before or during the rally, the Sturgis mayor can cancel all events immediately.

<https://fox6now.com/2020/06/16/sturgis-council-votes-to-go-ahead-with-motorcycle-rally/>

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## The dry ice-cooled electric motorcycle heading for the land speed world record

Micah Toll - Jul. 1st 2020 10:51 pm ET @MicahToll



Voxan has just unveiled its latest electric motorcycle, the Voxan Wattman. And this isn't any ordinary e-moto, it's a supremely fast bike purpose-built to claim the world record for fastest electric motorcycle.

Originally intended to make the record attempt this month, plans for the (hopefully) record-breaking run have now been delayed until next year. There seems to be a lot of electric vehicle world record attempts being delayed lately.

But that's no matter to the Voxan team, including six-time motorcycle racing world champion Max Biaggi, who plans to ride into the record books on the Salar de Uyuni salt flat in Bolivia in July 2021.

The delay may have prevented the team from making their record run this month, but it hasn't stopped them from unveiling the impressive bike today.

The Voxan Wattman sports a design far from traditional. Instead of a front fork, the bike features a double wishbone front suspension set-up. It also lacks a front brake or a parachute, instead relying on a rear brake and ample runoff to eventually slow to a stop. The lack of a front brake improves aerodynamics and also helps avoid dangerous instability caused by engaging the front brake at extremely high speeds.



Fueling the bike's 317kW (425 hp) of raw power is a 15.9kWh battery. Interestingly, that's nearly the same capacity found in most standard electric motorcycles. For example, the Harley-Davidson LiveWire features a 15.5kWh battery. The main difference, however, is that the Voxan Wattman's battery is designed to dump most of its energy in just a few minutes, as opposed to most electric street bikes that can ride for a few hours at a time.

The battery pack's weight of 140 kg (309 lb) is nearly half of the entire bike's 300 kg (661 lb) weight.



As you can imagine, creating that much power in such a short period of time generates a lot of excess heat. Instead of taking the huge aerodynamic penalty presented by a radiator, the Voxan Wattman uses a more creative approach to cooling: dry ice. The frozen CO2 is held in a reservoir within the bike and helps draw heat away from the motor and batteries.

The team is aiming to reach a top speed of at least 330 km/h (205 mph) and simultaneously break the pre-

vious record of 327 km/h (203.1 mph) set in 2019 by Japanese rider Ryuji Tsuruta on the Motibec electric motorcycle.

While that might be the official world record, it doesn't consider the famous Lightning Motorcycles LS-218, which in 2013 was recorded hitting a top speed of 218 mph at the Bonneville Salt Flats.

I reached out to Richard Hatfield, CEO of Lightning Motorcycles, to confirm the LS-218's top recorded speeds. As Richard explained of the LS-218:

We set the two way average record of 215.960 mph with a top speed of 218.637 mph with the SCTA in 2011 with a pre production LS-218. We also set the FIM record and the AMA records in 2013.

And in true "pics or didn't happen" style, Richard shared with us the time slip from the team's 2011 Bonneville run, as well as a few other awards for achieving speeds higher than either the Voxan Wattman or Motibec.

<https://electrek.co/2020/07/01/voxan-wattman-electric-motorcycle-land-speed-world-record/>

## AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days at Mid-Ohio postponed

By Curt Conrad, Staff Reporter Jun 3, 2020

LEXINGTON — One of the longest-standing events at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course has fallen victim to the COVID-19 pandemic — at least for the time being.

Track officials, in conjunction with the American Motorcyclist Association, announced Wednesday the postponement of the AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days scheduled for July

10 to 12 at the venerable road course on Steam Corners Road.

“Unfortunately, event restrictions in place under order of the Ohio Department of Health prohibit many traditional elements of AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days that our competitors and fans have come to enjoy,” AMA Chief Operating Officer James Holter said. “The social interaction and camaraderie are an integral component that we love about this event. The multi-day swap meet, the camping, in-field activities, the crowds, not to mention the organic fun of the event, are impossible in light of the current situation.”

A make-up weekend hasn’t been determined yet.

The weekend celebration that is AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days was established in 1990 and has been held at Mid-Ohio for the past 24 years. The track typically draws thousands of motorcycle enthusiasts to the area.

“We are disappointed, but this is the right decision,” Mid-Ohio president Craig Rust said. “Mid-Ohio will continue to work closely with the AMA, as well as our state and local health officials, to monitor the ongoing coronavirus situation and identify when AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days can be rescheduled for 2020.”

Mid-Ohio also had to postpone one of its biggest draws, the NASCAR Xfinity Series Mid-Ohio 170, which was scheduled for May 29 to 30. No make-up date has been announced.

Not all the news was bad for Mid-Ohio. The track began its 28th season of the Mid-Ohio School earlier this week.

“We’re excited to get back into action in 2020 after this spring holding pattern,” The Mid-Ohio School director Sonny Gee said. “We’ll start with our high performance courses on track then move into the weekend with our first teen defensive driving programs, teaching life-long skills to the youngest drivers.”

As the state slowly re-opens, Mid-Ohio officials are hoping things can get back to normal. Rust is looking forward to welcoming motorcycle fans at a later date.

“We ask for everyone’s patience,” Rust said, “and we will announce a new date as soon as possible.”

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# DELEGATE REPORT

Hello everyone! Well we are finally back to having our state and local meetings. The June state meeting was held in St. Augustine and hosted by the Vintage chapter. It was a great ride up and back, the weather even cooperated for the most part.

We are still working on bills that are most important to us all such as recovering our safety money and our vulnerable road users bills. These bills are very important to us. The safety money would really help us to educate the motorcycle community and the public about our mission (motorcycle rights safety and awareness)

Our state vice president (Scribe) has been working on a great new idea to help us get the word out, YouTube pod casts. I have seen a couple and they are not bad. If you want to see one just go to YouTube and click on motorcycle safety and look for abate.

August 18th is state primary so get out and vote! We need as many representatives that support us as we can get!! We need to find candidates that are for us and those against us.

NCOM convention now will be in October in Indianapolis.

State party will probably be hosted by 5 Star at the Peace River campground, date to be announced.

Their will be no changes to our state board of directors all will be retaining their seats

Our next state meeting will be held in august in Leesburg hosted by lake county chapter.

**SNOOZE**

I have just uploaded the newest YouTube video podcast. It is a Wrap-Up of the June State Meeting. Please feel free to share this link with your Chapter members and to add this video link to your Facebook page. <https://youtu.be/e4SfKajc2Y>

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I would appreciate your support of the ABATE of Florida, Inc. Channel. -- Darrin "Scribe" Brooks

Here is the website page for the NCOM convention page for their Indianapolis 2020 convention that was changed to October 16-18th. <http://onabike.com/national-coalition-of-motorcyclists/convention.html>

After several inquires the state is looking into corporate memberships. This might mean more benefits for our members as one company might provide credit union membership.

## STATE MEETINGS

### Host Chapter & Location

#### 2020 State Meetings

August 8 Lake Clermont

Oct. 10 Gulf Coast

Dec. 12 Forest

#### 2021 State Meetings

Feb.13

April 11 Tallahassee

April 12 Ride to Capital

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Danny Palm

“Booys”, our office manger, has a grandson who for his Eagle Scout project took the Stars from retired American flags to give to Vets for their service. She Passed them out to Vets in attendance. Instead of a July Leadership meeting the State is looking on ways for online training of Chapter officers. Membership Awards went to Vintage Jan, & Feb., Polk March and Gulf April for highest % growth. For most new members: Southeast Jan., Polk Feb, March was 3way tie Estero/Gulf/Lighthouse, in April Gator. There is a new drawing to win a At Large Life Membership for \$5 for your self or you can buy one for someone else. See Slo Motion

All ADD need to be filled out for beneficiaries. Best is to have them on file at State Office. Since they are no longer mailed to you, get one at chapter meetings and keep them up to date.

Products include a new Helmet Anniversary patch. I sold mine at chapter meeting, Snooze has one. If you want we can placed order for pickup next State Meeting. Still working on the coins, they will only be copper as other materials too expensive. Annual Christmas sae at December meeting clear out merchandise. Come and bargain with “Velco”, Credit cards are now accepted.

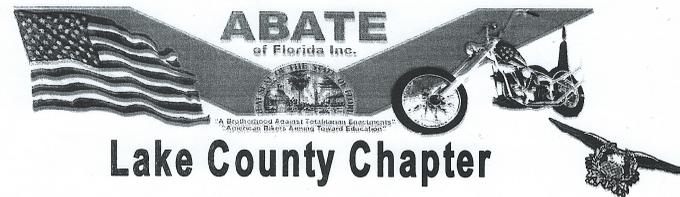
Scribe reminds us that Primaries are comping August 18 so be sure registered, do the research and Vote. Let the State know who are for and against us. Contact the candidates, likely email will be the best and your present legislators should be home now.. The safety money was lost in all the confusion with early shutdown due to Corona Virus. The New House Speaker supports us, but Senate President is not as friendly. Works is going on for next session bills and safety money. Our Lobbyist put in his proposal to work next year at a bargain rate.

Delegates voted to go to Tallahassee, meeting moved to Sunday April 11 and ride to Capital 12th. Hope for a good turnout

The State elections were re-opened. With no additions, the board as is was accepted.

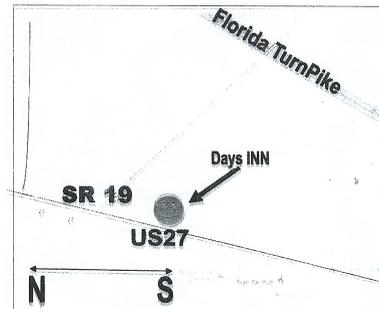
Good of the Order. Leesburg Bikefest has been moved to November. Lake Chapter is working on campground. Various Chapters donated money to the State: Gator Alley \$1500, Southeast \$300 and Polk \$1500.

Next State meeting is August 8 in Clermont Days Inn, great Price. Lake chapter is hosting and will be celebrating their anniversary so should be a great time



**State Meeting – Aug 8, 2020 -Lake County FL**  
 State Board Meeting starts noon --- Delegates Meeting at 2:00

**Meeting Hall: 20390 N US Hwy 27, Clermont @ Days INN**  
**HOTEL: Days INN @ 20390 N US Hwy 27, Clermont**



Hotel & meeting hall are in the Days INN, on US HWY27 about ½ mile south of turnpike. Mention **ABATE** for discounted rate of \$59 (tax not included).

**Reserve before July 31st**  
**352-429-0483**

*FRI 7-9 pm--meet & greet with food & beverages, upstairs in the breakfast area.*  
*Check hotel desk for flyer with more info when you check in*

**Contact:** Chapter Pres: GRIZ 352-516-2982  
 Chapter VP: Marcus 321-607-2516

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WEEKLY EVENTS

These events are subject to change as COVID allows & bars re-open

Wed Gorilla Motors Bike Night wait for renamed bar to open

Wed Pirates Well Bike Night 9477 Alt. A1A Lake Park ?

Last Thurs Turboz/Ralph's Bike Night Jupiter on hold

- 1st Fri Enforcers MC Party
- 1st Fri Black Pistons MC WPB Open House
- 2nd Fri AOA WPB Open Houses
- 3rd Fri States MC Lake Worth Open House 8pm New location
- 4th Fri Lone Legion MC Brotherhood Open House

? SAT HOG Morning Palm Beach Harley and often other events and bikini bike washes Grill Days SAT night Fly n Wheels Open

? SUN Lone Legion Breakfast

**Black Pistons MC**  
WEST PALM BEACH  
Come join us for our new open house night

**FIRST FRIDAY**  
8:00 pm - 11:00pm  
Being held @ Clubhouse  
5720 Greenwood Ave. West Palm Beach  
\$5 door donation  
includes food and your 1st drink

No Guns  
No Drugs  
No Attitudes  
EXCEPT OURS



**West Palm Beach Outlaws**  
**Open House**

Friday Second  
Food, Drinks & Brotherhood  
8pm - 11pm  
\$5 door donation  
includes food and your 1st drink  
5720 Greenwood Ave.  
West Palm Beach, FL 33407  
BPMC Clubhouse  
No Guns No Drugs No Attitudes

**3rd Friday 8 - 11 PM**



**1102 4th Ave. North Lake Worth**

**OPEN HOUSE**

LONE LEGION MC  
\$5 Entrance Includes 1 Drink And Food  
8pm - 11pm  
Billiards  
Darts  
Music

**FOURTH FRIDAY**  
At our clubhouse  
2950 NW Commerce Park Dr Boynton Beach



NOV 13 Leesburg Bikefest 2020  
Public - Hosted by Born To Ride TV & Magazine and Leesburg Bikefest

★ Interested ✓ Going

Nov 13 at 10 AM - Nov 15 at 6 PM  
Leesburg, Florida

With the COVID pandemic, many bars are still closed so their Bike Nights are on Hold. Many events are also on hold for now. This includes Gorilla Bob's bike Night since Island Jacks has been taken over and remodeled, no time has been set. I've spoken with Turboz and his Ralph's Bike Night on last Thursday is still not allowed. I'm keeping watch on what opens but for now in Palm Beach County, it seems the only things on now are from the MCs. I think the Fly m Wheels Saturday night Open House is on (?) So always check on the status especially in Broward county.

I FEEL LIKE POTATOES DON'T RECEIVE ENOUGH RECOGNITION FOR THEIR VERSATILITY.

BREAKFAST: HASH BROWNS.  
FAST FOOD: FRENCH FRIES.  
FANCY DINNER: BAKED POTATO.  
HOLIDAYS: MASHED POTATO.  
RELAXING AT HOME: POTATO CHIPS.  
QUARANTINE: VODKA.  
THERE'S A POTATO FOR EVERY OCCASION.

Lone Legion Brotherhood MC  
**WE ARE OPEN**  
Saturday Night Happy Hour  
6pm - ???

\$5 Entry Includes Dinner Chicken Parm Subs  
Drink Specials \$1 Fireball

FACE COVID-19 But Practice Social Responsibility

INDEPENDENTS & FRIENDS ALWAYS WELCOMED  
Billiards- Darts - LRC Game  
Music

If you don't know Our location please PM us  
OUR NEW BADASS SUPPORT SHIRTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

LONE LEGION MC  
Lone Legion Brotherhood MC  
Presents  
TUESDAY NIGHT HAPPY HOUR  
6pm - ???

INDEPENDENTS & FRIENDS ALWAYS WELCOMED  
Billiards- Darts - LRC Game  
Music

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**ABATE of FL  
Inc. PALM  
BEACH  
CHAPTER  
MEETINGS**

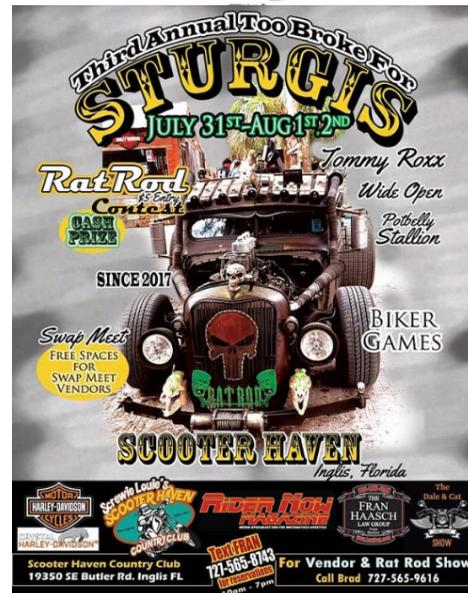
11:30 AM V.F.W.  
Post 4143 at 2404  
Broadway, Riviera  
Beach 561-844-5718.  
From I 95 exit Blue  
Heron Blvd. go east to  
Broadway (Federal  
Hwy., US- 1) turn  
right, go south 1 block  
the V.F.W. is on the  
east side. Look for the  
flag. Come for break-  
fast and the meeting

**2020**

3rd Sunday July 19  
3rd Sunday Aug. 16  
3rd Sunday Sept. 20  
3rd Sunday Oct. 18  
3rd Sunday Nov. 22  
3rd Sunday Dec. 20

**2021**

3rd Sunday Jan. 17  
3rd Sunday Feb. 21  
3rd Sunday Mar. 21  
3rd Sunday Apr. 18  
3rd Sunday May 16  
3rd Sunday June 20  
3rd Sunday July 18  
3rd Sunday Aug. 22  
3rd Sunday Sept. 19  
3rd Sunday Oct. 17  
3rd Sunday Nov. 21  
3rd Sunday Dec. 19



**SOUTH FLORIDA  
PRESIDENTS COUNCIL  
BROWARD EVENTS**

**JULY**

4th-Sat Independence Day  
12th-Sun Alternative MC - Annual  
19th-Sun Soldiers for Jesus MC  
BROWARD - Annual  
25th-Sat Wheels of Man MC -  
CHILI COOK-OFF

**AUGUST**

7th-16th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally  
14th-16th South FL Tattoo Convention  
16th-Sun AOA FT. LAUD. -51st  
ANNIVERSARY PARTY-  
23rd-Sun Scurvy Few MC Annual  
30th- Sun Southern MC Teddy  
Bear Run

**SEPTEMBER**

7th-Mon Labor Day  
13th-Sun States MC Pompano Key  
West Tune UP Party  
16th-19th Petersons Key West Run  
26th-Sat Kingdom of Brothers MC  
- ANNUAL\*\*

**OCTOBER**

4th-SunMystic Seven Annual  
10th-Sat Outcast - PARTY  
11th-Sun S.E. ABATE - Annual  
15th-18th Daytona Biketoberfest  
24th-Sat Wheels of Man MC -  
HALLOWEEN PARTY  
25th-Sun CMA - MEMORIAL

**NOVEMBER**

7th-Sat Heathens MC - ANNUAL  
11th-Wed Veterans Day  
14th-Sat USMVMC CH 1 Annual  
21st-Sat Leathernecks MC Annual  
26th-Thurs Thanksgiving Day

**DECEMBER**

5th-Sat SFPC Toys in the Sun Run  
12th-Sat Aligator Alley Toy Run Bike  
Drawing  
12th-Sat Hermandad Alfredo toy  
Run and Memorial  
12th-Sat USMVMC Wreaths  
Across America

# July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Gorilla Bob/ Bike Night TBA	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Black Pistons Open House	<b>4</b> Fly n Wheels Open House
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> AOA WPB Open House	<b>11</b> Fly n Wheels Open House
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<b>19</b> ABATE PB Chapter Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Lone Legion Open House	<b>25</b> Fly n Wheels Open House
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# August 2020

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 Precinct Finder (<https://www.pbcelections.org/>) Palm Beach Elections Site -  
 put in your address and get ALL your Election Information and look under My  
 Districts for your representatives. In these sidebars Underlined District # ,  
 names link in the online version.  
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## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

### DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON



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

**D81** Tina Scott Polsky (D)  
 850-717-5081 Tallahassee  
 561-470-2086 Boca/Belle Glade

**D82** Mary Lynn Magar (R)  
 850-717-5082 Tallahassee  
 772-545-3481 Hove Sound

**D85** Rich Roth (R)  
 850-717-5085 Tallahassee  
 561-625-5176 Palm Bch Garden

**D86** Matt Willhite (D)  
 850-717-5086 Tallahassee  
 561-791-4071(2) WPB

**D87** David Silvers (D)  
 850-717-5085 Tallahassee  
 561-352-4824 West Palm Beach

**D88** Al Jacquet (D)  
 850-717-5088 Tallahassee  
 561-650-6846 West Palm Bch

**D89** Mike Caruso (R)  
 850-717-5089 Tallahassee  
 561-750-2396 Boca Raton

**D90** Joseph A. Casello (D)  
 850-717-5090 Tallahassee  
 561-374-7850 Boynton Bch

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

This is an Election year, with primaries August 18. Be sure you are registered and VOTE in both. Do the research on the candidates and let us know who is for or against us as that helps us in Tallahassee. I wish we had open primaries, while in a party, I do not vote the party line. I pick the best for what I think is important.

Florida is a "closed primary" state. That means that only the voters registered within that political party may vote in that party's Primary Election, unless a Universal Primary Contest (UPC)\* occurs. You can change your party affiliation by submitting an updated Voter Registration Application at any time, but the change must be made 29 days before a Primary Election in order to be valid for that election. All registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote on issues and nonpartisan races during a Primary Election. Your party does not affect your ballot for any election other than a Primary Election.

**2020 Primary Election** Deadline to register or change party: Monday, July 20, 2020. Early Voting: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday, August 3, 2020 - Sunday, August 16, 2020. Vote By Mail: Due by 7 p.m., Tuesday, August 18, 2020. Election Day: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Tuesday, August 18, 2020. During the Primary Election, electors will vote for representatives within their party affiliations.

\*A Universal Primary Contest (UPC) occurs if all candidates for an office have the

#### Palm Beach County FL Senators

**D25** Gayle Harrell (R)  
 850-487-5025 Tallahassee  
 772-221-4019 Stuart

**D29** Kevin Rader (D)  
 850-487-5029 Tallahassee  
 561-443-8170 Boca Raton

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

**D31** Lori Berman (D)  
 850-487-5031 Tallahassee

#### FEDERAL U.S. Senators

Marco Rubio  
Rick Scott

#### U.S. HOUSE

**District 18**  
Brian Mast (R)

**District 20**  
Alcee Hastings

**District 21**  
Lois Frankel

**District 22**  
Ted Deutch

same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the General Election.

**2020 General Election** Deadline to register: Monday, October 5, 2020. Early Voting: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday, October 19, 2020 - Sunday, November 1, 2020\*. Vote By Mail: Due by 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Election Day: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 3, 2020. The General Election ballot will list the candidates for the Presidency and the winning candidates of the August Primary Election. During this election, voters will have the opportunity to vote for a candidate regardless of their party affiliation.

\*Dates and times are subject to change and will be updated no later than 30 days prior to the Early Voting period. <https://www.pbcelections.org/>

**SAFETY MONEY HISTORY.** John Banta, the Legislative Trustee at Daytona Beach Chapter has written a nice piece on the safety money history with good numbers. John is one of those rare people that absolutely love to dig tirelessly into the endless reams of paper the State of Florida churns out each year.

In July 2019, there were 622,347 registered motorcycles in Florida and 35,452 registered motorcycles Volusia County. Those owners paid \$2.50 on their motorcycle registrations to be used for motorcycle safety and awareness. That fee was originally asked for by motorcyclists; particularly ABATE of Florida, Inc. to fund the Florida Motorcycle Riders Training Program. That program has evolved over the year.

The subsidies for the riders beginning course have stopped and after legislation in session 2008, the funds are used at the discretion of the Dept of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) with the remaining being transferred to the DHSMV general fund. For a while the DHSMV was not doing much with motorcyclists' money.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. was able to get a \$499,900 DHSMV disbursement in 2007-2008; \$250,000 in 2010-11, and \$250,000 in 2011-12. There were strict auditing procedures and ABATE of Florida, Inc. used State of Florida approved vendors. ABATE of Florida, Inc. developed the copyrighted Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program to teach the non-riding public why motorcyclist do what they do on the road and how to share the road. We used the funding to create videos and teaching aids. ABATE of Florida, Inc. also was able to fund radio spots and billboards.

Were we effective? The DHSMV is using many of our ideas. Here are the years and motorcyclist (not passenger) fatalities:

2006 = 521      2007 = 517      2008 = 502      2009 = 376      2010 = 350      2011 = 415  
2012 = 425      2013 = 444

So after we got some money it looked like we made an impact. However it was also a recession and some critics stated that people were driving less. Let's look at the Florida Dept of Revenue certified gallons of motor fuel gallons for the fiscal year.

2006-2007 = 8,644,054,019      2007-2008 = 8,440,146,629      2008-2009 = 8,187,216,082  
2009-2010 = 6,830,151,645. I guess people were driving less. But let's look some more.  
2010-2011 = 8,218,227,284      2011-2012 = 8,102,714,478      2012-2013 = 8,123,347,433

So people started to drive some more, motorcyclist fatalities increased, but not like before we got some money for our programs.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. needs to update the videos and promotional material. ABATE of Florida, Inc. is only asking for a portion on available funding. This is NOT free money. This is not bacon, turkeys or earmarks. This is motorcyclists money for safety and awareness. It takes a special bill for ABATE of Florida, Inc. to receive money. Last session the bill died in the second committee and did not make the budget.

TALLAHASSEE --- July 1 is perhaps the most important day of the year in state government. That is when each fiscal year begins, with a new budget taking effect. Also, many new laws are written to hit the books July 1.

But as the date looms Wednesday, the coronavirus pandemic has created uncertainty about the state's financial picture and new budget. Lawmakers passed the \$93.2 billion budget in March, just as the economic effects of the pandemic were starting to hit.

Gov. Ron DeSantis hadn't signed the budget and issued vetoes as of Friday afternoon. Regardless, the pandemic is causing state tax revenues to plummet. In April, revenues were \$878.1 million below an earlier forecast, and they were similarly off by \$779.6 million in May.

It remains to be seen how long it will take for Florida's economy to regain strength and start pumping more tax dollars into the state treasury. DeSantis has indicated he wants to at least get through the November elections without readdressing the budget.

But, to a large extent, it's a guessing game about how the budget will hold up over the next year. The state can't continue to leak hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenues each month without a long-term impact. And nobody knows when the pandemic will end.

#### **WEEKLY ROUNDUP: ROLLING IT BACK** June 26, 2020 Ana Ceballos

Recap and analysis of the week in state government and politics

TALLAHASSEE --- Florida is scaling back its economic reopening efforts, as the state recorded nearly 9,000 new coronavirus cases on Friday, a single-day high that shattered a record set earlier in the week.

Amid the surging number of cases, bars that had recently reopened will no longer be allowed to serve alcohol on-site, state Department of Business and Professional Regulation Secretary Halsey Beshears said Friday.

Beshears said the action is "a necessary step to take to protect public health," and Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis noted the move was needed because there was "widespread non-compliance" by bars and customers with guidelines designed to prevent the spread of the virus.

The clampdown on bars marked a significant turnaround for DeSantis, who just 10 days before said Florida needed to stay the course on its reopening efforts even though the state was seeing a resurgence in the number of cases.

"We are not shutting down. We are going to go forward," DeSantis said June 16, a day when the state recorded 2,412 new cases. "You have to have society function, you have to be able to have a cohesive society."

The governor began reopening the state's economy in May and expanded the efforts in June to include bars, along with movie theaters and tattoo shops.

As cases soared this week, DeSantis softened his message on the state's reopening efforts. He told reporters on Thursday the state was not ready to move to a third phase of the reopening plan because "we are where we are."

"We never anticipated necessarily doing anything different in terms of the next phase at this point anyways," DeSantis added.

#### **CORONAVIRUS WRECKS STATE REVENUES**

State tax revenues were about \$1.6 billion below previous forecasts for April and May, as the pandemic forced businesses to shut down or dramatically scale back, according to a new report.

A monthly revenue report from the Legislature's Office of Economic & Demographic Research said the state's net tax revenue during May fell \$779.6 million below an earlier forecast. That followed

April revenue being off \$878.1 million.

“The presence of coronavirus in Florida presented its most serious threat to the sales tax forecast, especially to those taxes collected from tourists,” according to the May report, released Thursday. “In addition, critical supply chains were already interrupted by the impact to other countries and retail sales displaced as a result of social distancing and crowd-avoidance behaviors.”

The biggest hit was to sales tax collections, which were down \$695.4 million, or 31.7 percent, from the forecast amount. Because the state had seen a \$202.4 million increase in revenue compared to forecasts in the first three months of the year, the overall loss stood at \$1.45 billion through May. The report was released as DeSantis is poised to slash hundreds of millions of dollars from the proposed \$93.2 billion state budget for the fiscal year that starts Wednesday. Lawmakers passed the budget in March, as the economic effects of the pandemic were starting to rip the state.

It was unclear Friday afternoon when DeSantis would sign the budget and issue vetoes. But he will have to act before Wednesday.

### **DESANTIS NAILS DOWN EDUCATION PRIORITIES**

Amid warnings of big budget vetoes because of the pandemic, DeSantis this week secured the fate of one major spending item: teacher salary increases.

DeSantis signed into law a measure (HB 641) that sets the stage for spending \$500 million to try to boost the minimum salaries of classroom teachers to at least \$47,500 and to give raises to veteran teachers.

The initiative was one of DeSantis’ top priorities during this year’s legislative session, which ended in March. But after the coronavirus crippled the state’s economy, the governor warned that even some of his priorities could be vetoed.

“It was quite a challenge to make sure that even though we fought for it, we would be able to do it,” the governor said Wednesday.

The measure also abolished the embattled “Best and Brightest” program. The program, which offered bonuses to public school teachers and principals, was beset by controversy since its creation in 2015.

In addition to the teacher pay measure, the governor this week signed legislation that will dramatically expand a voucher program that helps students go to private schools.

DeSantis said the bill (HB 7067) will “expand and build off the success” of the Florida Empowerment Scholarship program, which he pushed to create shortly after taking office in 2019. The bill will help more than 46,600 students receive vouchers through the program next school year. The program’s enrollment was capped at 18,000 students for the 2019-2020 school year.

### **STORY OF THE WEEK: Florida shut down on-site alcohol consumption at bars on Friday as the state recorded a record-shattering 8,942 new coronavirus cases.**

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** “People naturally want to do things. If I was 25, I’d be probably with them. I mean, that’s just realistic. I can sit here and try to act like I wouldn’t, but I remember what it was like then.” --- Gov. Ron DeSantis said Wednesday as he explained why young people are a growing proportion of the new coronavirus cases in many parts of the state.

*The next two Federal Bike News stories were emailed to me by Miami Mike (Wheels on the Road). Plus the MRF first part was sent out by ABATE of FL, Inc. VP Darren “Scribe” Brooks. - Slo Motion*

Washington DC News from the Motorcycle Riders Foundation For Immediate Release July 1,

## BIKERS WIN BIG IN THE HOUSE, PREPARING FOR SENATE VERSION

Today the full House of Representatives passed H.R. 2, INVEST in America Act (Moving Forward Act), also known as the highway bill. The bill is over 2,000 pages and includes five beneficial provisions for motorcyclists.

At every step along the way, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF), our State Motorcyclist Rights Organizations (SMRO) partners, and individual members have fought for the inclusion of these policy changes. The original bill included an increase in motorcycle safety funding; however, this was the only specific mention of motorcycles or motorcyclists. During the Transportation Committee markup of the bill, protections related to profiling, autonomous vehicles and the Motorcyclist Advisory Council were added via amendment. Finally, during the final vote on the House floor, an additional amendment was added that helps collect data on motorcycle profiling.

With the passage of this bill in the House of Representatives, focus will now turn to the Senate. The Senate will likely roll out its own version of a “highway bill” in the coming weeks. The House and Senate will then have to negotiate and compromise to develop a bill that can pass both chambers and be signed into law. Remember, the current legislation expires on September 30, 2020, so Congress must act to ensure important transportation programs are funded.

After the final vote, MRF President Kirk “Hardtail” Willard stated, “I am pleased that in this massive 2,300 page piece of legislation passed today, the rights and freedoms of motorcyclists were not ignored. Let’s now take the same enthusiasm and passion that won us these victories to the Senate. Our work is not done, we must remain vigilant in the defense of these hard fought priorities.”

We at the MRF will fight to ensure that these hard-fought victories in the House of Representatives are included in the Senate’s bill. Thank you to everyone who reached out to their Representative over the past few months. These victories for motorcyclists would be impossible without the grassroots efforts of our members. Let’s celebrate our successes and get to work on making sure the Senate follows suit.

Below is a brief recap of the five provisions that the House of Representatives has now passed and included in this major piece of legislation:

**Profiling:** An amendment by Congressman Troy Balderson (OH-R) during the committee process changes federal law to prevent state and local governments from using funds from the Department of Transportation to “profile and stop motorcycle operators or motorcycle passengers using as a factor the clothing or mode of transportation of such operators or passengers.”

A second amendment by Congressman Tim Walberg (MI-R) and Congressman Michael Burgess (TX-R) added the term “mode of transportation” to a newly created grant program for racial and ethnic profiling. The program allows states to use federal money to collect data on traffic stops. Originally the only information that states were required to record was the driver’s racial and ethnic makeup. With this added language, states will be required to collect the “mode of transportation” of the person being stopped as well. Motorcyclists will now be

able to review state data on traffic stops and determine if motorcyclists are stopped disproportionately by law enforcement. This amendment was a joint effort by the Co-Chairmen of the House Motorcycle Caucus and was added just hours before the final bill was passed.

**Motorcyclist Advisory Council:** Congressman Mike Gallagher (WI-R) used the committee amendment process to re-establish the Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) and make needed changes. The MAC has existed for over a decade and allows federal policymakers, state highway officials, and motorcyclists to discuss the unique demands of riding a motorcycle and how roads, bridges, and other infrastructure can be built to better account for motorcyclists' needs.

Congressman Gallagher's addition to the bill creates dedicated seats at the table for motorcyclists' rights groups and manufacturers. It also requires a report every two years to be made to the Secretary of Transportation and Congress.

**Autonomous Vehicles:** During the committee process, Congressman Troy Balderson (OH-R) won protections for motorcyclists in the rollout of autonomous vehicle technology. The bill now includes specific language requiring that when the Department of Transportation conducts safety studies on autonomous vehicles, motorcycles must be considered as unique roadway users. Additionally, a newly formed working group on autonomous vehicles must include a motorcyclist safety group as part of its membership. As with the MAC, motorcyclists need a seat at the table when our safety and freedoms are being debated.

**Motorcyclist Safety Funds:** The bill, as first introduced, would increase the 405 safety funds made available to states for motorcyclist safety by \$1,473,285 for the next fiscal year with increases through 2025. This is an increase in the program of roughly 34% over current funding levels. Under this bill, the total amount available to states in the next fiscal year would be \$5,761,785.

## **HOUSE TRANSPORTATION BILL PASSES OUT OF COMMITTEE**

Yesterday was a GREAT day for the motorcycling community on Capitol Hill. The House Transportation and Infrastructure passed out of committee H.R. 2, the "Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act" or the "INVEST in America Act." This nearly 1,000-page bill includes four provisions that both protect motorcyclists and acknowledge our unique place in the transportation system. The legislation approved Thursday night would authorize highway, transit, and rail programs through fiscal year 2025.

Remember, this is just the first step in the Highway Bill Reauthorization process. The House of Representatives still need to take a final vote on the measure, and the Senate has yet to introduce their version of the bill. The House plans to bring this massive surface transportation bill to the floor for a vote on June 30, 2020. The deadline for Congress to act on a Highway Bill Reauthorization is September 30, 2020.

A special thanks to MRF members and SMRO's who called and emailed their representatives to support these amendments. These victories in Washington D.C. would not be possible without the grassroots efforts of our members around the country. Your voices matter,

and with your help, we can deliver more victories for motorcyclists.

The MRF would also like to thank our champions on the committee who worked during the hearing, and behind the scenes, to protect and advance the priorities of motorcyclists. While not an exhaustive list, the MRF would like to thank: Representatives Troy Balderson (OH-R), Sharice Davids (KS-D), Rodney Davis (IL-R), Pete DeFazio (OR-D), Mike Gallagher (WI-R), Sam Graves (MO-R), Jared Huffman (CA-D), Chris Pappas (NH-D), Donald Payne (NJ-D), Harley Rouda (CA-D), Pete Stauber (MN-R) and Don Young (AK-R).

Below is a brief summary of the bill and its amendments that address motorcyclists' issues.

**Autonomous Vehicles** - Congressman Troy Balderson (OH-R) introduced a two-part amendment focused on autonomous vehicles and motorcycles. The first part requires that when the Department of Transportation (DOT) conducts safety studies on autonomous vehicles, the unique profile and characteristics of motorcycles and riders must be included in any study.

The second part ensures that a motorcycle safety group is included in the DOT working group on autonomous vehicle deployment. Motorcyclists need a seat at the table, so that our voices are heard.

Speaking on the topic, Congressman Balderson said, "As a rider, I have a unique perspective on how transportation issues affect the everyday lives of Ohioans. Our nation's roads get us to where we need to go each day, yet they are crumbling at our feet. We need to make sure a broad infrastructure package addresses these needs and works for all Americans—not just some of us."

The Balderson Amendment #21 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY and is now part of the final bill.

**Checkpoints / Profiling** – The provisions passed in the "Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act" known as the "FAST Act" in 2015 regarding motorcycle-only checkpoints were not changed in this bill. This means that states and local governments will continue to be prohibited from using federal funds to establish motorcycle-only checkpoints. This federal provision complements the nearly 20 states who have outlawed motorcycle-only checkpoints.

In addition to retaining the prohibition on funding motorcycle-only checkpoints, Congressman Balderson offered an amendment that would prohibit using federal funds to profile and stop motorcycle operators or passengers using, as a factor, the apparel they are wearing or their mode of transportation. This amendment is consistent with our anti-profiling resolution and would be an acknowledgment by Congress that motorcyclists should not be profiled because of what they wear or ride.

The Balderson Amendment #25 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY and is now part of the final bill.

**Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC)** - Congressman Mike Gallagher (WI-R) introduced an amendment that would reestablish the Motorcyclist Advisory Council and create dedicated seats at the table for motorcycle rights groups and manufacturers. The MAC has existed for over a decade and allows federal policymakers, state highway officials and motorcyclists to discuss the unique demands of riding a motorcycle and how roads, bridges and other infrastructure can be built to better account for motorcyclists needs.

While speaking on behalf of his amendment, Congressman Gallagher said, "My amendment reauthorizes an important advisory council at DOT for the motorcycle community. Motorcycle usage has increased 25% since 2012 with nearly 9 million registered vehicles on the road. With this many motorcycles on the road, it is vital that this industry has a direct line of communication to the regulators."

The Gallagher Amendment #116 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY and is now part of the final bill. **Safety Funds** – The bill passed today by the House Transportation Committee would increase funds made available to states for motorcycle safety by \$1,488,285. This is an increase in the program of approximately 35% over current funding levels. Under this bill, the total amount available to states in the next fiscal year would be \$5,776,785.

MRF Vice President Jay Jackson commented, “Now more than ever, state rider education programs need this assistance to continue to offer quality programs to train motorcyclists.”

While we at the MRF are happy to see Congress increase the funding for state motorcycle programs, the increase in these funds only allocates approximately \$0.67 per motorcyclist in the country. This is a good first step, but motorcycle safety isn’t something we should skimp on. Motorcycle Riders Foundation

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**NCOM BIKER NEWSBYTES**

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**NCOM CONVENTION IN INDY -- BACK ON TRACK!**

The 35th annual NCOM Convention, originally scheduled for Mother’s Day weekend at the Marriott Indianapolis East (7202 East 21st Street in Indianapolis), is back on track, despite the COVID-19

pandemic forcing a postponement to October 16-17, 2020.

So, SAVE THE DATE and plan on attending one of the largest and most informative bikers’ rights gatherings in the world, expected to draw hundreds of concerned motorcyclists from across America to "Circle City" to address topics of concern to all riders.

Known worldwide for its “Indy 500”, it’s a little known fact that it was motorcycles that first lapped the Brickyard’s banked oval track when it opened in 1909, and it’s bikers who are still setting the pace for political activism over a century later.

Some of the motorcyclists’ rights movement’s finest Freedom Fighters will teach seminars and lead group discussions on legal and legislative issues such as “Protect Your Rights/ Probable Cause” and “Vulnerable Road Users Legislation To Protect Our Riders” seminars, with Special Meetings for Veterans Affairs, Women in Motorcycling, Clean & Sober Roundtable and World of Sport Bikes, as well as the Christian Unity Conference and Confederation of Clubs Patch Holders Meeting. Renowned EMT Dick “Slider” Gilmore will present his “Save a Biker’s Life” seminar on The Golden Hour, a must-see tutorial.

Registration fees for the NCOM Convention are \$85 including the Silver Spoke Awards Banquet on Saturday night, or \$50 for the Convention only. For more information, or to pre-register, call the National Coalition of Motorcyclists at (800) 525-5355 or visit [www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com).

Claim your spot in the starting lineup and reserve your hotel room now for the special NCOM rate of \$129 per night by calling (317) 352-9775, and we’ll meet you in the winners’ circle!

**‘INVEST IN AMERICA’ HIGHWAY BILL ADDRESSES MOTORCYCLISTS’ CONCERNS**

Congress moved to reauthorize the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), which expires on September 30, when House Democrats unveiled the INVEST in America Act (“Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America”), H.R.

2; a new 864-page \$494 billion long-term funding plan for the nation's surface transportation infrastructure like highways, vehicle safety and public transit.

Included by unanimous consent during markup of H.R. 2 by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on June 18 are three amendments offered to bolster previous tenets contained in the FAST Act of 2015; A provision to extend the prohibition against using federal funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints would also prohibit using federal funds to profile and stop motorcyclists based on of their mode of transportation or style of dress; An amendment to require the Department of Transportation to consider motorcycles in safety studies on autonomous vehicles and would also include a motorcycle safety group in the DOT working group on autonomous vehicle deployment; An extension of the Motorcyclist Advisory Council, including a seat on the council for motorcyclists' rights groups and manufacturers.

In addition, as originally introduced, the INVEST in America Act seeks to increase Motorcycle Safety Funds to states by 25%, to \$5.8 million.

**YET ANOTHER REASON TO RIDE!** Comments made by President Donald Trump during a recent roundtable meeting at the White House have prompted speculation that Americans might receive a domestic travel credit as part of a second round of stimulus payments.

On May 18, Trump met with restaurant executives to discuss the future of the industry amid the COVID-19 pandemic. During the meeting, Trump suggested a possible credit that could benefit the restaurant and travel industries, two of the hardest-hit by the Coronavirus.

"Create an 'Explore America' tax credit that Americans can use for domestic travel, including visits to restaurants," said President Trump, adding "That's a big deal."

While the President didn't mention any specified amount, U.S. tourism industry lobbyists have been circulating a proposal in Washington that would give people an extra \$4,000 in tax breaks to spend at U.S. theme parks, restaurants, hotels and other travel-related businesses, the Orlando Sentinel reports.

Details of the "Explore America" tax credit are still being finalized, according to the paper, but early drafts propose covering 50% of airfare and other travel costs up to \$4,000 through 2021.

#### **POST-COVID: MOTORCYCLES WILL BE THE LOGICAL CHOICE**

If we are to believe the so-called "experts," travelling will never be the same again. Even when the Coronavirus itself is under control, we have to take into account the risk of contamination or a new wave of the pandemic for a long time, if not forever. Already politicians and medical experts speak of a socially-distanced society in which we have to keep away from one another in the public space,

including public transport, schools, restaurants, et cetera.

"Assuming that we will be able to travel freely soon, there will probably, at least for a period of time, be limitations to our freedom," states the head of the Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA), "Not in distance or direction, but in the way we travel as a result of the need to keep distance from each other."

FEMA's General Secretary Dolf Willigers concludes that the capacity of public transport, buses, trains, airplanes and the such will be limited, and we will have to switch to more individual ways. At the same time, he notes that city councils allocate more road space to pedestrians and cyclists instead of cars and commercial vehicles. This calls for vehicles that are smaller than cars and trucks, so "for personal transport and partly for goods transport, pow-

ered two-wheelers (motorcycles, mopeds, e-bikes, etc.) will be the logical choice.”

Road authorities and city councils should keep the use of motorcycles possible and facilitate the use of them by keeping roads open for them, says Willigers in calling for the creation of dedicated parking spaces and safe charging infrastructure for electric powered two-wheelers (PTW). “The use of small individual motorized transport -- as powered two-wheelers are -- allow people to travel into the cities while maintaining the needed social distance and leaving room for pedestrians, cyclists and users of other kinds of micro-mobility.”

#### **RIDING WITH A MASK UNDER YOUR HELMET COULD LEAD TO BLACKOUTS**

As an ongoing part of the government's guidelines to combat the spread of the Coronavirus, face masks are recommended (and even required in some places) to be worn while out of our homes. However, one motorcycle-riding doctor has spoken out against wearing face masks under full-face and modular motorcycle helmets while riding, cautioning that the material used to filter out particles before they enter the lungs could cause riders to take on too little oxygen and potentially cause them to lose consciousness.

While riding a bike, adrenaline will begin circulating through the rider's body, elevating their heart rate and increasing the amount of oxygen the rider needs to take in. In circumstances such as this, the restrictive nature of a surgical type face mask could prevent the rider from taking on enough oxygen and potentially lead to the rider passing out.

“Surgical masks restrict your breathing,” explains Dr. Tommy Lim, a rider and surgeon, warning that this can be fatal at high speeds when your adrenaline kicks in. “Adrenaline will cause your heartbeat to double depending on your speed. This, in effect, will make you breathe faster and these masks will restrict your breathing and give your heart a hard time. Next, your brain will also suffer due to lack of oxygen until you blackout.”

#### **HARLEY-DAVIDSON TAKES A STAND AGAINST RACISM**

Harley-Davidson Motor Co. has made an unprecedented stand against racism and bigotry in the aftermath of the George Floyd protests, taking to social media to make the statement that racism has no place at the Milwaukee firm and that H-D stands shoulder to shoulder with those people protesting against racism and bigotry in any form.

America's most famous motorcycle maker recently posted on their Instagram page that; “Racism, hate or intolerance have no place at Harley-Davidson. We stand in solidarity with our Black colleagues and riders, as we condemn acts of racism and bigotry of any kind, and move forward together toward and equitable society for all. United we ride.”

#### **“BIKER GANGS RIDING TO SEATTLE TO FIGHT ANTIFA”**

In mid-June, “news” started circulating on social media platforms that the Hells Angels and Mongols were riding together “on their way” to Seattle, Washington, to scrap with Antifa, or anti-fascists, in the city's Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone (CHAZ), a so-called “cop free” area that was set up by protesters amid widespread rioting against police brutality and racial injustice.

This incendiary hoax was supported by little more than unfounded tweets and unrelated years old YouTube videos, but no evidence was ever provided to support this claim, and Sonny Barger of the Hells Angels has issued a statement refuting these rumors in a Facebook post on June 13, 2020, in which he wrote: “People have asked me about these fake articles involving the Hells Angels and another club going to face antifa. Stop, it's untrue and will never happen.”

In light of such fake news abuzz across the Internet, the National Coalition of Motorcy-

clists (NCOM) would like to invite all concerned motorcyclists to sign up for our free NCOM Biker Newsbytes, a trusted source you can turn to for fact-based reporting and current news items of interest to all riders. Simply send a "subscribe" e-mail to [NCOMBish@aol.com](mailto:NCOMBish@aol.com).

### **MISSOURI HELMET LAW ON VERGE OF REPEAL**

Once again, Missouri motorcyclists are hopeful for major changes to the state's mandatory helmet law after legislators recently approved a massive transportation bill that contains a provision that would allow most adults to ride without a helmet, but they must be at least 26 years old and have medical insurance and proof of financial responsibility. The state's Senate and House approved the legislative package; now it's up to the state's governor to give his final stamp of approval.

Representative Jared Taylor (R-Nixa) told Missouri.net that Governor Mike Parson (R) promised he'd sign the measure that is now sitting on his desk, but Parson's spokeswoman says while he has "indicated he is supportive of this issue, but like always, there will be a thorough bill review to see what else is in the bill."

The new rules also restrict police from pulling over helmetless riders to check if they have the required health insurance.

The motorcyclists' rights organization "Freedom of the Road Riders of Missouri" (FORR-MO) supports the repeal effort and has lobbied the perennial issue annually at the Capitol for more than 25 years, successfully getting a bill to their governor on multiple occasions since 1999.

At least three Missouri governors, including GOP Governor Parson, have vetoed helmet repeal legislation in the past. Governor Parson vetoed a broad bill in 2019 that included a helmet repeal, though the governor's objections were to a different part of that overall bill.

If Gov. Parson approves the current proposal, H.B. 1963, the changes will take effect August 28, 2020.

### **AUSTRIAN NOISE BAN WOULD EXCLUDE LEGALLY-SOLD NEW MOTORCYCLES**

Officials in Austria have enacted a ban on motorcycles that emit noise above 95dB on a popular scenic tourist route through the mountains of Tyrol, and several top-selling motorcycles will not be allowed to operate on more than 100 kilometers within the resort area.

The debate over noisy motorcycles has been brewing around the world, but now even bikes that pass strict Euro standards will be barred from the road, including brand new models from Kawasaki, Aprilia, BMW, Ducati and KTM, which all register noise levels just above the limit.

Frustratingly, the ban only covers motorcycles, while noisy cars are not included, but the law will give police the authority to carry out spot checks and hand down 220 euros (\$246 USD) in fines.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle."~ Sun Tzu (544-496 BC), Chinese Military Strategist, authored "The Art of War" *ABOUT AIM / NCOM: The National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM) is a nationwide motorcyclists rights organization serving over 2,000 NCOM Member Groups throughout the United States, with all services fully-funded through Aid to Injured Motorcyclist (AIM) Attorneys available in each state who donate a portion of their legal fees from motorcycle accidents back into the NCOM Network of Biker Services ([www.ON-A-BIKE.com](http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com) / 800-ON-A-BIKE)*

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## 2020-2021 PALM BEACH Chapter Officers



### ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter Minutes

The June meeting was on the 21st noon at the Anchor Inn 2412 Floral Rd. Lantana since the VFW has opened yet. 19 members were in attendance

**PRESIDENT** Curtis open with election nominations to see if we would still have a chapter. Members stood up and now we have a new executive board -

Snooze Ken Gerecke President Harold "Whistler" Walters VP  
Suzanne Seguin Treasurer Kelly Green Secretary

**VP** Snooze as Pro Temp VP took over as President and the meeting

**SECRETARY** since no meetings past three months, there were no minutes to approve. Kelly Green will take over next month

**TREASURER** Suzanne "SushiQ" Seguin continues in position. Need to increase our balance, membership drive would help.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS** "Quiet Dan" Shawback accepted the nomination. Petee Carrol will be his assistant.

**MEMBERSHIP** Suzanne "SushiQ" Seguin continues in position. Membership is a area we really need to work on for chapter strength and finances. Foxybabe offered to help Suzanne with reports and getting a renewal system working again. Maybe many members may not even know if they are up to date. Before the meeting Snooze and Slo Motion renewed. Nighthawk wasn't sure so he renewed also.

**LEGISLATIVE** Read Slo Motion's report on page 24. Kelly Green will take over.

**SAFETY** There have been no events to set up. Slo Mo couldn't get any one to take the position but did get a couple of helpers. Once things get to normal we will do more

tables and looking at other things than bike nights.

**DELEGATE** Snooze and Slo Mo reported on State meeting, see full report page 20. While anyone can attend state meetings and hopefully will to learn more, Kelly Green will replace Snooze and join Slo Mo as official Delegate. Sol Motion will be handling the State drawing tickets to assist Suzanne so you can get the At Large Life Member and gun drawing tickets from him. Snooze also has gun drawing tickets.

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**PR-WEB-NEWSLETTER** At this meeting we had the new June newsletters and the March ones that never were put out since the lockdown. The April newsletter was in a small number and left at Harley. All but one was taken so I got that one for the State archive. Kelly Green has experience with newsletters and wants to help with it.

**PRODUCTS** we haven't had anyone work products in awhile so Suzanne and Kelly want to get it going

**OLD BUSINESS** the only old business was elections and we got that solved

**NEW BUSINESS** Chapter voted to go with Doc's bid for the Lobbyist position

**GOOD OF THE ORDER** The July chapter will be July 19th. Location to be decided, if the VFW is still closed, we will meet again at the Anchor Inn. Check our Facebook and website for updates. If you like our Facebook you should get posts of its updates

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- To** print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.
- To** become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.
- To** provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.
- To** promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.
- To** promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.
- To** educate the public about motorcycle awareness.