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## President's Message

Ken Gerecke

Well it's February now and I guess some of you are wondering how come there wasn't a bike parade at the South Florida fair this year. Well that's because of what else (covid). They decided to cancel the fair and then replace it with what they call a "mini" fair so they could observe social distancing and mask wearing which in my opinion makes it no fun at all. Maybe next year we can have a normal bike nite and bike parade.

It seems we have had more than our share of motorcycle fatalities lately. Please be careful and safe out there ! This is why Abate of Florida is so important, we must continue to educate the public as well as our legislators on the importance of highway safety and the awareness as it pertains to motorcycles. This is why if you ride a motorcycle in Florida you should be a member. help us fight for you rights as well as your safety.

Legislative session starts in March this year that means that between now and then is a good time to call your local congressmen and tell them how you feel about motorcycle safety as well as other issues here at home.

Our next state meeting will be in Vero Beach and hosted by the treasure coast chapter. so if you can join us for a nice ride up to vero beach and another great state meeting.

Ride Safe Ride Smart !!

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**UPCOMING Event Schedule** All events subject to change

Sat. nights Fly n Wheels Open House

Tuesday and Saturday Lone Legion Happy hour

Wednesday Bike Night Gorilla Motors at Johnny Qs

Sat. Feb. 6 Noon to 5pm and Sunday Feb. 7 11am to 4pm at dealership  
Palm Beach Harley Davidson Customer Appreciation Weekend  
Free BBQ and beer both days, Live Music Bombshell only Saturday

Friday Feb. 12 AOA WPB Open House & Black Piston's Open House together

Saturday Feb. 13 ABATE of FL State Meeting Vero Beach

**3rd Sunday February 21 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 Feb. 26 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

March 5 to 14 Daytona Bike Week

Thurs. March 18th, Bikini Contest @ Wet 'n' Wild Bike Night Palm Beach Harley

**3rd Sunday March 21 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  
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Thurs. May 20th, Bikini Contest @ Stars & Stripes Bike Night Palm Beach Harley

**3rd Sunday April 18 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. NOON**  
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## ABATE of Florida Updates

ABATE of Florida has redone the State website, new location <https://abatefloridainc.com/>. So the Palm Beach chapter website had to be updated for all the changes due to the new State site links. Our web address is still <http://palmbeach.abateflorida.com/>. Here is a TIP for you, you should refresh (or F5) your web browser to see any recent changes. There have been several minor changes in our site. Most changes in Membership as we are trying to set up online member sign-ups and payments.

### **FILLING OUT OUR CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FORM**

For faster processing, please fill out the form as much as possible and make it clear to read. You will need your eleven number ZIP code, it should be on your driver license. It would be helpful if you knew your State House, State Senate and US Districts. Since there has been re-districting after the last Census, they may have changed. The old PBC Elections site had Precinct Finder that would give you ALL your government officers, however since the change of Supervisor of Elections election that feature is no longer available, it only gives you voting location. The site is now very user unfriendly to finding that information. Do your best to complete. Be sure to sign BOTH signature fields - A for applicable (mid-page) and B for Beneficiary part (bottom).

### **WHERE DO I GET A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION?**

You can do the old fashion paper method and get one from a member, our safety booth or at a chapter meeting. It is also in our newsletter on the inside of back cover. After filling it out, turn in at chapter meeting (usually 3rd Sunday) or mail it and payment to ABATE Palm Beach Chapter PO Box 530944 Lake Park FL 33403. The form is also online on our site <http://palmbeach.abateflorida.com/members/membership20ADDfill.pdf>. This is a PDF file with fields you can fill in and save to your computer. You will need a free PDF Reader to do this, likely have it already. If you can install this on a tablet or your phone, you can use them but is more difficult. After you complete it to your best, be sure to fill BOTH signature fields - A for the applicable (mid-page) and B for Beneficiary part (bottom). Now you need to SAVE to your Device. With a PDF this can be done with the Print button but use choice to Save as PDF and note where you saved it. You could actually Print it if turning or mailing it in. IF you want you can attach it to an email to [palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com](mailto:palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com)

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

### **WHO WE ARE**

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

### **OUR GOALS**

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

### **MEMBERSHIP**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## DESANTIS BULLISH ON STATE BUDGET

January 29, 2021 Dara Kam

TALLAHASSEE --- Pay hikes for teachers, money to combat climate change, funds to address the flow of water in the Everglades.

Gov. Ron DeSantis unleashed a bullish state budget proposal this week, with a little something for nearly everyone in his \$96.6 billion spending plan.

The governor's recommendations are a starting point for lawmakers, who will begin to flesh out the budget as they hold committee meetings in advance of the March 2 start of the annual legislative session.

DeSantis stood alone at a podium Thursday as he laid out his proposal to boost state spending by more than \$4 billion, despite legislative leaders' repeated warnings that even such sacred cows as education could be on the chopping block because of a drop in tax collections during the coronavirus pandemic.

DeSantis' proposal is a "wish list," according to House Minority Co-leader Evan Jenne. "The governor's proposed budget holds no sway, when it comes to when things are actually being done," Jenne, D-Dania Beach, said. "Obviously, priorities will be prioritized for his benefit. But, in terms of the overall structure of things, it is really just political theater to make people feel like the economy is doing better than it actually is."

### **MONEY, MONEY, MONEY, MONEY**

DeSantis' record \$96.6 billion proposal for the 2021-2022 fiscal year offers a more upbeat picture of Florida's finances than presented by lawmakers who will have to stitch together a spending plan as the pandemic continues to hamper the economy.

During a news conference at the Capitol, DeSantis said his proposal would increase funding for public schools, continue funneling money into environmental issues such as Everglades restoration and direct dollars to initiatives like helping address sea-level rise.

DeSantis' proposal --- dubbed the "Florida Leads" budget --- relies heavily on federal money that has flowed into the state to help deal with the pandemic. Also, it would bank on such things as increased property-tax revenues to boost education spending, long a controversial issue.

The proposal would be about \$4.3 billion higher than the current year's budget. A summary of the proposal released by DeSantis' office said \$2.6 billion of the potential increase is related to the COVID-19 response or impacts of the pandemic.

"Despite the unprecedented circumstances and historic reductions, the Florida Leads budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 totals more than our current budget for the last year," DeSantis said. "It's \$4.3 billion more. Most of that is directly related to COVID response efforts."

But as recently as mid-January, House Appropriations Chairman Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, warned of looming budget cuts, including the possibility of education cuts. Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, also has raised the possibility of moves such as increasing university tuition --- something not included in DeSantis' proposal.

"You know, we're going to need to look very hard and diligently at how everything is funded, and whether or not it meets muster. ... And we will be squeezing blood out of turnips, as they say in my neck of the woods," Trumbull said this month.

### **PROTEST OVER PUNISHING PROTESTERS**

Legislative committees this week considered a host of Republican-backed proposals, including measures that would punish violent protesters, protect businesses from coronavirus-related lawsuits and close the so-called “Wayfair” loophole by requiring out-of-state online retailers to collect sales taxes.

The Senate is largely closed to the public due to the coronavirus, but dozens of people showed up at a House meeting to speak out against protest legislation first floated by DeSantis in September.

The measure (HB 1) is backed by the state’s three most-powerful Republican leaders but was decried as unnecessary and divisive by Democrats and other critics --- many of them young or Black --- who unsuccessfully urged the House Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee to reject the proposal.

The meeting, originally slated to last two hours, was extended for 30 minutes to accommodate more than 60 people who were given 60 seconds each to address the proposal.

“I was recently asked, how can we make this bill better. You can shred it,” state Rep. Mike Grieco, a Miami Beach Democrat who is a former prosecutor, said before the Republican-controlled panel voted along party lines in favor of the measure.

But House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, issued a statement after the vote pointing to the “passionate, vocal speech and debate” about the bill.

“It was a demonstration of how people can use the God-given right to freedom of speech and protest without being violent, without inciting riot and without destruction to property --- the exact protection of actions opponents argue it would destroy,” Sprowls, a former prosecutor, said. “HB 1 will increase penalties on those who would engage in a form of domestic terrorism, violent mobs that would destroy and damage property and injure and kill people. HB 1 will protect the freedoms of speech and protest we hold dear as Americans. It will not protect violence, because violence is not speech.”

The legislation would create a new offense of “mob intimidation” when three or more people act “with a common intent, to compel or induce, or attempt to compel or induce, another person by force, or threat of force, to do any act or to assume or abandon a particular viewpoint.”

The House bill and an identical Senate bill (SB 484) would also enhance penalties for defacing public monuments, make it a crime to destroy memorials and require mandatory restitution for the full cost of repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed memorials.

Opponents of the measure say it is unnecessary and will make Black people even more vulnerable to the whims of law enforcement officers.

The bill “would disproportionately hurt communities of color trying to exercise their constitutional rights,” Rep. Dianne Hart, D-Tampa, said, adding that her office has received more than 4,000 calls and emails opposing the measure. “This will do nothing to make us safer. It will only fill up our jails and prisons, keeping people away from their jobs, families and the Legislature.”

**STORY OF THE WEEK:** Gov. Ron DeSantis rolled out a record \$96.6 billion budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** “I think we are at the point where the state needs to be looking at some additional revenues or new sources or in some way figuring out how to restore what was lost. Because I understand that Florida needs a balanced budget, but we’ve been through some very tough times.”

Florida Association of Rehabilitation Facilities President and CEO Suzanne Sewell.

## **Airbag jeans could help keep motorcyclists safer**

Friday, January 22, 2021

A pair of jeans may be the future to keeping motorcyclists safer. The pants are airbag jeans and have concealed airbags inside the legs. Riders tether them to their bikes, and if they fall, the airbags are triggered. Unlike the airbags in cars, these can be deflated and reused multiple times. The inventor of the airbag jeans hopes to bring them to market next year. Moses Shahrivar designed his first pair of motorcycle jeans in collaboration with Harley-Davidson Sweden 16 years ago. His company Airbag Inside Sweden AB has designed a prototype pair of super-strong jeans that have concealed airbags inside the legs, CNN reports. Wearable airbag vests to protect bikers' upper bodies have been around for more than 20 years. Motorcyclists in the United States are about 28 times more likely than car occupants to die in a crash

<https://abc11.com/airbag-jeans-airbags-motorcycle-safety-motorcyclists/9901867/>

## **These Airbag Jeans Could Make Motorcycle Riding So Much Safer** Elizabeth Blackstock

No matter how many safety precautions they take, motorcycle riders are still about 28 times more likely than a car passenger to die in a crash due to the prone nature of the rider. The thing that people love about riding—the sensation of being open and close to nature—is the very thing that makes the whole thing so dangerous. But a new invention, airbag jeans, is looking to solve that. And they already seem much more useful than parachute pants.

A company called Airbag Inside Sweden AB recently designed a prototype of a new form of outerwear that might make riding safer for motorcyclists. Despite looking like a regular pair of jeans, they're lined with airbags that will be triggered if a rider falls off his bike. The jeans are tethered to the bike, so the trigger here is similar to the safety clip on a treadmill: pull the cord, and you'll have a pair of inflated pants.

The goal is to reduce lower-body impact for riders. We've had inflatable vests for riders for decades now, but no one has actually figured out how to make sense of lower-body protection yet. Until now, that is.

The jeans can be deflated, refilled with gas, reassembled, and used over and over again so you don't have to get a new pair every time you take a spill. And the jeans themselves are made of something called Aramid fibers, which are super strong.

Airbag Inside Sweden AB's head, Moses Shahrivar, has been working on stuff like this for 16 years, getting his start designing hardy, leather-lined jeans for Harley-Davidson in an effort to achieve similar safety-conscious clothing items.

The company has raised €150,000 (\$180,000) from the European Union to develop the idea and is currently in the process of having the jeans certified to European health and safety standards by undergoing a series of crash tests. If the jeans are approved, we could witness a fairly exciting revolution in motorcycle safety.

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## **PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE**

As a result of legislation recently passed by Congress, the Small Business Administration will re-open the Paycheck Protection Program today, January 11. Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loans are now available to new and certain existing borrowers.

Here is the latest information from the Small Business Administration and the Department of the Treasury:

### **About Paycheck Protection Program Loans**

The Paycheck Protection Program provides small businesses with funds to pay up to 24 weeks of payroll costs, including benefits. These loans will be forgiven if the following requirements are met:

Employees are kept on payroll and compensation levels are maintained;

The loan is used to cover payroll and other eligible expenses, including mortgage interest, rent, utilities, operations expenses, property damage costs, supplier costs and worker protection expenditures;

At least 60 percent of the proceeds are spent on payroll costs.

### **First Time Borrower Eligibility:**

All businesses, including 501c3 non-profits, veterans organizations, tribal concerns, sole proprietorships, self-employed individuals, and independent contractors, with 500 or fewer employees, or no greater than the number of employees set by the SBA as the size standard for certain industries, are eligible.

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A borrower is generally eligible for a Second Draw PPP Loan if the borrower:

Previously received a First Draw PPP Loan and will or has used the full amount only for authorized uses;

Has no more than 300 employees; and

Can demonstrate at least a 25% reduction in gross receipts between comparable quarters in 2019 and 2020.

To promote access to capital, community financial institutions will be able to make First Draw PPP Loans available on Monday, January 11. Second Draw PPP Loans will be made available on Wednesday, January 13. The PPP will open to all participating lenders shortly thereafter.

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Sincerely, Brian Mast United States Congressman

## So you want to buy a vintage motorcycle?

By JOE MICHAUD JAN. 24, 2021

Perhaps you've seen vintage bikes for sale on TV car auctions or maybe prowling around town. Whether you call 'em vintage, antique or classic, old bikes are popular.

So, what is it about vintage bikes that make some riders choose obsolete technology? Riding vintage iron can't be simply about riding motorcycles. If that were true, everyone would ride a new bike. New iron doesn't break, new always starts, and new won't leave you roadside without cell coverage.

Posing this "why choose vintage" question to more than 50 collectors, restorers and die-hard old-bike folks generated answers as varied as the personalities of those queried. However, common threads are woven throughout.

Many enjoy the acceptability of vintage bikes. Motorcycle gatherings will often have a narrow group appeal, but a well-turned-out vintage bike gathering will be of interest to most riders. Some spoke about becoming imprinted by a six- to eight-year span of motorcycles when the machines "simply looked right." The era, brand, model type, even country of origin are all factors. The restoration process itself is an important element for many owners. Most enjoy the camaraderie of clubs and garage time. Owner maintainability is also a big draw; call it "pride of ownership." So, what does it take to wrangle an old vehicle into reliability?

Are you the type of person who enjoys fiddling with machinery? There is great satisfaction in success and great pain in failure, so patience is important, as is dedication. Is your dream machine realistic? What about replacement parts, special tools, special skills? Is there adequate documentation to guide your process? Can you rely on local club support? What will it cost?

A 100-point concours restoration requires an open-ended budget, often involving duplicate purchases of multiple used parts, constantly chasing "better." Refurbishing a clean and dependable rider with new shiny bits is more affordable. The cheapest route might be simply making a survivor bike safe and enjoying the ride.

Kasey Doolin finished a concours restoration Honda CL450 "Flying Dragon." The Flying Dragon was a Honda factory psychedelic paint scheme, considered unsuccessful at the time, only offered as a dealer option on two models for three years. Its painted trim is extremely rare.

"I happened to see NOS tin for sale on the Internet, and it was kismet from that point. I knew how rare they are. The tank and two side covers were \$3,000 in the original Japanese cartons. Once I bought them, my goal was to start from scratch.

"I paid \$1,500 for a correct 1972 CL450 in bad shape. I took it down to the frame and had it painted in correct Japanese gloss black paint, not powder coat. I replaced all the wrench-worn fasteners with fresh Japanese Industrial Standards fasteners. Everything on that bike was refurbished or new old stock," he said. "I bought three used exhaust systems, cut them apart, rewelded, then got them rechromed by the only chrome shop in the country that will do that.

"Parts for a 450 are ridiculously hard to find. When you see anything, you click buy it now," he shrugs. "So, it's easy to get deep into a concours bike where judges will demerit a bike for any fault.

Doolin laughs: "I bought the last NOS seat on the planet from the Netherlands for \$1,000."

He displayed the bike at the prestigious Quail concours (in Carmel) and got dinged for the wrong shock absorbers (off a 450CB rather than a CL) and an engine finish that was too bright. Perfection is rarely achieved in concours displays.

Knowing the factory paint is fragile and unrepairable and can't be duplicated, Doolin prudently sold the

bike to a collector.

“I had been storing the tin in a cardboard box in my bedroom closet.”

Gordon Clark is recommissioning a 1949 Harley FL Panhead. Twenty-five years ago, he bought a blue tarp project: a frame, transmission and engine, plus 12 milk crates of parts.

“It’s been a labor of love for the last six years,” he laughs wryly.

Clark prowled swap meets and shows for three years searching for the best period-correct parts. He soon realized that he would have to rely more on the re-pop market, the aftermarket pattern parts made to replicate nonexistent originals. Re-pops often require personal fettling, additional labor to ensure correct fitment and function.

“A lot of the bike is original, so I tried my darndest to get new old stock parts, or just old stock parts. Originality was the goal. Finding people who had the parts or could fix the parts was a bit of a challenge, too.

“But they’re a lot of fun to ride, and you get a bit of notoriety when you pull up somewhere on a vintage bike. No one asks about that new Harley or those sport bikes. ... They’ve seen a million of them. But everyone has an old bike question or comment. There’s pride in maintenance.”

Originality was not a goal on my four-year 1966 Triumph Bonneville T120 hot rod project. Making a decadelong collection of mis-matched British performance parts play well together was often frustrating. Finding the correct Whitworth threaded components, where they were necessary, was costly and time consuming. The stiction-plagued and leaky front forks were removed and stripped more times than I will admit before I sourced usable parts. An after-market CDI ignition with a no-spark condition caused a long delay. Carburetor tuning for performance cams and a big bore kit was a major issue. The good points? I learned to solder correctly, (bless YouTube!). I acquired a solder station and scratch-built a new simplified Lucas-free harness correct for LED lighting. All era-appropriate British bullet connectors are crimped and soldered. The color codes of the harness are parts-book correct, retaining a vintage look. And I’ve assembled the machine enough times and gathered enough correct tools to be confident in maintenance.

Is the juice worth the squeeze?

Mike Boyle, an Oregon collector, summed up the reason best: “It’s a small rebellion against the new and the modern. Old bikes make you responsible for everything you do, they even make you pay for doing ‘stupid.’

“But the reward is in that doing, whether making it run or guiding it down the road with your own hand, your own head, your own wits. That is something that’s getting ever scarcer in this electronic age, and whether we recognize it or not, we feel it, some of us more than others.”

So, what’s the best way to acquire an old bike? Depends on your personality. Restore one, if you have time and patience. Pay someone to restore one, if you have deep pockets. Or buy someone else’s well-done restoration. Remember, depreciation bites the original owner more than the second owner.

Auction bikes can be a great value if road-proven — not simply shiny and rushed to the auction block.

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<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/cars/motorcycle/story/2021-01-24/so-you-want-to-buy-a-vintage-motorcycle>

## **Patent reveals Erik Buell's latest electric motorcycle will be part electric bicycle** Micah Toll - Jan. 17th 2021 8:20 am ET @MicahToll

A recent patent reveals an interesting and novel type of electric motorbike that could become Fuell's next big EV.

Two-wheeled EV company Fuell was founded in 2019 by Erik Buell and his team to develop both electric bicycles and electric motorcycles.

The company began by prioritizing the Fuell Flluid electric bicycle ahead of the more costly and complicated Fuell Fllow electric motorcycle.

Fuell then experimented with some moped-style electric vehicle design concepts last July.

One of the concepts, known as the Flluid\_2, appears to actually be making progress based on its inclusion in a recent patent.

The patent, uncovered by CycleWorld, appears to show an electric motorbike that is convertible from a lightweight motorcycle or scooter into a pedal-augmented moped.

The patent drawings indicate a swappable hybrid drivetrain that can replace the foot platforms with functional pedals.

In the scooter form, the device would apparently be more of a moped or light motorcycle-class vehicle. But adding the pedals (and presumably limiting the power and/or speed) could sneak the vehicle into electric bicycle classes that would help riders avoid legal requirements such as licensing and registration.

The vehicle appears to share similar magnesium monocoque construction with the Fllow, though it likely sports significantly less battery capacity and motor power.

The rear hub motor appears to be much smaller than the powerful 11 kW or 35 kW options previously floated for the Fllow.

The patent also reveals long, thin battery packs that sit vertically in the forward section of the body and would be removable via a flip-up hatch at the top of the battery compartment.

Multiple battery options are shown in the patent including options for single or dual batteries of different sizes.

Various seat options are also shown, including a more traditional bicycle saddle and a longer moped-style seat that may be able to accommodate more than one rider.

Just because Fuell has patented the vehicle doesn't mean it is necessarily headed for production. But the company's continued R&D is a good sign that we'll eventually see more than just an electric bicycle from Fuell.

Lightweight electric motorcycles like the 11kW Fuell Fllow are an underserved market in the electric motorcycle industry. Established companies have been hesitant to enter the space, leaving room for startups to fill the void. Newcomers to the market such as the SONDORS Metacycle are beginning to create offerings in the category, which could help encourage other companies such as Fuell to jump in.

<https://electrek.co/2021/01/17/patent-reveals-buells-latest-electric-motorcycle-part-electric-bicycle/>

## A Famous Tire Company Has Invented a Hack to Make Motorcycle Riding Easier

One of the biggest names in tires, quality food and mascots has a clever idea for your bike.  
 BY TYLER DUFFY JAN 25, 2021

Michelin is known primarily for three things: its tires, its restaurant guides and its iconic Michelin Man mascot, an anthropomorphic tire stack known initially as “Bibendum” in France. But as Motorcycle.com has discovered, the company has a new patent that could revolutionize the world of motorcycling — and make them far more comfortable to live with.

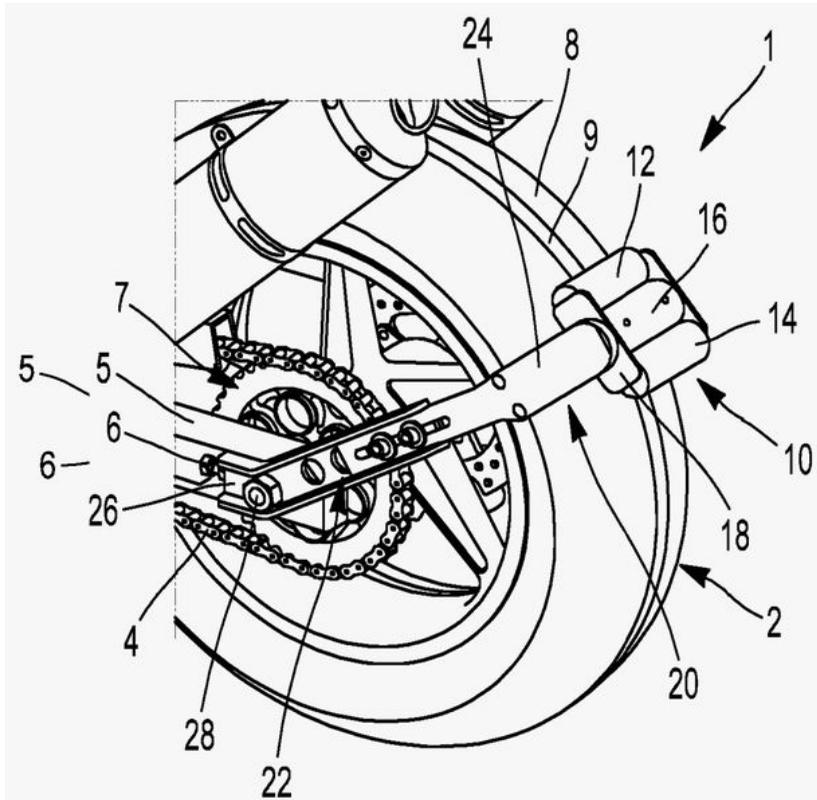
Many motorcycles don’t have a reverse gear. It’s not a huge problem for smaller, light-weight bikes, but for heavier ones, walking the bike around for low-speed maneuvers (like backing up to a gas pump or parking space, or loading a motorcycle onto a trailer) can be a pain.

Michelin’s solution, simply enough, calls for a roller powered by a tiny electric motor. The roller would press against the wheel with the flick of a handlebar-mounted switch, delivering up to three lb-ft of torque, moving the bike at about 0.6 mph. It’s not a lot of oomph, but enough to make it much easier to walk the bike around.

The roller would use a rechargeable 3.6-volt lithium-ion battery pack, fit under the fender or mudguard on the rear wheel and mount to the swingarm. The entire unit would easily attach and be self-contained and designed to fit several different bikes, making it a compelling third-party accessory.

Of course, a patent does not mean the idea will go into production — automotive engineers come up with a whole bunch of wacky ideas that are interesting but never make it into vehicles. This one, though, feels simple, practical and very easily attainable.

<https://www.gearpatrol.com/cars/motorcycles/a35308462/michelin-motorcycle-roller-electric-motor/>



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 Johnny Q's 6:30- 10 3801 19th Ave N Palm Springs FL

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 Lone Legion Happy Hour SAT night Fly n Wheels Open House

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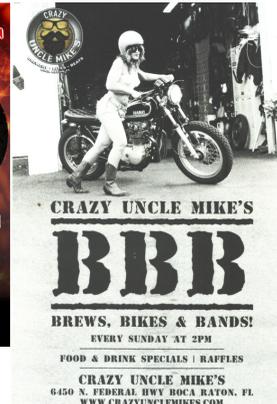
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# DELEGATE REPORT

After further consideration to keep our members safe at the upcoming State Delegates meeting in Vero Beach, we will be following the Indian River County recent extension on their mask mandate and require all people in attendance at the meeting to wear a mask and stay socially distanced during the meeting.

As we have stated before, anyone who does not wish to attend the State Meeting will be excused, but we do ask that you contact Doc or myself to let us know you will not be attending. Everyone will have their temperature checked via a non-contact digital thermometer.

We are also taking the extra safety precaution to limit the attendance at the meeting hall to just the State Board members / assistants, Chapter Delegates and the food crew.

Our goal is to do everything within reason to limit the risk of COVID-19 spread to our members and keep everyone safe. As a Director of Rehabilitation at both a Skilled Nursing Facility and an Assisted Living

Facility, I have seen how fast the virus can spread and the effects it has on those that are already medically compromised.

Going forward, we will go by the local County rules where we hold our State Meetings to keep everyone safe.

I thank you for your understanding in this unprecedented time.

Again, if you do not feel you should attend, please let us know, all absences will be excused.

Stay safe. VP Scribe

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### 2021 State Meetings

- Feb.13 Vero Beach  
Treasure Coast
- April 11 Tallahassee
- April 12 Ride to Capital
- June 12 Vintage St. Aug
- August 14 Lake
- October 9 Gulf Coast
- Dec. 11 Peace River

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## **Motorcycle Group launches its MotoLoan Program on January 25, 2021**

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(PRNewsfoto/MotoLease/Motorcycle Group) NEWS PROVIDED BY MotoLease/  
Motorcycle Group Jan 23, 2021, 10:03 ET

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Motorcycle Group will present lease and loan offers simultaneously to qualified applicants so motorcycle & powersports dealers can maximize their sales. Combined with the new application platform under MotoLogin.com, both dealers and their customers will use one application to get instant lease and loan options combined with instant credit decisions and deal desking 24/7 in an entirely paperless process.

"MotoLease® was the first to offer leasing in the powersports world in 2010," explains Maurice Salter, Chairman of the Board of MotoLease®, LLC. "So on January 25, 2021, we are pleased to announce the new MotoLoan Program will be added with MotoLease® to the Motorcycle Group family of offerings to offer motorcycles, side-by-sides, and ATVs."

MotoLoan offers a zero-down, up to an 84-month loan to applicants with credit scores 600 and above, which is the first in the industry. MotoLease will continue to offer up to 60-month leases to provide consumers with two unbeatable options.

Applicants can qualify in a matter of minutes through a Motorcycle Group authorized dealership or directly online at their websites: MotoLease.net and MotoLoan.com.

For Motorcycle and Powersports dealers interested in learning more about the MotoLoan Program, call 844-466-8653, press option 2, or email: support@motolease.net.

For more information regarding the Motorcycle Group, visit the website at [www.MotorcycleGroup.com](http://www.MotorcycleGroup.com) or call 844-466-8653.

### About Motorcycle Group

Motorcycle Group has lease and loan advisors standing by to walk applicants through the entire process—from finding that dream vehicle, where to locate that vehicle, and how to finance that vehicle. From start to finish, lease and loan advisors are ready to help. Advisors will steer applicants to one of the hundreds of Motorcycle Group's dealers and its online inventory within its network where they can find their dream vehicle. The advisor will then assist in structuring financing.

Motorcycle Group can also help with insurance, service contracts, and roadside assistance programs as a turnkey vehicle acquisition program.

SOURCE MotoLease/Motorcycle Group <https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/motorcycle-group-launches-its-motoloan-program-on-january-25-2021-301213527.html>

**Americade motorcycle rally moved to late September** Steve Barnes 1-22-2021

LAKE GEORGE — Americade, a weeklong motorcycle rally that has brought tens of thousands of enthusiasts to the village in June since 1983, will be held in late September this year in a nod to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Officially called the Americade Motorcycle Touring Rally, it is scheduled for Sept. 21 to 25, according to Christian Dutcher, Americade's director.

In spirit of Americade, hundreds of bikers expected to turnout for 'underground' rally  
Americade canceled after COVID-19 spikes in other states

"We want to make 100 percent sure that a 2021 Americade will happen, but we're not confident an event of this size will be permissible in June," Dutcher said in a statement.

"Moving it to September gives us a very high likelihood of it happening."

Finding an alternate date to Americade 2021 was challenging because it requires multiple venues to be available, and the event should not conflict another national motorcycle event, Dutcher said. The September dates were the only time that would allow for an Americade 2021, he said.

"I feared we may have had to cancel until Americade 2022, but miraculously we are able to slide it into September," he said, adding, "A September date will allow participants to see the beauty of the Adirondacks at the peak of fall foliage and not overlap with annual family vacations that dominate Lake George from late June through Labor Day."

Last's year's Americade was postponed to July before being canceled.

<https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Americade-moved-to-late-September-15890860.php>



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## SIMPSON EXPECTS COVID-19 RE- STRICTIONS TO STAY THROUGH SESSION

January 25, Jim Turner

TALLAHASSEE --- Senate President Wilton Simpson doesn't expect his side of the Capitol to be open to the public or lobbyists until after the upcoming 60-day legislative session, as many lawmakers and staff members likely will continue to await COVID-19 vaccinations.

During a meeting Monday about Senate procedural issues, Simpson advised members to get used to talking with lobbyists outside the Capitol complex. And he said public comments during Senate committee meetings will continue to be streamed online from rooms a few blocks away at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center.

"I suspect this is the way it's going to be through this session," Simpson, R-Trilby, said as the second of five committee weeks got underway in advance of the March 2 start of the session. "I also expect that by the summertime we'll have all of them vaccinated that wants to be vaccinated," Simpson continued. "And probably next year, it will go back to a more normal situation, that we will then have to define what that actually means."

COVID-19 tests are being provided for free to lawmakers, legislative staff, Capitol employees and members of

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the media before the start of each week. But with steps such as testimony streamed from the civic center, the Senate has imposed slightly stricter rules than the House about trying to prevent the spread of the virus.

House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, has banned visitors from congregating in House “open spaces” and “seating areas” and is encouraging lobbyists to submit electronic appearance records to show their support or opposition to legislation, if they don’t wish to address committees.

Sprowls is also trying to reduce the number of days House members are expected to be in Tallahassee for the committee weeks.

Gov. Ron DeSantis has focused the state’s vaccination efforts on residents who are age 65 or older. Simpson noted that several senators in that age group are in the process of being vaccinated and that the Senate will pursue efforts for others to get vaccinated as the age limit is lowered.

“We’re not going to skip the line,” said Simpson, who tested positive for COVID-19 last month. The use of online public comments might remain available in some hybrid fashion after the upcoming session, Simpson said. Besides more convenient parking at the civic center, Simpson said the remote location might allow people to feel more secure.

“I am presuming that we will have all been vaccinated, we’ll have herd immunity. And we can get back to semi-normal,” Simpson said. “But certainly, this is a really good process to have, where you have plenty of parking, plenty of room, plenty, you know, folks to take care of people who want to speak to us. And with the electronics today, with the ability and 5G (wireless technology) coming online, as it continues to come online, this is going to get better and better.”

Simpson also jokingly suggested the COVID-19 safety changes could have benefits for lawmakers.

“I think we’re going to be a whole lot more productive,” Simpson said. “And it’s kind of nice, right? It’s kind of like, ‘Hey, this way it should be.’ Does anybody have a problem with 25 lobbyists not piled up in your office?”

Simpson said he was cutting himself off from making a joke, noting the meeting was aired on The Florida Channel, before adding, “This is going to be a very productive session with all the leeches outside. I mean, not the leeches. Leaves outside.”

**BUSINESS COVID-19 PROTECTIONS BACKED IN SENATE** January 25, Christine Sexton TALLAHASSEE --- The Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday approved a proposal that would give Florida businesses that “substantially” comply with public-health guidelines broad protection from coronavirus-related lawsuits filed by customers and employees.

The bill (SB 72) would not apply to health-care providers such as hospitals, nursing homes and physicians, who have been clamoring for protections since spring. Instead, the bill would help shield other types of businesses and educational and religious institutions from claims for damages, injuries or deaths.

The Republican-controlled committee spent more than two hours debating the bill and four amendments offered by Democrats before voting 7-4 along party lines to move it to the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee.

“I promise all my bills will not be like this. I promise that we will work together in most of our legislation in a much more, I believe, collaborative way to address this,” said Judiciary Chairman Jeff Brandes, a St. Petersburg Republican who is sponsoring the bill.

Without the legislation, Brandes said businesses could face lawsuits if they did not “wholly” comply with the various public-health orders issued at the state, local and federal levels.

“They would have been subject to lawsuits that could have put them under. Not only businesses but homeowners against homeowners, parishioners against pastors, and I think that’s what this legislation does,” Brandes said. “It says, ‘Look, we need to create a safe harbor for those businesses that substantially complied with the guidelines.’”

The proposal’s supporters contend employers that have been struggling to remain in operation during the pandemic are at risk of getting sued. But a Senate staff analysis said only six lawsuits have been filed.

Florida Justice Reform Institute President William Large, however, said his research indicates that 53 lawsuits have been filed across the state. Large said litigation has been filed against nursing homes and cruise lines, neither of which would be protected under the bill.

Large asked senators to ensure that they consider similar legislation to protect health-care providers.

“Sometime in the future, make sure our health-care providers are included in a bill that substantially looks like this,” said Large, whose business-backed group lobbies on a wide range of issues related to limiting lawsuits.

Brandes’ bill would require plaintiffs to file claims within one year after incidents. They would be required to obtain affidavits from Florida physicians attesting that the defendants’ acts or omissions caused the damages, injuries or deaths.

Businesses that courts deem have “substantially” complied with government-issued health standards or guidance would be immune from liability. The bills also would make it harder to win lawsuits, raising the bar of proof from simple negligence to gross negligence and upping evidentiary standards from the current “greater weight of the evidence” to “clear and convincing evidence.”

Democrats on the committee proposed amendments that were defeated or withdrawn. For example, Sen. Tina Polsky, a Boca Raton Democrat who is an attorney, filed an amendment that would have required a “qualified medical expert” to sign an affidavit that a plaintiff was positive for COVID-19 at the time the cause of action accrued and that the plaintiff’s infection resulted in injury, damages, or death.

Polsky’s amendment would have deleted the provision in the bill that would require physician affidavits. In offering her amendment, Polsky said a physician would not be qualified to determine whether a business’ actions caused the COVID-19 infection.

The Republican-led Legislature unveiled the Senate bill and its House counterpart (HB 7) this month. The bills are identical, and House and Senate leaders have thrown their support behind the proposals. The House bill cleared its first subcommittee last week in a party-line vote.

Lawmakers are considering the proposals as the numbers of COVID-19 cases and deaths have surged in Florida during the fall and winter. As of Monday, 1,658,169 cases of COVID-19 and 25,446 resident deaths had been reported in Florida since the pandemic hit.

Bill Herrle, executive director of the small-business group NFIB Florida, said businesses are keenly aware the liability proposal is moving through the Legislature.

“I can assure you that business owners are very aware that you are addressing this is-

sue; that you are debating it today,” Herrle said. “And the thing they like about it the most is it’s being done today here at the very outset of the legislative session.”

But Sen. Perry Thurston, a Fort Lauderdale Democrat who is an attorney, said he didn’t think liability protection was the most important COVID-19-related issue for the Legislature to tackle first as it prepares for the March 2 start of the annual session.

“Blanket immunity that we have here is not what I think should be our first line of attack on this virus that has plagued our community,” Thurston said, adding that he gets calls about food insecurity and evictions and job loss. “One of the speakers talked about the fact that this is the first item of business for the Florida Legislature. I think it’s something that we should be addressing. But when I have to go back to my community and talk about people being evicted, people having food insecurities, life or death issues, I think it’s a sad reflection on the state that this is what we choose to address first as it relates to this virus.”

**WEEKLY ROUNDUP: ‘SQUEEZING BLOOD OUT OF TURNIPS’** January 15, Dara Kam

TALLAHASSEE --- House and Senate committees this week kicked off meetings in advance of the 2021 legislative session, as a pandemic-created “new normal” transformed the Capitol and neighboring environs.

Adams Street, where restaurants, the members-only Governors Club and swanky offices are situated just steps from the Capitol, typically would have been abuzz.

But new COVID-19 protocols imposed by Senate President Wilton Simpson and House Speaker Chris Sprowls restricting people from showing up at the Capitol have morphed the landscape in and around the 22-story building.

“It is a straight-up ghost town,” lobbyist Lisa Henning said in a text message Wednesday, describing the scene in downtown Tallahassee.

Due to COVID-19, Sprowls is requiring lobbyists to make appointments to meet with House members. Simpson, meanwhile, has asked senators not to hold face-to-face meetings in their offices throughout January.

The Senate president apparently means business.

Lobbyist Lisa Miller told The News Service of Florida that a senator invited her into the Senate Office Building for a quick briefing this week.

On her way out, one of Simpson’s aides spotted Miller and asked if she had undergone COVID-19 testing.

Although Miller told the aide she had received a negative test result a few days earlier, the lobbyist said she was asked to take an on-site test, which also turned out to be negative.

“I read the protocols prior to entering and made sure to follow them for the quick meeting prior to leaving the building,” Miller said in an interview.

The House and Senate are requiring legislators, staff members and reporters to take COVID-19 tests --- provided gratis --- before entering the Capitol Complex. But lobbyists and state agency personnel aren’t required to show that they’re COVID-free to gain access to the buildings.

The Senate has set up a remote location for lobbyists and others to testify at committee meetings but is allowing state agency heads and staff to appear in person. The Senate is observing federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations, such as the use of face masks and social distancing.

Visitors to the House Office Building are required to wear face masks “when in the company of another person, including when providing in-person testimony during a committee meeting,”

keep six feet away from others and practice other COVID-19 precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**TIGHTENING BELTS** With Capitol committee rooms and hallways eerily desolate, lawmakers this week waded through a series of high-profile issues. The pandemic and its economic fallout garnered much of House and Senate members' attention.

House Appropriations Chairman Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, told his committee to expect budget cuts and warned not to rely on federal assistance for a bailout.

"We do not build our budget based on assumptions as to what Congress may or may not do," Trumbull said Wednesday. "Because the reality is, we don't have an idea how much they're going to give, if they're going to give anything, and what strings would be associated with that gift."

A panel of state economists last month projected reductions in state general revenue of \$3.3 billion over two years, an improvement from an August outlook projecting the hit at \$5.4 billion. Information provided to the House panel pointed to a projected \$2.75 billion general-revenue deficit for the fiscal 2021-2022 budget, which lawmakers will negotiate during the upcoming session. Cuts could be spread across multiple budget areas, from education and health care to the environment and the justice system.

"It is mathematically impossible to cut \$2 billion out of this budget without taking anything from education, obviously, due to the fact that recurring (general revenue) represents a significant amount of our budget," Trumbull said.

**ROLLING UP SLEEVES** The state's rocky rollout of COVID-19 vaccinations came under scrutiny this week, as Florida Surgeon General Scott Rivkees made the rounds of House and Senate committees.

Sen. Aaron Bean, R-Fernandina Beach, chided Rivkees, saying Gov. Ron DeSantis' administration hasn't been open with the public about the effort to get shots in arms.

During a Senate Health Policy Committee meeting Wednesday, Bean said there is statewide frustration over the vaccine rollout and that state health officials need to provide the public with a "clear direction" about the state's plans.

"If there is an orderly process that is clear and communicated well, most people are patient --- they will wait their turn and know that new supplies are coming. And I can wait my turn. But when there's no information, and there's no rhyme or reason who's getting it, that's the frustration," said Bean, who is one of Simpson's top lieutenants and chairs a panel in charge of the health-care budget.

Bean said thousands of people signed up through a Nassau County website to get vaccinated but there was no supply.

More than 4.4 million people age 65 and older qualify for vaccinations under a Dec. 23 executive order issued by DeSantis. But the state has received far fewer doses of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines than would be needed to vaccinate those seniors --- or the broader population.

Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses to be effective.

Given the math, Rivkees told members of the Senate Health Policy Committee that "it is going to take a while" to get all those who qualify vaccinated. He said the message that needs to be delivered is patience.

"How you convey patience during a pandemic is a very difficult conversation to have. Frankly, it's heartbreaking," said Rivkees, who doubles as secretary of the Department of Health.

**MONUMENTAL? OR A SOLUTION IN SEARCH OF A PROBLEM?** A House panel on

Wednesday voted along party lines to back a fast-tracked proposal that would provide broad immunity from coronavirus-related lawsuits to businesses that have “substantially” complied with public-health guidelines.

The House Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee voted 11-6 to advance the proposal (HB 7), with state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis in attendance championing the measure.

Patronis, whose family has long owned a Panama City Beach restaurant, testified at the meeting and called the bill monumental.

“We want to make sure we are doing right and that our small businesses are not under threat of constant lawsuits,” Patronis said.

Bill sponsor Lawrence McClure, R-Dover, said “fewer than 10” lawsuits have been filed against business owners related to COVID-19. However, he said the fear of litigation associated with a 1-in-100-year pandemic is real.

“I want to be clear, this bill is intended to give clarity to Florida businesses that if they are making a good-faith effort to comply with regulation, they will not have the cloud of frivolous litigation hanging over their head,” McClure said.

**STORY OF THE WEEK:** With COVID-19 protocols in place, House and Senate committees held their first meetings in advance of the 2021 legislative session, which begins March 2.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** “You know, we're going to need to look very hard and diligently at how everything is funded, and whether or not it meets muster. ... And we will be squeezing blood out of turnips, as they say in my neck of the woods.” --- House budget chief Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City.

**SB 278 Traffic Offenses has been assigned it's committee road map.**

The first committee is Regulated Industries (RI)

Chair: Senator Travis Hutson (R) Vice Chair: Senator Lauren Book (D)

Senator Ben Albritton (R) Senator Joe Gruters (R)

Senator Ed Hooper (R) Senator Kathleen Passidomo (R)

Senator Ray Wesley Rodrigues (R) Senator Darryl Ervin Rouson (D)

Senator Linda Stewart (D)

The second committee is the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (ATD)

Chair: Senator George B. Gainer (R) Vice Chair: Senator Ed Hooper (R)

Senator Loranne Ausley (D) Senator Jim Boyd (R)

Senator Janet Cruz (D) Senator Ileana Garcia (R)

Senator Audrey Gibson (D) Senator Debbie Mayfield (R)

Senator Keith Perry (R) Senator Annette Taddeo (D)

Senator Tom A. Wright (R)

The Third and last committee is Appropriations (AP)

Chair: Senator Kelli Stargel (R) Vice Chair: Senator Aaron Bean (R)

Senator Ben Albritton (R) Senator Lauren Book (D)

Senator Randolph Bracy (D) Senator Jeff Brandes (R)

Senator Doug Broxson (R) Senator Manny Diaz, Jr. (R)

Senator Gary M. Farmer, Jr.(D) Senator George B. Gainer (R)

Senator Audrey Gibson (D) Senator Ed Hooper (R)  
Senator Travis Hutson (R) Senator Debbie Mayfield (R)  
Senator Kathleen Passidomo (R) Senator Keith Perry (R)  
Senator Jason W. B. Pizzo (D) **Senator Bobby Powell (D)**  
Senator Darryl Ervin Rouson (D) Senator Linda Stewart (D)

If any of these Senators is your **Senator or if they are in your Chapter area**, please start to contact them now and let them know that you would like their support of SB 278

**FPL OUTLINES PLAN FOR BASE RATE INCREASES** January 11, Jim Saunders

TALLAHASSEE --- Florida Power & Light on Monday took an initial step toward seeking approval of a four-year rate plan that would increase the amount of money customers pay and finish melding FPL with Gulf Power.

FPL made a filing at the state Public Service Commission that outlines a proposal for base-rate increases that would start in 2022. The utility in March will file a more-detailed rate plan that will lead to months of analysis and hearings that will include representatives of consumers.

The proposal calls for a \$1.1 billion increase in base-rate revenues in 2022 and a \$615 million increase in 2023. It also calls for a \$140 million increase in 2024 and a \$140 million increase in 2025 to pay for solar-energy projects.

The utility said it expects the March filing to project how the increases would translate to customers' monthly bills. Ultimately, the Public Service Commission would have to sign off on the rate plan.

The filing said the commission has approved six multi-year rate plans for FPL over the past 22 years, with the plans providing "customers with a framework for rate stability and certainty, while at the same time enabling FPL to maintain a strong credit rating and balance sheet which allows us to consistently raise capital on attractive terms."

"This financial stability provides the necessary platform for the company to continue to meet the fundamentals of day-to-day operations and customer service, the exigencies of responding to major storms or financial market disruptions and the challenges of making and executing on long-term investments, all of which provide important benefits to our customers," said the filing, signed by FPL President and CEO Eric Silagy. "Multi-year rate plans have worked exceptionally well in meeting those objectives."

The new proposal is somewhat different, however, because it comes after a merger that started in 2019 when FPL's parent company, NextEra Energy, purchased Northwest Florida's Gulf Power. The two utilities have been combining operations, with a merger formally taking place this month. But rates have remained different, with FPL customers having significantly lower monthly bills than Gulf customers.

The proposal said FPL will move to "unified base rates," but it also indicated that Northwest Florida customers would temporarily pay more for electricity through what is described as a "rider." Such a rider "would decline to zero over a five-year period," a footnote in the filing said.

Base-rate cases are among the most closely watched issues at the Public Service Commission, as they involve large amounts of money and extensive financial and technical details. FPL is operating under a base-rate settlement that took effect in January 2017 and will end in December.

In outlining the proposed increases, Monday's filing pointed to issues such as a need to con-

tinue improving the electric grid to prevent outages and a need to add infrastructure to address growing numbers of customers.

“While this growth has a positive impact by spreading existing fixed costs over a larger customer base, it also means that FPL must invest significant additional capital to meet the needs of these additional customers in building out infrastructure, including poles, wires, transformers and other components,” the filing said.

A key issue during the upcoming rate case likely will focus on the utility’s allowed return on equity, a key measure of profitability.

The proposal calls for a “midpoint” of 11.5 percent of the allowed return on equity --- essentially allowing FPL to earn between 10.5 percent and 12.5 percent. That would be up from the currently allowed midpoint of 10.55 percent.

In the filing, FPL said its monthly customer bills would remain below the national average if the proposal is approved.

“FPL’s base rate proposal for the consolidated utility system --- encompassing 2022 through 2025 --- will build on the success of the current FPL settlement agreement, with the goal of providing longer-term cost certainty for customers,” the filing said. “We are mindful of the potential impact of any increase --- even for a low-cost provider such as FPL --- and, thus, continue to work aggressively to find ways to deliver better, more efficient and more reliable service to ensure we are providing exceptional value to our customers.”

**ADVANCES: WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2021** January 8, NSF Staff

TALLAHASSEE --- The state budget. COVID-19. Property insurance.

Florida lawmakers during the coming week will start working on those and other big issues as they prepare for the March 2 launch of the annual legislative session.

House and Senate committees, which will hold their first round of pre-session meetings beginning Monday, face major challenges as COVID-19 has killed more than 22,000 residents, damaged countless businesses and slashed state tax revenues.

Ordinarily, early committee meetings can be ho-hum affairs. But House and Senate leaders are already signaling top priorities for the annual session.

As an example, the House Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee on Wednesday will take up a bill (HB 7) that would provide COVID-19 liability protections for businesses. The measure has support from House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, and Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, signaling that it will move forward quickly.

“Florida businesses and organizations that do the right thing should not fear being drowned by massive litigation costs,” Sprowls said in announcing the bill. “We are fast-tracking this COVID-19 liability protection bill to ensure that there is no potential for unscrupulous litigation to threaten Florida’s economic recovery. Ours is the most aggressive liability protection bill in the nation.”

**WEEKLY ROUNDUP: 'DARK MOMENT' FOR NATION** January 8, Jim Turner

TALLAHASSEE --- A renewed vigor was given this week to Gov. Ron DeSantis’ call to crack down on violent protests, as the world watched an unhinged mob of supporters of President Donald Trump storm and occupy the U.S. Capitol in a failed attempt to subvert the counting of states’ electoral votes.

The “Combatting Public Disorder” proposal was rolled out as state lawmakers prepare to return to Tallahassee next week for the first of five committee weeks in advance of the 2021 legislative session, which begins March 2.

Republican leaders also unwrapped a fast-tracked proposal to provide immunity from coronavirus-related lawsuits to businesses that have “substantially” complied with public health guidelines.

Meanwhile, efforts are underway to pump up the volume of vaccinations for people age 65 and older, as COVID-19 cases and deaths are on the rise across the Sunshine State.

**A DAY THAT SHOCKED THE GLOBE** The anti-riot legislation was released as many Republicans in Florida condemned the violence in Washington, D.C., without directly casting blame.

Wednesday’s actions were “totally unacceptable,” DeSantis told reporters Thursday.

“It doesn’t matter what banner you are flying under. The violence is wrong. The rioting and the disorder is wrong. We are not going to tolerate it in Florida,” he said, adding that he hopes his anti-riot proposal will get “even more support” following Wednesday’s uprising.

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, who did not support objections to certify the votes in Arizona and Pennsylvania, said that most of the people who traveled to Washington to rally for President Donald Trump “did not barge into the Capitol.”

“But 1 percent of thousands of people is a lot of people. Some of them unfortunately were adherents to a conspiracy theory and others got caught up in the moment. The result was a national embarrassment,” he said in a FOX news interview Thursday.

U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, a former Florida governor who heads the National Republican Senatorial Committee, voted against the results from Pennsylvania.

In a prepared statement issued before Wednesday’s vote, Scott said Pennsylvania enacted election policies “in direct conflict with its own state Constitution.”

After being escorted from the House and Senate chambers and whisked to secure locations, U.S. representatives and senators early Thursday morning certified the election results showing President-elect Joe Biden as the winner.

Biden called Wednesday’s actions “a dark moment” in the nation’s history.

### **HERE COME THE BILLS**

DeSantis, who in early December urged Trump to “fight on” to overturn November’s election results, first introduced the effort to crack down on violent protests weeks ahead of the presidential election, as the country was roiled by protests sparked by disparate treatment of Black people by police.

House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, and Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, released their version of the proposal Wednesday evening, after rioters barged into the U.S. Capitol.

The legislation (SB 484, HB 1) would create a new offense of “mob intimidation” when three or more individuals act “with a common intent, to compel or induce, or attempt to compel or induce, another person by force, or threat of force, to do any act or to assume or abandon a particular viewpoint.”

The identical bills would also enhance penalties for defacing public monuments, make it a crime to destroy a memorial and require mandatory restitution for the full cost of repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed memorials.

The plan would also do away with bail or bond for people involved in violent protests and let citizens challenge reductions in local law-enforcement budgets.

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

**1-17-2021 12 members 3 guests in attendance Start at Noon Lakeside Anchor Inn**

**President: Ken Gerecke.** We are making changes to membership application so can be done all online. Will be ways to pay online too. Now is the time to talk to the legislators before the sessions begin

**VP: Tony Mariani** Be careful out there, there have been a increase in accidents

**Secretary: pro temp Dan Henderson.** Kelly is moving back to Maryland and resigned her positions. The minutes from last meeting as in newsletter were accepted

**Treasurer: Suzanne Seguin.** Our event has had positive effect on our account. Thanks to the Anchor Inn

**Membership: Suzanne Seguin.** Our membership numbers are increasing. Hope even more online

**Sgt at Arms: Quiet Dan Shawback.** Excused absence family matters

**Safety: Dan Henderson.** Need to get out to more events as they start back up

**Delegate Report: Dan Henderson.** The State issued the flyer for the February State Meeting in Vero Beach. Being so close for us, it can be a day trip so hope we have a good turnout. Snooze will be the second delegate to replace Kelly.

**Legislative: Dan Henderson.** With the Capital in COVID-19 lockdown, the February meeting will decide if will skip the Tallahassee meeting and Run this year. Last year's was the worse as not even the aides were around.

**Public Relations: Dan Henderson.** Working on updating our website due to the new State one. Developing the online application form and e-signature and promote the online payment. We ae using Venmo, a PayPal app.

**Products: Suzanne Seguin.** Working on new t-shirts and will get larger sizes. Snooze picked up some patches so if want one contact him.

**Old Business :** We are looking into our next event, a May is Motorcycle Month party. Need to get a date, maybe early in month. Looking at conflicting events. Foxy Babe found that the Nam Knight's Rock n Roll Sunday will not be this year.

**New Business :** All the local accidents brought up discussion of doing Watch for Motorcycles on the roadside. While we had some yard signs with that, Nighthawk pointed ou that you can not pur signs of public land and expect them not to be removed or even fined. The matter will be brought up at State meeting.

**Good of the Order:** Today is Southeast chapter's event at Mickey's. We should go and support

**Meeting adjourned: 1:15**

## 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.

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**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!**

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

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## Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting 3rd Sunday February 21 , 2021 Noon

Chapter meetings 3rd Sunday NOON Lakeside Anchor Inn Lantana (Lake Worth) 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.

### **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.