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John "LB" Michael Valiquette

February 21, 1954 - April 27, 2022

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President's Message

Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

The last few months have been traumatic. First we learned of LB's accident, then the details of the hit and run. Weeks of hearing the ICU reports from his family. I remember my week in intensive care and all the pain I was in, LB was lucky to be in a coma and miss that, hoping he was spared that. May 21 was the funeral service for LB. There was a huge turnout. Lots of Vets. The Council had a ride there. There were many speakers, family, Vets, MC and ABATE. Snooze spoke for our ABATE chapter and

arranged the ride where about forty came, with a lot of people we haven't seen in a while, one of our largest ever turn outs. The Funeral home was impressed by the crowd and their behavior. We learned a lot about LB. He was into music. Everyone loved LB. A few of us went back to the clubhouse for a celebration of life. There were Memory shirts and patches for sale. Most of us there got the patch and we are going to get more at the open house for any one that wants one. We looked at making our own but need a large order. Plus these are nice and LB would have wanted us to support the Pistons. His obituary is

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/west-palm-beach-fl/john-valiquette-10755104> . Now we wait for justice for LB and we willing be watching in court for it.

Our event was the next day. It might have been a let down but I really want to thank all those that stood up and helped. I would have traditionally posted photos in this issue, but I didn't take any so I've done a Photo Tribute to LB instead.

We had a great month for membership. Seems Jeff's contacting old members is working. Plus we got some from those that showed for LB ride. At SE's event Foxy Babe was talking us up, gave out gave four membership forms, and got back two with cash.

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UPCOMING Event Schedule All events subject to change

Wednesday Bike Night Gorilla Motors at Johnny Qs

Thursdays Pirates Well Bike Night 7 pm A1A Lake Park

Saturday nights Fly In Wheels Open House

Tuesday June 2 Hop Wheels Bike Nights Boynton

Friday June 3 Black Pistons WPB Open House

June 4 & 5 Palm Beach Harley Customer Appreciation 11 am to 4 pm

Thursday June 9 Handlebars Bike Night Tequesta

Friday June 10 Ink Link/Rack' n Balls Pub Bike Night 7pm to 11pm

Friday June 10 AOA WPB Open House 8pm -?

Saturday June 11 Palm Beach Harley Performance Workshop

Saturday June 11 ABATE FL state meeting Ft. McCoy

Saturday June 11 Sore Ass Motorcycle Ride

June 11 19 Laconia Bikefest

June 17 19 NCOM convention Nashville

Saturday June 18 and 19 Palm Beach Harley Luau Open House

Saturday June 18 Fly-In Wheels Hard Times Party

**3rd Sunday June 19 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. 12:30pm
Johnny Q's 3801 10th Ave. N, Palm Springs**

Monday June 20 Ride to Work Day

Friday June 24 22 Lone Legion WPB Open House

Saturday June 25 Palm Beach Harley Biker Breakfast

Saturday June 25 USMVMC Anniversary Party 2 - 6 995 Marina Mile Blvd Ft Laud

Thursday June 30 Ralph's Bike Night Jupiter

Thursday June 30 Palm Beach Harley Backstage Party

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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 to 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.

A Look at the Motorcycles in 'Top Gun: Maverick (2022)

The Indomitable Kawasaki Ninja GPZ 900R and H2 Carbon

Who wears aviators, races fighter jets on a carbon piece of bonkers, and is partially responsible for banking an eye-popping \$124 million in ticket sales this past weekend?

If you guessed an adrenaline-charged US navy pilot named Pete 'Maverick' Mitchell (played by Tom Cruise) from the recent blockbuster banger 'Top Gun: Maverick,' you'd be right on the money.

The movie is spiking theatre attendance across the country – and given the \$11,374/hour cost to fly the iconic handful of aggressor aircraft, we're thinking stratospheric success balances the whole checkbook out...more or less.

Purring in wait next to the lineup of snappy jets (and gulping down significantly less fossil fuel) are the 'Top Gun' franchise's supersport scoots of choice; the indomitable carbon-clad 2022 Kawasaki H2 and original household name, the Ninja GPZ 900R.

"A total of four supercharged Ninja H2 Carbon machines and two restored Ninja GPZ 900R motorcycles were provided to the Top Gun: Maverick production team," states a report in AutoWeek.

Hot Cars tells us that the 900R logged 115 hp @ 9800 rpm and boasted "a steel frame, 16-inch front, and 18-inch rear wheels, air suspension, and an anti-dive fork as part of its chassis along with using the engine as a stressed member."

This added to the fact that the Ninja 900R uses the engine as a stressed member (rare for the time), with the neat addition of an aircraft-style fuel cap to replace the usual twisting unit.

Other cool facts include the reality that the Ninja GPZ 900R was the first Ninja of its time – certainly the first ever used on a major film – and took the podium as 1986's fastest motorcycle in the world.

(We should clarify that first place was NOT given to the 900R for the entirety of 1986; with the Ninja boasting a top speed record of 151–158 mph (243–254 km/h) as of 1984 and the Suzuki GSX-R 1100 clocking in 160 mph (257 km/h) as of 1986 itself, Wikipedia states the gixxer wins out, though it's likely the Ninja held the crown for at least the beginning portion of 1986).

So how badass is the Ninja GPZ 900R?

As stated by WinnipegSun, the first Ninja GPZ 900R was "developed over six years in secret, became an instantaneous race-winning success (Isle of Man TT), and put down numbers that would shame most modern performance cars even today."

Kawi's OG Ninja, brought back for another round of our fangirling – and who better to be lounging next to the 900R in all her lean, muscled hyper-glory than the present-day queen of the supercharged screamers (and the replacement for the iconic jet-racing scene), the 2022 Ninja H2 Carbon.

Sporting an ultra-lightweight carbon fairing set, the \$32,500 H2 holds a 228hp inline-four package galloping to the record tune of 226.9mph, according to CycleWorld.

She's equal parts beast and beauty, with TopSpeed noting that our most recent national landspeed record of 226.5mph (362.5kmph) – with a two-way average speed of 222mph (358.4km/h) – is all thanks to H2's sibling, the supersonic H2R.



Top Gun lookalike scenes from the original flick and the new ‘Top Gun: Maverick.’
Photos courtesy of Cinema Blend and Bike Bound.

In short, 'Top Gun: Maverick' doesn't just sport the dynamic duo of the decade. As a film, it's a show-stopping homage to our childhood, with the more left-brained results turning in a 97% on Rotten Tomatoes and an "A+" CinemaScore.

"[It was] fantastic to see Tom Cruise back in the skies again after 36 years," said Becca Monahan, commercial director of the Official Charts Company in a report from BBC.

"That the original Top Gun has made history by getting to number one on the Official Film Chart and that many of those sales were digital downloads is a great achievement."

As for a behind-the-scenes tidbit...we got our hands on a good one just for you.

"Usually, the Navy forbids pilots from flying below 200 feet during training," states the NY Times.

"One of the film's most staggering images is of Cruise in an F-18 whooshing just 50 feet above the ground, a height roughly equal to its wingspan."

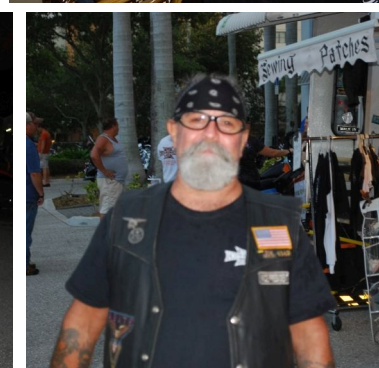
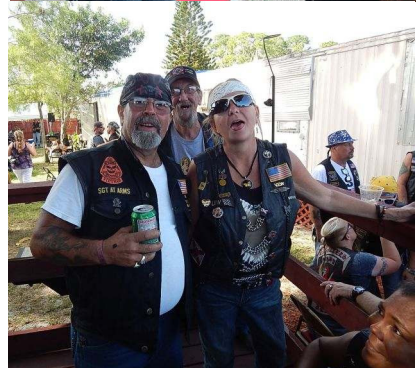
"The plane flew so close to the earth that it kicked up dust and made the ground camera shake. The pilot landed, turned to Cruise, and told the superstar that he'd never do that again."

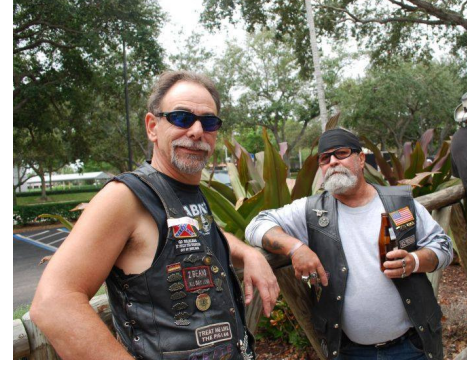
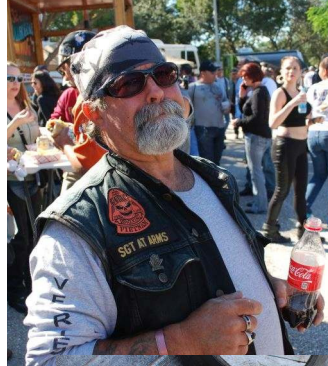
If you're in the area, yoink up and let us know what you thought of the new film. Be sure to also check back at our shiny new webpage for updates on the best of the latest puttering around our industry, and as ever – stay safe on the twisties.

Media sourced from Fox News, Drive Mag, Bike Bound, People, RRW, Hot Cars, RideApart, CinemaBlend, and Motorbiscuit

<https://www.webbikeworld.com/a-look-at-the-motorcycles-in-top-gun-maverick-2022/>







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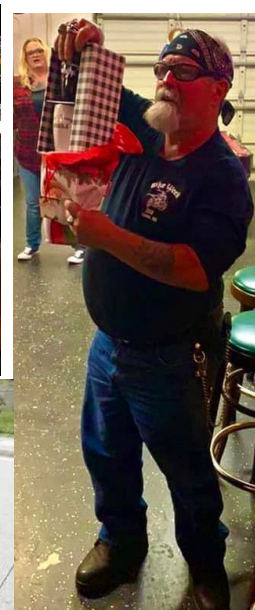
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This quiet electric motorcycle is helping Ukrainian snipers fight back against the Russians



Micah Toll - May. 12th 2022
@MicahToll

Electric bikes and motorcycles have been seeing increased military use for several years. So it should come as no surprise that Ukrainian forces have found them to be an effective tactical vehicle to fight back against Russian aggression. It's been more than two months now since Russian soldiers invaded Ukraine's borders, indiscriminately attacking both civilian and military targets.

Ukrainian defenders have bravely pushed back against Russian attacks, often having to rely on superior strategy and tactics to make up for a significant statistical disadvantage.

Russia handily outnumbers Ukraine in terms of

military personnel and vehicles. Yet a steady stream of images of burned-out Russian tanks has become a constant reminder of Ukraine's fierce determination as well as Russia's military floundering. Now new images of locally built electric motorcycles are offering up yet another vehicular reminder of Ukraine's determination to defend its land and people.

ELEEK, a Ukrainian electric bicycle and motorbike company based in Ternopil, has begun supplying the Ukrainian Army with the company's ELEEK Atom motorbikes. The ELEEK Atom Military, a special designation for the bikes commissioned by Ukrainian forces, feature a top speed of 90 km/h (55 mph) and can travel up to 150 km (93 miles) on a single charge. They are designed to carry heavy gear, offering a payload capacity of up to 150 kg (330 lb.), yet weigh just 70 kg (154 lb.) each.

The bikes are lighter than traditional gas-powered dirt bikes, make less noise, and reveal a reduced heat signature on Russian drones scanning with thermal imaging.

Mamuka Mamulashvili, commander of the Georgian Legion, a unit in the Ukrainian

Army formed of mostly ethnically Georgian soldiers, told The War Zone that he requested the electric motorbikes for his sniper teams.

Mamulashvili explained that his teams required the electric bikes to quietly insert into a target area, engage the enemy from a distance, and then quickly exfiltrate before the Russians answer with artillery strikes on the location.

The bike itself can be seen in the walkaround video below.

The use of electric motorcycles and e-bikes by militaries is an increasingly common trend. Norway's armed forces began testing fat tire electric bicycles in border guard applications as early as 2018.

The New Zealand Defence Forces began testing UBCO's electric utility bikes in 2020, using the motorcycles for patrol roles.

Australian Soldiers have been testing Stealth electric bikes since last year.

Multiple special forces units in Europe and the Middle East have also tested high power electric mountain bikes for field use.

<https://electrek.co/2022/05/12/this-quiet-electric-motorcycle-is-helping-ukrainian-snipers-fight-back-against-the-russians/> with video

CHROME CHRONICLES EDITOR COMMENTS

I found this to be a very interesting article. The silence of a e-motorcycle is a big plus for snipers over the roar of gas bikes. "The bikes are lighter than traditional gas-powered dirt bikes, make less noise, and reveal a reduced heat signature on Russian drones scanning with thermal imaging." I noticed at the end of the article a link fo a step-thru folding electric bike Ranger.



This would be a good choice for camping. This was by heybike which seems to be more affordable e-bikes, especially that they had a good sale <https://www.heybike.com/collections/electric-bike/products/heybike-ranger-step-thru-electric-bike> with several models ranging from under \$1000 to \$2000. Compare to over \$3000 for the one sold by Harley which is a pedal assisted drive not full electric drive.. This is an important fact to know of any e-bike you might want.

Many questions arise about electric vehicles. Pure electric pose too many negatives for me. Hybrid seem better choice at this time. There are NO Hybrid motorcycles while the e-bike gives you backup of muscle power. So prices can

range. If you want to look into them, <https://lectricebikes.com/collections/ebikes> is another site

Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

WEEKLY EVENTS

Subject to change and updates due to COVID and Govt mandates

Tues Jupiter Stadium Grill LOF Motorsports Bike Night ???

Wed Bike Night with Gorilla Motors Johnny Q's 6:30- 10 3801 19th Ave N Palm Springs FL

Thurs. Pirates Well Bike Night 9477 Alt. A1A Lake Park 7pm

2nd Thurs Handlebars US1 Tequesta 6 PM (old Judy's)

3rd Thurs Palm Beach Harley and Treasure Coast Harley Bike Nights
Last Thurs Underground Cycles Ralph's Bike Night Jupiter

1st Fri Enforcers MC Party (?)

2nd Fri Ink Link bight night

2nd Fri AOA WPB Open House

3rd Fri Black Pistons Open House

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

4th Fri Lone Legion MC Brotherhood Open House

SAT night Fly In Wheels Open House

Sat PBH Abacoa Concert Series 7:30 to 10 pm

SAT Palm Beach Harley Grill Days events and bikini bike washes

SUNDAY usually something at Palm Beach Harley

3rd Sunday ABATE Palm Beach meeting 12:30 Johnny Q's 3801 19th Ave N Palm Springs FL

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Meetings
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3rd Sunday June 19
3rd Sunday July 17
3rd Sunday Aug. 21
3rd Sunday Sept. 18
3rd Sunday Oct. 16
3rd Sunday Nov. 20
3rd Sunday Dec. 18



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June 2022

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July 2022

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DELEGATE REPORT

ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.



State Meeting

Saturday, June 11, 2022

Board Meeting @ 12:00 PM

Delegates Meeting @ 2:00 PM



Held at the VFW Veterans' Village Pavilion

130005 NE 135th ST, Ft McCoy, FL 32134

The last time we had a meeting at Ft McCoy I was in some bad traffic and barely made it in time for the Delegate meeting. So I was considering going up Friday and stay two nights but I can't afford that. Prices have gone up where I've stayed before. Since just over 4 hours trip, I might just make it a day trip

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Host Chapter & Location

2022 State Meetings

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Aug. 21 Ft. McCoy State

Oct. 16 Lake

Dec. 18 Gator Alley

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D86 Matt Willhite (D)
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D88 Omari Hardy (D)
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News Service of Florida House Going into Session Tuesday May 20

Like the Senate, the Florida House appears ready to move quickly during a special legislative session next week on property insurance. The House released a tentative schedule that indicates it will not meet Monday and will convene at 1 p.m. Tuesday. It will hold an Appropriations Committee meeting and a Rules Committee meeting Tuesday and has scheduled time for floor sessions on the following three days. The Senate earlier posted a tentative schedule that shows it going into session at 9 a.m. Monday and holding an Appropriations Committee meeting for much of the rest of that day. The Senate plans to hold floor sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday. Additional floor sessions could be held the following two days if needed. Gov. Ron DeSantis called the special session amid widespread problems in the property-insurance system that have included homeowners losing coverage and seeing large rate increases. As of early Thursday evening, Republican leaders had not released proposed legislation. Senate Sets Schedule for Special Session May 17

The Florida Senate appears prepared to move quickly during a special legislative session next week about the state's troubled property-insurance system. The Senate posted a tentative schedule Monday that shows it going into session at 9 a.m. May 23 and holding an Appropriations Committee meeting for much of the rest of

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that day. The schedule does not show any other committee meetings, as the Senate would hold floor sessions on May 24 and May 25. Additional floor sessions could be held May 26 and May 27 if needed. Gov. Ron DeSantis called the special session amid widespread problems in the property-insurance system that have included homeowners losing coverage and seeing large rate increases. The House had not posted a tentative schedule for the session as of Monday.

Advances: Week of May 16, 2022

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Ron DeSantis and other Republicans took aim at so-called “vaccine passports” as they pushed to end COVID-19 restrictions.

But Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings had other ideas. After the cruise-ship industry had been sidelined by the pandemic, the Miami-based company wanted to require passengers to show documentation they had been vaccinated against COVID-19.

Norwegian filed a federal lawsuit last year that challenged a state law banning vaccine passports. U.S. District Judge Kathleen Williams agreed with the company’s arguments that the ban violated the First Amendment and what is known as the dormant Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution and issued a preliminary injunction that applied only to Norwegian.

Williams wrote in August that the law was a “content-based restriction” on speech, as it targeted documentation but allowed businesses to request other information from customers about issues such as vaccinations.

“While companies cannot require customers to verify their vaccination status with ‘documentation,’ the statute does not prohibit businesses from verifying vaccination status in other ways (e.g., orally),” Williams wrote. “Accordingly, under (the law), businesses could still ‘discriminate’ against unvaccinated individuals by adopting a vaccination requirement, which they could enforce by requiring oral verification of vaccination status before entry or by deterring unvaccinated patrons from entering by putting up signs that read ‘vaccinated customers only’ and ‘unvaccinated patrons are not allowed.’”

The state took the case to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and a panel of the court will hear arguments Wednesday in Miami. In a brief filed at the Atlanta-based court, DeSantis administration attorneys wrote that the vaccine-passport law was an “economic regulation that does not implicate” the First Amendment.

“The law simply prohibits businesses from conditioning service on customers providing documentation certifying COVID-19 vaccination,” the brief said. “Norwegian may still request that documentation from its customers, its customers may voluntarily provide it, and both parties are free to discuss the topic. What Norwegian may not do is deny service to customers who fail to provide that documentation.

Neither does Florida’s law prevent the free flow of information or prevent Norwegian and its customers from communicating. Again, Norwegian can discuss COVID-19 vaccination status with its customers to whatever extent it wishes and request documentation of vaccination status. Norwegian simply cannot deny service to customers if they do not provide that documentation.”

Weekly Roundup: Changing of the Guard By Jim Saunders May 13, 2022

TALLAHASSEE — In states like Georgia, Pennsylvania and Arizona, the 2020 elections turned into a mess.

But in Florida, the land of hanging chads? It was quiet.

Part of that might have had to do with former President Donald Trump handily winning in Florida, dampening the possibility that his supporters would allege fraud, launch legal battles and call for recounts.

But at the center of Florida’s 2020 elections was Secretary of State Laurel Lee, a former Hillsborough County circuit judge who helped steer the system through a tumultuous time that included voters casting ballots in the middle of a pandemic.

Lee won't be around for a repeat performance in 2022. She sent a letter Wednesday to Gov. Ron DeSantis about her plans to step down after a little more than three years leading the Department of State, which includes the state Division of Elections and such things as the Division of Corporations, the Division of Historical Resources and the Division of Library and Information Services.

"Together, we protected and grew Florida's competitive business climate, preserved Florida's incredible historical resources, supported Florida's arts and culture community and strengthened Florida's election systems," Lee wrote in the letter.

But the resignation came as the state prepares for primary elections on Aug. 23 and the general election on Nov. 8. DeSantis on Friday named state Rep. Cord Byrd, R-Neptune Beach, to succeed Lee.

Byrd, a lawyer, will face a high-pressure job.

While Florida had successful elections in 2020, Republican lawmakers and DeSantis have passed a series of controversial changes that will draw scrutiny this year. Among them is the creation of a new office at the Department of State to investigate alleged voting irregularities.

DeSantis and his GOP allies argued that the changes are needed to help prevent fraud in the future. But Democrats contended they were aimed at voter suppression.

DRAWING A LINE Lee's successor will become part of state and federal court fights about a congressional redistricting plan that DeSantis pushed through the Legislature in April.

The DeSantis administration this week quickly went to the 1st District Court of Appeal after Leon County Circuit Judge Layne Smith sided with voting-rights groups and issued a temporary injunction against the plan.

The state's notice of appeal triggered an automatic stay, effectively meaning that Smith's ruling will be on hold until the appeals court makes a decision about the temporary injunction. But Smith, who was appointed by former Republican Gov. Rick Scott as a county judge and by DeSantis as a circuit judge, clearly didn't buy some of the administration's arguments.

Voting-rights groups and other plaintiffs filed the lawsuit April 22 after the Republican-dominated Legislature passed the redistricting plan, which would boost the number of GOP representatives in Florida's congressional delegation.

The plaintiffs also asked for a temporary injunction, focusing on an overhaul of North Florida's Congressional District 5, which in recent years has stretched from Jacksonville to west of Tallahassee. The district was designed to help elect a Black representative and is held by Congressman Al Lawson, a Black Democrat.

But under the DeSantis-backed redistricting plan, lawmakers dramatically changed the district to condense it in the Jacksonville area and make it more Republican-friendly. DeSantis contended that keeping the sprawling east-west shape of the district would involve racial gerrymandering and violate the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

The plaintiffs, however, said the revamped district violated a 2010 state constitutional amendment — known as the Fair Districts amendment — that set standards for redistricting. Part of that amendment bars diminishing the ability of minority voters to "elect representatives of their choice."

Smith agreed with the plaintiffs, writing in part that "compliance with the Fair Districts amendment's non-diminishment provision is a compelling state interest." He ordered the use of a map proposed by an expert witness for the plaintiffs. That map would keep an east-west configuration of District 5.

LOOKING FOR A LEADER Six months away from becoming the state House Democratic leader, Rep. Ramon Alexander on Thursday announced he won't seek re-election this year to his Tallahassee-area seat amid a controversy involving sexual-harassment allegations.

The announcement left House Democrats looking for a successor to outgoing Minority Leader Evan Jenne, a Dania Beach Democrat who faces term limits this year.

Alexander made the announcement after a report by the Tallahassee Democrat newspaper detailed allegations against him by a former Florida A&M University employee. In the newspaper report, Alexander described a consensual relationship with former FAMU athletic-department employee Michael Johnson Jr. — which Johnson denied.

Alexander issued a three-paragraph statement Thursday that did not mention the allegations.

“Words will never fully describe how truly grateful I have been over these many years, to represent and fight for my community in the Florida Legislature. Meaningful public service has always been about making a significant difference in the lives of others without self promotion, spectacle or fanfare,” the statement said.

Alexander added that it was after “thoughtful consideration and personal self reflection” that he decided to not seek re-election in the district in Leon and Gadsden counties.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Secretary of State Laurel Lee said she is stepping down as Florida prepares for the 2022 elections.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “Plaintiffs presented evidence that, for much of Florida’s history, Black voters in the state have been unable to participate equally in the electoral process, with Black residents of North Florida experiencing particularly severe burdens in access to the franchise.” — Leon County Circuit Judge Layne Smith in a ruling that granted a temporary injunction against a congressional redistricting plan.

Backroom Briefing: Who Has a Problem? By Jim Turner

TALLAHASSEE --- Verbal sparring continues between President Joe Biden and U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., over how to address inflation and other economic issues.

Scott, a former Florida governor, has become a target for Democrats because of his “11-Point Plan to Rescue America.” Anticipating the content of a Tuesday morning speech by Biden on inflation, Scott issued a statement calling the president “unwell.”

“It’s simple. The most effective thing Joe Biden can do to solve the inflation crisis he created is resign. He’s the problem. Getting him out of office is a quick and easy solution,” Scott said.

“Let’s be honest here. Joe Biden is unwell,” Scott continued. “He’s unfit for office. He’s incoherent, incapacitated and confused. He doesn’t know where he is half the time. He’s incapable of leading and he’s incapable of carrying out his duties. Period. Everyone knows it. No one is willing to say it. But we have to, for the sake of the country. Joe Biden can’t do the job.”

When Biden during his address mistakenly said Scott is from Wisconsin, Scott fired off a tweet.

“Joe Biden is so incapacitated and incoherent, he can’t even keep his states straight,” Scott tweeted.

Asked by a reporter after the address about Scott’s resignation comments, Biden quipped, “I think the man has a problem.”

Democrats and Biden have focused on parts of Scott’s plan, which hasn’t been embraced by many others in the GOP. Biden said Scott’s plan calls for all Americans, including low-income families, to pay income taxes and for the reauthorization of all federal program every five years

Biden said the reauthorization component will “put Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid on the chopping block every five years.”

“You know what they’re likely to do, use them as hostages every five years to get their way and other things,” Biden said. “Think about it. ‘Give us another tax cut for billionaires or Social Security gets it.’ ‘Stop investing in clean energy or we’re gonna kiss your Medicare goodbye.’”

PENSION FUND PUSH As Florida lawmakers prepare to gather May 23 for a special session about the state’s property-insurance problems, Democrats want them to also consider divesting pension-fund investments linked to Russia.

“These funds are helping to prop up the economy of Russia and are working against international efforts

to sanction President Putin and his oligarchs for their war crimes in Ukraine,” Democratic lawmakers said Tuesday in a letter to Gov. Ron DeSantis, who called the special session.

“Our bureaucracy has a fiduciary responsibility to chase value, which means they could, without our knowledge, pump more of Florida’s money into Russia looking for cheap investments,” the letter continued.

Of Florida’s \$195 billion in pension investments, the amount tied to Russia is relatively small. Before Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, an estimated \$300 million could be linked to Russian-owned or headquartered businesses.

Rep. Andrew Learned, a Brandon Democrat who was among the lawmakers signing the letter, contended the retirement system has already lost \$200 million related to Russia.

Lamar Taylor, interim executive director of the State Board of Administration, has said that managers of the fund are trying to ensure the best economic outlook for the Florida Retirement System.

WOKE AND VOTE The Florida’ Black Legislative Caucus is asking voters to “stay woke” and pledge to vote in 2022.

“We are fed up with the constant attacks on Black people in the state of Florida, and we are making sure our community is prepared to vote on Election Day,” the caucus said on a website asking people to pledge to vote in the Aug. 23 primaries and the Nov. 8 general election.

Sen. Shevrin Jones, D-West Park, said the campaign is in response to DeSantis and the Republican-controlled Legislature “doing everything in their power to try and make it harder for people of color to vote.”

BLUE SHIFT Meanwhile, the Florida Democratic Party announced plans to put \$15 million into voter-registration and organizational efforts in all 67 counties under the title of “Blue Shift Florida.”

“Blue Shift will build the foundation to institutionalize unity among all our candidates, county party organizations and stakeholders, year-round work and staffing during on and off years, develop a joint strategy and budget, and foster a team organizational approach where all participants assume responsibility and benefit together,” Florida Democratic Party Chairman Manny Diaz said in a statement.

The effort comes after Republicans have taken the lead in voter registration in the state.

As of March 31, 5,145,983 voters were registered as Republicans, 5,034,448 were registered as Democrats, and 3,871,336 weren’t tied to any party. Another 256,560 Floridians were registered with minor parties.

TWEET OF THE WEEK: “Our journey through cancer survivorship starts today. Dad (‘Bapa’ as my kids say), you are the strongest person I know. Cancer may have started this fight, but WE are going to finish it. You’ve got this --- and we’ve got you.” --- Senate Minority Leader Lauren Book, D-Plantation, (@LeaderBookFL) on her father, lobbyist Ron Book.

Advances: Week of May 3, 2022 Apr 29, 2022

TALLAHASSEE — Once upon a time, homes had one phone line.

Sounds sort of quaint, right? Many of those lines are now unplugged, replaced by wireless phones that seem to fill every pocket or purse.

And as wireless phones and other communication devices have become ubiquitous — and as Florida’s population has continued to swell — old standby area codes like 904 and 305 have not been able to keep pace.

That has led to a steady stream of new area codes popping over the years in places ranging from Pensacola to Miami.

Now, it could be the Jacksonville area’s turn. The Florida Public Service Commission on Tuesday will consider a proposal that would create an additional area code in Jacksonville and surrounding areas that have used the 904 area code for decades.

Without a change, the region covered by the 904 area code could run out of available phone numbers in 2024, according to the proposal filed in February by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, an organization that oversees area codes.

Public Service Commission staff members have recommended what is known as an “overlay,” which would involve adding a new area code to the same territory covered by the 904 area code. New customers would receive the new code. Current customers would keep their numbers, though 10-digit dialing would be required for all local calls.

ALLIGATOR HUNTING AT ISSUE: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will meet in Alachua County and consider giving final approval to around-the-clock alligator hunting. The commission supported the hunting change during a March 2 meeting. Commission staff members argued the change in hours --- from between 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 24 hours during the hunting season --- should help hunters better schedule trips and potentially allow more young and senior hunters to participate, as they might be more comfortable hunting during the day.

JUDGE REPRIMANDED: The Florida Supreme Court will take up three issues, including a public reprimand of Palm Beach County Judge Marni Bryson. The reprimand will come after an investigation by the state Judicial Qualifications Commission said Bryson, from 2016 to 2019, was absent from the courthouse more days than were allowed by judicial leave.

Weekly Roundup: DeSantis Short-Circuits Solar Bill By Ryan Dailey Apr 29, 2022

TALLAHASSEE --- It was the veto heard ‘round Florida, as Gov. Ron DeSantis this week rejected a bill that would have made major changes related to solar energy.

The veto of a bill backed by powerful interests such as Florida Power & Light prompted the governor to receive kudos from environmental groups, rooftop-solar advocates and even some of his harshest political critics.

The measure (HB 741) focused on a complex issue known as “net metering,” which involves billing arrangements between people who own solar panels and utility companies. The process generally refers to customers sending excess energy generated from solar panels to utilities and receiving bill credits in return.

The bill would have introduced major changes to net metering. Under current rules, credits are provided at utilities’ retail rates. But the bill would have ultimately led to providing credits at what are known as “full avoided cost” rates, which would have reduced the amount of credits going to rooftop-solar owners.

DeSantis tied his thumbs-down of the measure to rising inflation, which the governor and many other conservatives have labeled “Bidenflation” as a barb aimed at President Joe Biden.

The veto centered on part of the bill dealing with the potential that more property owners than expected would install rooftop-solar systems between July 1, 2022, and Dec. 31, 2023 — before key changes in the bill would start to take effect in 2024.

If such higher-than-expected rooftop solar use occurred during the 18-month period, utilities would have been allowed to seek to recoup lost revenues from their broader customer bases.

“Given that the United States is experiencing its worst inflation in 40 years and that consumers have seen steep increases in the price of gas and groceries, as well as escalating bills, the state of Florida should not contribute to the financial crunch that our citizens are experiencing,” DeSantis said in a veto message Wednesday.

The measure ignited a fiery debate during this year’s legislative session, with supporters saying it was needed to end subsidies for people with rooftop-solar systems and critics saying it would cripple the industry.

Opponents of the bill heaped praise on the veto, saying it would help efforts to boost renewable energy.

“We applaud Gov. DeSantis’ decision to veto this bad bill and be a champion for #solar jobs,” the Florida Wildlife Federation said in a Twitter post. “We must continue to work together to increase access to solar and other #renewableenergy resources to combat the climate crisis and provide Floridians with affordable energy solutions.”

Florida Power & Light, which ran television ads supporting the bill, issued a statement after the veto that said it is “always working to deliver clean, reliable energy while keeping customer bills affordable.” “We remain committed to finding a more equitable net metering solution for all Floridians,” the statement said. “FPL is leading the nation’s largest solar expansion and we will continue to advance solar that is cost-effective for all our customers.”

HELLO, ELECTION POLICE? Despite few hiccups in the 2020 presidential election in Florida, DeSantis signed a bill this week that will set up a state office charged with investigating voting irregularities.

The Office of Election Crimes and Security will be housed in the Department of State. Its creation is the highest-profile part of the measure (SB 254), which expands on a 2021 state law that, in part, was aimed at cracking down on what’s known as “ballot harvesting.”

The new law also will ratchet up financial and criminal penalties for violating elections laws, including for ballot harvesting, which can include collecting and delivering vote-by-mail ballots for multiple people.

“I think this office will be very, very much appreciated,” DeSantis said Monday at a bill-signing event in Spring Hill. “And it will allow us to have people who really specialize in election security and election integrity.”

The law also calls for the appointment of Florida Department of Law Enforcement officers to investigate allegations of election violations, with at least one officer in each region of the state.

Critics have argued that the law is intended to suppress voting by minorities and Democrats, and could create a chilling effect on people and organizations who gather ballots.

“No Floridian should fear reprisal from an unaccountable agency with a nebulous mission simply because they wanted to register their fellow citizens to vote or help a neighbor turn in their mail ballot,” Rep. Susan Valdes, D-Tampa, said in a statement.

But DeSantis said the additional changes should give Floridians “more confidence” about the voting process.

“At the end of the day, we want to be in a situation where everyone knows the rules,” the governor said.

MAKING IT OFFICIAL The State Board of Education on Friday appointed state Sen. Manny Diaz Jr. to be Florida’s next education commissioner.

Diaz, a Hialeah Republican, will replace Commissioner Richard Corcoran, who is stepping down effective Sunday.

Diaz will assume the role June 1 and will become the state’s first Hispanic education commissioner. In the meantime, Department of Education Senior Chancellor Jacob Oliva will serve as interim leader of the agency.

“This is not about me. This is about the students in our state, the parents in our state and our governor’s thrust to keep education in the forefront,” Diaz told reporters after his appointment.

DeSantis backed Diaz for the job, hailing the senator last week as a leader in the Legislature on education issues “ranging from teacher pay to parental rights and choice.”

STORY OF THE WEEK: In a win for the rooftop-solar industry and environmental groups, Gov. Ron DeSantis on Wednesday vetoed a controversial bill that would have made major changes in rules for rooftop-solar energy.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “We are going to implement the law. We are going to follow the law. All of

our schools are going to follow the law. It is very clear, the intent of the Legislature and the governor's signature." — incoming state Education Commissioner Manny Diaz Jr. on his role in implementing controversial new education laws

ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

Date: 5-16-22 A meeting of Abate Palm Beach Chapter was held at Johnny Q's
Meeting Called to Order at 12:35 18 Members Present 1 Guests Present
Meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

PRESIDENT. Saturday May 21 Services for LB Flowers will be sent. I know there is a ride for his Celebration of Life by the Council. ABATE also do a ride for our Life Member I'm working on updating membership on our site and for the newsletter .**ELECTIONS** Your membership MUST be up to date to vote MUST rejoin,

VICE PRESIDENT. No report

SECRETARY: Asked if anyone has any additions, corrections or objections to last month's meeting minutes as publishes in chapter newsletter. There were none. Motion to accept minutes passed

TREASURER: Our banks account is well

SARGENT AT ARMS: Quiet Dan will not be at our event so we need some people for event security, Petee will do it for event.

MEMBERSHIP: I bought the software to do a fillable PDF Membership form for our site. Still fixing it. The state created a QR code tor Zelle payment credit card. and It works NOTE IF USED MEMBERSHIP IS \$22 A YEAR. Payment goes directly to State and we get a credit.
LEGISLATIVE May 23 for a special session about the state's property-insurance problems

DELEGATES June 11 State meeting VFW Veterans' Village Ft. McCoy. Slo Mo plans to get a hotel south of there in Ocala. Check with him if need a hotel

PUBLIC RELATIONS/WEBSITE still need to fix the pdf membership form and the Zelle works

NEWSLETTER Being updated to include Zell charge

PRODUCTS Memory patch for LB? The one BP did is good and I will get some for next meeting. Got more chapter patches and prices for the color logo T-shirt,. Centered on front \$25, with large on back \$30. Next meeting will take orders for size and shirt color. Need to order 48 for prices so good if preorder

OLD BUSINESS For our event we have Angels of War. They did a good job for us before and have a good following.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS Second round of nominations PRESIDENT Slo Motion accepted
VP. William "Hooker" Hojniacki threw his hat, so did Snooze
SECRETARY Harold Walter changed from VP for this position
TRES and MEMBERSHIP Jeff Aikens accepted. SGT ARMS Quiet Dan accepted.
Slo Motion nominated for SAFETY, and PUBLIC RELATIONS but hoping others will step up.
DELEGATE—Snooze and Slo Mo but others can be back up and just attend State meetings
LEGISLATIVE Snooze. PRODUCTS—open. Any changes or additions?

NEW BUSINESS Vote for Delegates to vote for State Elections. President - Gris, PR – Billy Bird
The second application for Lobbyist has been withdrawn Motion to accept Doc's Lobbyist
proposal? (page 11)

GOOD OF THE ORDER My 21 services for LB
Sunday May 22 our May Motorcycle event at Johnny Q's wit Angels of War
Sunday May 29 Southeast ABATE memorial Day event Am. Legion 36 1620 West SR
84 Ft Lauderdale. LB could get funds from Victims of Violet Crimes.
June 11 State meeting at Ft. MCoy

NEXT MEETING June 19

MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:50

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

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Be sure to renew in time so are always covered!

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

Mail: **ABATE - Palm Beach Chapter, P.O. Box 530944, Lake Park, FL 33403**

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

A.D.D. INSURANCE POLICY UPDATE

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Phone: (386) 943-9610 Fax: 850-361-1118 Email: flabatestateoffice@gmail.com

Get your card at chapter meeting or our table at events.

Keep your membership up to date for the insurance, check with us if any question as many have expired during the last few years. President or membership can check your status.

RENEWAL REMINDERS

One membership concern is that we have lost a lot of members due to their not be aware of renewal dates. It has been many years since we did mailings, sometimes due to money issues. So Jeff will be working with Debbi to rebuilt this campaign. It was discussed and decided to bring back the newsletter notification last. Life members will not be on this list but will be told of changes and to be sure ADD beneficiary forms are on file at State office IMPORTANT to have active membership for this accident insurance and updated forms. Another reason not to be on list are members who aren't aware they have expired I have already found that several members at last meeting were not on active list. I think I know of others so working to let them know. **Membership expires on the last day of the Month/Year column.**

EXPIRES LAST FIRST .

4-22 Knelson Deborah
 4-22 Schnier Craig
 5-22 Gillette Ronald
 5-22 Halperian Ronald
 5-22 Christian Jason
 5-22 Christian Angel
 5-22 Stedman James
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 7-22 Beckers Glenn
 8-22 Carroll Pete
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 9-22 Shawback Dan

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I used it and it works!!

Next I will finish the form for membership on our site so can fill it out online and email it to us.

Help to remind members to renew to keep their ADD insurance active. Tell them of the change in chapter meetings. Everyone's help is needed for membership.

If you have any questions about your membership, contact Jeff or Slo Motion palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com , to check the State records of your member membership status.

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Phone: _____ Email: _____ Chapter: _____

Are you a registered voter: Yes _____ No _____

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Membership Options Annual New Member \$20.00: _____ Lifemembership \$600.00: _____

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Change of address: _____ Home Chapter: Palm Beach Chapter

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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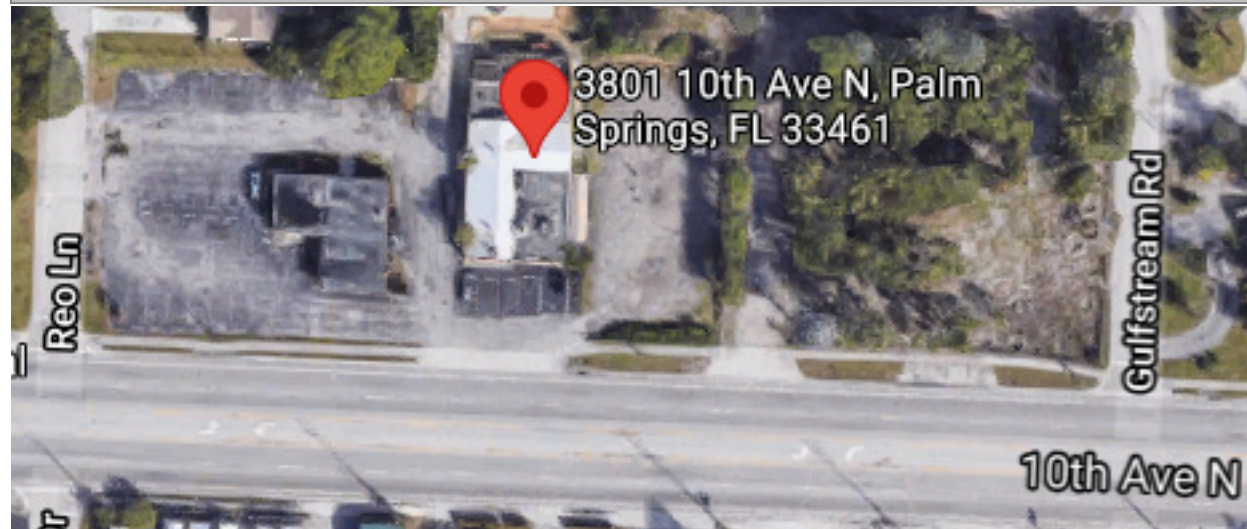
Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting
3rd Sunday June 19 , 2022 12:30 pm

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Meetings usually about an hour. Board meeting at 12:00



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.