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SMRO is an acronym for State Motorcycle Rights Organization. They are organiz ions comprised of individuals who are dedicated to insuring personal liberties in our legislature. They are dedicated to maintaining the lifestyle of motorcycling by working legislatively to promote motorcycle awareness and road safety, and regaining lost liberties.

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## ABATE of Florida, Inc.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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.

#### **IDENTIFICATION STATEMENT**

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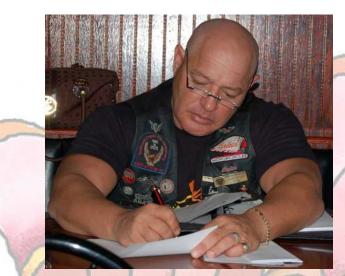
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NOT condone drinking and riding while driving. ABATE of Florida Inc SOUTHWEST CHAPTER everyone, as always I hope this newsletter finds all well and in good spirits.

# From the Desk of the Chief



Presidents Report Oct 2009

AS always I hope this newsletter finds all in good health and spirits.

By the time you read this Halloween will be over and we will head towards thanksgiving and then the holidays.....

Not sure where that was going. The Southwest Chapter welcomed several new members to our chapter at this past meeting many were transfers from other local chapters. Welcome aboard folks and thanks to the handful that have already stepped up to help fill positions within the chapter its going to be a terrific year for the Southwest Chapter.

The board of directors was saddened by the resignation of our VP Bob Litterello this past month and Bob thank you sincerely for all your efforts and contributions to our chapter, Taylor Musburger has stepped up and was graciously accepted by the membership with a unanimous vote of confidence, to continue on till June elections in Bob's place. We thank you Taylor and are happy to have you aboard. Taylor has been here all along folks as he is also the chapter's webmaster go check out the site and see for yourself, we got us a good guy.

On a much sadder note Victor Piorkowski was involved in a crash out on the interstate in the beginning of the month he is at a rehab place here in town Vic's phone is in your newsletter as he is our Sergeant at Arms, I am sure he would love to hear from you, give him a call. Vic will be temporarily replaced by Rob Rabell while he recovers from his injuries.

Rob and Lyn Assenzio continue to recover from injuries sustained in a crash down on the beach this past May our thoughts and prayers go out to them and Welcome back Rob, he is back behind his desk and producing the finest newsletter in the state once again.

Spooks and Scoots was a wonderful event again this year it wasn't as well attended as I have seen it in the past but it was still a good time for all that did attend. Notes from the state meeting are in the newsletter.

Our 29<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas run to the gulf Coast center is just around the corner and we need people to step up and help out with this project this will be the last time for this run as the Center is closing we tried to get area residents transported to the site for the last one but were unable to secure transportation assistance. At the last meeting I asked for ideas for our Christmas run shirt and to date have received none I can design this myself but I would prefer some input let me know your thoughts ......Thank you.

The ride after the meeting this month took us to the Phantoms club house for a poker run we had a great time and as always Rage was a great host. After the ride we traveled down to Naples to attend All Out Cycles grand opening Big Karl from Estero Chapter opened up a new bike shop down there go check it out when you have time.

November 25<sup>th</sup> at Victory Lane Café', on Wednesday Night Bike Night, Frankie's Birthday Bash and Bike Show, live band, door prizes, food and drink specials come on out and have a great time celebrating my birthday with me.

November 28<sup>th</sup> at Southwest Cycle on Pine Island Road our new location just east of the old one across the street from Meals Diner, Grand Opening Party and meet and greet live music food drinks come out and join us for the festivities.

Rob Cran will be starting the annual pilgrimage to collect funds for sponsorships and ad renewals for the newsletter and Christmas Run and we had a couple of new members step up to help with that, thank you Kelly Smith and Barbara. That will save me a lot of time allowing me to concentrate on the Christmas Run, I really miss all the help that I once had come from folks, and I need some volunteers to work out the rest of the details for this large event.

For all that may not be aware I have gone back to work I am running the shop at Southwest Cycle I will be planning weekly rides from the shop and also possibly monthly events at the shop. Anyone needing any service please give us a call we have an ad in this newsletter thank you in advance for your patronage.

In closing I want to say it certainly has been a very trying year for me personally and I am so very happy to be surrounded by many true friends, I want you guys to know you are greatly appreciated in my life and though I may not say it all the time, thank you and I love you guys.

Till next time ......Ride Safe Frankie



## Frankie's Birthday Bash & November Bike Show

Wednesday, November 25th from 6 to 11pm at Victory Lane Café 4150 Hancock Bridge Parkway North Fort Myers, FL 33903

Vendors - Live Music - 50/50 - Door Prizes

Bike Show registration begins at 6pm. Last bike to register at 8pm. All trophies and prizes to be awarded at 9pm.

Food & Drink Specials

For more info & vendor info, contact Frankie at 239-849-9065



So, take a break before this holiday season on the eve of Thanksgiving. You'll be glad you had some fun with the bike before the relatives arrive.

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## Welcome to ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program

ABATE of Florida; Inc. is a state-wide non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We promote motorcycle safety awareness; encourage continuing rider training and political awareness. We fund our work through motorcycle related activities. We are your neighbors and friends, who work, pay taxes, serve our country and vote. We believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others.

ABATE of Florida; Inc. acknowledges the growth of motorcyclist of all ages riding in the State of Florida whether it is for economic reasons or pleasure. We are dedicated to teach our Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program in our efforts to reduce injuries and fatalities in our beautiful State of Florida. Our program is a 45 minute presentation including two videos to help everyone driving on Florida's roads become more aware of motorcyclists. Sharing the road with respect and knowledge is just one of many focuses we have pertaining to Motorcycle Safety.

Please look at the other pages under Cycle Safety to see our continuing efforts on promoting Motorcycle Safety and Awareness.

If you are planning on visiting or live in our beautiful State of Florida whether you choose to ride or drive here are some facts to keep in mind:

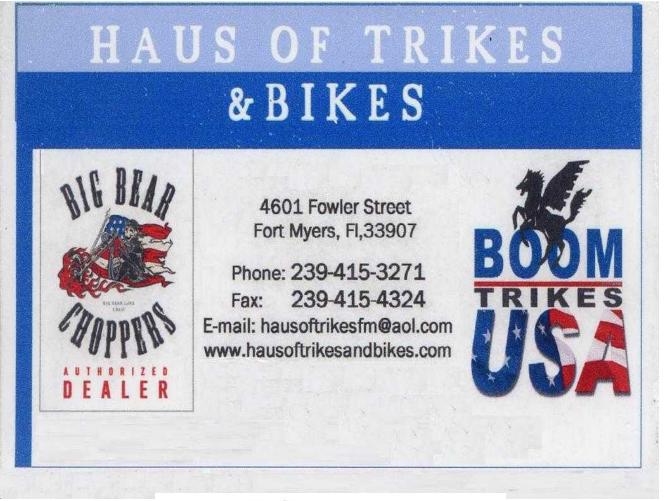
- Obey all traffic laws, signs & signals
- Constantly check and expect to see motorcycles
- Motorcycles are smaller than cars or trucks and it can be more difficult to judge their approaching speed
- Look, look, & look again at traffic intersections before you turn or pull out
- Allow a three second "Space Cushion" when following a motorcycle
- There are 7 to 9 blind spots in an average vehicle
- Give Motorcycles the same respect and courtesy that you want for yourself and other motorists

For Laws pertaining to riding a motorcycle in the State of Florida please visit www.hsmv.state.fl.us/handbooks/Motorcycles/intro.html.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. goal is 0 injuries and 0 fatalities for the State of Florida.

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Run Starts And Ends At The San Carlos Country Club 19137 S Tamiami Trl Fort Myers, FL 33908 (239) 267-0500 1st Bike Out11:00 AM (or directly after mtg) Last Bike Out 12:00 PM Last Bike In 4:00 PM

\$15 A HAND (and a canned food donation) includes Thanksgiving dinner Canned foods donated to Interfaith Caregivers, a local food bank A Portion of proceeds benefit children of our local biker families in

need

## Live Music \$5 Xtra Plate





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Safety Information and Membership will be available



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## QUICK TIPS: Should You Ride A Motorcycle?

Riding a motorcycle is a unique experience. Riding is fun and invigorating, yet the skills needed for safe riding, combined with the lack of car-like crash protection on a motorcycle, can cast doubts on whether a person should choose to ride a motorcycle. Some potential riders lack the ability to execute skilled and timely actions in a complex traffic environment; others lack keen judgment or don't have a firm grasp of the concept of risk management.

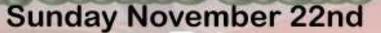
MSF believes that motorcycling isn't for everyone. If you're considering becoming a rider, however, here are some questions for you to use as a self-assessment of the physical capabilities and mental attitude required to safely navigate a motorcycle on the street:

- 1. Are you a higher risk-taker than others you know? If you tend to need a thrill while driving a car and have aggressive or risky tendencies (following too closely, turning without signaling, talking on a cell phone, getting angry at other drivers, etc.), motorcycling may not be for you. While motorcycling improves the overall quality of life for many, for some it can lead to disaster. Thinking that accidents only happen to others is an attitude that will get you in trouble.
- 2. Can you ride a bicycle? This is a prerequisite for enrolling in our Basic *Rider Course* and generally a good gauge of your ability to maneuver a motorcycle. Bicycling, like motorcycling, is a physical activity that involves balance and coordination. And speaking of coordination ...
- 3. Can you drive a stick-shift car? This is *not* a requirement, but it may make learning to ride easier because almost all motorcycles have manual transmissions. If you can't get the hang of shifting gears but still want to enjoy a powered two-wheeler, you might want to start out on a motor scooter. Motor scooters generally have automatic transmissions and come in many sizes, from simpler models with an engine size of 50 cubic centimeters (cc) to powerful 650cc models.

- 4. Do you see well? Riding a motorcycle requires special perceptual skills that rely on good vision. Have you had an eye examination recently? Do you tend to see things that are far away later than other people you know? The ability to see well ahead is important for safe riding.
- 5. Are you mechanically inclined? Today's motorcycles are very reliable machines, but with all the bolts, nuts, and mechanisms out in the open, and only two tires connecting you to the pavement, you need to be able to inspect your equipment and make the occasional minor adjustment. You don't need to be a master mechanic, but it helps to know your way around a tire pressure gauge and a wrench. Most everything a rider needs to know is in the motorcycle owner's manual, and if you've never read your car owner's manual, that could be a sign that motorcycling is not for you.
- 6. Are you safety-minded? If you routinely find yourself bandaged up after doing simple do-it-yourself projects around the house, or think it's acceptable to operate a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, the unique challenges of motorcycle riding may not be compatible with your decision-making. Riders can control their situation only if safety is a high priority. Millions of motorcyclists ride millions of miles without incident, and they likely take safety seriously.
- 7. Do you respect machinery and other equipment that has risk? For example, when using a lawn mower or chainsaw, do you maintain it properly and wear eye/ear/hand protection when needed? If you're not serious about safety in connection with simple machinery and equipment whose improper use can lead to serious injury, you may not respect motorcycling enough to follow safety precautions. Successful riders know that safety isn't a matter of luck, but a matter of doing the right things to minimize risk.
- 8. Can you focus? Inattention is a major cause of crashes. Safe motorcycling requires dedicated attention to the immediate task and a keen awareness of everything going on 360 degrees around you. Rush-hour traffic aboard a motorcycle is not the place to be daydreaming. For instance, if you find yourself overusing your brakes because you were caught off-guard, or are often surprised by a passing car or truck you didn't see, your situational awareness could be less than adequate.
- 9. Can you handle your car in an emergency? Drivers don't often have the need to brake hard or swerve to miss a crash, but it's important to have the skills to be able to do so when needed. On a motorcycle, having these types of skills is essential because other highway users tend not to see motorcyclists in traffic, especially around intersections.
- 10. Are you willing to invest some time in learning to ride the right way before hopping on a bike? Your best "first ride" is a Basic *RiderCourse* where you can familiarize yourself with the safe operation of a motorcycle. You can even take the course as an experiment, to help you better understand the dynamics of good riding and to determine if motorcycling is right for you.

## Stop-In/Drop-In Thanks for Give-In

Please bring an item to pack for the troops. A list of packable items can be found on the website www.adoptatroop.net



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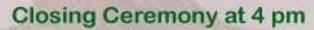
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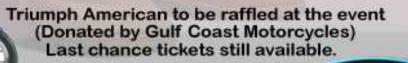
## RONIN CHALLENGE Chili Tasteoff vs Area Bike Clubs

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# From the Mee President



From the Vice-President

# Salutations! The riding weather has improved and is

only going to get better. With that in mind, we are working with our Road Captains to set up monthly Chapter rides. Being a motorcycle organization, it's important that we get out and ride as a chapter. Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to old and new destinations.

Coming up, we have Frankie's Birthday Bash and November Bike Show on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to come on out to Victory Lane Café and partake in the festivities. Also, our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Run is being held on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last run to Gulf Coast Center, so let's make it memorable.

We have recently had the pleasure of receiving a number of members transfer in from other chapters. Welcome! We appreciate your resolve to stay involved and experience.

To all members, new and old, we are looking to encourage membership involvement and growth. If you have any ideas, please feel free to call or drop a line: 239-334-1620 or ABATE@Musburger.net. Oh, and if you held an office in another chapter, please don't be afraid to seek that level of dedication within Southwest Chapter.

A bit of good news, Rachel and Remington of Be Seen Customs have joined Southwest Chapter, making Rachel the youngest member at 21. They have been attending our regular Wednesday night event, and anyone looking for some extra flash for their bike can now look no further.

So, here's to cooler weather. I can't tell you how much I'm looking forward to a break from the heat.

Ride safe, Taylor



## **R.I.P. Buell Motorcycles - We'll Miss You**



Friday, October 16, 2009

October 15, 2009 will be remembered as a black day in the world of motorcycling. It's almost unfathomable that after 26 years in business, American motorcycle manufacturer **Buell** is closing its doors. If it occurred, say, ten years ago I could maybe understand. But now, when Buell's at the top of its game? It's utterly ridiculous.

Historically Buell Motorcycles have always gotten a bad rap. Usually it's for their quirky attributes which have gone against the motorcycling status quo, and typically require a bit of seat time to understand. Heck, I even use to be one of those naysayer riders.

My first experience aboard a Buell was with the 2008 Buell Once SuperTT. After my first ride, I literally hated it. It was so different from every other Japanese and European sport motorcycle I had ridden and I just couldn't figure it out. Sure it handled really well, but it felt lethargic—plus I couldn't wheelie or stoppie it. After

giving mentor and Motorcycle-USA boss man, Ken Hutchison an earful of how I despised the bike, he stopped me mid-sentence to say that I simply wasn't riding it right. "Buell's are different," I recall him saying. "But once you figure out how to ride them they're actually pretty fun."

And wouldn't you know Hutchy's assessment was right on the money. I wasn't riding it right. I quickly came to terms with how to best utilize its unique performance attributes. From then on I was that guy wheeling down the 405 freeway and pulling stoppies at every stop light. Eventually, when it was time hand over the keys back to Buell, I was more than just a bit bummed.

But with the introduction of its liquid-cooled Helicon engine platform as used in the Buell 1125R SportBike and Buell 1125CR Street fighter, things suddenly changed. Buell had finally built a motorcycle that retained its eccentric character, yet at the same time offered a level of performance that was on par and, in some ways even better than its competition. Just look at the results of our **2010 Street fighter Comparison** where the 1125CR actually bested both the Ducati Street fighter and Aprilia Tuono 1000R. Now the folks from Ducati point their fingers and laugh every time they see me. Also check out how the 1125R stacked up in our **2009 Daytona SportBike Comparison**. Earlier this summer, we were invited to Buell's factory in East Troy, Wisconsin. Although we didn't know it at the time, this was literally an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness how Erik Buell's dream grew from busting his knuckles inside a Wisconsin shed to its innovative East Troy factory. We also saw how its unique engineering philosophies move from a designers sketch pad, through the computer screen, and on to the finished product.



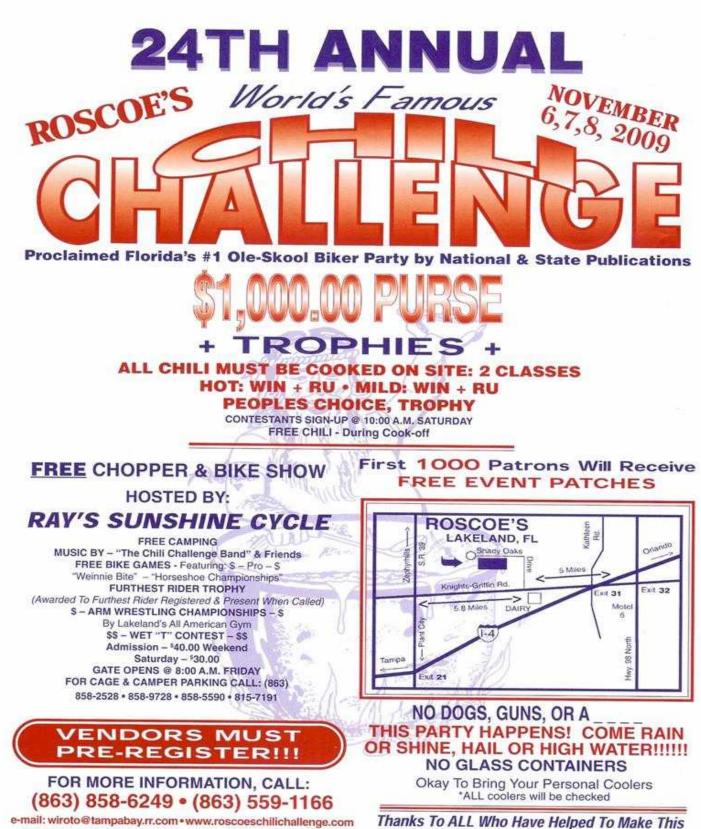
One of the things from that afternoon that really stands out in my mind is just how die-hard and passionate the entire Buell family was. From the guys hutched over their keyboards in the engineering department, to the crew in the testing department with their bullet proof safety glasses stress testing components, to the assembly line workers carefully fitting a box of kitted parts as this chunk of metal morphed into a motorcycle. They all shared one thing you could see it in their eyes: passion.

That's why it's so crazy to me that its parent company, Harley-Davidson jettisoned the pod so easily. Sure times are tough, and

Harley' key objective is its own survival, but at the same time it just doesn't make any sense pulling the plug on a fresh and innovative division, especially when its performing at an all-time high. Obviously the decision making folks at Harley never spent time aboard a Buell Motorcycle, and that's a shame.







# Örber Fluite Southers Chapter Neeting Agende

Location: Victory Lane Café Date: October 25 2009 Called to order@ 10.10 am 35 members 1 guest Pledge Allegiance and moment of silence

#### **President:**

Bob has had to resign as vice president. Taylor has been appointed to fill this vacancy. Motion to accept,1st Trudy, 2nd Liz. Motion passed.

Rob Rebel will temporary be sergeant at arm's until Victor is up to it again. The annual inventory is coming up soon. Rob will need some help. This has to be done before the next state meeting.

Frankie had to go back to work and is now running South West Cycles

We are the #1 out of 30 chapters statewide with the motorcycle safety awareness course. Thanks to all the safety directors.

Christmas run: We need 12 people to help with this event. This will be the last year we will be putting this event on. We will have a poker run and a party at the end. Date Dec 6<sup>th</sup>.

The 5-star committee, who started 7 years ago, has asked for \$50 per chapter to cover costs at the 2010 N.C.O.M. Convention in Orlando to run the hospitality suite.

Frankie's Birthday Bash, Nov. 25. Grand Opening South West Cycles, Nov. 28. Freedom Rights Rally-2010 Bike Week Volunteers are needed, April 19. State Meeting (Blackcreek, FI), Dec 12.

#### Vice President:

Absent and excused (had to work)

#### Secretary:

Motion to except last months minutes was accepted 1st Trudy and 2nd by Lois

#### Treasurer:

Frankie had checkbook. Motion to pass accepted 1st Rob 2nd Rob Crane

#### Membership:

21 new members, of whom 17 are transfers, 2 life members, 3 renewals. Welcome to all.

Products: ( open )

#### Legislative: PR/Communications:

See news letter for report

#### State Business:

Spooks state meeting: The PR rep resigned. He is replaced by Lockdown. We did not participate in selling bike tickets. State membership is at 7560

#### Safety Trustee:

Birdie stresses to check tires frequently. She and Smoky ended up on the median guardrail after their right back tire blew out on the jeep, going to Spooks on I-75. Don't even want to think of what would have happened if they were on the bike

#### Old, New Business and Good of the Order:

Victor asks for everyone to promote the MSRP program. Everyone needs to hear about motorcycle safety. If the person he hit on his bike was watching he would not have been in the position he is now.

Pastor Tom lets us know that there will be a Biker Bible café on Dec. 4.

If you cant open the newsletter, e-mail Frankie.

#### Motion to adjourn the meeting: 11.00 am 1st Rob, 2nd Barbara.

The ride after the meeting will go to Big Carl's grand opening and the Phantoms poker run.

Ride safe, Liz Demski-van Hemme



#### **NOVEMBER**

#### DECEMBER

JUSTIN BEASLEY MICHAEL FLYE MIKE SCOTT TOM WALLEN STEVE WYATT KEITH BAKER BARBARA BARDELL DEBRA BARLOW DARLENE DANIELS MATT FAULK BILL GEARY RANDALL GLASS PAUL JONES SCOTT MacPHEE CARL NELSON JAMES TERAULT RICK TINER RAY WALTERS

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<b>1th Annual Hugh May</b> <b>Dice Run and Bike Show</b>
Saturday-November 7, 2009
Registration and 1st Roll; Harley Davidson of Naples 10:00AM to 12:00PM 2nd Roll: Dolly's Restaurant (9930 Bonita Beach Rd, Bonita Springs) 3rd Roll: Everglades Cycles (Beck Blvd., Naples) 4th Roll: Sand Bar (B26 Elkcam Circle East, Marco Island) 5th Roll: Iron Rhino (Corner of U.S. 41 and SR 92) Last Roll, Bike Show and Party: Big Cypress Market Place (U.S. 41-4 miles east of 951)
Party at the Big Cypress Market Place Food, Prizes, Beer, Wine, Vendors, Live Music, Dancing and State of the Art Video Slot Machines <u>Enter your "Scoot" in the Bike Show</u> Trophies awarded to Best of Class (Entry/Donation: \$10.00 per bike) Live "Classic Rock" in the Arena from 1:30PM to 4:30PM by: <u>Sudden Impact Band</u> <u>Plenty of PRIZES and CHANCES to win!!!</u> (all dice run players will receive raffle tickets for the Chinese auction and any drawings, based on individual scores)
<u>CHINESE AUCTION</u> / <u>50/50 Raffle</u> / <u>High Score/Low Score</u> / <u>Mystery Raffles</u> Donation: \$15.00 PER RIDER & \$10.00 PER PASSENGER
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#### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT November 2009**

Good Morning Freedom Fighters:

From ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Doc asked me to send this out to you concerning **HR 2057**, **Right to Repair Act**. He is asking you to contact your U.S. Congressman and ask them to support and co-sponsor this bill.

Modern vehicles, including motorcycles, contain advanced technology that monitors or controls virtually every function of that vehicle including: brakes, steering, air bags, fuel delivery, ignition, lubrication, theft prevention, emission controls and soon; tire pressure.

Vehicle owners and independent shops need full access to the information, parts and tools necessary to accurately diagnose, repair or re-program these systems.

Vehicle manufacturers are making access to such vital information increasingly difficult to obtain for the independent aftermarket and its customers.

Without access to critical information, parts and tools, motorists are forced to patronize new vehicle dealerships, which may not be convenient or easily accessible to vehicle owners and may increase the costs of repairs which adds a financial burden onto your household.

What the Right to Repair Act does:

1. Reaffirms the owners' right to repair their vehicle and keep their families safe.

2. Promotes consumer safety by allowing the owners and their vehicles technicians' access to the computers that control the systems and components that affect the safe operation of their vehicles.

3. Permits the owners to choose the repair shop and the replacement parts to service and maintain their vehicles.

4. Authorizes the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to promulgate regulations to protect consumers and to promote competition in vehicle maintenance and repair

What it does not do:

1. It does not take a manufactures intellectual property.

2. It does not effect the dealer's warranty agreement with the vehicles manufactures.

3. It does not require manufactures to disclose manufacturing processes or trade secrets.

More information may be read at: Right to Repair Coalition: http://snipurl.com/s4rw6.

This bill is sponsored by U.S. Rep. E. Towns, (NY-10), and co-sponsored by forty-one other members of the U.S. House, and is in the Committee on Energy and Commerce. It has two Florida co-sponsors, Rep. Corrine Brown, (D-3rd) and Rep. Alcee Hastings, (D-23rd).

Once again, I urge you to support and co-sponsor HR 2057 in an effort to protect your ability to make timely and affordable repairs to your vehicles.

Additionally, Doc has asked me to monitor this new item:

## Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Launches Major Study Into Causes of Motorcycle Crashes

#### FHWA, Oklahoma State University to Partner on Critical Research Endeavor.

FHWA will conduct an ambitious new study to better understand and prevent motorcycle crashes, Administrator Victor Mendez announced today.

Despite years of improving highway safety and roadway fatalities at historic lows, motorcycle riders remain one of the highest-risk groups on America's roads. Nearly 5,300 motorcycle riders died in roadway crashes in 2008, accounting for 14 percent of all traffic fatalities, and 96,000 were injured.

"Having a better understanding of what causes these crashes will help us improve roadway safety for everyone," said Administrator Mendez. "Keeping people safe on America's roads is Secretary LaHood's top priority at the Department of Transportation."

The motorcycle crash causation study will be the federal government's first major in-depth analysis of motorcycle safety in nearly three decades. A provision in the "Safe, Accountable width='100%', Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users" (SAFETEA-LU) requires the study, which will be conducted by the FHWA in partnership with the Oklahoma State University.

The university's Oklahoma Transportation Center is one of the U.S. Department of Transportation's 10 National University Transportation Centers, and it receives federal grants to conduct transportation research.

"OSU is delighted to be the lead research institution for this important study," said Dr. Allen Tree, associate dean for research in OSU's College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology. "We expect very significant and scientifically valid results to emerge from this work and look forward to a very positive final outcome."

Researchers will evaluate data from hundreds of motorcycle crashes to help identify common factors - including road configurations, environmental conditions and riding experience. The studies focus is to look look at how these factors may be affected by countermeasures that, if effectively implemented, will prevent motorcycle crashes or lessen the harm when they occur.

The National Highway Safety Administration conducted a pilot study to develop the protocols for the full-scale causation research. NHTSA was also responsible for the earlier motorcycle causation study, which was completed in 1981.

Between 1997 and 2008, motorcycle rider fatalities increased from 2,116 to 5,290 - a 150 percent jump, according to U.S. Department of Transportation's Fatality Analysis Reporting System. In 2008 alone, deaths due to motorcycle crashes rose by an estimated 2.2 percent while all other vehicle crashes saw reductions in fatalities.

Thanks,

Darrin "Scribe" Brooks

Another bill has been recently filed and put on ABATE of Florida's watch list.

HB 137 was recently filed by Rep. D. Alan Hays, R-25, his district includes Lake, Seminole and Volusia counties.

HB 137 revises penalties for unlawful operation of sound making devices in motor vehicles; provides that such operation is a moving violation which includes assessment of points against driver's license; provides increased penalties for repeat violations within certain time period.

Currently, there is no mention of motorcycle tailpipes in this bill. Scribe and others are in touch with Rep. Hays seeking clarification to ensure that motorcycle tailpipes are not included in this bill.

Please do not forget that November 3rd is the General Municipal Election. Traditionally, these off-year elections see a very low voter turnout. However, I would like to see a very high "biker" presence at the polls this year, especially in Cape Coral.

We have a new U.S. Senator. His name is George LeMieux. Sen. LeMieux was appointed by Gov. Charlie Crist to fill the remainder of the term left by outgoing Sen. Mel Martinez. He was the Governor's Chief of Staff, and took the oath of office in September.

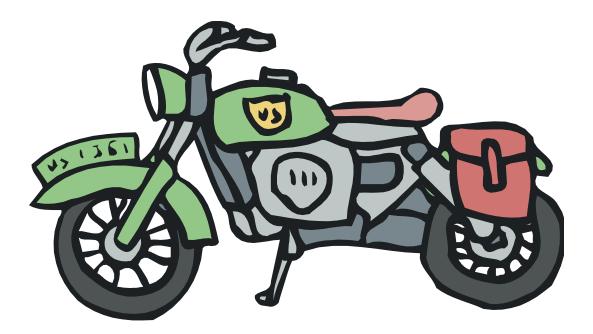
You can contact Sen. LeMieux at: 2120 Main St., Suite 200, Fort Myers, Fl. 33901. Phone: (239) 32-2898. FAX: (239) 32-3447. Washington D.C. Office: United States Senate, 356 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510. Phone: (202) 224-3041. FAX: (202) 228-5171. Toll Free: (866) 630-7106. TTY: (407) 254-5 4 8 . W e b s i t e : lemieux.senate.gov/public/?p=EmailSenatorLeMieux.

Also, US Senator Bill Nelson has opened an office here in Fort Myers. His new contact information is: Justice Center Annex Building, 2000 Main Street, Suite 801, Fort Myers, Fl. 33901. Phone: (239) 334-7760. FAX: (239) 334-7710.

Please add this new information to your Legislative Contact List.

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## **Downtown Bike Night**

Bike Night in Downtown Fort Myers!!!

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009

Saturday, January 9, 2010

Saturday, March 13, 2010

Saturday, May 8, 2010

Bike nights run from 6pm-10pm each event night.

All motorcycles are welcome to all four Fort Myers River District Bike Nights this season. Musical entertainment will be provided, and approximately 40 street vendors and many downtown businesses will be open.

The event will call for some downtown streets to close temporarily for the event. Between 1 p.m. and midnight on the day of the event, the following areas will be closed to traffic:

#### **Road Closures**

- First Street will be closed between Monroe and Lee streets;
- Dean Street will be closed between First and Bay streets;
- Broadway will be closed between Main and First streets;
- Hendry Street will be closed between Main and Bay streets; and
- Jackson Street will be closed between Main and Bay streets.



Map courtesy of The Fort Myers Redevelopment Agency

Motorcycle parking will be within the closed streets as well as in the adjoining Monroe and Bay streets. Parking for all vehicles will be available throughout the River District.

## November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Bikers 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 <u>Christmas</u> . 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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
29 Never Forgotten Run	30	P	AC	GFU		SA SG

## December 2009

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6 Gator Alley ABATE Heritage House Run	7	8	9 SOUTH WEST CHAPTER BIKE NITE @ VICTORY LANE	10		12 Cape Cora Down Tow <u>Bike Night</u> GGHS 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Ca And Bike Show
13 Southwest Chapter Abate Christmas Run	14	15	16 SOUTH WEST CHAPTER BIKE NITE @ VICTORY LANE	17	18	19 Free Lunch Adopt A Family Run
20 Bikes For Tykes Poker Run	21	22	23 SOUTH WEST CHAPTER BIKE NITE @ VICTORY LANE	24	25	26
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#### Chapter Chaplain Tom

Dear Fellow ABATE Members:

### December 21, 2012, Armageddon, Motorcycle Crashes, and other Doomsdays

or

### Do You Actually Have Control Over Your Ultimate Future?

The latest doomsday phenomenon is the prediction that the end of the world, as we know it, will take place on 12/21/12.

On that date, the Mesoamerican Long Count Calendar which was in use by the Mayan civilization, comes to an end. And, some theorists believe this indicates the world, in some shape, form, or fashion, will end. A movie capitalizing on this idea is due to be released in November of this year and the History Channel has already aired several "documentaries" with many of the pseudo-science theories of doomsday expounded upon.

There are other predictions and prophesies that the world, as we know it, will soon come to an end. Consider the evidence, recently presented, that the great caldera located in Yellowstone National Park is due to erupt at any time. It is theorized the eruption will cause catastrophic changes, covering three-fourths of the United States; with some effects being global. The Bible predicts that there will be a time of Great Tribulation; covering a period of seven years. The first three and one-half will be a time of peace and the second three and one half years will be a time of war, none like ever seen before, including the Battle of Armageddon. How about global warming? What about the next financial meltdown? Weapons of Mass Destruction? Some of us have already experienced our own personal doomsdays.

It is natural and human to feel some fear and panic. A certain amount of fear and panic is necessary for us to exercise caution and survive some of our living experiences. We should know that there are some things that will be beyond our control. What about hurricanes? What about cagers seemingly coming out of "nowhere" crashing into us/our motorcycles and there was absolutely nothing we could have done to avoid it? What about sickness? What about a terrorist attack? Someone breaking into our home...?

In Matthew 6:34, Jesus is cautioning us not to overreact with fear and panic about the future. He said, *"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."* We think that God knows if you panic and "freak out" about future, you will not have the presence of mind to take care of what is needed for today. He tells us in verse 33, "But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right)..."

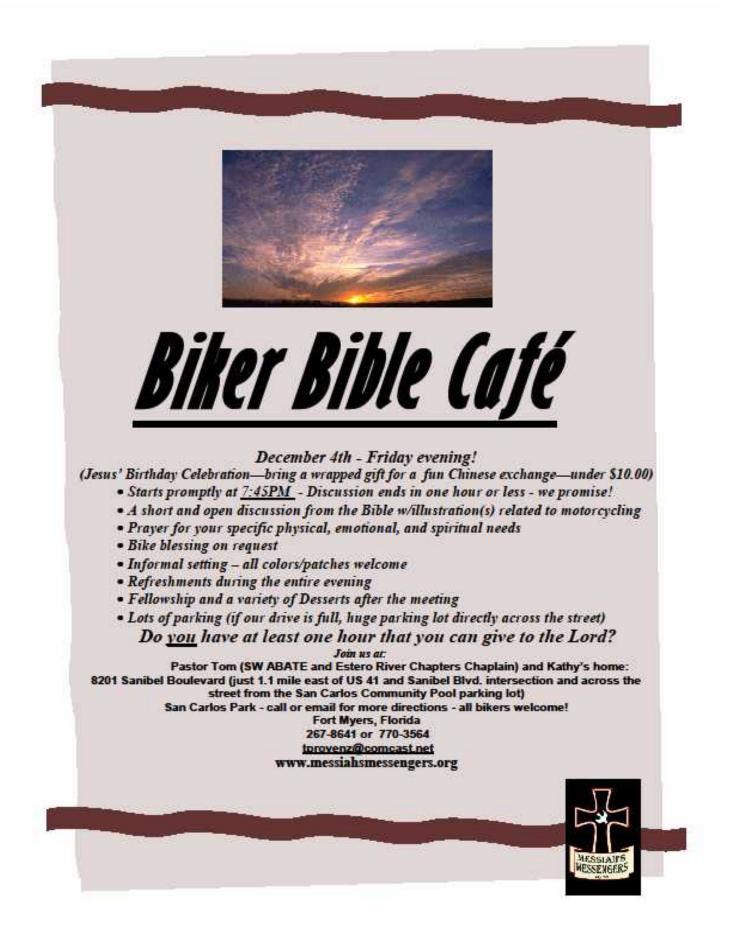
Right now, you <u>do</u> have the ability to control your ultimate future and avoid the ultimate doomsday. The ultimate future is how and where you will spend eternity. It's a matter of exercising your free will in believing that there is God; the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Believing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God... Believing that Jesus was sent by His Father to pay the price of death on the cross for our sins... Asking God for forgiveness of sins... Repenting of those sins... Taking Jesus into your heart as your Lord and Savior...

It is very possible that we could experience one or more of those aforementioned doomsdays before we take our last breath, during this lifetime. Wouldn't you rather go through it with Him, than without Him?

Can you place your future in God's hands by praying, "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." 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

Blessings, Tom (Estero River and Southwest ABATE Life Member and SW Chapter Chaplain) and Kathy (SW ABATE Life Member)www.messiahsmessengers.org – tprovenz@comcast.net - 239-267-8641

PS. The next Biker Bible Café is set for December 4th, 7:45 PM in our home. We will have our yearly Chinese gift exchange. See the flyer in your Abate Newsletter...



ABATE of Florida, Inc Gator Alley Chapter

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Sunday November 8th, 2009 1st Bike out 10:00 A.M. Last Bike out 11:30 A.M.

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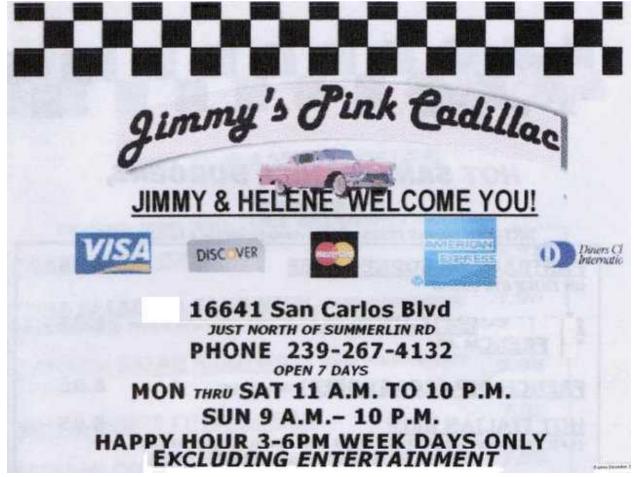
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> Vendors and Sponsors Needed For more information contact: MMMEvent09@gmail.com 239-348-3823







## Membership Report: October 2009

<u>Welcome New Members</u>: We hope that you choose to get involved with this growing and fun chapter...Rachel Ward, Remington Begg, Klay Snyder and John Gerba, The following are transfers: Gary Bellaire, Kathy Bellaire, and Keith Baker. Theresa Baker, Trudi Steel, Roy Steel, Janise Turner, Scott Turner, Bill Barnes, Barbara Bardell, Wayne Cerra, Bob Miller, Forest Dewayne Glover, Larry Dobransky, Marion Ward, Ray Walters, Life Member Kelly Smith and Scott Turner who renewed as a Life Member

Thanks for your renewals: A. Taylor Musburger, Bonnie Greico and Tony Marchese

<u>Expired and/or Delinquent Members</u>: If you know any of these folks please encourage them to REJOIN or renew with SOUTHWEST CHAPTER!!

Adrienne Berges, Chuck Berges, Lori Caldwell, David Elias, James McComas, Shelley McComas, Deborah Leftwich McComas, Barbara Wynkoop, Doug Cahn, Paul Dubque, Don Rosio and Scott Turner

If you are not receiving your newsletter or Masterlink, *PLEASE CONTACT me* to make sure your information is correct.

Your membership expires on the last day of your Anniversary month...... Delinquent renewals must be received no later than the Chapter meeting of the month following your anniversary date in order to maintain renewal status otherwise you will be enrolled as a new member.....

Anyone who would like to recycle his or her first year pins in order to save the Chapter money *PLEASE* turn your pins into Membership......THANKS

*Ride Safe and Free* Trudy Rabell, Membership Trustee

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November Southwest Chapter Meeting 10A<sup>M</sup> Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 Victory Lane Café 4150 Hancock Bridge Pkwy North Ft. Myers, FL 33903 DATED MATERIAL PLEASE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY