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We will lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We will endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals who share similar interest in preserving our American traditions of freedom. We will involve ourselves in fund raising to achieve our goals.

GOALS AND PURPOSES

- To print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to events concerning motorcycle safety, legislation affecting motorcyclists as well as any other motorcycle news around our state and throughout our country.
- To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning motorcycles, motorcycle safety, and all motorcyclists' rights.
- To promote voter registration, to educate and motivate members to become active in the legislative process.
- To promote safe riding habits without infringing on the right of other individuals.
- To educate the public about motorcycle awareness and promote safe driving habits while sharing the road with motorcyclists.
- To provide lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.

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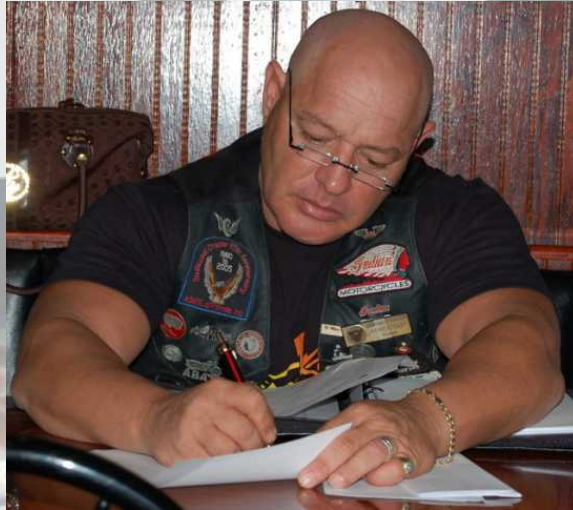
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NOT condone drinking and riding while driving. ABATE of Florida Inc SOUTHWEST CHAPTER everyone, as always I hope this newsletter finds all well and in good spirits.

From the Desk of the Chief

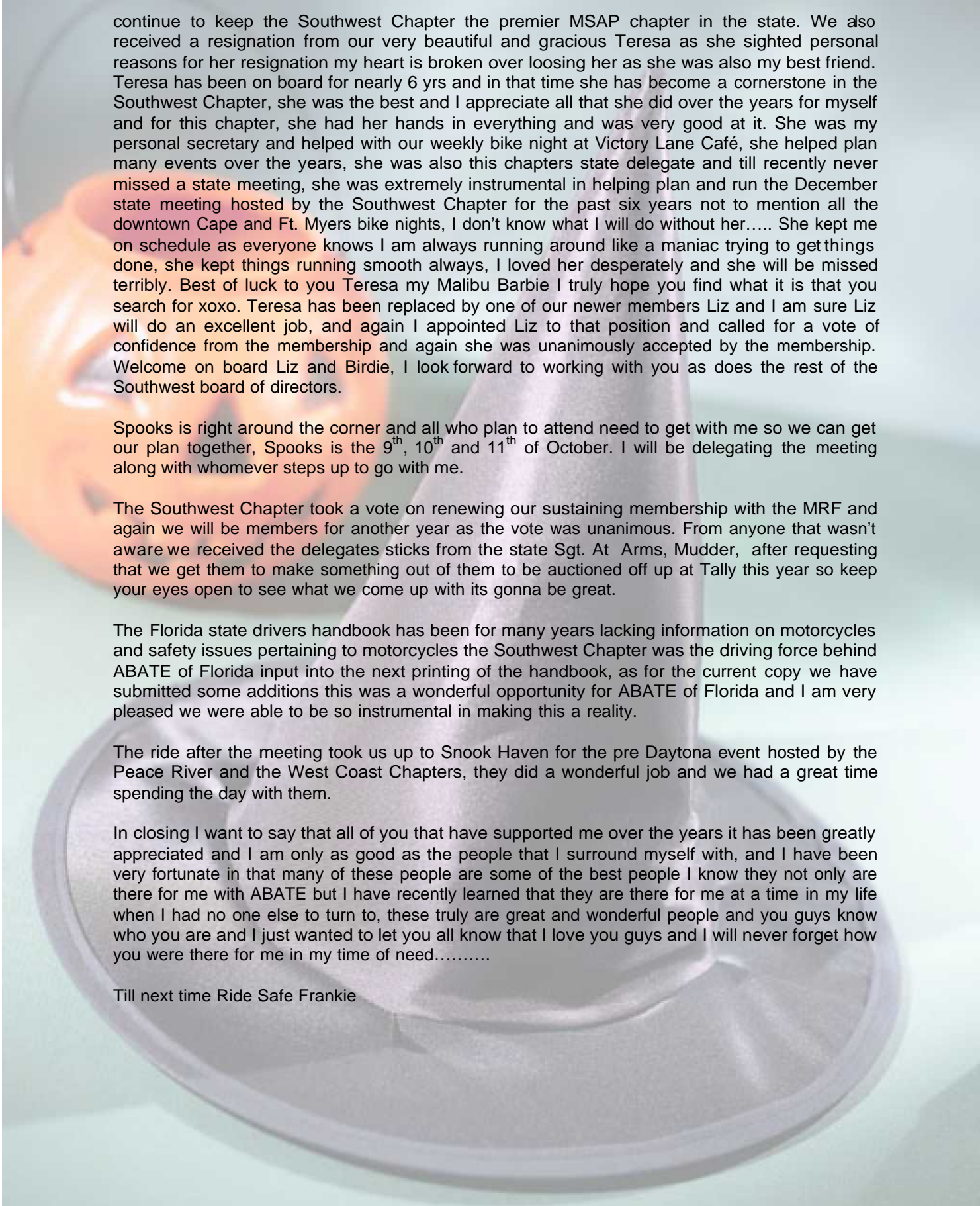


Presidents Report: September 09

Hello everyone as usual I hope this month's newsletter finds all in good health and spirits. We celebrated our 29th year on the 26th of September. We had well over 1,000 people in attendance, if you missed it you certainly missed a great time. We did it this year in conjunction with Rackem Billiards and Gearhead Tattoo there were 5 rockabilly bands that were fantastic, there was an old hot rod show and a car cruise, as well as a bike show and a pin up girl contest, all who attended had a great time. The southwest chapter was on the property at 10:00 am on Saturday and we didn't leave till 2:00 am Sunday. To all that helped with the event I thank you kindly, Victor thanks for your help and Birdie thanks for running the products table. You can check the Southwest Chapter web site for photos thanks to Taylor they are already posted, he is a great webmaster and I do appreciate all of his efforts.

The event helped us raise some money for the Assenzios, they are Rob and Lyn who were involved in a motorcycle crash on Ft. Myers Beach, on May 13th of this year which brings me to my next point WELCOME BACK Rob, Rob will be taking over the editors position again as of this writing he is back on board God Bless you Rob and Lyn, as Lyn is our chapter photographer and they are both back. Before I forget thank you Taylor for stepping up and covering for Rob for the past few months your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Speaking of the board we had a couple resignations in the past month, Ron Berg our safety director, has resigned his post due to health reasons. Ron was very instrumental in planning our schedule for the past couple years getting us into the schools to do our MSAP with the drivers ed students all around the county. We thank you Ron for all your efforts and dedication to the Southwest Chapter. Ron has been replaced by Birdie Clark whom I appointed at the meeting and called for a vote of confidence; she was approved by the membership overwhelmingly. I have worked very closely with Birdie over the past few years in fact I am the one who trained her she will be assisted by her best friend and husband Smokey, thanks to you guys I am sure you will



continue to keep the Southwest Chapter the premier MSAP chapter in the state. We also received a resignation from our very beautiful and gracious Teresa as she sighted personal reasons for her resignation my heart is broken over losing her as she was also my best friend. Teresa has been on board for nearly 6 yrs and in that time she has become a cornerstone in the Southwest Chapter, she was the best and I appreciate all that she did over the years for myself and for this chapter, she had her hands in everything and was very good at it. She was my personal secretary and helped with our weekly bike night at Victory Lane Café, she helped plan many events over the years, she was also this chapters state delegate and till recently never missed a state meeting, she was extremely instrumental in helping plan and run the December state meeting hosted by the Southwest Chapter for the past six years not to mention all the downtown Cape and Ft. Myers bike nights, I don't know what I will do without her..... She kept me on schedule as everyone knows I am always running around like a maniac trying to get things done, she kept things running smooth always, I loved her desperately and she will be missed terribly. Best of luck to you Teresa my Malibu Barbie I truly hope you find what it is that you search for xoxo. Teresa has been replaced by one of our newer members Liz and I am sure Liz will do an excellent job, and again I appointed Liz to that position and called for a vote of confidence from the membership and again she was unanimously accepted by the membership. Welcome on board Liz and Birdie, I look forward to working with you as does the rest of the Southwest board of directors.

Spooks is right around the corner and all who plan to attend need to get with me so we can get our plan together, Spooks is the 9th, 10th and 11th of October. I will be delegating the meeting along with whomever steps up to go with me.

The Southwest Chapter took a vote on renewing our sustaining membership with the MRF and again we will be members for another year as the vote was unanimous. From anyone that wasn't aware we received the delegates sticks from the state Sgt. At Arms, Mudder, after requesting that we get them to make something out of them to be auctioned off up at Tally this year so keep your eyes open to see what we come up with its gonna be great.

The Florida state drivers handbook has been for many years lacking information on motorcycles and safety issues pertaining to motorcycles the Southwest Chapter was the driving force behind ABATE of Florida input into the next printing of the handbook, as for the current copy we have submitted some additions this was a wonderful opportunity for ABATE of Florida and I am very pleased we were able to be so instrumental in making this a reality.

The ride after the meeting took us up to Snook Haven for the pre Daytona event hosted by the Peace River and the West Coast Chapters, they did a wonderful job and we had a great time spending the day with them.

In closing I want to say that all of you that have supported me over the years it has been greatly appreciated and I am only as good as the people that I surround myself with, and I have been very fortunate in that many of these people are some of the best people I know they not only are there for me with ABATE but I have recently learned that they are there for me at a time in my life when I had no one else to turn to, these truly are great and wonderful people and you guys know who you are and I just wanted to let you all know that I love you guys and I will never forget how you were there for me in my time of need.....

Till next time Ride Safe Frankie



Frankie's Birthday Bash & November Bike Show

**Wednesday, November 25th from 6 to 11pm at Victory Lane Café
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Vendors - Live Music - 50/50 - Door Prizes

**Bike Show registration begins at 6pm.
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Florida Legislative Session

The Bills are slowly starting to be filed for the 2010 Florida Legislative Session. All of the Senate bills filed so far (as of 9-3-09) are relief bills that are asking for monetary payments to people for a variety of reasons. In the House, I have found five that I am putting on my watch list. None of them are directed at motorcyclist, but I just find them interesting and I am curious as to how far they will go.

HM 19 Limiting the scope and exercise of Federal power. (Urges Congress to honor provisions of U. S. Constitution & U. S. Supreme Court case law which limit scope & exercise of federal power.)

HB 21 Regulation of firearms (Creates Florida Firearms Freedom Act; provides legislative findings & definitions; provides that specified firearms, firearm accessories, & ammunition for personal use manufactured in state are not subject to federal law or regulation; provides that importation into state of specified parts & incorporation of such parts into firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition manufactured in state does not subject firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition to federal regulation; provides that certain basic materials are not subject to federal regulation of firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition under interstate commerce; provides that specified firearm accessories imported into state from another state do not subject firearm to federal regulation under interstate commerce; provides legislative findings with respect thereto; provides exceptions; provides applicability; requires that firearms manufactured & sold in state must bear indicia of manufacture by specified date.)

HJR 37 Healthcare services (Proposes creation of s. 28, Art. X of State Constitution to prohibit laws or rules from compelling any person, employer, or health care provider to participate in any health care system; permit person or employer to purchase lawful health care services directly from health care provider; permit health care provider to accept direct payment from person or employer for lawful health care services; exempt persons, employers, & health care providers from penalties & fines for paying or accepting direct payment for lawful health care services; permit purchase or sale of health insurance in private health care systems; & specifies what amendment does not affect or prohibit.)

HB 41 Use of an electronic wireless comm. device while driving. (Prohibits operation of moving motor vehicle while reading, manually writing or typing, or sending message on electronic wireless communications device; provides exceptions & penalties.)

HB 71 Dept of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. (Decreases fees & charges for reinstatement of driver license, certificates of title, registration of motor vehicle, license plates, validation decals, & mobile home stickers, initial registration application for certain vehicles, driver's license examinations, services & documents, driver's licenses, return of license suspended, & DUI program enrollment; removes fee & service charge for publication & delivery of notice given by certain licensed dealers, lists of motor vehicle & vessel records, & hearing on or review of certain actions; decreases annual license taxes for operation of certain vehicles.)

I will keep you posted and please let me know if your hear of any Bills that you want added to the watch list.

Darrin "Scribe" Brooks,
State Legislative Trustee,
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A Tip on Safety



Ten Things All Car & Truck Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles

1. There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and some drivers don't "recognize" motorcycle; they ignore it (usually unintentionally). Look for motorcycles, especially when checking traffic at an intersection.
2. Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks.
3. Because of its small size, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots (door/roof pillars) or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car (bushes, fences, bridges, etc). Take an extra moment to thoroughly check traffic, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.
4. Because of its small size a motorcycle may seem to be moving faster than it really is. Don't assume all motorcyclists are speed demons.
5. Motorcyclists often slow by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light. Allow more following distance, say 3 or 4 seconds. At intersections, predict a motorcyclist may slow down without visual warning.
6. Turn signals on a motorcycle usually are not self-canceling, thus some riders, (especially beginners) sometimes forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change. Make sure a motorcycle's signal is for real.
7. Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to be reckless or show off or to allow you to share the lane with them.
8. Maneuverability is one of a motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions, but don't expect a motorcyclist to always be able to dodge out of the way.
9. Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes stopping quickly difficult. Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle because it can't always stop "on a dime."
10. When a motorcycle is in motion, don't think of it as motorcycle; think of it as a person.



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From the Vice President



Salutations! Due to our brother Bob stepping down from the post of Vice-President, I have been asked to fill in until the next elections. Being a Jack-of-All-Trades, I accepted. First thing is that I ask for all to pray for a speedy recovery for our own Victor.

We're glad to have Rob back in the editor's chair for our newsletter. I know that helps with my workload. The first Cape Coral Bike Night for this season is past. Now we're looking forward to the first of the Fort Myers Bike Nights. Thanks to Smokey & Birdie for taking up the torch on manning the Southwest Table at that event. Let's please give them a hand when we attend on November 7th.

Membership enrollment should be our next focus. With Frankie's Birthday Bash & November Bike Show coming up along with our long running weekly bike nights, we do have opportunity to reach out to the motorcycling community to increase our numbers. Keeping an organization healthy and growing can only be done by steadily adding to the membership. We aren't looking for their money. What we are looking for are the next Frankie's, Trudy's, Rob's & Victor's out there, those that will take up the torch when it is time to pass it along.

We need to not just start answering people's questions, but to answer their curiosity when they approach us, our table at bike nights, and our bikes when we are stopped. Encourage the younger crowd to become involved, if for no other reason than I'm tired of being the youngest around.

So, I am looking forward to these upcoming months. Cooler weather, more bike events, and helping out with the future of our chapter.

Ride safe,
Taylor

Laws for Motorcycles

Ever wonder who writes the laws for motorcycles? Most of the time, it's not somebody who rides a motorcycle. Most of the time, it's somebody who is caught by surprise when a bike passes them with a zoom or a roar.

These people get startled and say, "There ought to be a law," instead of, "Maybe I should be more aware." These people don't understand that motorcyclists make their bikes louder in the effort to not be killed. These people are unaware that we ride mainly for the sense of freedom that is difficult to duplicate on this earth. These people feel that they should dictate to us what would make them feel better about their lack of driving ability, rather than ask us what the biggest threat to bikers is.

We all know the answer to that question.

The question to ask yourself now is, "What can be done?"

The answer? Get involved. Join an MRO. An MRO is a Motorcycle Rights Organization. Currently, there is one State Motorcycle Rights Organization in Florida, ABATE of Florida. There are several Chapters in Florida, including the five located in the southwest three counties. Peace River in the north, Caloosahatchee, Estero River, & Southwest Chapters in the middle, and Gator Alley in the south.

Different chapters have different people and different flavors. Check them out and find one that suits you. And if you can't find one that fits, there is nothing that says you can't be a Member-At-Large. ABATE isn't only for the Harley crowd, all motorcyclists are welcome and encouraged to join.

ABATE of Florida works towards keeping motorcycle legislation in check and educating the public about motorcyclists and driving safety. As with any organization; the more members, the more influence we have. I joined ABATE when HB137 was first drafted. Even though you won't find me doing any stunt riding on the Rocket, you will find me fighting to keep motorcycles from being confiscated on first-time offenses.

Being a member of ABATE of Florida doesn't mean you are required to attend a certain number of meetings, make any certain rides, or have to recruit any number of people. There *is* a \$20 annual or \$150 lifetime membership. And we do ask that members help with writing to their elected representatives when motorcycle legislation does come up. Oh, and if you feel a little more like becoming involved, come to our events & meetings, and maybe even run for office.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Frankie Kennedy.

Ride safe,

Taylor "ATM" Musburger
Interim Vice President

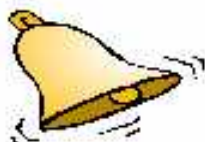
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In the News

Laughlin River Run Interview Scott Long

Bryan Harley Cruiser Editor



Yes, Harley is my real name. And no, there's no relationship. But I do enjoy riding Harley-Davidsons, which comes in handy as the Cruiser & Custom Editor of Motorcycle USA.

Saturday, April 25, 2009

*Scott Long is California cool. Maybe it comes from living in the laid-back surfing community of Santa Cruz, California. Maybe it's because he's a man with mad skills when it comes to building custom motorcycles. After stints on both the **Discovery Channel's Biker Build-Off** and **CMT's Chopper Challenge**, Long has seen his business, **Central Coast Cycles**, evolve from a small service shop to a coveted custom house. The Hulk Bike that he built for the Chopper Challenge is currently receiving more exposure in the new Baker Drive train ads. He's currently traveling the country to help promote the show and his business. Motorcycle USA caught Scott chillin' with a cold one at the Chopper Challenge rig with some of the guys from Crime Inc. at the River Run where he was kind enough to give us a few minutes of interview time.*

Scott Long: I've been working on the TV show, the Chopper Challenge. We've also been busy doing service work and upgrades. The shop is staying busy. We're also waiting on money for two projects we've got started. I just finished up a '47 Knuckle, and have been working on an Ironhead Sportster chopper with a 28-inch over front end.

Motorcycle USA: What's your hot ticket item right now?

Scott Long: We've got a new product line coming out in the next couple of months. It's not really the direction that I wanted to go in, but you gotta go where the money is.

Motorcycle USA: What's your favorite style of bike to build?

Scott Long: My style, if that's what you want to call it, is retro, very retro-influenced. I like older motors, but I like them to start and not to leak oil, so I put modern technology on them also. I build them to ride.

Motorcycle USA: How'd you learn your custom building skills?

Scott Long: From being around my dad, who was an avid hot rodder and was into sand rails. On weekends we'd be out at Glamis hitting the sand dunes. It's been in my blood since I was five and got my first Bultaco mini. It was my passion that fueled it first because I was tired of dealing with other companies who didn't have the same vision and often wouldn't have what I needed when I needed it. I went into it with a plan. When I opened the shop, it took six months to get the doors open because I made sure I had everything first, making sure I had all my machining and tools and stuff for dyno tuning and fabrication. I started with repair and maintenance before I started to bring out projects out of my garage. But it wasn't until I showed my bike at the Easyrider Show in Pomona and won first place that things really started to take off.



Motorcycle USA: What do you like to do when not building bikes?

Scott Long: Hanging at the beach. I've got to get my gills wet, you know. I did some power lifting in my past, off-road riding, water skiing, and stuff like that. I think my next venture is going to be off-road again because I went for a ride in a trophy truck not too long ago and it ruined me.

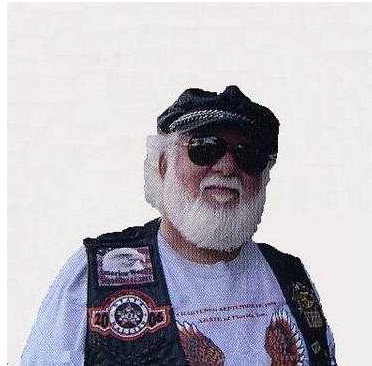
Motorcycle USA: What's next for Central Coast Cycles?

Scott Long: Gonna do more TV stuff. It's good for the industry and for the exposure.

Motorcycle USA: Was it fun doing the Baker Drivetrain ad?

Scott Long: Yeh, Bert's a crazy nut. He's a friend of mine, and I'd do anything to help him and he'd do anything to help me, so it's a great relationship.

Editor's Notes



I first want to say thank you to all of you who participated in the function on Saturday night. Lyn and I had a wonderful time seeing all our buddies, and hugging and talking. It was great. Frankie is a wonderful friend to my wife and me. I say this with compassion; you are a great guy and will always be our number one friend and companion. Thank you so much, Frankie, we thank you with all our hearts. The third annual birthday bash for Gearhead Tattoo's, and the Abate celebration on Saturday was great. We want to thank also, Andy Gray owner of Rack'em Billiards, for having the function at his establishment, you went above and beyond with your concern for us. We want also to thank Kelly Rogers, owner of Gearhead Tattoo's, for his participation. You guys are great, and we deeply thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

Our great concern goes out to Victor, who had an accident on his motorcycle on Tuesday up in Saint Petersburg. We hope all is well and he recuperates 100%. Our prayers go out to him.

I am back in the midst of doing the Newsletter. I hope all is well and comes down to an excepted situation.

Ride With Open Eyes

Rob



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Abate of Florida Southwest Chapter Meeting/Agenda

September Meeting Minutes

Date: September 27, 2009

Location: Victory Lane Café

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for lost brothers and sisters.

President: Frankie Kennedy – Anniversary Party, had over one thousand people in attendance. Had a great time. Donating the outside bar to Rob & Lyn. Photo's are posted on website. Upcoming State Meeting on October 9-11. Ron Berg has stepped down as Safety Director. Motion is carried unanimously to have Birdie fill in. Teresa has stepped down as Secretary. Motion is carried unanimously to have Liz fill in. Rob Assenzio is now taking back over the Newsletter.

Vice President: Bob Litterello – Absent, excused.

Secretary: Liz Demski-Van Hemme – Minutes read, accepted by Lyn, 2nd by Vic.

Treasurer: John Spinella – Balance of \$3083.97. 100% of party proceeds to go to Rob & Lyn.

Membership: Trudy Rabell – Welcome three new members.

Products: Position open

Legislative: Teddy Bear – Check report in newsletter.

PR/Communications: Teddy Bear – Be ready for November 3rd general election.

Safety: Birdie – Working on MSAP

Website: Taylor Musburger – Photos now uploaded to site. Spoke about new guidelines for site.;'m./',.

New/Old Business: Vic, Smokey, & Birdie will do safety and membership enrollment at bike nights. Rewrite of motorcycle portion in Florida Drivers Handbook will come out in 2010-11. Voted to renew annual MRF membership for \$100. Old delegate sticks from State Meetings are being made into an auction piece.

Motion to adjourn by Rob Rabell, 2nd by Rob Assenzio.

Ride to Snook Haven after meeting.

Abate Southwest Chapter Membership Drive

October 1st., 2009
Through
December 31st., 2009

Sign Up 5 New Members and Receive a Supporter Pin

Sign Up 10 New Members and Receive a Recruiter Pin

Sign Up 15 New Members and Receive a Life Membership

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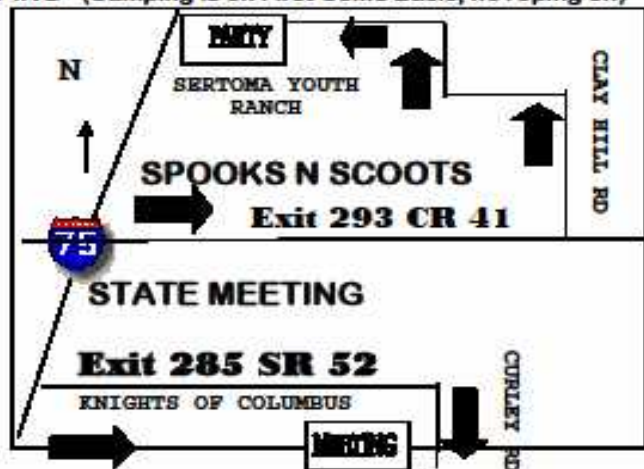
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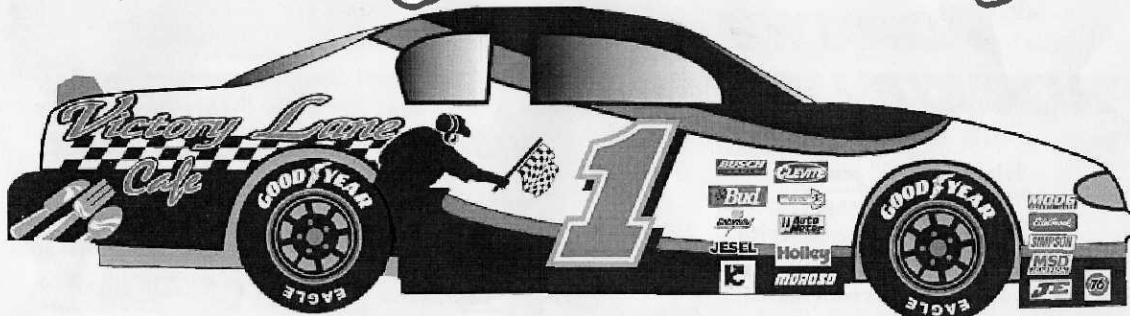
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LOCAL NEWS



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From left are, Earl "Smokey" Clark, Alberta "Birdie" Clark, Bob Litterello, Victor Piorkowski and Frankie Kennedy members of ABATE.

Bikers look to stay safe

Group teaches how to keep eye out for motorcycles

BY DAYNA HARPSTER
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Frankie Kennedy, Earl Clark and Victor Piorkowski are leather-clad bikers who look downright fearless. But show them a woman applying make-up while driving and they will be shaking in their steel-toed boots. Ditto someone behind the wheel on a cell phone.

And for good reason. Nationally, the number of motorcycle riders dying in accidents has been rising for the past nine years, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. There are more motorcycles on

the road, but that doesn't explain why there are more crashes. Between 1997 and 2005, motorcycle registrations increased by 63 percent, from 3,826,373 in 1997 to 6,227,146 in 2005. But deaths have more than doubled, from 2,116 in 1997 to 4,810 in 2006.

That's something local bikers are dedicated to changing.

As members of ABATE — American Bikers Aimed Toward Education — Kennedy and friends are passionate about keeping riders safe in the saddle. The key is safe driving.

No, they're not saying that cars cause all the problems or that bikers own the road. It's just clear who is the heavyweight in a matchup like this.

"Watch out for motorcycles not because we're special, but

See **BIKERS D10**

WATCH ONLINE

Watch two downloadable videos from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation about how to safely share the road: <http://www.forcardrivers.com/downloads.html>

IF YOU GO

What: Swamp Fest Motorcycle Rally, with vendors, entertainment, games, prizes, safety programs, poker run, and "Bears for Bears," collection of stuffed animals to be given to the Lee County Sheriff's Office for children in trauma situations.

Where: The Shell Factory & Nature Park, 2787 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers.

When: 4 to 10 p.m. Friday, May 29; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 30; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 31.

Cost: Free. All-you-can-eat Fish Fry on Friday, \$8.95; Prime Rib on Saturday night, \$13.95.

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BIKERS

because we're vulnerable," said Kennedy of Cape Coral, who has been president of the Southwest Florida ABATE group for a decade. He teaches safety classes all over the county and beyond. In that effort, he's backed up by a group of experienced riders who teach in schools, driver education programs, even a senior center recently.

Sometimes the education goes well beyond what happens on the road, but vulnerability still is a core lesson.

Alberta "Birdie" Clark laughs about some of the misconceptions some kids seem to have. Many of the things often mistaken for biker costumery have a major safety function.

"We ride in packs so we can be seen," she said. Outside Victory Lane cafe in North Fort Myers, where ABATE members gathered to talk to this reporter about safety, Clark held her arms straight out at her sides to show the fringe on her jacket from sleeve to waist. "We wear fringe to be seen!" She pointed to fringe hanging from the handlebars of a parked bike. "Same with that!"

Because bikers have no

bumpers, they rely on leather clothes and gloves to keep them out of the (human) body shop.

"It's my second skin," said Clark.

Indeed.

"If you hit the pavement at 60 miles an hour, you have 3 feet (to skid) before you're down to bone," said Piorkowski, who is 48 and has been riding since he was 6 or 7 years old. A security officer by vocation, he also teaches the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program with ABATE.

Jeff Avery, owner of Hurricane Cycle in south Fort Myers, wrote Florida's MSAP program 10 years ago. A lifetime member of ABATE, he was at the time the state communications officer. He noticed then that while 73 percent of motorcycle accidents involved a car — and a good 71 percent involved a car at fault, Avery said — there was no program in place to educate drivers about how to safely share the road.

Minnesota had one, "so actually I stole their idea and rewrote it using Florida laws and statistics and statutes," Avery said. That program is now taught all over the state.

Like other longtime riders, Avery stressed that so

much debate seems to be centered on helmets that the bigger problem is overlooked. "Why don't we prevent the accident in the first place, rather than focusing on having a pretty corpse?" Avery said.

Better to concentrate on the causes of accidents, he said.

"I pay attention to what caused other people's accidents. And I'm uber-careful," he said. As a result, he has ridden some kind of motorcycle — now a Harley Full Dresser — every day for 14 years on Southwest Florida roads and has never had an accident.

His secret?

If you're on a motorcycle, "Always leave yourself an out. Have somewhere to go to get out of the way if it looks like a car is going to hit you. Let's face it, if somebody rear-ends you in a car, you might get out and yell at each other or something. If somebody rear-ends me on a bike, I'm going to the hospital."

Always assume the person in the car doesn't see you, Avery said.

And the plea of every rider to every motor vehicle driver was this: Don't turn left in front of an oncoming motorcycle. Please. That's when some really bad stuff happens.



DAYNA HARPSTER/THE NEWS-PRESS

The oversized air horn on an ABATE member's motorcycle isn't for show. It's loud, and meant to be heard by motorists.



LEGISLATIVE REPORT September 2009

Good Morning Freedom Fighters:

Cape Coral voters can choose between two very different mayoral candidates when they go to the polls Nov. 3.

Mayor Jim Burch will face John Sullivan, one of the city administration's most outspoken critics.

Sullivan captured nearly half of Tuesday's primary votes. Burch came in second with 28 percent of the vote, followed by Roger Butler, Stephen Lovejoy and Robert Pizzolongo.

"We're going to get some change here," Sullivan told supporters at City Councilman Pete Brandt's house Tuesday. "No more taxes raised to the ceiling. No more spending beyond belief."

Ahead of his election to the City Council in 2007, Burch, appointed to the mayor's seat last year, predicted the next two years would be the city's most difficult.

His prediction is panning out. The value of city property dropped by half in those two years while foreclosure rates and unemployment climbed.

The city in the past two years, Burch has pointed out, has cut about \$35 million from a \$170 million general fund budget and cut 300 positions.

"(Tuesday's) result says we've got a lot of work to do to try to get the truth out," Burch said. "There will be two months to hopefully be able to get the truth out there."

But even with cuts, the council has plans to raise the tax rate 74 percent to make up for the plummeting property values, impact fees and sales tax.

The climate is ideal for Sullivan, who has spent the bulk of his time in the public spotlight rallying against city spending.

"I just feel it's time for a change," said Sullivan supporter Ed Morris. "We have to move forward with new ideas."

Sullivan's anti-administration stance grew out of his discontent over the city's handling of the utility expansions in the Southwest 4 Assessment Area.

Sullivan took his fight beyond the Council Chamber podium and formed a nonprofit watchdog group, the Cape Coral Minutemen. He also took his fight to court suing the city for its distribution of utility expansion assessments.

Sullivan said he had done what he could as an activist outside the system and needed to change the situation from the inside. Now, Burch and Sullivan can go head to head.

In Fort Myers, mayoral candidate Randy Henderson has been elected Mayor of Fort Myers.

Please remember to get out and vote for the candidate of your choice in the Municipal General Election on Nov. 3. Congratulations to all of the candidates.

From ABATE of Florida, Inc.:

Bills for the upcoming 2010 Legislative Session are being filed slowly. Currently, Scribe has seven bills on his watch list.

The first one, HM 19, would limit the scope and exercise of federal power. It urges Congress to honor provisions in the U.S. Constitution and U.S. Supreme Court case law.

HB 21, regulates firearms. It would create The Florida Firearms Freedom Act.

HJR 37, deals with healthcare services, and would create s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution.

HB 41, Would prohibit the use of wireless communication devices while driving.

HB 71 and HB 99, are from the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. These bills seek to decrease fees connected to your driver's license, tag, title and registration.

The last one, HB 97, deals with street racing, and creates the "Luis Rivera Ortega Street Racing Act."

Scribe goes on to say that they are working on a stiffer penalties bill, and they are expecting an attack on our freedom of choice next year.

Please take the time to check out Scribe's Legislative Voice page, where he discusses the pros and cons of freedom of choice.

In his Legislator's Corner, Scribe did an excellent interview with State Senator Garrett Richter, of Senate District 37, which includes Collier and much of Lee County. Sen. Richter gives some very good advice on how to communicate with your legislator, and how to "jumpstart" a bill through the committee process.

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DON'T CALL IT A CLUNKER!

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) recently notified you about the new federal law that hands out vouchers for older vehicles when purchasing new vehicles. It started out as "Cash for Clunkers," and has evolved into the CARS or Car Allowance Rebate System. Basically, when you trade in an older car or truck to participating dealerships, you can get up to \$4500 from the federal government to put toward a new vehicle purchase or lease. Currently the program does not make any allowance for motorcycles.

Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) wants to change that. Senate Bill 1248 would allow for the inclusion of motorcycles in this program. SB1248 would allow up to \$2500 for a motorcycle trade. Under SB1248 you could trade in a car or a motorcycle for a new motorcycle, or an older motorcycle for new bike or car at a participating dealership.

Senator Casey isn't trying to rid the country of older motorcycles; he's trying to help some 2600 constituents from losing their jobs. It's not a secret that the York,

PA Harley Davidson plant has fallen on rough times. Harley laid off 400 employees in January, and things haven't gotten better. According to a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Article, a Harley Davidson spokesperson admitted that the idea of moving the York plant was on the table, and mentioned an internal study being done to assess the viability of the plant. Additional concerns include a major union contract that is up in 2010.

Harley has to take care of Harley, and Senator Casey has to take care of his constituents, and they both happen to benefit from this legislation. The MRF has been assured that Senator Casey absolutely did not introduce this legislation at the request of Harley Davidson, but to help his constituents keep their jobs. If Harley sells more motorcycles, it bodes well for the citizens of York, PA.

Senator Casey's bill would allow motorcycles into the CARS program, but many of the details are vague. For instance, S1248 would allow for motorcycles to be eligible for the voucher from January 1, 2009 until 3 years after enactment. However, the CARS program expires on November 1, 2009 or when the funds run out, whichever comes first.

Certainly it's important to watch for accelerated end of useful life programs such as these. Temporary can become permanent with the simple stroke of a pen. The MRF believes that even the suggestion of a permanent program would warrant an all out opposition. However, the short-term nature of this particular program should be treated more as a warning sign of what we need to be ready to confront in the future. We do want motorcycles to receive the same respect and treatment as automobiles, but not at the detriment of risking losing certain communities or freedoms within the world of motorcycling.

For more information on the existing CARS program for autos, visit www.cars.gov.

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4 Diva Angels Guide Dog Poker Run. Paradise Chapter LOH Hog Breast Cancer Run.	5	6	7 SOUTH WEST CHAPTER BIKE NITE @ VICTORY LANE	8	9 Annual Get Nekked Motorcycle Rally. Harley Davidson Bike Night.	10 6 th Annual Ride to make Strides. American Legion Biketober Fest. Spooks N Scoots.
11 Rolling Thunder 50's 60's Dance. Shoeless Joes Bike Show And Bikini Contest.	12	13	14 SOUTH WEST CHAPTER BIKE NITE @ VICTORY LANE	15 Biketoberfest in Daytona.	16 The Rattlesnake Run	17 Free Lunch
18 Gator Alley Memorial Run. Hogs for Hearts Poker Run.	19	20	21 SOUTH WEST CHAPTER BIKE NITE @ VICTORY LANE	22	23	24 American Legion Riders Halloweenie Run. Keithtoberfest Fund Raiser And Poker Fest. Pancake Breakfast and Bike Blessing.
25 All Out Cycles Grand Opening.	26	27	28 SOUTH WEST CHAPTER BIKE NITE @ VICTORY LANE	29	30 Biker for Babies Event Weekend.	31 Estero River ABATE Throttleween. Gustock 2009 Lost Souls Halloween Party and Costume Ride

November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Bkers for Babies Run	2	3	4 SOUTH WEST CHAPTER BIKE NITE @ VICTORY LANE	5	6 Roscoes Chili Challenge	7 Ft. Myers Bike Night
8 Chrome Divas Ft Myers Fall into Christmas. Gator Alley ABATE's Run and Gobble	9	10	11 SOUTH WEST CHAPTER BIKE NITE @ VICTORY LANE	12	13 Harley Davidson Bike Night and Concert	14 Kids with Cancer Poker Run. Meeting of the Minds
15 12 th Annual Teddy Bear Run. Marco Motorcycle Madness. Punts Gorda Bike Night	16	17	18 SOUTH WEST CHAPTER BIKE NITE @ VICTORY LANE	19	20	21 Free Lunch OG Sky Diving Party Ride for Autism
22 4 th Annual Big Brothers Big Sistes Poker Run. Estero River ABATE Pilgrims Pride Run.	23	24	25 SOUTH WEST CHAPTER BIKE NITE @ VICTORY LANE	26	27	28 Beaver Moon Run
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You may carefully craft your words and spend time creatively describing a motorcycling experience to a non-rider. Then, the only response you get is a bland, wimpy, and polite, "That's nice." Then, you have the feeling that "they just don't get it" or they're not interested. One of the reasons we attend many motorcycling events and particularly Bike Nights is that we can spend hours with those who understand and appreciate our motorcycling experiences and the types of lifestyles that go along with them.

We believe that many of us have a difficult time in expressing ourselves and/or what we are going through before God. And, we think that He does not appreciate what we are fully experiencing in life. If we are experiencing things that are not pleasant, the frustration sometimes comes out in swearing, cursing, or taking the Name of the Lord in vain.

In Psalm 55, David lets God know, in detail, his feelings after being betrayed by a very close friend. He tells God about the emotional pain and the physical pain of his heart pounding inside him from fear. In reading the Psalm, it appears he is searching for the words. But, in the end, it seems that no matter what the words were, spoken or not spoken, David has placed his trust in the Lord God by saying that he has, "...cast his burden upon the Lord, who has sustained me..." (verse 21). Throughout the Bible, men/women are always sharing "the good, the bad, and the ugly" of what is going on in their lives with the Lord. God made us. He knows everything about our physical and emotional states. He understands us. He cares for us. No matter what we convey to Him, He is always there and will listen better than any human ever could. We need to remember that we are made in the image of God and that God became man through His Son, Jesus. Jesus experienced all the pain and suffering that any human could. There is nothing too big for God!

We may not be able to put all our riding experiences and experiences of life into words. But, God fully understands, is interested, and cares!

If you wish to have a full time advocate before our God, always interceding on your behalf, will you take God's Son, Jesus into your heart and life? . Please pray, "Dear God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, my heavenly Father, I confess that I am a sinner and have been separated from You. I ask forgiveness of my sins. I repent and accept this gift of repentance and I wish to be free in you. I confess with my mouth that your son Jesus is my Savior and died for me. I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. I receive Jesus into my heart and ask Him to become the center of my life. I ask, in the Name of Jesus. Amen."

Blessings,

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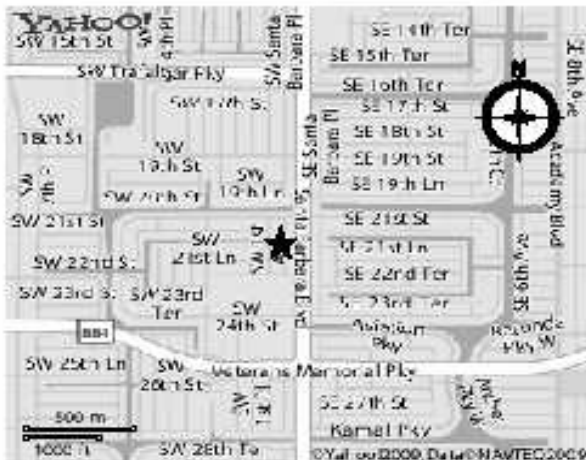
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