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President's Message

Ken Gerecke

Well this terrible year of 2020 is almost over, let's hope next year is a better one.

Abate of Florida is slowly stepping into the video podcasting arena. We set up a YouTube channel called Abate of Florida, inc.

Did you know when you become a member of Abate of Florida you are helping make a difference in our mission to protect your right to ride? As well as when and where you may ride, and what type of apparel you wear when you ride your motorcycle. Make no mistake there will always be those who see our love for motorcycling as a negative and will try to control or prohibit motorcycle use. This is why we have at our state level we have a paid registered lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital in Tallahassee to lobby our legislators on issues that concern the motorcycling public in Florida. On the national level we are aligned with the motorcycle riders foundation (MRF) and the national coalition of motorcyclists (NCOM) as well as several other motorcycle rights organizations (MRO's) so with your support we can protect your motorcycling rights for now and generations to come.

Our next state meeting will be in Fort McCoy Florida and hosted by our Forest chapter. It will be held at the VFW 130005 ne.135th St. Ft McCoy, Fl.

On December 13th Palm Beach Chapter will be hosting our annual party at the Lakeside Anchor inn at 2412 Floral Road in Lantana located west of I-95 Hypoluxo exit, turn right on Eastview Dr. then right on Floral Rd. Proceeds support our continued legislative efforts in Tallahassee. All are invited to join us we hope to see all you there to join us for a great time !!

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Sat. nights Fly n Wheels Open House

Tuesday Lone Legion Happy hour

Sunday Lone Legion Happy Hour

Thursday Dec. 3 Bike Night The Rose 4458 Purdy Ln WPB \$10 entry all night

Friday Dec. 4 AOA WPB Open House & Black Piston's Open House

Saturday Dec..5 Broward Toys in the Sun Run

Dec. 8 UBCPBC Christmas Party Doors open 7 pm, Food at 8 pm at Lone Legion Brotherhood clubhouse

Saturday Dec. 12 ABATE of Florida State Meeting Ft McCoy FL

Saturday Dec. 12 Hermandad Toy Run

Saturday Dec. 12 Wreaths Across America Broward

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Friday Dec. 18 Lone Legion Brotherhood Open House

Waiting on bar opening Thurs. December 31 Turboz Custom Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Friday Jan. 8th AOR and Black Pistons WPB Open house

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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.

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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.

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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.

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When Was The First Motorcycle Made By?

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When was the first motorcycle built by whom?

Motorcycle is a two- or three-wheeled, bicycle-like, one or two-person transportation vehicle with an internal combustion engine.

The first examples emerged with attempts to attach motors to bicycles. In 1869, Sylvester Roper of Massachusetts attempted to develop a steam powered motorcycle-like vehicle. In 1893, Felix Millet assembled a five-cylinder engine to the front wheel of a bicycle, creating a vehicle that was quite similar to today's motorcycle.

French inventors Michael and Eugene Werner designed the first successful two-wheeled motor vehicle. The Werner brothers placed the vehicle's engine under the frame between the two wheels. Since then, the engine has remained in the same place in motorcycle designs.

In the motorcycles produced, the preferences of the users are more important than the type separation. For example, touring-sports motorcycles, which are produced as a result of the effort to incorporate the features of both touring and sports motorcycles in a single motorcycle, are preferred by many motor lovers. Of course, this motorcycle does not have the comfort of riding a touring motorcycle, and the speed on a sports motorcycle should not be expected. As a result, it is a motorcycle that performs better than a touring motorcycle and offers better riding comfort than a sports bike.

First Motorcycle Patent Received 1894

The patent obtained by Hildebrand & Wolfmüller, who lived in Germany after Daimler, paved the way for motorcycle models to become commercial products in the following years. After this patent, the motorcycles that were mass produced but could not achieve the desired success could not be brought to the desired level in terms of usability. In 1900, a new design was developed by the brothers Michael and Eugene Werner, and with the patent obtained, the engine of the motorcycle was placed between two wheels. This design is of great importance in the success of motorcycle models.



A motorcycle that could be called modern was produced in 1903

Gradually becoming known to people, motorcycles started to show themselves in America in the 1900s. William Harley and Arthur Davidson designed the motorcycle model called Harley Davidson by doing various studies to make the motorcycle a lifestyle. Harley Davidson, which was initially marketed to the police organization and later presented more as a lifestyle, is a brand that has made significant contributions to the development of modern motorcycles and is still in existence today.

Motorcycle Widespread II. It Happened in World War II

The fact that motorcycle models with millions of users today are known by the world and create a mass for themselves. II. It happened during the World War II. Especially Harley Davidson brand motorcycle models produced in the USA were used by the soldiers during the war, and these motorcycles made it more known. Thanks to their high maneuverability, motorcycle models that facilitate the work of the soldiers, emerged in almost every country after the end of the war and spread rapidly throughout the world.

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Motorcycle Center of Gravity Motorhead Myths

Does low CG guarantee good handling?

By Kevin Cameron November 4, 2020

As a young adult, free at last to embrace the motorcycle, I began to drink in its culture through the British magazines on offer at a nearby news kiosk. Magazines and newspapers in every language were crowded together on four walls and some jostling was required to reach the titles I wanted. Soon I learned the litany of British motorcycle design: that a low center of gravity was the key to handling.

It didn't occur to me to ask myself, "What is handling?" because I had no experience—only interest. Only gradually would I learn that handling was something like rapid, stable, and predictable maneuverability. I learned also that motorcyclists were divided by strong and contradictory opinions. Riders of large, heavy machines tended to look down upon riders of British twins and singles as upstarts, newbies ignorant of what's really important. The buy-British crowd loved the lightness, quicker maneuverability, and stronger acceleration of the bikes they rode, and regarded the heavyweights as relics of a 50-year tradition. Just beginning to appear in 1960 were small Japanese machines, hardly more than overgrown mopeds at first.

For riders of heavy bikes, having a low center of gravity makes the machine feel lighter and requires less muscle to reliably support at stoplights or during parking maneuvers. The lower most of the weight is located, the less it moves off-center for a given angle of tilt, and the less it feels as if it might get away from you if it tips too much. You feel this apparent lightness by standing over the bike and rocking it from side to side; the lower the CG, the more manageable the bike's weight feels. Outstanding in this respect is Honda's Gold Wing, which feels much lighter than its 800 pounds because its six cylinders and its heads are at the same height as its longitudinal crankshaft. Honda's Gold Wing feels much lighter than its 845-pound weight because of the low center of gravity.

On the other hand, no one is going to pretend that the long wheelbase and weight of touring machines give them "rapid, stable, and predictable maneuverability." Stable and predictable they are, but quick-steering they are not. That's fine for their purpose, which is to cruise the highways in comfort.

Another specialized activity in which low CG works is drag racing. Because front wheel lift sets the upper limit to acceleration, drag racers are built as low as possible, with their major masses far forward. This is a specialization not practical on street or highway because the low engine touches the pavement at even a modest angle of lean and the extreme weight on the front wheel makes low-speed steering heavy. Dragsters have traction not available on the street because their tires are preheated before each run.

Let's set aside the special cases of touring and dragbikes and consider the British twins that invaded the US after World War II. What many riders liked about them was their more athletic nature. They accelerated strongly and responded quickly to rider inputs. They made their riders feel more like they were on a quick-turning quarter horse than at the throttle of a thundering locomotive (clearly, both have their appeal). Elements of the difference were lower weight, shorter wheelbases around 54 inches (as opposed to over 60 for many heavyweights), and steering geometry biased toward quick response (around 27 degrees of rake and 4 inches of trail) than toward all-day cruising stability (30-32 rake, 4.5 inches trail). Another element was generally lighter wheels, whose lower gyro resistance to steering reduced control forces at the

bars.

Did British bikes have low CGs? In fact they did not, as their engines had to be mounted high enough not to ground during sporty turning. The British-made machines most praised for their handling—the classic single-cylinder roadrace bikes like Norton’s Manx and the Matchless G50 had tall vertically mounted engines—every one with its complex and heavy OHC head up high, right against the bottom of the gas tank.

The long swingarm certainly killed some wobbles and made bikes of that time easier to handle. But they went slow.

Off I went to the races as a know-nothing, to find that unquestioned beliefs and second-hand magazine wisdom weren’t much help.

Things happened that those ideas couldn’t explain. Around 1971 everyone was nodding and smiling in agreement that the path to stability and control was longer swingarms. But the next year, there was our heroic Master of Wobbles, Yvon Duhamel, at an Ontario Motor Speedway test day, turning the gas to accelerate off corners with the prescribed long swingarm and spinning—not hooking up and going forward. Sliding out. Going slow.

But when they switched to a shorter swingarm, turning the gas threw more weight on the back tire, it hooked up, and his lap times dropped. Could it be that there is a difference between handling and performance? The long swingarm certainly killed some wobbles and made bikes of that time easier to handle. But they went slow.

The late Hurley Wilvert, a great rider/engineer in the best American tradition, rode a comparison test between his own Kawasaki H2R (whose low frame he had designed in the British low-CG style) and a bike with a much higher-set engine, built by team tech Randy Hall. Wilvert told me the stopwatch and his own perceptions didn’t lie. As much as he wanted to believe his own bike was on the cutting edge, he was faster on Hall’s tall bike. On his own low bike, when he fed throttle while leaned over to exit a corner, the tire spun rather than hooked up. But on the tall bike, during acceleration the extra height transferred more weight onto the rear tire, making it hook up and go forward. Sure, the front kept lifting up and letting the bike head for the outside, but it was definitely better to go faster on a bit of a handful than to go slow on a tour bus.

In 1984, Honda brought its first NSR500 to Daytona, built in approved low-CG style with the fuel tank slung under the engine and the exhaust pipes (which are mostly empty space) routed over the top with the rider protected from their heat by an insulated dummy “tank.” Honda was funding a French group that was applying Formula 1 concepts to bikes. Very exciting.

The new NSR’s problems didn’t appear until later in the Grand Prix season, when rider Freddie Spencer noted that it was sluggish in direction changing on twisty tracks. A test was laid on, consisting of a slalom course made with traffic cones. The rider would ride the slalom at successively higher speeds until he began to knock down some cones. Baseline was the best slalom time Spencer could achieve on last season’s three-cylinder NS3, a fast-maneuvering bike. Both bikes were tested with full fuel. When Spencer entered the cones on the new bike at the NS3’s highest entry speed, the bike knocked down the cones; it could not be manhandled through the direction change as quickly as the triple.

They were pivoting around their roll axes.

Next, they removed all but a quart or two of fuel from the new bike’s underslung tank, and added roughly 35 pounds of lead weights above the engine, simulating a full top-mounted tank.

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This time, the new bike went through the cones just as quickly as had the triple.

Why? Engineers had imagined that as a bike rolls in changing direction it is pivoting on a line through its two tire footprints. If that were true, putting the fuel on the bottom would make it easier to pivot because it would be swinging through a shorter arc than if it were up on top of the engine, farther from the ground.

But that's not what happens. At one track I could stand and watch bikes coming straight toward me, then turning right. In light rain I could see the trace of their travel as a line on the track. As the riders countersteered to their left to make their bikes flick to the right, the tire footprints moved to the left as the tops of the bikes tilted to the right: They were rolling, not around a line connecting the tire footprints, but around the center of gravity of bike, fuel, and rider, which is about 22 inches off the pavement. They were pivoting around their roll axes.

Seen in this way, the slalom test result makes sense. Putting the fuel under the engine moved it farther from the roll axis, creating more resistance to the motion. Putting the fuel back above the engine reduced its distance from the roll axis by roughly half. No wonder fuel tanks in MotoGP have been changing their shape, growing a "foot" that extends back under the rider's seat, where the fuel's mass is right on the roll axis.

At Laguna one year American Honda set out one of its RC45 V-4 750 Superbikes as a display. I went to it and measured its crankshaft height, wheelbase, and distance from front axle to crankshaft. Then I went to see Rob Muzzy and asked if he'd mind my doing the same with one of his team bikes. Result? Another upsetting, funny-shaped brick to somehow be fitted into the temple of knowledge. The Kawasaki, with its wide four-cylinder inline engine, carried its crankshaft some 2.5 inches lower than did the V-4, which was only two cylinders wide. How could this be? Doug Chandler's riding style was high corner speed, so the Kawasaki was built for stability: long and low. Because Chandler's apex speed was high, he braked and accelerated less. Miguel Duhamel, getting the "terrible 45" turned in point-and-shoot style, needed instant weight transfer to generate prompt rear traction to accelerate early and hard.

For me the final nail was the discovery that sometimes braking distances are shorter if a bike is made taller. As a bike accelerates from one corner to the next, its tires cool significantly, losing some grip. If the rider just pulls the lever at his/her braking point, the cooled front tire may lack grip and slide or lock. But make that bike just a bit taller, increasing the brake-induced transfer of weight to the front, and the extra load makes it grip.

Most road and street riders wisely do not ride at a level that brings all of the above into play, but it does partly explain why powerful sportbikes are built as tall as they are, with higher riding positions than in the past. The rest of the explanation, of course, is that today's much grippier tires allow lean angles that were impossible 20 or 30 years ago. That requires engines and footpegs to be placed higher to allow cornering clearance.

<https://www.cycleworld.com/story/bikes/motorcycle-center-of-gravity-motorhead-myths/>

What Is The Number One Cause Of Motorcycle Accidents?

Motorcycle riding is a favorite pastime for many Americans. As soon as spring rolls around and the flowers start blooming, the motorcycle engines start booming.

But, a sunny afternoon drive in the spring can quickly turn disastrous. Motorcycle accidents happen out of nowhere resulting in catastrophic injuries and even death.

Because you lack the surrounding protective structure other vehicles have, you are more likely to suffer severe or fatal injuries when you're involved in an accident.

There is no such thing as a minor motorcycle accident.

On average, motorcyclists are 27 times more likely than people in a passenger car to die in a car crash per mile traveled. They are also five times as likely to suffer an injury.

Based on these statistics alone, everyone who rides a motorcycle should learn about the common causes of motorcycle accidents to prepare themselves against them.

Several things can cause motorcycle accidents, including negligence on behalf of the motorcycle driver.

But, many accidents are due to the negligence of the other drivers on the road.

But what is the number one cause of motorcycle accidents?

In the article below, we will look at several causes of motorcycle accidents and determine the number one cause of motorcycle accidents.

Cars Making Left-Hand Turns

One of the most dangerous situations a motorcycle will ever be in is when they come across cars making left-hand turns.

It seems simple enough, but these collisions make up 42% of all accidents that involve a motorcycle and another vehicle.

The turning car usually hits the motorcycle when going straight through an intersection, trying to pass the car, or overtaking it.

These accidents are pretty common among passenger vehicles as well, but the smaller size and the less visibility with motorcycles make these accidents even more common.

In a vast majority of these cases, the vehicle making the left hand turn will be found at fault for the accident.

There are certain situations where the motorcycle could be found at least partially fault, like if they were speeding or in the wrong lane.

Hazardous Road Conditions

Motorcycles are incredibly vulnerable to dangerous road conditions.

Something a car could easily recover from could prove to be fatal for a motorcyclist. Things like slippery surfaces, loose gravel, uneven pavement, or any debris in the roadway cause countless motorcycle accidents.

Again, because motorcycles are so much smaller than passenger vehicles and don't have as much stability, they are more susceptible to unsafe road conditions.

Head-On Collisions

Crashes between a motorcycle and another vehicle make up 56% of death from motorcycle accidents.

78% of these accidents are head-on collisions. And a majority of these head-on collisions prove to be fatal for the person on the motorcycle.

Depending on the accident itself, the motorcycle driver can be crushed or thrown through the air during a head-on collision. Neither of these situations has a good ending for the motorcyclist.

Because head-on collisions often occur at high speeds, it means that the driver of the motorcycle's chance of severe injury or even death increases dramatically.

Motorcycle Lane Splitting

Lane splitting is when a motorcycle drives between two lanes of cars, typically during a traffic jam.

Lane splitting can easily cause an accident because the motorcycle is so close to the other vehicles on the road, the motorcycle has less space to maneuver around the cars, and the cars don't expect a motorcycle to pass them in a traffic jam.

It may seem like the motorcyclist would always be at-fault for these types of accidents, but it depends on the laws for or against lane splitting in their state, how the police officer and judge feel about lane splitting and the actions that led to the accident.

Reckless Driving, Speeding, and Alcohol Use

Like accidents of any type, reckless driving, speeding, and alcohol use are common causes of motorcycle accidents.

Accidents are more likely to occur when the motorcycle or other passenger vehicle is speeding, driving distracted, driving aggressively, or driving under the influence of alcohol.

Some motorcyclists, especially if they own high-end supersport bikes, love reaching dangerously high speeds. This isn't safe.

Corner Turning Motorcycle Accidents

Corners can be very dangerous to people riding motorcycles.

Even though motorcycles are designed to have a lot of control around corners, it can be challenging to compensate or correct yourself while you're driving around a sharp turn. It's very easy to hit road debris when you're rounding a corner, making it very easy to wipe out.

It's also easy to misjudge how tight a turn is, especially if you've never driven on the road before. This even happens in passenger vehicles.

If a motorcyclist takes a turn too fast or too hard and they do wipeout, they are at risk for further injury from other vehicles and possible road hazards.

The Number 1 Cause of Motorcycle Accidents

And finally, the most common cause of motorcycle accidents is the failure of other motorists on the road to detect and recognize motorcycles on the road.

The limited visibility due to the bikes' small size can make it hard for even the most attentive driver to see a motorcycle coming.

It can be hard to see a motorcycle on the road due to glare or being obstructed by something else on the road and just flat out not paying attention.

It should come as no surprise that intersections are extremely dangerous for motorcyclists. They are a common place for a motorcycle accident to occur.

Even the safest, most skilled motorcyclist can't avoid an accident if the other cars on the road don't see them.

<https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/what-is-the-number-one-cause-of-75378/>

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KYMCO teases new electric motorcycle unveiling later this week

Micah Toll - Nov. 22nd 2020 4:28 am ET @MicahToll

KYMCO has a big digital press conference planned for this Thursday, November 26th. And it appears that one of the major unveilings will be a new electric motorcycle known as the KYMCO F9.

KYMCO's new bike takes on something of a hybrid motorcycle/maxi-scooter form with a frame that is likely supplemented by a stressed-member battery box.

The battery also appears to be quite large, taking up the majority of the frame's space between the rider's knees.

The electric motor can be seen in what appears to be a coaxial mount with the rear swingarm – a design famously employed by the Zero SR/F and SR/S platform. That move cleans up the rear mounts and also simplifies tensioning the toothed belt used in the belt drive. Unlike the Zero design though, the KYMCO bike's rear swingarm is single-sided.

For suspension, the bike gets an inverted front fork and a single rear monoshock. The tail light looks somewhat similar to the RevoNEX's, though takes on its own unique design.

Pillion pegs and a rear seat are visible, meaning this bike is designed for riding two up. But there's no rear brake lever by the right foot peg, indicating that we're likely looking at a more traditional scooter setup with dual hand-brake levers.

While we don't yet know the name of the upcoming bike, it has large "F9" lettering on the side panels, which might be a not-so-subtle clue.

This new bike would be the third large-format electric motorcycle that KYMCO has unveiled in as many years.

The Taiwanese company took to the EICMA Milan Motorcycle Show in 2018 to unveil the 155 mph (250 km/h) KYMCO SuperNEX electric sport bike.

KYMCO then returned to the same show in 2019 to unveil the RevoNEX, a slightly toned down electric motorcycle that seemed more likely to make it to production.

That last note was confirmed this summer upon production design patents leaks for the RevoNEX.

But KYMCO announced very early this year that it wouldn't attend the 2020 EICMA show due to COVID-19 concerns, several weeks before the show was eventually canceled altogether.

Instead, the company will run its own digital event to unveil new models this week.

An interesting departure seen in the F9 as compared to the SuperNEX and RevoNEX is the lack of a manual gearbox.

KYMCO outfitted both of its previous electric motorbikes with slipper clutches and gearboxes to give riders the classic shifting sensation that many traditional motorcyclists hold dear. However, the F9 doesn't appear to sport a multi-speed transmission, instead opting for a simple direct drive like those seen on most major electric motorcycles such as from Zero Motorcycles and Energica.

We'll know more details by Thursday, so be sure to check back. Until then, let's hear your thoughts on KYMCO's latest soon-to-be-released design in the comment section below.

<https://electrek.co/2020/11/22/kymco-f9-teases-new-electric-motorcycle-unveiling/>

Still hear from *Wheels on the Road's* Miami Mike from time to time

Very clever credit card scam! This is a new one!

This is very clever. I would probably fall for it if not warned Very Clever Credit Card Scam! Give this wide distribution. This scam is actually very clever. Just when you thought you'd heard it all. Be very careful out there! Beware of people bearing gifts. The following is a recounting of the incident from the victim:

Wednesday a week ago, I had a phone call from someone saying that he was from some outfit called: "Express Couriers," (The name could be any courier company) He asked if I was going to be home because there was a package for me that required a signature .

The caller said that the delivery would arrive at my home in roughly an hour. Sure enough, about an hour later, a uniformed delivery man turned up with a beautiful basket of flowers and a bottle of wine. I was very surprised since there was no special occasion or holiday, and I certainly didn't expect anything like it. Intrigued, I inquired as to who the sender was.

The courier replied, "I don't know, I'm only delivering the package."

Apparently, a card was being sent separately... (the card has never arrived!) There was also a consignment note with the gift.

He then went on to explain that because the gift contained alcohol, there was a \$3.50 "delivery/ verification charge," providing proof that he had actually delivered the package to an adult (of legal drinking age), and not just left it on the doorstep where it could be stolen or taken by anyone, especially a minor.

This sounded logical and I offered to pay him cash. He then said that the delivery company required payment to be by credit or debit card only, so that everything is properly accounted for, and this would help in keeping a legal record of the transaction.

He added couriers don't carry cash to avoid loss or likely targets for robbery.

My husband, who by this time was standing beside me, pulled out his credit card, and 'John,' the "delivery man," asked him to swipe the card on a small mobile card machine with a small screen and keypad. Frank, my husband, was asked to enter his PIN number and a receipt was printed out. He was given a copy of the transaction.

The guy said everything was in order, and wished us good day.

To our horrible surprise, between Thursday and the following Monday, \$4,000 had been charged/withdrawn from our credit/debit account at various ATM machines.

Apparently the "mobile credit card machine," which the deliveryman carried now had all the info necessary to create a "dummy" card with all our card details including the PIN number.

Upon finding out about the illegal transactions on our card, we immediately notified the bank which issued us a new card, and our credit/debit account was closed.

We also personally went to the Police, where it was confirmed that it is definitely a scam because several households had been similarly hit.

WARNING: Be wary of accepting any "surprise gift or package," which you neither expected nor personally ordered, especially if it involves any kind of payment as a condition of receiving the gift or package. Also, never accept anything if you do not personally know or there is no proper identification of who the sender is.

Above all, the only time you should give out any personal credit/debit card information is when you yourself initiated the purchase or transaction!

WEEKLY EVENTS

Subject to change and updates due to COVID and Govt mandates

Tues 6-11 Lone Legion Brotherhood Happy Hour
2nd Tues Jupiter Moose Bike Night

Wed Bike Night with Gorilla Motors TBA

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

2nd Fri AOA WPB and Black Pistons WPB Open House

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 House

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

Sunday Lone Legion Happy Hour

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

TOGETHER WITH

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3rd Sunday Feb. 21
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6 Lone Legion Happy Hour	7	8 UBCPBC Christmas Party at Lone Legion	9	10	11	12 Fly n Wheels Open House ABATE PB FL Inc State Meeting Hermandad Toy Run Wreaths Across Am
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January 2021

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DELEGATE REPORT

Will be at the State Meeting in Ft McCoy Dec 12. contact me if there is anything you want from the Christmas sale. I plan to stay in Ocala Saturday night then hurry back for our event. So I hope to see everybody there.
Slo Motion

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.



State Meeting

Saturday, December 12, 2020

Board Meeting @ 12:00 PM

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2021 State Meetings

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April 12 Ride to Capital

June 12 Vintage St. Aug

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Dec. 11 Peace River

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WHEN DEALING WITH THE POLICE

Be polite and respectful. Never bad-mouth a police officer. Stay calm and in control of your words, body language and emotions. Don't get into an argument with the police. Remember, anything you say or do can be used against you. Keep your hands where the police can see them. Don't run. Don't touch any police officer. Don't resist even if you believe you are innocent. Don't complain on the scene or tell the police they're wrong or that you're going to file a complaint. Do not make any statements regarding the incident. Ask for a lawyer immediately upon your arrest. Remember officer's badge & patrol car numbers. Write down everything you remember ASAP. Try to find witnesses & their names & phone numbers. If you are injured, take photographs of the injuries as soon as possible, but make sure you seek medical attention first. If you feel that your rights have been violated, file a written complaint with the police department's internal affairs division or civilian complaint board and send a copy to the A.C.M.C. 1. What you say to the police is always important. What you say can be used against you, and it can give the police an excuse to arrest you, especially if you bad-mouth a police officer. 2. You don't have to answer a police officer's questions, but you must show your driver's license and registration when stopped in a car. In other situations, you can't legally be arrested for refusing to identify yourself to a police officer. 3. You don't have to consent to any search of yourself, your car or your house. If you DO consent to a search, it can affect your rights later in court. If the police say they have a search warrant, ASK TO SEE IT. 4. Do not interfere with, or obstruct the police - you can be arrested for it.

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1. If the police knock and ask to enter your home, you don't have to admit them unless they have a warrant signed by a judge. 2. However, in some emergency situations (like when a person is screaming for help inside, or when the police are chasing someone) officers are allowed to enter and search your home without a warrant. 3. If you are arrested, the police can search you and the area close by. If you are in a building, "close by" usually means just the room you are in. We all recognize the need for effective law enforcement but we should also understand our own rights and responsibilities - especially in our relationships with the police. Everyone, including minors, has the right to courteous and respectful police treatment. If your rights are violated, don't try to deal with the situation at the scene. You can discuss the matter with an attorney afterwards, or file a complaint with the Internal Affairs or Civilian Complaint Board.



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There were not many changes in Palm Beach State legislators. Emily Slosberg re-won House District 91. Omari Hardy replaces Al Jacquet in District 88. John Snyder won 82. Kelly Skidmore won 81 and former 81 Rep Tina Scott Polsky won Senate District 29. Rest remained. Sout of us in Broward county was a massive change. To see the Palm Beach results go to <https://www.pbcelections.org/Records-Data/Election-Results> - Slo Motion

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: SUN SETS ON SUNSHINE STATE ELECTIONS

11-13-20 Dara Kam

TALLAHASSEE --- What felt like a never-ending campaign season continues to linger, more than a week after Election Day and after President-elect Joe Biden nailed down the requisite number of electoral votes to secure a White House victory. President Donald Trump has refused to concede the race, and many of his supporters say they may never accept his Democratic challenger as the nation's commander-in-chief. For a change, Florida is out of the spotlight as officials in other states continue to count ballots and fend off Trump lawsuits in the run-up to electoral-college votes on Dec. 14, when the occupant of the Oval Office will be formally determined. While election-fatigued citizens could face another month of presidential

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hijinks, Florida officials are on track to finalize the state's results next week.

The Florida Elections Canvassing Commission will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday to certify the official returns, which county supervisors of elections have to submit to the state no later than noon Sunday.

The state's certification of the 2020 general election occurs on the same day lawmakers return to Tallahassee for an organization session to swear in new legislators and give the gavels to incoming Senate President Wilton Simpson and incoming House Speaker Chris Sprowls.

The largely ceremonial one-day session in the state Capitol --- still shuttered to the public --- takes place amid a spike in COVID-related hospitalizations as the virus continues to spread throughout the state.

Republicans head into the 2021 legislative session with gains in both chambers, in addition to delivering what by Florida standards is considered a landslide victory --- three percentage points --- to Trump.

Floridians this week withstood a tropical storm along the state's west coast, a pandemic that continues to proliferate and uncertainty about a peaceful transfer of power in Washington. Meanwhile, Biden, a devout Catholic, spoke with a number of world leaders, including Pope Francis. The comments shared by the two leaders could be a guide in a turbulent political era in which Americans are deeply divided, aggrieved and angry.

According to a readout of Thursday's phone call with the pope, Biden "thanked His Holiness for extending blessings and congratulations and noted his appreciation for His Holiness' leadership in promoting peace, reconciliation, and the common bonds of humanity around the world."

GOP GOT GAME Florida's history of razor-thin election margins played out in Miami-Dade County this week, as former state Sen. Jose Javier Rodriguez, D-Miami, conceded his re-election bid to Republican Ileana Garcia after a hand recount didn't alter the outcome of the District 37 contest.

Garcia's 34-vote victory means Republicans will head into the 2021 session with their Senate majority growing by one, to 24-16.

While conceding the race Thursday, Rodriguez continued to question Republican campaign tactics in the hotly contested race.

But Rodriguez, an attorney who made climate-change impacts on South Florida one of his pressing issues after being elected to the Senate in 2016, wished Garcia well and offered assistance in a video statement.

"Garcia is the choice of Senate District 37 (and) is your next state senator. And I wish her well," said Rodriguez, who didn't question the recount process. "I had the opportunity to tell her that in a brief phone conversation a few minutes ago."

In a statement, Garcia said she was "deeply humbled" by the outcome.

"I'm committed to take to Tallahassee the concerns of the residents of District 37 and I will work diligently on their behalf to make the American Dream a possibility for every hard-working family in our community," Garcia said.

But Rodriguez urged an investigation into a "straw candidate" who shared his last name and drew more than 6,000 votes in the Nov. 3 election.

The Democrat has argued that non-partisan candidate Alex Rodriguez, who didn't campaign, was propped up through "shadowy dark money" from Tallahassee Republicans to

confuse voters and siphon support.

“Democracy requires transparency,” Jose Javier Rodriguez said. “And in order to achieve that, I believe this election warrants a full investigation so that those who may have violated the law are held to account and so that such tactics are not used in future elections. We cannot afford to have anything erode confidence in our election process.”

COVID GOT GAME Hospitalizations due to COVID-19 have increased by 25 percent over the last two weeks and more than 35 percent in the last 30 days, according to a top Florida health care regulator.

Self-reported data from hospitals published by the state showed 3,130 patients hospitalized with primary diagnoses of COVID-19 as of Friday morning.

The increase in hospitalizations came as the number of COVID-19 cases in the state continues to climb by thousands a day, despite Gov. Ron DeSantis’ push for a return to normalcy.

As of Thursday, state health officials reported 863,619 COVID-19 cases since the pandemic began, an increase of nearly 20,000 cases from a Sunday count, and 17,372 deaths of Florida residents.

The rising number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations was predictable, according to Manuel Gordillo, medical director of Sarasota Memorial Health Care System’s infection prevention and control department.

The spike in COVID-19 cases in Florida and nationwide can be attributed to pandemic fatigue, mixed messages from television and social media, and “wrong messaging coming from the top,” Gordillo said.

“And then, all these other factors --- the seasonality, the fact that people now are more indoors --- all these are something that the virus loves,” he said Monday in a video posted on YouTube by Sarasota Memorial Health Care System.

STORY OF THE WEEK: A recount in Miami-Dade County did not change the outcome of a hotly contested state Senate seat, cementing a victory for Republican Ileana Garcia and increasing the GOP’s Senate majority to 24-16.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “If the call came, I would answer the phone.” --- Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Jared Moskowitz, whose name is in the mix as a contender for leading the Federal Emergency Management Agency in President-elect Joe Biden’s administration.

ADVANCES: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2020 November 6, NSF Staff

TALLAHASSEE --- In politics, it’s never too early to start looking toward the next election.

So while candidates’ yard signs still dot the state from Tuesday’s elections, many lawmakers and wannabes are already preparing for the 2022 elections. As of Friday, 26 candidates had opened campaign accounts to run for state Senate and House seats in 2022.

That list includes 14 senators who plan to seek re-election --- Republicans George Gainer, Keith Perry, Dennis Baxley, Tom Wright, Ed Hooper, Danny Burgess, Ben Albritton, Kathleen Passidomo and Manny Diaz Jr. and Democrats Janet Cruz, Bobby Powell, Lauren Book, Jason Pizzo and Annette Taddeo. Burgess was elected Tuesday to the Senate, while the others didn’t have to run this year.

The list also includes six House members who will seek re-election --- Republican Anthony Sabatini and Democrats Christine Hunschofsky, Dan Dailey, Mike Gottlieb, Michael

Grieco and Kevin Chambliss. Sabatini won another term Tuesday, while Hunschofsky and Chambliss won open seats in the August primaries. Dailey, Gottlieb and Grieco were unopposed this year.

Opening a campaign account is the first formal step in running and allows candidates to raise money for their races. The 2022 candidates will have to file finance reports by a Tuesday deadline showing how much they have raised and spent as they gear up for their campaigns.

HOUSE LEADERS NAMED November 5, Jim Turner

TALLAHASSEE --- Incoming House Speaker Chris Sprowls on Thursday rolled out a leadership team and committee changes, including a new committee that will be directed to look at the state's response to the coronavirus pandemic and plan for future emergencies. The Palm Harbor Republican, who takes the gavel on Nov. 17, sent a memo to House members that named a dozen leaders for the next two years and outlined changes such as creation of the Pandemics & Public Emergencies Committee.

Sprowls appointed Miami Springs Republican Bryan Avila as speaker pro tempore, Port Charlotte Republican Michael Grant as majority leader and Panama City Republican Jay Trumbull as chairman of the budget-writing Appropriations Committee.

"Florida is facing challenges, but I am confident that if we continue to govern with the same conservative principles that have served us well in the past, we will have more than enough to fund education, health care, and our public safety while also protecting the taxpayers and consumers that elected us," Trumbull said in a prepared statement.

Ormond Beach Republican Tom Leek will chair the Pandemics & Public Emergencies Committee and the Redistricting Committee, which will oversee the once-a-decade reapportionment process for legislative and congressional seats. Redrawn districts are expected to be in place for the 2022 elections.

"The Pandemics & Public Emergencies Committee has been created to explore not only some of the issues related to COVID-19 but also to look more broadly at emergency management and how we can prepare Florida today for future threats," Sprowls wrote in the memo to House members.

Rep. Carlos Guillermo Smith, D-Orlando, tweeted that a legislative look into the pandemic is long overdue.

"Well, well, well. Eight months into a deadly pandemic that killed 16,961 Floridians, shuttered 1 in 5 small businesses and pushed millions into poverty, the GOP Florida House finally forms a committee to begin dealing with it ... in January," Smith tweeted. "Where have they been all year?"

Democrats have pushed since spring for lawmakers to be called back to Tallahassee to address the economic and health impacts of the virus. With the pandemic causing massive damage to businesses and tax revenues, state economists have estimated lawmakers will be working with a potential budget shortfall of about \$2.7 billion for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and \$1.9 billion for the following budget year.

The Democrats' calls for a special session have been rebuffed by Republican leaders, who in part have repeatedly said the state budget is bolstered by federal assistance, expanded budget reserves approved during the 2020 legislative session and cash-conserving vetoes by Gov. Ron DeSantis.

Sprowls' announcement of his leadership team and the committee changes came two

days after Republicans added to their overwhelming House majority in Tuesday's elections. Lawmakers will hold an organization session Nov. 17 to formally swear in members and leaders, with the 2021 legislative session starting in March. Committees are expected to meet in the weeks leading up to the session.

Sprowls' committee changes also involve a newly named and expanded Education & Employment Committee, which will be chaired by Clearwater Republican Chris Latvala.

"The Education & Employment Committee has been substantially expanded by adding to it all the issues related to workforce and job training," Sprowls wrote in the memo. "Its subcommittees also take a different approach by separating elementary education and secondary education and pairing them with early learning and career development, respectively.

Sprowls also expanded what has been the Public Integrity & Ethics Committee into the Public Integrity & Elections Committee, which will be led by Vero Beach Republican Erin Grall.

Palm Coast Republican Paul Renner, who is in line to succeed Sprowls as speaker in November 2022, was named Rules Committee chairman. Spring Hill Republican Blaise Ingoglia will chair the Commerce Committee, and Lakeland Republican Colleen Burton will chair the Health & Human Services Committee.

Meanwhile, Miami Republican Daniel Perez, R-Miami, will take over as Judiciary Committee chairman; Lecanto Republican Ralph Massullo will serve as State Affairs Committee chairman; and Palatka Republican Bobby Payne will be Ways & Means Committee chairman.

Now that the elections are over, we can start to see how Florida's new Senate President and Speaker of the House will be organizing their leadership teams and committee chairs. Over the next few days I will let you know about the changes in the State Legislature.

BEAN, PASSIDOMO NAMED TO SENATE LEADERSHIP POSTS November 6, NSF Staff

Fernandina Beach Republican Aaron Bean and Naples Republican Kathleen Passidomo will serve as top lieutenants to incoming Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, Simpson announced Friday. Bean, who was first elected to the Senate in 2012 and has been a leader on health-care issues, will serve the next two years as Senate president pro tempore. "There is no question the impacts of the ongoing (coronavirus) pandemic will change the look and feel of these next two years in ways none of us could have imagined when we first decided to run for office," Simpson said in a prepared statement. "Senator Bean's authenticity, positivity and optimism, combined with his deep knowledge and experience in the legislative process, make him a perfect fit for the critical role of president pro tempore." Passidomo, who was first elected to the Senate in 2016 and is expected to succeed Simpson as president in November 2022, will serve as chairwoman of the Rules Committee. "Throughout her years of public service, Senator Passidomo has gained the respect of senators on both sides of the political aisle by listening to the concerns each senator brings forward and working to build consensus," Simpson said in a statement. "She has exhibited sound judgment and a fair-minded, reasonable and thoughtful approach to decision making that, I am confident, will be a great benefit to the Senate over the next two years." The appointments were the first two announced by Simpson, who will formally become Senate president during a Nov. 17 organization session. Incoming House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, announced a full leadership team and changes in House committees on Thursday.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP: PAINT FLORIDA MAN RED November 6, Dara Kam

TALLAHASSEE --- Shifting from laughingstock to the epitome of efficiency, Florida's mastery of the presidential election this week may erase the longstanding blemish that hanging chads and butterfly ballots branded on the Sunshine State two decades ago.

As of Friday morning, the race between President Donald Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden was still a nail-biter nationally, with the former vice president holding an electoral-vote advantage as officials in a handful of states continued to tabulate ballots.

But Florida escaped the spotlight, in part due to the Republican president's decisive victory over Biden. Despite polls that showed the candidates neck-and-neck or put the Democrat on the plus side heading into Election Day, Trump nailed down more than a three percentage-point win in Florida, a landslide victory in a state with a history of narrow margins.

The GOP's triumph at the top of the ticket coursed down the ballot.

Republicans ousted two incumbent Democratic congresswomen from South Florida. Already overpowered by Republicans in the Legislature, Democrats lost five seats in the state House, giving the GOP a 36-seat edge in the 120-member chamber.

Dems didn't fare as badly across the rotunda, but instead of picking up seats in swing districts, they're struggling to hold on to their current 23-17 deficit in the state Senate. Sen. Jose Javier Rodriguez, D-Miami, was trailing GOP challenger Ileana Garcia by less than two-dozen votes Friday in a race that was almost certainly headed to a recount.

While the Sunshine State and its 29 electoral votes will continue to be important in presidential elections, Tuesday's results erased any question about Florida's red-state, blue-state, purple-state status.

Republicans have held the governor's mansion, controlled both chambers of the Legislature and dominated the state Cabinet for more than two decades. The land of Florida Man is firmly in the red-state column.

This week's brutal drubbing led many Democrats to call for state party leaders to be toppled, but state Rep. Evan Jenne, co-leader of the House Minority Caucus, said he and his colleagues don't have time to weep and moan.

Lawmakers will be sworn in and new legislative leaders will take the helm on Nov. 17 during a one-day organization session that's largely ceremonial. Committees will work on bills in the weeks before the annual 60-day legislative session kicks off on March 2.

Jenne's espoused a no-nonsense approach to the Democratic lawmakers' role.

"Our mission right now, while the number may be different, has not changed one iota. Our mission is to fight like hell and do whatever we can to slow these bills down, to beat them up, make them as ugly as possible," Jenne, D-Dania Beach, said. "We have to use our voices. That's what we've got."

RED, RED, RED Trump's thrashing of Biden in Florida was rooted in a familiar Republican playbook for statewide races: Dominate in rural and mid-sized counties and try to hold down losses in urban areas.

But Trump also was bolstered by a strong showing in Miami-Dade County, where support from Cuban-Americans and other Hispanics helped prevent Biden from running up large margins in the Democrat-rich county.

Trump defeated Biden in 55 of the state's 67 counties, losing only one rural county --- Gadsden, west of Tallahassee, unofficial results show. In all, he beat Biden by more than 373,000 votes statewide, compared to a nearly 113,000-vote Florida margin over Hillary Clinton in

2016.

A large part of that improvement can be attributed to Miami-Dade, where Biden topped Trump by almost 85,000 votes, according to the unofficial results. That was down from Clinton's 290,147-vote margin in Miami-Dade in 2016.

Biden also won by slightly smaller margins than Clinton in Democrat-heavy Broward and Palm Beach counties, but he won by larger margins in Orange and Hillsborough counties. In addition, the Democrat won by relatively small margins in Duval and Pinellas, which both were carried by Trump in 2016. The only other county that flipped to Biden was Seminole, where he won by 7,178 votes.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY Florida voters on Tuesday approved gradually boosting the state's minimum wage to \$15 an hour, while narrowly rejecting a proposal that would have overhauled the state's primary-election system.

The hike in the minimum wage will be phased in through Sept. 30, 2026, but it will represent a significant move in a state heavily dependent on tourism and the service industry for jobs. It was put on the ballot with the financial help of well-known Orlando attorney John Morgan.

The minimum-wage measure, Amendment 2, had support from nearly 61 percent of voters, above the 60 percent threshold needed for passing. It will increase the minimum wage to \$10 an hour on Sept. 30, 2021, and then increase it by \$1 each year until Sept. 30, 2026, when it will be \$15 per hour. Currently, the minimum wage is \$8.56.

Business groups that opposed the measure conceded defeat late Tuesday. NFIB Florida Executive Director Bill Herrle said an October analysis showed that 20 percent of small businesses were unsure if they would remain operational in the next six months.

"This makes 2021 a greater challenge for small businesses. Throw it on, we'll see if this breaks the camel's back," Herrle said.

Florida is the eighth state to adopt a \$15 minimum wage, and supporters said it is needed to improve the standard of living of many workers.

"This will help me a whole lot, I know it will," said Gail Rogers, a 60-year old Ybor City resident who, after working at McDonalds for six years, said she earns \$9.40 an hour.

Meanwhile, about 57 percent of voters supported Amendment 3, which, if passed, would have eliminated Florida's closed primary elections in state races. That was below the 60 percent threshold needed for approval.

The proposed amendment would have allowed all registered voters to vote in primaries for state legislative seats, governor, and Cabinet seats, regardless of party affiliation. The two candidates who captured the most votes would have moved on to the general election under the proposal.

STORY OF THE WEEK: President Donald Trump handily defeated Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden in Florida, as the GOP also picked up seats in the congressional delegation and the state House while fending off Democratic challengers in the state Senate.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Our party needs to take a long hard look at what went wrong in the election, and how we move forward." --- Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried, Florida's only statewide-elected Democrat.

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ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter Minutes

20 members in attendance November 15 Start at Noon

President: Snooze. Everybody should know about our event and it has been approved by all parties. There are a bunch of flyers here if you want to take some. For the event we need everyone to get here early to help out. And we need volunteers to help with parking and all the things that we've done before. We're going to do it exactly the same way. Next state meeting is going to be near Ocala in a place called Silver Spring. That's where the gun raffle is going to be, so if you have gun raffle tickets please get them to Slo Mo. There won't be a Palm Beach toy run so we need people to advertise. The flyer is already on the Facebook page so you can share it. Palm Beach Harley is going to be having a Toy Run event on that day. We will be putting some flyers up there so that people can come down here after that.

VP: Tony "Wrench" Been sharing information about the event, so make sure that you help share the info.

Secretary: Kelly. Approve the minutes from last meeting. If you need to update your AD&D please turn those in so I can take them to the next state meeting.

Treasurer: Suzanne. Donation for the "extra" fee to States were taken and the last \$150 can now be paid. Now that's over with.

Membership: Suzanne. Sent out a bunch of renewal forms last month. So, we're working on getting them all straightened out. If you need to join or renew please come talk to me.

Sgt at Arms: Quiet Dan. Let's do more rides. Anybody can organize a ride. So, let's do it. Will be doing the inventory of what's in the trailer to turn in at the state meeting next month.

Safety: Slo Motion. Nothing really going on right now. Please let us know of events that are starting again.

Delegate Report: Dan/Kelly. Haven't had a state meeting last month. We got to have the gun raffle tickets turned in.

Legislative: So Motion. It looks like this election is going to go on forever.

Public Relations: Slo Motion. Haven't been able to put anything on the state website

because we got locked out. Working to straighten that out. (Fixed and updated).
Brought new updated flyers to meeting to hand out

Products: No updates to new products right now.

Old Biz: The event has been approved.

New Biz: We're going to need some door prizes for the event. So, if you know anyone that would be interested.

Good of the Order: There's going to be a toy run down south at the one in Sunrise. Going to Cagney's then they are going to Mickey's and then the Boars Nest and it ends up at AOA south. So, it will be a good time. \$10 and a toy.

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Meeting ended
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