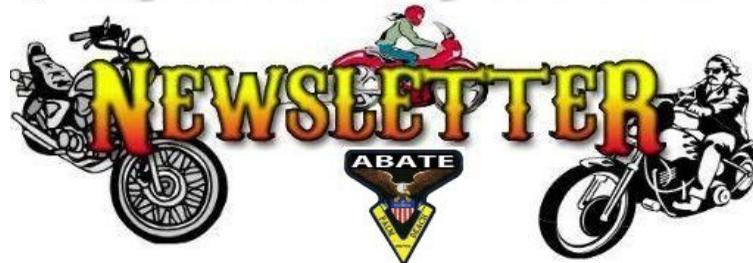


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President's Message

Ken Gerecke

November already ! Where did this year go ? Undaughterly the worst year I can remember. A lot of things were canceled or postponed making for a very dull year.

By the time you read this the 2020 election should be decided lets hope America made the right choice.

Unfortunately our state meeting in Pensacola was canceled due to a hurricane heading towards the gulf coast. I for one was very disappointed as I was looking forward to the ride up there. As a result I don't have as much information to share with you in this issue as usual.

Our monthly chapter meetings are now and for the foreseeable future at the Lakeside Anchor Inn 2412 Floral Rd. Lantana on the third Sunday of every month. We start at noon and usually last a hour or so.

Good news our new member applications have been updated you can now fill out your application (even online). On the application you can also fill out your beneficiary info for the 4,000 accidental death and dismemberment insurance.

Also the state has arranged with Coastal Insurance Company to offer our members up to a 10% discount on motorcycle insurance and 3,000 parts and accessories coverage. If you are interested call Doug Guido at 888 596-2453

We are currently working on our Facebook page so look for us on Facebook and help us get our message out there by liking our page tell your friends to check us out too !

Our next state meeting will be in Ocala and hosted by the Forest Chapter. If you have not attended a state meeting you should it is a great opportunity to see what your membership does for all motorcyclists in the state of Florida.

Ride Safe Ride Smart !!

SNOOZE

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UPCOMING Event Schedule

Sat. nights Fly n Wheels Open House

Tuesday Nov. 3 ELECTION DAY—VOTE

Nov. 5 to 8 Roscoe's Chili Challenge Lakeland

Friday Nov. 6 Black Piston's Open House

Friday Nov. 6 Brass Monkey Car and Bike Show Lake Worth

Saturday Nov. 7 Outcast MC Ride for Life and Celebration of Life

Outcast MC Palm Beach Annual 656 MLK Jr Blvd Riviera Beach

Friday Nov. 6th Hang Out Friday

Saturday 7th 10 am RIP Run—night Party and Celebration of Life for Q

Saturday Nov. 7 Heathens MC Annual

Saturday Nov. 7 Arcadia Bike Fest

Wednesday Nov. 11 VETERNS DAY

Friday Nov. 13 AOA WPB Open House

November 13 to 15 Leesburg Bikefest 2020 **CANCELED**

Saturday Nov. 14 USMV MC Chapter 1 Annual

3rd Sunday November 15 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. NOON

Our meeting will be in the dining room of Lakeside Anchor Inn 2412 Floral Rd, Lantana
West of I95 Hypoluxo exit, north on Eastview Dr to right on Floral Road

Friday Nov. 20 States MC Lake Worth Open House at new clubhouse

Friday Nov. 20 Outcast MC Hang Night 8pm 656 MLK Jr. Blvd Rivieria Bch

Saturday Nov. 21 Leathernecks MC Annual

Friday Nov.27 Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House

Waiting on bar opening Thurs. October 29 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM
Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

3rd Sunday December 18 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. NOON

Our meeting will be in the dining room of Lakeside Anchor Inn 2412 Floral Rd, Lantana

Trooper sideswipes motorcycle, tackles driver on Fla. Interstate

<https://www.wcax.com/2020/10/21/trooper-sideswipes-motorcycle-tackles-driver-on-fla-interstate/>

Since this news story was copyrighted so I can not print it, see the link for the Burlington VT report of a Delray Beach FL incident from local WPEC video. I had seen the video (but not the tackle) before but nothing on the story even though it was close to my home.

“Troopers appeared to chase a motorcyclist, while hundreds of other riders participated in what they call a “charity ride out.”

The video shows a bunch of off road vehicles (including ATVs). In the interview of a witness they edit in video of past stunt rides by other similar groups. So whether or not that was happening here is not clear. But the video of the trooper tackling the rider off his bike is extreme action, something the police seem to have way too much of these days. Usually the troopers are more relaxed that this in my experience. The story says the ride is ok and “unclear is facing any charges”

Slo Motion

Motorcycle Competition on Pikes Peak – Decision Postponed Until 2021

September 23, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb has announced that the decision of whether or not to include motorcycle competition in future years will be postponed until after the 2021 race.

In July of 2019, it was decided that in order to determine the long-term viability of the motorcycle program there would be no motorcycle competition offered in 2020. Race organizers planned to review all aspects of the event by gathering and analyzing data to determine the impact of the absence of the motorcycle program. However, the COVID pandemic forced changes to the race in 2020 resulting in a program that was far from the norm including a 60-day postponement, the loss of nearly all international competitors and, most importantly, the absence of spectators.

“While we had hoped to make a decision post-race in 2020, there were just too many variables this year,” explained Tom Osborne, Chairman. “We worked very hard to stage the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb this year in the midst of the pandemic so that the tradition of this famous race could continue and it wouldn’t be a fair assessment of motorcycle program viability to make that decision now.”

For a complete history of motorcycle racing on Pikes Peak, click [HERE](#).

<https://ppihc.org/motorcycle-competition-on-pikes-peak-decision-postponed-until-2021/>

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.

On a motorcycle at 17,000 feet in the Himalayas

Alec Loftus seeks adventure as he travels overseas. Posted: October 19, 2020

Alec Loftus had been thinking about doing some adventure travel writing.

He had the writing part down, having worked as deputy press secretary for former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick along with other communications jobs since graduating from University of Wisconsin–Madison in 2003.

What Loftus, 39, needed was an adventure.



Loftus stops on his motorcycle at Shinku La pass in India at an elevation of 16,850 feet. (Photo courtesy of Alec Loftus.)

Last month, halfway around the world, on a mountain pass more than 17,000 feet above sea level, he got it.

“I never thought I would do something like this,” Loftus said last week from India.

What he did — with little prior experience on a bike — was join a motorcycle club in the Indian region of Ladakh that was leaving on a six-day ride through the Zaskar Range of the Himalayan Mountains.

Loftus met the club director, a man named Cheetah, on Sept. 14 at a cafe called Coffee Culture in Leh, Ladakh’s capital city. They were embarking in two days, Cheetah said. A dozen or so

locals on bikes, with support vehicles carrying camping equipment and cooking supplies.

They would traverse high altitude passes — up to 17,500 feet — much of it off-road.

Loftus had no off-road experience. He looked at Cheetah.

“I’m in,” he said.

Loftus grew up in Sun Prairie, moving at age 12 to Oslo when his dad, former Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Tom Loftus, was named U.S. Ambassador to Norway, the country where Alec spent his teenage years.

“I think it planted the seed for what I’m doing now,” Loftus says. “I got the chance to go around Europe. I got the travel bug.”

After graduating from UW–Madison, Loftus worked in communications for some state agencies as well as the Democratic Party of Wisconsin.

He moved to Massachusetts with a girlfriend in 2009. When the relationship ended, “she left and I stayed,” Loftus says. He eventually signed on with Patrick: “A great governor. Good friend of Barack Obama. Leader on universal health care.”

Loftus then joined another Patrick administration alumnus who had launched a marketing firm. Loftus’ title was vice-president of communication and business development.

Loftus is blunt about what happened in December 2019.

“I burned out, quit, and decided now I’m going to travel.”

He’d saved his money, perhaps for just such an eventuality. But where to go? One of his college roommates in Madison was from India.

“He was telling me about this place, Goa; the parties on the beach,” Loftus says. “I remembered that. I also didn’t have any friends or family members who had ever been to India. I thought it would be a cool place to start.”

He arrived in Goa on Feb. 9, planning to spend a month or so in India, then travel on to Vietnam and points east.

In March, Loftus had checked into a hostel in Manali called the Orchard House when mask-wearing police entered and told the residents they had 24 hours to leave.

“It was lockdown due to coronavirus,” Loftus says. “But we had nowhere to go.”

He called the U.S. embassy, and it was arranged for the eight residents to stay at the hostel, under quarantine.

Loftus remained there for 72 days.

As the lockdown eased, he learned to ride a motorcycle and began biking with friends. Someone who knew the country mentioned that Ladakh was a motorcycle haven, adding that the virus would keep the crowds away.

Loftus flew to Leh, rented a motorcycle — a Royal Enfield Bullet 500 — met Cheetah and signed on for the high-altitude Himalayan expedition.

“It just sounded so amazing,” Loftus says. “I didn’t have the right experience or the right equipment, but I came here for adventure.”

What he discovered can be found in detail on his blog.

The club Loftus rode with is called LA Riders — “LA” being the local word for pass.

“They ride through the highest altitude passes,” he says. “I was the only foreigner crazy enough to sign on.”

Loftus lacked the proper waterproof gear and took a couple of days to get used to riding off-road, falling early while descending a sandy mountainside.

He was unhurt, and a biker named Captain Naveen gave him an off-road tutorial. “He said get out of first gear, use a higher gear and don’t use your brakes.”

Surf the sand, Captain Naveen said.

“They’re bikers but they’re also Tibetan Buddhists,” Loftus says of his companions. “Very warm. Some of the nicest people I’ve ever met.”

They ended up back in Leh — after reaching 17,582 feet — where Loftus looked to take a shower and start thinking about the next adventure.

It might be Vietnam. “Everyone says that’s the place to go.” Any plan won’t be rigid, Loftus says. He wants to stay nimble, open to experience.

“That’s what adventure should be,” he says.

Doug Moe is a Madison writer. Read his monthly column, Person of Interest, in Madison Magazine.

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Electric Off-Road Motorcycle Is The Start Of Something Big



YESTERDAY BY SEBASTIAN CENIZO

New company Volcon has some interesting plans.

We all know very well that electric vehicles are the way of the future, and when cars like the Tesla Model S continually push the limits of performance for road cars, we can't help but get excited about the possibilities. Electric trucks are on the way too, but we've never really thought about leisure vehicles like ATVs and off-road motorcycles. That's where Volcon Epowersports comes in. We've already seen a street bike from Harley-Davidson powered by electricity, but

what about something built to traverse trickier ground?

Volcon is touting itself as "the first all-electric, off-road powersports company" and was officially launched this week. The company aims to bring electric adventure vehicles to the mainstream public and is launching with an off-road electric motorcycle called the Grunt. Odd name aside, it looks like a pretty cool machine. Its 60-volt setup can be recharged in two hours from any household socket and the battery offers a useful 100 miles of range.

In terms of output, the company claims that the Grunt will offer 75 lb-ft of torque and up to 50 horsepower. Although that may not seem like much, this is a relatively light machine compared to a car. Thus, the Grunt will allow you to select variable power settings and allow you to alter throttle response so that flipping the bike or otherwise having a crash can be avoided.

Acceleration is brisk too, with the Grunt able to launch from 0-60 mph in an impressive six seconds flat. However, 60 mph is also the bike's rated top speed. On an off-road trail, that's more than enough. In addition, the Grunt is IP67 rated and waterproof. That means you can splash through mud and puddles without worry, but Volcon says its bike can even be ridden underwater. So what does it cost? Launch pricing is \$5,995 and can be reserved with a \$250 deposit that will allow for delivery in Spring 2021. Alternatively, you can place a \$150 deposit and receive a selection of Volcon apparel with your purchase. Stay tuned to CarBuzz as we await details on four-wheeled Stag and Beast models coming soon.

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Your Ultimate Motorcycle Road Trip Playlist

For long rides, the quality of a road trip playlist can be the difference between boredom and enthusiasm. A bad one will distract you from taking in the sites and enjoying the open road, and can even distract you from riding your best. Conversely, an awesome vibe in your headphones can keep the ride going as a free-flowing experience and will provide vivid memories for years. Exposing yourself to new music and rediscovering old classics can be a great way to build out your travel playlist. Even if you are set in one genre, or know that you actively will avoid others, we encourage you to see what your tastes look like when curated by our specialists. With that in mind, we've compiled a comprehensive group of motorcycle road trip playlists for you to download, interact with, and enjoy!

Top Road Trip Playlists to Listen to on Your Ride Qualifying the categories and songs for a list can be an intense and exhaustive process. While we are fans of all music, we understand having a focused playlist at times. We took the liberty of sorting out our most commonly tuned into genres from the master playlist:

FOR ROCK LOVERS The most diverse category on our ultimate playlist, you'll find artists like the Beach Boys, AC/DC, Queen, and Zeppelin peppered throughout this classic set. Nothing is quite like enjoying classic Americana in the form of music and motorcycles while taking in the grandeur of the landscape all around you.

We recommend rocking out to these as a desert road trip playlist. We promise you'll be nodding your head and replaying the hits while you enjoy a cold one later.

CLASSIC ROAD TRIP SONGS These classics are more of a mixed bag, but you know the hits we're talking about. Dirt Road Anthem, Californication, anything by Motley Crue (ok, maybe we're a bit biased here). Either way, you're bound to see some of your favorites that you can pick out and get you in the zone for the true treks.

Pro tip: Rate your favorite overall road trip song on the playlist so we can see who really jams out to what.

POP SONGS Ride like no one is watching, right? Ok, well maybe not, as we're all about safety and keeping eyes on the road, but there's nothing wrong with getting some top 40 going as you're cruising. We even put together the playlist for you, so if you stumble across your guilty pleasures like Despacito or One Republic, you can 'blame' us.

That's the great thing about listening to music while on a motorcycle road trip, though- you're in control of everything, including the jukebox. Also, if you want travel

pop songs, we're not here to judge, we're here to give you the best playlist possible.

COUNTRY ROADS The classic song and the genre as a whole are intrinsically tied to American road music. If you were going to compile a '100 best motorcycle riding songs' list, we would put our money on country songs occupying a great deal of those slots.

Whether you're into old-school country like Johnny Cash or Merle Haggard, or perhaps the new hybrid country like Florida Georgia Line, the playlist abides. There's something stoic and hopeful all at the same time about listening to a country ballad while crossing a land you know inspired it.

RAP AND MORE Sometimes you just want the music to bump while you get into the long stretches of highway. You can find your 80's and 90's rap like Ice Cube, Outkast, or Biggie, or newer stuff like Lil' Wayne, Eminem, or Lil' Nas X for the crossover.

Additionally, the playlist contains a decent amount of other alternative genres such as:

Electronica for a modern ride with the soundtrack to match.

Reggae if you're feeling the vibe of a relaxed road tripe Instrumentals and hymnals for when riding is a spiritual experience

There really is something for everyone. It's hard to create a playlist with over 1000 songs without getting a little outside of your comfort zone, and that's the point right?

This is another great chance to add something unique to the group list — maybe there's a local band you saw while on a road trip that everyone needs to know about; show them off by contributing!

Rock and Ride On With Law Tigers We've done our part to put together a vast playlist that should suit most of your music needs. This is because Law Tigers cares about riders like they're family. After all, we ride ourselves, which is how we came to specialize in accident and injury representation.

In this case, though, it's all about giving back to create a positive atmosphere during the ride. We want to know what your taste is like, so contribute to the playlist so we can all share. From there, it's open roads and good tunes. Site has a music player and you can add suggestions

<https://www.lawtigers.com/blog/your-ultimate-motorcycle-road-trip-playlist/>



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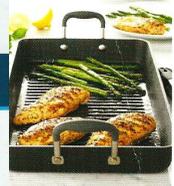
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DELEGATE REPORT

Nothing to report after getting this Sun, Oct 4, 8:52 PM
Hey Everyone, The October State Meeting this coming Saturday Oct 10th has been cancelled due to the tropical storm / hurricane that is expected to hit that area
Darrin "Scribe" Brooks State Vice President
State Legislative Trustee, ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Dec will have the rifle drawing, Products is having a big clearance sale. As always is good for our members to attend State meetings. This is only a 4 hour ride. I may just stay over Saturday as have to be back Sunday.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is slowly stepping into the video podcasting arena. We set up a YouTube channel called ABATE of Florida, Inc. and I will be posting our video podcasts to this channel and will also send out a link to the new videos as they come out.

To see the introduction video, please click on the link.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAY-IZCO5ms>

American Legion Post #268 send out this flyer for the Celebration of Life event for Denis Pepe Lessard. He had been an ABATE Palm Beach chapter member for some time. I'm not sure of his status at time of death but I think our chapter should attend to honor his memory and support Post 268 as they had done for us in past. Pepe was a good man. Slo Mo

Celebration of Life for Denis Pepe Lessard

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State Meeting

Saturday, December 12, 2020

Board Meeting @ 12:00 PM

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Held at the VFW Veterans' Village Pavilion

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WEEKLY EVENTS

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Once a Month Tues ????
2nd Tues Jupiter Moose Bike Night

Wed Bike Night with Gorilla Motors
TBA location

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

Last Wed ???Gatti's Garage Bike
Night 130 South H St Lake Worth

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

Last Thurs Turboz/Ralph's Bike
Night Jupiter When bars open

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

3rd Fri Outcast MC Hang Out
656 MLK Jr Blvd Riviera Bch 8PM

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

SUNDAY 2 PM Crazy Uncle Mike's
BBB 6450 N. Federal Hwy Boca

Black Pistons MC
WEST PALM BEACH
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8:00 pm - 11:00pm
Being held @ Clubhouse
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\$5 door donation
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No Guns
No Drugs
No Attitudes
EXCEPT OURS

West Palm Beach

Outlaws
Open House
Friday Second
Food, Drinks & Brotherhood
8pm - 11pm
\$5 door donation
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5720 Greenwood Ave.
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BPMC Clubhouse

No Guns No Drugs No Attitudes

3rd Friday 8 - 11 PM

STATES MC
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FLORIDA

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MUSIC BILLIARDS DARTS

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November 6th & 7th
Friday & Saturday

Stoney's Lifer Party Friday
Rip Run Saturday
10am
Party & Celebration of life
Saturday Night

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Saturday Night Happy Hour
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Includes Dinner
Chicken Parm Subs
Drink Specials
\$1 Fireball

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Lone Legion Brotherhood MC

Presents
TUESDAY NIGHT HAPPY HOUR
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Music

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exit north on
Eastview Dr. to
Floral Rd east .
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us. Meetings
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an hour
2020

3rd Sunday Nov. 15
3rd Sunday Dec. 20
2021

3rd Sunday Jan. 17
3rd Sunday Feb. 21
3rd Sunday Mar. 21
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3rd Sunday May 16
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3rd Sunday July 18
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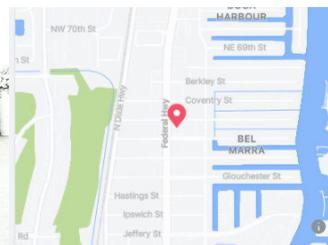
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11th-Wed Veterans Day
14th-Sat USMVMC CH 1 Annual
21st-Sat Leathernecks MC Annual
26th-Thurs Thanksgiving Day

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
25th-Fri Christmas Day

**Celebration of Life
for
Denis Pepe Lessard**
November 8, 2020 1pm to 5pm



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1 All Events subject to change	2	3 VOTE Election Day	4	5 Roscoe's Chili Challenge	6 Black Pistons Open House Roscoe's Chili Challenge Outcast MC Hang Out	7 Fly n Wheels Open House Roscoe's Chili Challenge Outcast MC RIP Ride/ Celebration of Life Q
8 Celebration of Life for Denis Pepe Leassard	9	10	11	12	13 AOA WPB Open House	14 Fly n Wheels Open House USMVMC Chap 1 Annual
15 ABATE PB Chapter Meeting	16	17	18	19	20 States LW Open House	21 Fly n Wheels Open House Leather- necks MC Annual
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29	30					

December 2020

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 : sidebars Underlined District # , names link in the online version.
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561-470-2086 Boca/Belle Glade

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D85 Rich Roth (R)
850-717-5085 Tallahassee
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D86 Matt Willhite (D)
850-717-5086 Tallahassee
561-791-4071(2) WPB

D87 David Silvers (D)
850-717-5085 Tallahassee
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D88 Al Jacquet (D)
850-717-5088 Tallahassee
561-650-6846 West Palm Bch

D89 Mike Caruso (R)
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561-750-2396 Boca Raton

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561-496-5940 Delray Beach

Well it is finally November and after Tuesday November 3 all the election ads will be done hopefully. I hope that everyone has done their research and VOTES. A great tool for that is the Official Sample Ballet . While it has all the candidates for your area, it also has minor offices and questions about keeping judges. Those I need to search to make a good decision. Another great addition is the Amendment issues which allows you to think about them ahead of time. Our ABATE State send out a summery of them which will be in this newsletter after the NSF reports on Page 25.

ADVANCES: WEEK OF OCT. 25, 2020

October 23, NSF Staff
TALLAHASSEE --- By now, Florida voters have probably had enough of the daily fistfuls of political mailers and endless loops of sinister TV ads.

Most people probably don't look at the fine print of who is putting out the messages trying to sway their votes. But even if they did, they often wouldn't be able to figure out who is paying for the mailers and ads.

That will change, at least to a certain extent, on Oct. 30. That is when a final avalanche of campaign-finance reports are due before the Nov. 3

Palm Beach County FL Senators

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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
561-292-6014 Boynton

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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

elections.

Candidates and most political committees have to regularly disclose finance information. But state political parties and some key committees tied to legislative leaders only face sporadic deadlines. And it just so happens that the parties and those key committees are responsible for heavy spending, particularly in state races.

Take, for example, the Florida Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, which is headed by incoming Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby. The committee, which works to elect Republican Senate candidates, raised nearly \$5.58 million and spent \$4.3 million between April 1 and Aug. 13 --- roughly the run-up to the August primary elections.

The committee has poured money into competitive Senate races this fall, but how much it has raised and spent and where the money came from has not been reported to the state Division of Elections. That will change Oct. 30 when the committee will have to disclose its financial information.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: EARLIER IS BETTER October 23, Jim Saunders

TALLAHASSEE --- Floridians are divided politically. Their lives have been upended for more than seven months by the COVID-19 pandemic.

But day after day, one thing is becoming increasingly clear: They want their votes to count in the Nov. 3 general election.

By mail and at early voting sites, more than 4.77 million Floridians --- roughly one in three registered voters --- had already cast ballots as of Friday morning. And that was 11 days before Election Day.

People were always going to vote this year. There's something about the name "Donald J. Trump" on the ballot that guaranteed turnout would be heavy. The past four years politically have been like something out of the Hatfields and McCoys.

But along with the deep-seated feelings that voters have about Trump and Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, the deluge of ballots already cast stems from factors such as worries about packed polling places during the pandemic and concerns about the integrity of the voting process.

Trump has stoked fears with frequent warnings about mail-in voting fraud in many states (though not in Florida) and that the election could be "rigged." Voters have also been peppered with information about foreign interference in elections, an issue that was heightened this week when federal officials accused Iran of sending threatening emails to voters and cautioned that Russia has collected voter information that could be used to interfere with the election.

The reaction of many voters seems to be to cast ballots as early as possible to try to head off any problems.

Supervisors of elections, legal analysts and voting-rights organizations are trying to assure voters that processes are in place for a smooth election, even if the results might not be known on Election Day because of the time it takes to tally ballots.

"Even though Trump has done his best to convince people that the system does not have integrity, I think most Americans truly believe that it does. It will work itself out, and we will have a president when it is over," Tallahassee attorney Barry Richard, who represented

Republican George W. Bush during the 2000 presidential recount in Florida, said this week. **A HAPPIER THANKSGIVING?** Gov. Ron DeSantis, like his political ally Trump, has emphasized a need to reopen the state and return a sense of normalcy during the pandemic. As part of that, DeSantis this week announced plans to expand visitation at nursing homes and assisted living facilities. For example, the state will allow outdoor visitation, regardless of whether the facilities have COVID-19 infections.

Florida barred visitors to nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the spring to try to prevent spread of the deadly virus. But the DeSantis administration on Sept. 1 issued an executive order authorizing visitation to resume and providing broad guidelines that nursing facilities were required to follow. The announcement this week will change the guidelines to allow expanded visitation.

During an appearance Thursday in Fort Myers, DeSantis reiterated his view that it is important for residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities to have visits from family members.

“I think the families have just universally been very, very happy with being able to be reunited with their loved ones,” DeSantis said. “And I hear people say, ‘Oh, well, you know, you shouldn’t have Thanksgiving this year.’ ... And I’m just thinking to myself, you know, shouldn’t individuals be in the position to be able to make those determinations? And if a family is in a situation where they are behaving in a safe way and the facilities are doing what they need to do, we need to be able to have family connections. This is very, very important.”

STORY OF THE WEEK: Millions of Floridians have already voted by mail or at early voting sites in advance of the Nov. 3 general election.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “The prejudice to the state, in turn, is self-evident. The 2020 General Election is underway with voting concluding --- not beginning --- in early November. Across the state, elections officials have enlisted platoons of individuals to ensure that, during a year presenting unique challenges, Floridians have the opportunity to cast their ballots safely and effectively. Millions of ballots have been cast and canvassed. The stakes are at their apex, and the room for error is at its nadir.” --- Attorneys for Secretary of State Laurel Lee in a brief objecting to a last-minute legal attempt to kill a proposed constitutional amendment that would revamp the state’s primary-election system.

ADVANCES: WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2020 October 16, NSF Staff

TALLAHASSEE --- More than 2.2 million ballots have been cast in the Nov. 3 election before Floridians even walk into polling places.

But that is about to change Monday, when counties in many parts of the state open early voting sites.

Florida has seen an unprecedented number of people voting by mail in recent weeks, fueled by factors such as the coronavirus pandemic and the intense interest in the race between President Donald Trump and Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden.

Most of the state’s 14.4 million registered voters, however, have not cast ballots. And that means the number of people going to early voting sites will be closely

watched during the next two weeks.

Democrats have far outdistanced Republicans in mail-in voting. But will the GOP make up ground at early voting sites before Election Day? And how will the parties try to turn out their loyalists?

All counties are required to offer early voting from Oct. 24 to Oct. 31. But they have the option to start as soon as Monday. Also, they can choose to extend early voting to Nov. 1.

And for Floridians who don't vote by mail or vote early, there's always the old-fashioned way: Show up on Election Day.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: ALL EYES ON FLORIDA October 16, 2020 Dara Kam
TALLAHASSEE --- Location, location, location.

Florida was the epicenter of the political universe this week, as President Donald Trump, Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden and their surrogates crisscrossed the state.

The Republican president made the Sunshine State the stage for his campaign re-debut after being sidelined by COVID-19, appearing Monday in Sanford.

Trump, who four years ago defeated Hillary Clinton in Florida by nearly 113,000 votes, held a fundraiser in Doral on Thursday before appearing at a televised event that was a substitute for what was supposed to have been a second debate with Biden.

NBC hosted Trump's hastily arranged town hall in Miami at the same time Biden held a town hall in Philadelphia. The dueling Q-and-A sessions came after Trump refused to take part in a virtual debate with Biden, which debate planners ordered after the president contracted the coronavirus.

Trump was capping the work week with campaign stops Friday in Ocala and Fort Myers, following Florida visits by Vice President Mike Pence, Pence's wife, Karen, and Trump's sons Eric and Don Jr.

Biden and his team aren't giving the state short shrift, either. The former vice president met with supporters in Broward County on Tuesday. His wife, Jill, was swinging through Central Florida on Friday. And Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez stumped in South Florida, urging Black and Hispanic voters to cast their ballots for Biden.

Florida, with 29 electoral votes, is always in the crosshairs in a general election. But the focus on Florida in this year's race between the two starkly contrasting candidates is intense, with recent polls showing Biden and Trump running neck-and-neck in a state Democrats and Republicans consider crucial for a White House victory.

Meanwhile, nearly 2.3 million Floridians already had cast mail-in ballots as of Friday morning. Early voting sites will open in 52 of the state's 67 counties on Monday. And the spotlight on the Sunshine State won't dim until all the ballots have been cast and counted.

RED? BLUE? PURPLE? After last week's deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 3 election, Republicans narrowed Democrats' advantage among the state's 14.4 million registered voters.

In all, 14,441,869 Floridians were registered before a "book closing" deadline, including 5,303,254 Democrats and 5,169,012 Republicans. Another 3,753,286 Floridians are registered without ties to any political party.

Emma Vaughn, Florida spokeswoman for Trump's campaign, called the updated numbers "proof of Florida's enthusiasm for President Trump and Republicans."

"Democrats just can't compete with that type of passion and Trump Victory's superior ground game and infrastructure," Vaughn added in a text.

Carlie Waibel, Florida spokeswoman for Biden's campaign, countered by pointing to Democrats' "overwhelming" vote-by-mail lead, as well as record turnout in the August primaries.

"Democrats are leading in the metrics that will determine this election and returning their ballots at a higher rate than Republicans --- and we aren't letting up," Waibel said in an email.

The overall number of registered voters is up 550,499 from the August primaries and is nearly 1.58 million more than were registered to vote in the 2016 presidential contest, when votes were cast by 9.58 million Floridians --- 74.5 percent of the then-registered voters.

Four years ago, Democrats accounted for 37.9 percent of the registered voters, while 35.4 percent were Republicans and 24.02 percent were independents.

In the new count, Democrats make up 36.7 percent of the voters, Republicans are at 35.8 percent and independents account for nearly 26 percent. The remainder are voters registered with third parties.

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE With an unprecedented number of voters opting to cast ballots by mail in Florida and throughout the nation, elections officials are urging patience in what some experts say should be viewed as "election season" rather than Election Day.

"Our focus is on getting this right, not getting it done as fast as possible to satisfy all the voices out there clamoring for instantaneous results. You can't have perfection instantaneously," Leon County Supervisor of Elections Mark Earley told reporters Monday during a video conference hosted by Common Cause Florida.

Supervisors and public-interest groups are trying to spread the word that it could take days for elections officials to get a final tally in the battle between Trump and Biden.

The push to educate the public about the time involved in the tabulation of mail-in ballots comes as the Republican president has repeatedly demanded that a winner of the Nov. 3 election be determined by the end of Election Day.

In Florida, elections officials are allowed to begin processing mail-in ballots weeks before Election Day. But in some states, the ballots can't be counted until the

day of the election.

This year's exponential number of mail-in ballots --- including in some states that have initiated vote-by-mail procedures for the first time in response to the COVID-19 pandemic --- could result in an extended ballot-counting period, experts say.

Uncertainty about the outcome of the Trump-Biden race by the end of Election Day is OK, they emphasized.

The Florida elections supervisors pointed out that their unofficial tallies do not have to be submitted to state officials until noon Saturday, Nov. 7. After Election Day, officials have to scrutinize provisional ballots, ballots of voters who had an opportunity to "cure" mismatched signatures, and verify precinct-level results.

"It's a long, intensive process," Earley said. "Tabulation is not a horse race. It's not suddenly, this person's ahead and this person's behind and it switches and, OK, there's another lead change. Nothing's changed. ... The results are all in. We just have to figure out what they are."

STORY OF THE WEEK: President Donald Trump, Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden and their surrogates flooded the Sunshine State, as Floridians cast mail-in ballots and as early voting begins on Monday.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We need to give all of us a little bit of time. We want to ensure that everything we produce, everything that we publish is 100 percent accurate. We do not have the opportunity to be wrong." Marion County Supervisor of Elections Wesley Wilcox, saying the results of the Nov. 3 election may not be finalized for days.

Florida Amendment 1, Citizen Requirement for Voting Initiative

- A "yes" vote supports amending the Florida Constitution to state that "**only a citizen**" of the U.S. who is 18 years old or older can vote in Florida.
- A "no" vote opposes amending the Florida Constitution, thus keeping the existing language that says "**every citizen**" of the U.S. who is 18 years old or older can vote in Florida.

Florida Amendment 2, \$15 Minimum Wage Initiative (2020)

- A "yes" vote supports the initiative to increase the state's minimum wage incrementally until reaching \$15 per hour in September 2026.
- A "no" vote opposes the initiative to increase the state's minimum wage incrementally until reaching \$15 in September 2026, thereby keeping the existing minimum wage of \$8.56 per hour as of 2020 and adjusted annually.

Amendment 2 would increase the state minimum wage from \$8.56 in 2020 to \$15.00 in 2026. Under Amendment 2, the state minimum wage would increase each year \$1 beginning on September 30, 2027, there would be an annual adjustment to the state min-

imum wage based on increases to the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W).

Florida Amendment 3, Top-Two Open Primaries for State Offices Initiative (2020)

- A "yes" vote supports establishing a top-two open primary system for primary elections for state legislators, the governor, and cabinet (attorney general, chief financial officer, and commissioner of agriculture) in Florida.
- A "no" vote opposes establishing a top-two open primary system for primary elections, thereby leaving in place Florida's current system where closed primaries are held by each party.

Amendment 3 would change Florida's primary elections for state legislators, the governor and lieutenant governor, and elected cabinet members (Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and Chief Financial Officer) from a closed election to a top-two open primary.

Currently, in Florida, primaries are closed, meaning a voter must be registered with a political party in order to participate in that party's primary election. Winners of a partisan primary election advance to the general election.

Amendment 3 would replace closed primaries with top-two primaries in which all candidates would be placed on one ballot regardless of political affiliation and the top two candidates with the most votes would advance to the general election. A candidate's party affiliation may appear on the ballot as provided by law. The primaries would also be open, meaning any registered voter, regardless of their political affiliation, could vote in the primary election.

Under Amendment 3, in cases where only two candidates qualify for the primary election, the primary would be canceled and the election winner would be decided in the general election. If approved by 60% of voters at the 2020 general election, the top-two open primary system would be used beginning in 2024

Florida Amendment 4, Require Constitutional Amendments to be Passed Twice Initiative (2020)

- A "yes" vote supports requiring voter-approved constitutional amendments to be approved by voters at a second general election to become effective.
- A "no" vote opposes requiring voter-approved constitutional amendments to be approved by voters at a second general election to become effective.

Florida Amendment 5, Extend "Save Our Homes" Portability Period Amendment (2020)

- A "yes" vote supports extending the period during which a person may transfer Save Our Homes benefits to a new homestead property from two years to three years.
- A "no" vote opposes extending the period during which a person may transfer Save Our Homes benefits to a new homestead property from two years to three years.

Currently, if a person moves to a new home, they have two years to transfer their "Save Our Homes" benefit to have the new home assessed "at less than just value." The amendment would increase that time period to three years rather than two.

The Florida Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) determined that approval of the amendment would reduce local property taxes by \$1.8 million beginning in fiscal year 2021-22 and would eventually grow to a \$10.2 million reduction annually

Florida Amendment 6, Homestead Property Tax Discount for Spouses of Deceased Veterans Amendment (2020)

- A "yes" vote supports allowing a homestead property tax discount to be transferred to the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran.
- A "no" vote opposes allowing a homestead property tax discount to be transferred to the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran.

This amendment would allow a homestead property tax discount to be transferred to the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran. The discount would be in effect until the spouse remarries, sells, or otherwise disposes of the property. If the spouse sells the property and does not remarry, the spouse's new primary residence may receive a homestead tax discount not exceeding the dollar amount from the most recent ad valorem tax roll. The amendment would take effect January 1, 2021.

Currently, the homestead property tax discount for veterans expires upon their death and is not extended to their spouses.



A PERSONAL MESSAGE ON THE OPIOID CRISIS

Did you know that 1-in-2 Americans know someone who has been affected by opioid addiction? For me, combating the opioid crisis facing our country and community is personal.

When I woke up at Walter Reed after being injured in Afghanistan, I found myself on about 20 different drugs I never imagined being on before. It didn't take long for me to realize that my toughest challenge was not the pain of my injury, but rather ending my reliance on the opioids I took to manage the pain.

Thankfully, with the support of my family and those around me, I was able to get off those prescription drugs. I know that this is not an easy thing to accomplish, which is why I've worked hard in Congress to help pass nearly 50 bills to combat the opioid epidemic.

But there is still more work to be done, and I won't stop fighting until we turn the tide in our fight against opioids. Check out this [new video](#) to learn more about our efforts to combat the opioid crisis:

Visit mast.house.gov/opioids to learn more about my fight to end the opioid epidemic, and how you can get help if you're struggling with addiction.

The International Motorcycle Show Heads Outdoors For 2021

The outdoors opens up the opportunities for the previously indoor event.
By Serena Bleeker September 30, 2020

As the global pandemic and government regulations continue to call for restaurant owners, shop managers, and events teams to adapt on a seemingly weekly basis, one generally accepted solution has been to take things outside. Like many businesses, the International Motorcycle Show (IMS), an event that connects powersport brands with enthusiasts and buyers, is following that model by changing its normal convention-center setting to the outdoors.

IMS SVP Tracy Harris announced that this latest adaptation is the “biggest evolution” of the event and will open up opportunities for attendees to participate in more demo rides, both dirt and road, as well as further allow for ebikes and emobility vehicles to play a “stronger role.” IMS Marketing Manager Meredith Loza elaborated that ebikes and emobility will have both an increased OEM presence as well as more demos as part of the “Discover the Ride” segment. IMS will also “reach out to those communities of people who are enthusiasts of micro-mobility or electrics to drive more new customers into the events and therefore into riding motorcycles,” she continued.

In addition to showcasing the latest motorcycles, scooters, ATVs, gear, aftermarket accessories, and previously mentioned ebikes, IMS will also feature overland and RV products to expand the “Adventure Out” segment and “thus welcoming potential and qualified riders into the industry,” the press release reports.

Now, the number of motorcycle OEMs have not been solidified as of this report, but IMS did say that should be determined within the next 40–60 days. As they have in past IMS events, attendance from OEMs, aftermarket, and small space vendors will make up the event’s layout.

IMS seems to have a lot of good things coming that make this a family friendly show as well. It will continue to have the kid zone with a children’s track, as well as an expansion on the preteen segment with motorcycles that fit that age group’s sizes. It has also relayed that it will be continuing the women-only track time on the “Discover the Ride” course, which IMS said was a successful component to previous shows. Loza stated that it will have a “festival vibe” with concerts by local bands, entertainment (such as custom and vintage bike shows), and riding demos for many different types of vehicles (on- and off-road, electric- and gas-powered, and two- and four-wheelers). The show said it is looking into organizing group rides to the event locations as well. These updates will help round out this revised industry get-together.

Locations and dates have not been determined, but the team did give us an idea that in order to avoid any adverse weather conditions at the locations, they aim to hold the events between the months of May and September 2021 in a number of cities across the US. The schedule will be released early December, so be ready to block out some three-day weekends as IMS said, for now, the events will be held during Friday-Sunday time frames. Ticket pricing is yet to be determined.

<https://www.cycleworld.com/story/bikes/international-motorcycle-show-heads-outdoors-for-2021/>

Here's The Story Behind The Motorcycles From Mad Max: Fury Road

The motorcycles Frankensteined for the film are daringly imaginative and every bit as screen-worthy as their four-wheeled counterparts. **BY ANNE CAVACIUTI**



Any citation of Mad Max: Fury Road will instantly conjure fantastical visions of monstrous, steroid-addled mega-trucks and psychedelically outrageous, hyper-modified cars speeding through the otherworldly terrain of the Namibian desert. But the motorcycles in the movie deserve a little more love—after all, biking has always been at the heart of the Mad Max franchise.

The original low-budget film from 1979 was in many ways a take on the outlaw-biker genre, and one of the most famous characters in that scrappy first iteration of Mad Max was, in fact, a motorcycle: the iconic 1977 Kawasaki KZ1000 (dubbed the “Kwaka Interceptor”), gorgeously modified by Melbourne’s erstwhile La Parisienne shop to resemble an apocalyptic version of a 1970s Bol D’Or racer, ridden by motorcycle cop Jim Goose. (Bike-gang leader Toecutter also drove a tuned-up Kawasaki in the film—director George Miller managed to get about a dozen of them donated to the production.)

The cars of the franchise might have taken center stage in part because they’re so closely identified with Mad Max himself, who was almost always car-bound in each iteration of the film. But 2015’s Mad Max: Fury Road, in what was perhaps a salute to the biker-gang spirit of the original, would change all that, putting Max astride a deliriously customized 2010 Yamaha R1. And let’s not forget Imperator Furiosa, Charlize Theron’s character, who, as viewers can tell from her always-present motorcycle boots, is clearly a badass biker chick at heart, and even teams up with the feminist collective/matriarchal motorcycle gang, the Vulvanis. In Fury Road, Imperator Furiosa gets to take a break from manning her ferocious War Rig and spend some time on a diabolical BMW two-wheeler.

“Make it cool or I’ll kill you,” Miller famously told production designer Colin Gibson when charging him with dreaming up the vehicles for Fury Road. That Gibson lived to tell the tale says it all: the motorcycles he Frankensteined for the film are daringly imaginative and every bit as screen-worthy as their four-wheeled counterparts.

The Rock Riders And Their Rockin’ Road Bikes



As Mad Max flees Immortan Joe and Imperator Furiosa leads the villain’s wives to liberation, they must dart and dodge over a dune and through a canyon to outmaneuver the dastardly Rock Riders maniacally spinning around them on souped-up Yamaha YZ250Fs and Gas Gas TX250s. Each bike was specifically styled to give it its own unique, Bedouin-like character, thus creating an eclectic crew of truly awesome road and dirt bikes ready to conquer the sands of Namibia. Production designer Gibson led his team on stripping down

the original motorcycles' frames, chipping away at their paint jobs to give an edgy, punk-rock raw-steel shine, and Frankensteining the bikes' bodies back together again using parts scavenged from other vehicles, and even some random household items, to create a one-of-a-kind, idiosyncratic look.

But the trick here is that these Fury Road motorcycles didn't just need to look good—they needed to perform like a dream since director Miller had flown in an entire fleet of world-champion Australian motorcyclists to do their own stunts. The Rock Riders were inspired by mountain goats, stunt coordinator Guy Norris (who actually broke his femur during filming for the movie!) told Rolling Stone, so all those trick and Motocross riders worked for months under the patient eye of stunt master Stephen Gall to practice leaping and spinning over the dunes, all while throwing weapons, in intricate patterns, just like a herd of nimble, gravity-defying mountain goats.



Max's Madly Modified 2010 Yamaha R1

A heavily disguised 2010 Yamaha R1 first appears in *Mad Max: Fury Road* when a nomadic desert woman of the Vuvalini tribe is spotted steering it through the dunes; she ends up gifting it to Max, and in later scenes, the R1 reappears as part of the fleet backing up Imperator Furiosa's War Rig.

Bike stunt director Stephen Gall said in a promotional

YouTube interview that this was his very favorite bike to ride onset, of the more than 42 bikes total used for filming (the majority of which came from Yamaha), calling it even more thrilling than some of the cycles he's toured in Motocross events. Revving the bike's 160hp engine in the sand, "it will drift and slide unbelievably," he says, "so, as far as an exciting beast, this is it." The *Mad Max* motorcycle was heavily modified, of course, though most of those changes were cosmetic: the driver's seat and rear passenger seat were replaced with horse saddles, in a reference to the Vuvalini tribe's horse-faring past, and the bike was also given an intricate custom paint job to evoke mysterious tribal insignias. In the back, a 22-inch swing arm was added to give the Yamaha a desert-bike look, and the exhaust system was also extended (again, just to dramatize the look of the machine, not to enhance performance.) For even further special effects, head mechanic Matt Bromley designed stainless-steel, paddle-like scoops that he affixed to the rear tire, which would send sensational plumes of sand soaring behind the motorcycle as Max plowed through the exotic desert landscape. As for actual performance enhancements, the motorcycle's suspension and linkage were heavily fortified—it needed to be extra strong, Gall says, since the stunt bike was used for jumping—and a stand was added to the front wheel to keep it sturdy in the shifting sands.

Anywhere from two to five different 2010, Yamaha R1s were crafted for filming. The so-called Vuvalini Bike #2 was used for closeups and made it through production unscathed, even appearing at various post-production publicity events. The Vuvalini Bike #2A, on the other hand, was used for stunts, and wouldn't survive the death-defying feats demanded of it. Fun fact: actor Tom Hardy never actually rode the Yamaha in his

role as Max—he didn't know how to ride a motorcycle!

Imperator Furiosa's Monster-Mashed BMW R80



Designer Gibson's vision for Imperator Furiosa's cycle was that of a spare, scrappy bobber, Gall told Australian Motorcycle News, and he chose for the job a BMW R80 (appropriately enough, a close relative of that iconic off-roading bike from the '80s that BMW touted as the world's first adventure bike, which made its notorious mark in the Paris-Dakar rallies). This model was a "flat-twin with a rigid rear-end and semi-chopper front end,"

Gall says; some viewers have surmised the original Beemer was actually mashed up with an R69 frame for Fury Road. The exposed original airhead motor, however, firmly identifies the bike as an R80. Mechanic Bromley came to the rescue yet again here by adding skis to the front,

<https://www.hotcars.com/mad-max-motorcycles-real-story/>

ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter Minutes

10/18/20 Meeting start Noon lakeside Anchor Inn 17 members 1 guest

President: We are raising funds for costs associated with the incident a few years ago, so if anyone wants to donate we have a separate fund for that.

Vice President: Participation in the meetings have been better. We need some volunteers for the event in December. It will be on December 13 at the Anchor Inn which is tentatively that's the day of the toy run.

Secretary: Approve the minutes for last month. If you're a current member and need to update your beneficiary forms please hand them in so we can get them updated with the state.

Membership: Last month we had 4 renewed members and sending out forms to members that have lapsed during the time that we weren't having meetings.

Sgt Arms: Could use volunteers for parking, which means putting out cones or keeping track of traffic flow for the event. Also need volunteers to work security for the event.

Safety: Not much going on, but places are slowly starting to open up. Let Slo Mo know about events that are happening and bars that are starting to open up. Needs everyone to help be eyes and ears so that we can get out there more.

Delegate Report: State meeting for October didn't happen because of the hurricane. Don't yet have a flyer for the next meeting, but it's going to be December 12th. It will be in Ocala.

Legislative: You should look at your sample ballot and look at the constitutional amendments. There is one on requirements to vote, minimum wage and one on open primaries. So, these are important, make sure you read and you are educated to vote. You can start voting early now. Maria Sass has always been on the side of Abate. But you need to look at who is in your area.

Public Relations – Working on posting more on social media. If you have pictures of you and your bike, or you go out riding send them to Slo Mo, Kelly or Suzanne and they can post them. Once we get the approval on the event flyer, we will be sending that around and probably some other graphics about next month’s meeting and the event.

Products: Got patches, hats, t-shirts, tank tops. \$10 sale on these old styles. Working on getting new Abate support shirts and a new one with the patch logo on it.

Old Business: Event will be December 13th. We are working to get everything approved by state as far as insurance and will let you know when we can start handing out flyers. We need volunteers to help out.

New Business: None

Good Order: Tony won’t be at Harley Davidson anymore. If you need him contact him some other way. First Friday of next month Brass Monkey will be having their bike and car show. Meeting adjourned at 12:49pm Next meeting will be November 15. We need to collect all tickets and money for the rifle drawing before the December State Meeting when the drawing will take place. **So November will be a great place to purchase your chances.**

**Abate of Florida, Inc.
Christmas Drawing**

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

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\$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 Fl. Inc. yearly does drawing as a fund raiser. 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.

This year there is a second drawing for a At Large Life Mem-

bership. 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.

Price \$ 5.00	ABATE of Florida Inc. Supporting Motorcycle Rights		NON TRANSFERABLE	AT LARGE LIFE MEMBERSHIP
	Drawing			
February 13,2021 State Meeting				

WHY JOIN ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.?

ABATE is a non-profit Motorcycle Rights Organization whose cause is to EDUCATE the government, motorcyclists and the general public on freedom, rights, road safety, and awareness of motorcycles on the road.

REQUIREMENTS—must be at least 18 years of age. It does not matter what you own or even if you ride. You can be an independent or member of a club or association. All are welcome at meetings.

JOIN FOR THE CAUSE. Everything is voluntary, we understand work and family comes first. We hope you can help in any small way, vote and spread the word.

BENEFITS Your money is used to provide a lobbyist to the state and federal government to watch for our rights and freedom. The State *MasterLink* newsletter every 2 months read it online. The chapter newsletter is available by the start of each month online at palmbeach.abateflorida.com. There it is in color, with active Internet links and zoomable. Members get free classified ads in our newsletters.

INSURANCE As an active member you have a \$4,000 **Accidental Death and Dismemberment** policy from American Income Life. We used to get a card in the mail from state office to register your beneficiary for ADD insurance. Be sure your family knows about the policy. We have the form online and now included in membership form. We will get it to the ABATE of FL Inc. State office. It does not have to be a motorcycle accident.

Be sure to renew in time so are always covered!

MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE The State has arranged with Coastal Insurance Company to offer members up to 10% discount and \$3000 parts and accessories coverage. They are at 190 Hwy A1A Suite, Satellite Beach FL. Agent Doug Guido's phone is 888-596-2453. So these are two more options to compare with your company

PRIVACY Your email, address and phone are never given out to anyone except State/Chapter executive board.

EMAILINGS you can be added to a mass mailing which you can opt to be removed at end of email. Local events are included and sometimes urgent matters may be included. No one will see your email Postings are on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AbatePalmBeachChapter>

PHONE TEXT another way to communicate with members. Your phone number may be added to our text alert system To change or add the chapter email is palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com Our website is palmbeach.abateflorida.com

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Another benefit of chapter membership in ABATE of FL Palm Beach is having a free business card in newsletter and free newsletter classified for items to sell or acquire. Support your brothers and sisters when possible, Besides a \$4,000 ADD insurance policy, we are looking into other benefits for members. We are always in need of more paid advertisers so find any business to benefit from our low rates and support our newsletter and chapter.

A.D.D. INSURANCE POLICY UPDATE

We all realize the \$4,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance policy is one of the best benefits of being an ABATE member. That is one reason to keep your membership up to date. You MUST name someone to get the money in case of death to prevent taxes and being in probate court. contact ABATE of FL. main office and

STATE OFFICE: ABATE OF Florida, Inc. PO Box 2520, Deland, FL 32721-2520

Phone: (386) 943-9610 Fax: same Email: flabate@bellsouth.net

Get your card at chapter meeting or our table at events. **Keep membership up to date for the insurance**



ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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

Membership per person Fill out form, print, sign, and attach your check or money order and mail to: ABATE Palm Beach Chapter PO Box 530944 Lake Park FL 33403

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

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

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

First : _____ Last : _____ Road Name : _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip (full): _____ - _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Text notification Yes No Email for News Alerts _____

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

How can you best help ABATE? Time, Labor, Money, Other _____

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

palmbeach.abateflorida.com/newsletters

MEMBERSHIP FEE \$ _____ Patch: Small \$25 # ___ Large \$45 # ___

Total Money Paid \$ _____

SIGNATURE _____ Date: _____

MEMBERSHIP CARD / PATCHES BEST BE PICKED UP AT CHAPTER MEETINGS (on the third Sunday of Month usually)

CHAPTER USE: Membership Card Received ___ Mailed ___

Paid by: Cash ___ Check # _____ Money Order ___ Charge _____

Fill out for ABATE of FL Inc, \$4000 AD&D Benefit Card for CURRENT Members

Member First Name _____ Middle _____ LAST _____

ADDRESS _____ City _____ State ___ ZIP _____

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Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting 3rd Sunday November 15 , 2020 Noon

Chapter meetings 3rd Sunday NOON Lakeside Anchor Inn dining room. 2412
Floral Rd, Lantana west of I95 Hypoluxo exit north on Eastview Dr. to Floral
Rd east . Open to ALL so come learn about us. Meetings usually less than an
hour. Board meeting at 11:30

GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.

To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.

To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.