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American Bikers Aimed Towards Education

SMRO is an acronym for State Motorcycle Rights Organization. They are organizations 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 & road safety and regaining lost liberties.

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OUR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING





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President's **Report**

February 2010

From the desk of the Chief:

Hello everyone as always I hope this newsletter finds all in good health and doing well. I'm just sitting down from the long ride back from Daytona, I had some friends come in from out of town one from Jersey and one from Colorado the opportunity presented itself and though I usually stay far away from Daytona during bike week I felt compelled to go visit friends. We headed over right after the chapter meeting and returned around 200 AM on Monday morning it was fun and we actually never went within 30 miles of Daytona we hung out and talked about old times.

This months meeting was well attended and we were fortunate to have a couple guest speakers we had Tony Allen who is running for a county commission seat in district 4 we also heard from Ms Donna Ellis from the Shell Factory as we began plans and put together a committee for the annual Swampfest and Southwest chapters big May safety event as well as our annual Bears for Bears drive.

These are events that we at the Southwest chapter take much pride in please see someone on the E board for more info on getting involved. The NCOM meeting was discussed also as we being part of the 5 star committee are hosting the hospitality suite and we asked for people to help out we have a few but still need more please this is a big deal to me personally and to ABATE statewide please help us make this a success.

Elections are coming up in June and so nominations were opened at this past meeting. I once again have been nominated for president but as I explained to the members present I will be accepting the nomination for state president at the April state meeting Frenchie Mooreland has been nominated for state VP and is very excited about the prospect of serving on the state board with me. This is something that I've kicked around for quite a few years and have

decided the time is right and actually very overdue. This MRO is the only one in the state and unfortunately is not very well attended I would very much like to see statewide membership grow dramatically I think that with the right people in the right places we can grow tremendously.

The members of the Southwest chapter past and present know me well as I've been around for a long time I am very passionate about what I do and I surround myself with people of similar interests and it shows in the events and different functions that we do from an annual chili cook off to a Christmas run from a benefit to an MSAP presentation from a public relations booth at a downtown bike night to a presentation to a local city official the people of this chapter have been the best. As in any group of people there are always a handful that always are there and are always ready to roll up their sleeves and jump in I have just been so blessed for so many years to be surrounded by truly exceptional people very talented and willing to go the extra mile always and I owe you all the deepest gratitude and its been a pleasure serving you.

In closing be sure to stay vigilant, legislative session has started please get those letters and e mails out as well as phone calls etc. let your elected officials know who you are we need all the help we can get. Weather is still a bit cold but its getting better enjoy riding and watch out for the people that are not watching out for you.

Congrats goes out to Wayne Cerra ,Richie Mocny Taylor Musburger and Billy Bob Macrides as all these folks are the newest additions to our list of MSAP instructors thanks guys and good luck with spreading the word and keeping motorcyclists safe and a great big thank you to Birdie and Smokey Clark for their undying dedication to the Southwest chapters MSAP program and for getting these people certified.

Till next time ride safe Frankie

Ride safe,

Frankie

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Membership Report:

FEBRUARY 2010

Welcome New Members: We hope that you choose to get involved with this growing and fun chapter... Eileen Horan

Thanks for your renewals: Peggy Litterello and Robert Litterello Expired and/or Delinquent Members: If you know any of these folks please encourage them to REJOIN or renew with SOUTHWEST CHAPTER!!!

Ronald Cox, Marcia Penn, Cody Webster, Joel Bachhuber, Scott Brown, Larry Crews, Tom Greenfield, Patrick Jablonski, and Marion Ward

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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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 OR A GANG. We fund our work through 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.

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 their legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.
- To furnish our members with a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to upcoming legislation.

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March 28th, 2010
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PRESENTLY, MEMBER MATERIAL DEADLINE IS THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE EACH CHAPTER MEETING FOR BOARD APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSIONS NEW ADVERTISERS OR AD CHANGES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH

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WHAT DOES MATTER!



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Safety Report from Our Safety Director

Hey Y'all,

Greetings from your safety director. We have successfully completed another semester of teaching MSAP to driver's education classes in Lee County High Schools.

The instructors were Smokey Clark, Richard Money, Taylor Musburger, Billybob Macrides, Wayne Cerra, and Ed Patten. Southwest Chapter has certified Rich, Taylor, and Wayne for our chapter. We also certified Billybob from Gator Alley Chapter. Ed from West Coast Chapter has completed half of his training. We would also like to thank Frankie Kennedy and Victor Piorkowski for helping us at two of the high schools.

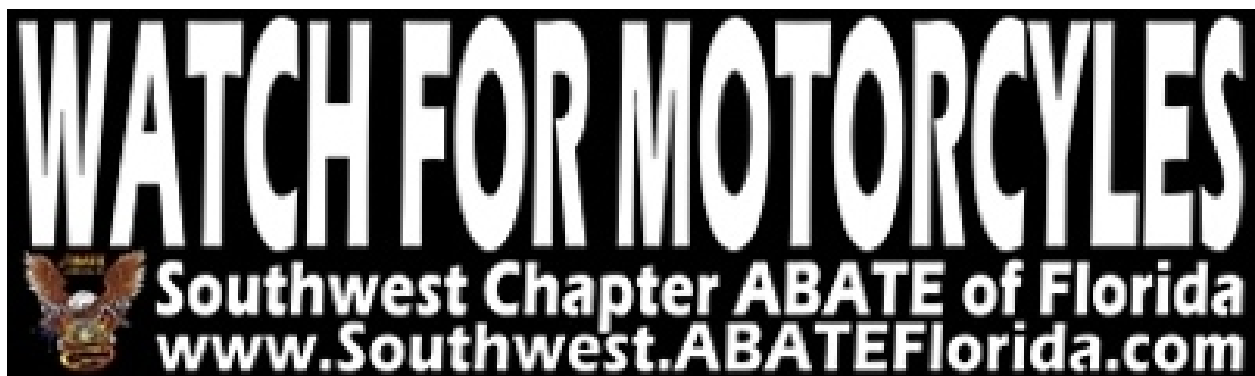
The high schools we taught included North Fort Myers, Fort Myers, Mariner, Dunbar, and Lehigh. The official totals are: 553 students in 23 classes, including 2 Saturday classes.

A BIG SHOUT-OUT goes to Caloosahatchee, Gator Alley, and West Coast Chapters for donating enough safety products to complete our presentations. We would not have had anything to give to the students without their generosity!

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Nuthin But Love,

Birdie Clark
Safety Director



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April 16 - April 19, 2010

State Meeting Sunday April 18th at 2:00 pm

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Monticello, Florida - American Legion Hall - 1665 S. Water St. - Monticello, FL 32344

Ride to the Capitol Monday April 19
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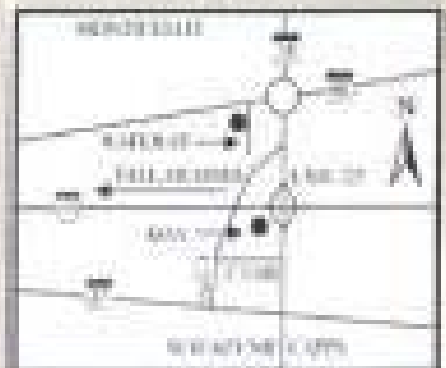
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Dear Fellow ABATE Members,

**If We Look to the Past,
Our Motorcycles Will Crash!**

Recently, I was talking with a man who was trying to make a decision about his future. However, he seemed to indicate he may have made some poor decisions in the past, which would prevent him from making forward progress.

It reminds me of riding our motorcycles.

If we ride our motorcycles, basically looking forward towards where we are going (riding into the future) and keeping our eyes looking once in a while to the sides, particularly at intersections, side roads, drives, etc... we will be able to ride without crashing into something. However, if we ride always looking back from where we came, we cannot focus on our future

path and where we should be heading without crashing into something. We can't always be looking into a rear view mirror.

Many people use the excuse to not accept Jesus into their hearts because of what they have done in the past. The scriptures tell us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. That includes you, me, and the Pope! This is everyone, except for our Lord and Savior... The devil just loves to bring up our past and sinful condition, every time we hear the Gospel and/or have an inclination to turn ourselves around. He seems to yell out, "Guilty, guilty, guilty! Keep looking in that rear view mirror. Go ahead and let your future be a continuous wreck! You've done too much to change and find God." This is nothing more than lies from the devil.

You need to know that no matter how big your sin(s), our God is bigger! God became man, in the form of Jesus Christ to pay the price of those sins, to forgive those sins, and forget those sins, so we can receive Him, have a much better fulfilled life, and move forward into the ultimate future of eternity!

The only reason to look into the past is that from the experience, we'll know the dangers and pitfalls to avoid in the future. We can use that past experience as a point of moving on. We can use that past experience to help and mentor others in the situation to where we once were.

Please pray with Kathy and I... ***My dear God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob... I come before You as a sinner and ask forgiveness of my sins, I repent of those sins and ask that you help me through any temptations so as not to commit them again. I believe that your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ paid for those sins on the cross and I receive Him into my heart as Lord and Savior. I believe that Jesus died for me, He was buried for me, He rose for me, and He is coming back for me. I open the door of my life to You. In the name of Jesus... Amen.***

If you have prayed this for the first time, will you please let us know? Give us a call to share your experience.

Blessings,

Tom (and. Kathy)

Pastor Tom (Estero River ABATE Life Member and Southwest Chapter Chaplain)
and Kathy (SW ABATE Life Member)-

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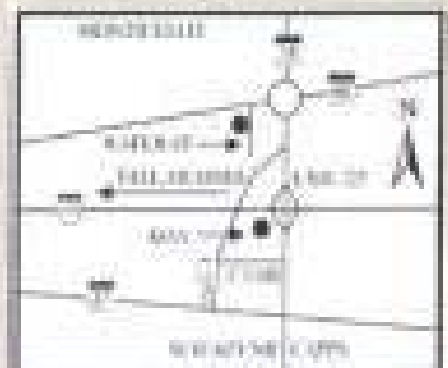
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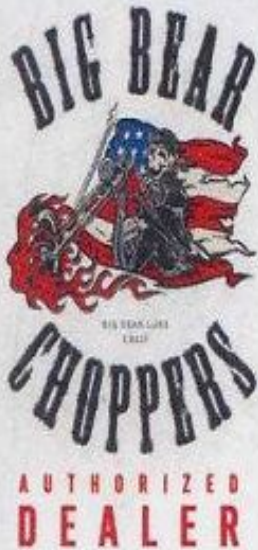
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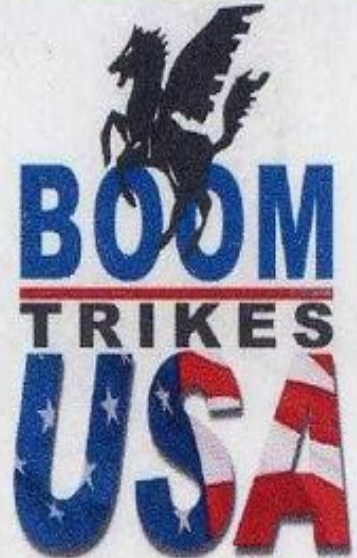
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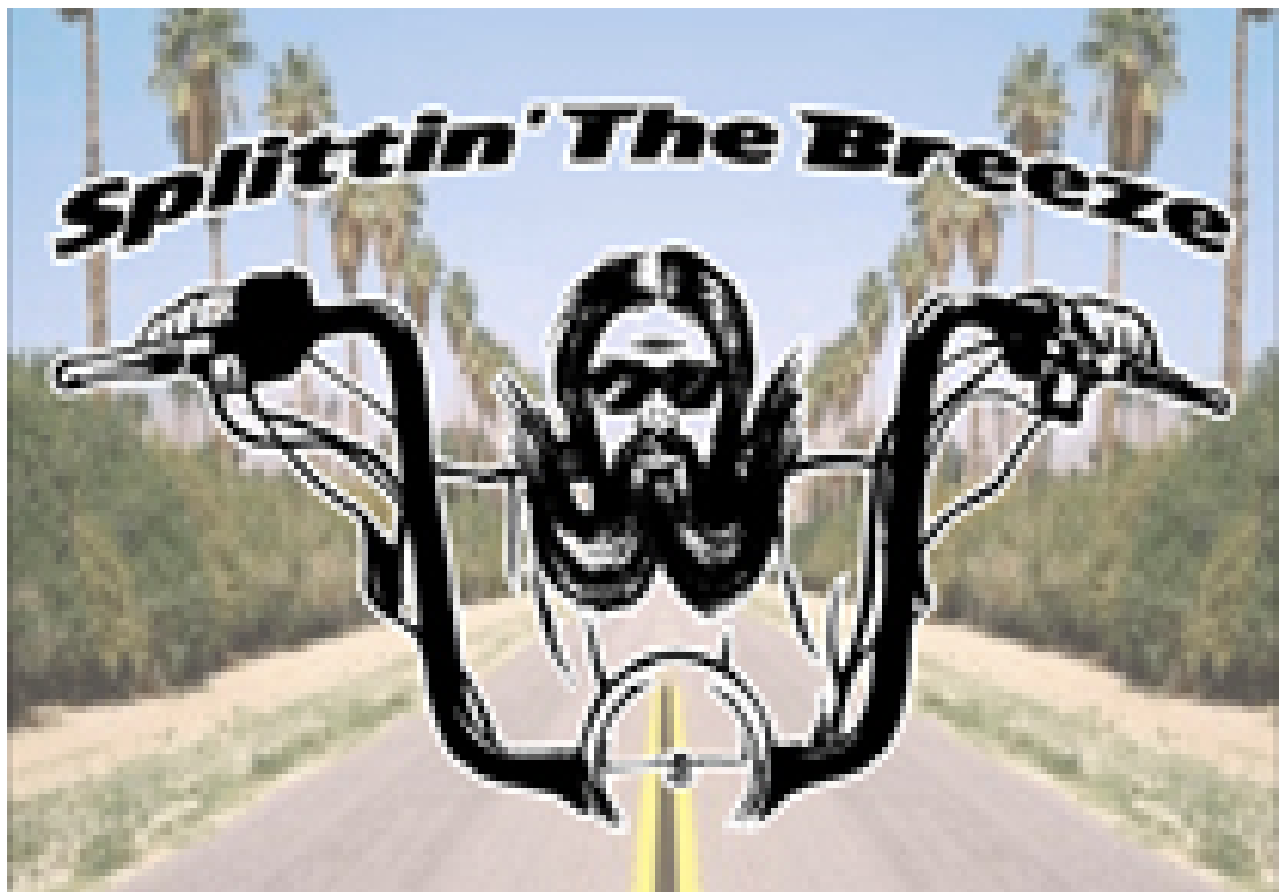
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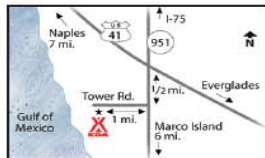
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MEETING MINUTES

Southwest Chapter of ABATE of Florida, inc.
Location; Victory Lane
Date; Feb.28 2010
Called to order; 10.25 am
25 members
2 guests

Legislative/PR communications; See newsletter for report
Safety Trustee: Birdie reports than our MSAP instructors have taught 26 classes to 623 students. Taylor, Ritchie, Wayne and Billie Bob have been certified. She also thanks Calusa- Gator Alley and Westcoast Abate chapters for giving us products for the classes.

Pledge Allegiance and moment of silence

President: Frankie reports that the 5 star committee needs volunteers for Orlando. Please let Frankie know if you would like to participate.

- Frankie announces that he is going to run for state president. He will be nominated at the next state meeting.

- Frankie welcomes Victor Piorkowski back as Sergeant in Arms. Many thanks to Rob Rabell for the great job he has done filling in for Victor.

Vice President: Barbara Bardell will be doing the newsletter in the future.

-South West Abate has been invited to a safety brainstorm event, on March 11, organized by the News Press. This will be attended by pedestrian- and bicyclist organizations. Wayne Cerra, CJ Jordan, Taylor Musburger, and anyone else whom can assist will attend.

-Leesburg Bike Fest is on April 24, 25, 26 The Rat Pack will be riding up on Friday morning. They will be taking 27 up. Anyone who would like to ride up with them, please contact Taylor.

- Taylor lets us know that he has updated the website. It is now current with info and pictures.

Secretary Motion to accept last months minutes was accepted 1st by Trudy Rabell 2nd by Scott Turner

Treasurer Absent and excused. Motion to accept last months treasurer report is accepted 1st by Scott Turner 2nd by Victor Piorowski

Membership We have 2 renewals and 2 new members, Trudy thanks Ritchie Mocny for signing up 5 new members. She awards him with a recruiter pin. If anyone still needs a year pin, please let Trudy know.

Newsletter: The deadline for ads is mid month. For reports is the wednesday after the monthly meeting.

We had two guest speakers at the meeting this month.

Tony Allen was there to ask for support for his petition to get on the ballot for county commissioner.

Donna Ellis from the Shell Factory would like to get a commite together to organize the Swampfest on May 23

We made nominations for the elections coming up in June. They are as follows:

President: Frankie Kennedy
Taylor Musburger
Victor Piorkowski

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Taylor Musburger
Victor Piorkowski
Liz Demski-van Hemme

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Treasurer: John Spinelle
CJ Jordan
Ritchie Mocny

Sgt in Arms: Todd Peterson
Victor Piorkowski
Rob Rabell
Smokie Clark

Membership: Trudy
Newsletter: Barbara Bardell

PR/Legislative: Ken Miller
Safety Director: Ritchie Mocny
Birdie Clark

Products: CJ Jordan
Wayne Cerra
Janice Turner

Motion to adjourn the meeting: 11.45 1st Trudy and 2nd Wayne

The ride after the meeting will go to the LaBelle Swamp Fest

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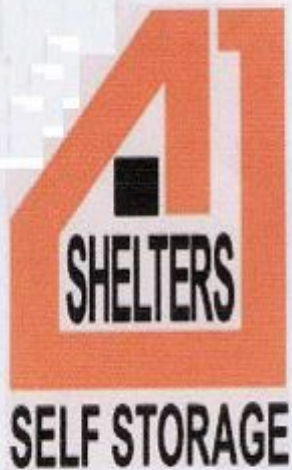


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LEGISLATIVE REPORT March 2010

Good Morning Freedom Fighters:

We now have stiffer penalties bills. They were filed by our sponsors on Feb. 10 and assigned to committees on Feb. 18. Considering that the 2010 legislative session starts on Tuesday March 2, it doesn't leave us much time to respond.

In the House, our bill number is HB 875, sponsored by Rep. Greg Evers, and in the Senate, it is SB 1918, sponsored by State Senator Dave Aronberg. Both bills are identical. I've included a copy of the bill so you can review it.

HB 875

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A bill to be entitled:

An act relating to traffic offenses; creating s. 318.195, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes or contributes to the death of, a person operating or riding in a motor vehicle or operating or riding on a motorcycle; requiring that the person pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of incarceration, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring the court to revoke the person's driver's license for a specified period; providing that the act does not prohibit the person from being charged with, convicted of, or punished for any other violation of law; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
Section 1. Section 318.195, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

318.195 Enhanced penalties for moving violations causing injury or death.—

(1) A person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury, as defined in s. 316.1933, to a person operating or riding in a motor vehicle or operating or riding on a motorcycle commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, and, upon conviction, shall pay a fine of not less than \$500, serve a minimum of 30 days of incarceration, and attend a driver

HB 875

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improvement course. The court shall also revoke the person's driver's license for not less than 30 days.

(2) A person who commits a moving violation that causes or contributes to the death of a person operating or riding in a motor vehicle or operating or riding on a motorcycle commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.775.082 or s.775.083, and, upon conviction, shall pay a fine of not less than \$1,000, serve a minimum of 90 days of incarceration, and, in lieu of the requirements of s. 322.0261, attend an advanced driver improvement course. The court shall also revoke the person's driver's license for not less than 1 39 year.

(3) This section does not prohibit a person from being charged with, convicted of, or punished for any other violation of law.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

I'm asking members to write a brief hand-written thank you note to our sponsors, thanking them for sponsoring our stiffer penalties bills. Please make sure you include your return address and that you are a member of ABATE of Florida, Southwest Chapter.

EXAMPLE:

Dear Rep. Evers,

Just a brief note to thank you for sponsoring ABATE of Florida's stiffer penalties bill, HB 875, in the Florida House.

Sincerely,

Ken Miller

ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Southwest Chapter

Secondly, we need to jump-start these committees by contacting members of these committees early and asking them to support the bills that will be heard in their respective committees.

There are three main areas in these bills that we could use as talking points when communicating with lawmakers.

1. The bill seeks to get bad drivers off the road, even if it's only temporary.
2. It forces negligent drivers to address the consequences of the crash they caused.
3. It requires negligent drivers to take Florida's Safe Driving Course.

I've included a contact list of the first two committees that our bills will be heard in. As of this writing, our bills

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From the Motorcycle Riders Foundation - Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON UPDATE - Although Washington DC is under almost three feet of snow and the Federal government is shuttered, the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) would like to remind you that issues facing Congress are definitely not hibernating. Health care reform has dominated the legislative and political debate, and just because it's not front-page news right now does not mean that a reform bill is dead; quite the opposite actually. The President mentioned his desire to sign a bill into law at any point in the future in his first State of the Union address. Vague and shifting requirements coming from the White House on provisions in a perfect bill, coupled with Congress ramming bills through both Chambers under the cloak of early morning darkness, should give everyone pause on this issue.

Neither of the bills passed by the House or Senate outlines anything with respect to motorcycles such as required helmet use in order to participate in a government-run health insurance program. And when you look at the political details, it does seem unlikely that either of the current Senate or House bills will make it into law. With the election of Republican Senator Scott Brown from Massachusetts and the death of long-time House Democrat John Murtha from Pennsylvania, it is becoming increasingly clear that the Democratic leadership just doesn't have the votes in either Chamber to pass either of the current proposals.

However, if we look to past actions by the Congress and the final rulemaking process, it becomes apparent that the rulemaking process is not always good for the American motorcyclist. After all, this is the same process that brought the current loophole in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) that allows insurance providers to discriminate against motorcyclists, and the legislative intent on that bill was to end discrimination. The point is that we, as active motorcyclists, owe it to ourselves to stay involved in the legislative process as much as possible. As always, the MRF will keep you updated on this important issue.

ANOTHER SCOOTER IN THE SENATE - That's right. Another motorcyclist has been elected to the United States Senate. Republican Scott Brown pulled off what will be known as one of the most bizarre outcomes in a state-wide election in history. You see, Brown wasn't supposed to win. He didn't have the money or name recognition, and he was in the wrong party to win statewide in the uber-liberal state of Massachusetts. So when he handily won the election, the pundits were stunned.

Brown has committed to riding his motorcycle to DC at some point with his biker brethren from Massachusetts. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation Political Action Committee made a donation to Brown's campaign at the request of the Massachusetts Motorcycle Association. Have a federal candidate that needs some help? Submit a request to Jeff@mrf.org.

SPRING LOBBYING - Spring is just around the corner which means A) you are fantasizing of warmer weather and longer days to ride, and B) your State Motorcyclists' Rights Organization (SMRO) should be considering a trip to DC. It's lobbying season, and the time of year when our grassroots efforts shine brightest, so make some time to come to DC.

BIKERS IN THE BELTWAY - The successful event held last year known as Bikers in the Beltway will occur again. Dates are likely to be mid-May 2010. The MRF will get exact dates and details out to you as soon as possible.

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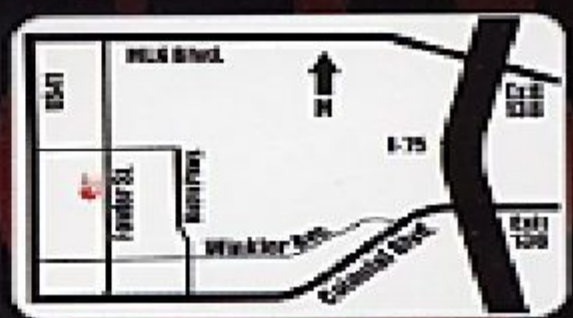
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February 12th through the 14th, three members of the Southwest Chapter of ABATE of Florida attended the International Motorcycle Expo held in Indianapolis, Indiana. Rachel and Remington of Be Seen Customs and Captain of Beast Custom Cycle Supply braved the cold and snow to promote their new products. Rachel and Remington were there to promote the Fusion LED System while Captain teamed up with his business associate, Vance, to promote Vance's Time Rider-Shtuff for Bikers© line of products.

While Captain and Vance pulled a trailer between storms from Pensacola straight through to Indianapolis, Rachel and Remington took

the friendly skies. There were only a few inches of snow while there, "but the cold and the wind, for this Florida Cracker, was more than I could bear," shivers Captain.

Unsure of the exact amount, there were hundreds of vendors. Although due to the economy, there was a reported 40 percent decrease from last year.

The Kick Start Program of the Expo promotes the top ten new product or services. Captain had entered early and had suggested this to R & R. Winning a place in the top ten got an awful lot of PR, print material, advertising, media, etc., and a free booth at next year's show. While the Fusion System made it to the top ten, the Time Rider products were kicked out because the names of the products were considered lewd and lascivious.

"So, we took that negative and turned it around into a positive. It backfired on them. Because as soon as word got out that our products had lewd and lascivious names, everybody wanted to know why. So they came to our booth. We were very happy about that," says Captain. Vance was Mr. Lewd, and Captain, Mr. Lascivious.

As Captain reports, "We were quite taken

back, first day. We were so busy, Friday through Sunday, that we didn't even have a chance to take a few moments to go get; break, lunch, anything." Orders started pouring in from representatives from Australia, Uruguay, Columbia, and Mexico. Harley-Davidson Dealerships were signing up to become dealers. "We were quite pleased with the response." Interviews with Steelhorse Television and Two Wheel Television were recorded on-site. J&P Cycles and Parts Unlimited signed up to be wholesale distributors.

Aftermath: Rachel and Remington were sorting through stacks of dealer requests for the Fusion System just prior to heading out for Bike Week while Captain had 100 new dealers to sign up, three or four distributors, and various other forms of media to follow up on.

I'm sure that they all will welcome a break to catch their breath sometime in the future.

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ABATE of Florida, Inc. President “Doc” Reichenbach to Address Annual PRO Convention

Norfolk, VA, Jan. 9, 2010 — The 7th Annual PRO (Public Relations Officers) Convention is quickly approaching this coming weekend January 8th through the 10th. This year’s PRO Convention is being held at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott, 235 E. Main St., Norfolk, VA 23510 with James “Doc” Reichenbach II, Chairman of the Board of Directors, National Coalition of Motorcyclists and President, ABATE of Florida, Inc., slated to speak immediately after Norfolk, VA’s Mayor Fraim. Over 1,200 motorcyclists have registered to attend, representing almost 500 motorcycle organizations across America.

Some topics of Doc’s address may include ABATE of Florida’s many legislative successes over its almost 30 year history, including the long battle and resulting success repealing Florida’s Helmet Law in 2001. He is also likely to discuss the many current legal issues motorcyclists in both Florida and the United States as a whole. The extremely successful ABATE of Florida, Inc. Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program, one of Doc’s prize accomplishments, is always a good source of information regarding making the general public more aware of the many motorcyclists on the roadways, and is likely to be a topic.

For more information regarding the 7th Annual PRO Convention, contact CEO Butta at Butta@proconvention.com. For more information regarding ABATE of Florida, Inc, contact David “Lockdown” Rich, Public Relations Trustee (contact information above). For more information about the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), contact Founder Richard Lester at aimncom@aimncom.com.

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ABATE of Florida Convinces the Nation's Oldest City to Allow Motorcycles

St. Augustine, FL, January 14, 2010 — Many have said that the City of St. Augustine Florida is a beautiful and historic place to visit and live. Since 1565, over 400 years ago, the city has been extending a welcome hand to all that visit and make this city their home. In 2005 the city built a parking garage downtown so residents and visitors had an available parking area to safely park their vehicles.

Unless you were riding a motorcycle that is. Motorcycles were not welcome. A large, bright, reflective yellow "NO MOTORCYCLES" sign was prominently installed at the entrance. If you rode into town on any motorcycle or scooter, you were banned from safely parking in this \$20 million taxpayer-funded garage. Definitely not a "Welcome" feeling.

The issue at hand, according to St. Augustine's City Manager, Bill Harriss, is the gates that allow access/egress. He stated in an interview with *The St. Augustine Record* that the engineers who designed the garage's entryways advised against it. Many options were offered over the years to reverse this decision, but the momentum for the change in policy came when ABATE of Florida's Vintage Chapter began this fight in earnest back in November 2009.

After speaking at the St. Augustine December 14, 2009 City Commissioners' Meeting, ABATE of Florida Vintage Chapter's Public Relation Trustee, J.D. Long, found that two of the City Commissioners agreed with ABATE of Florida, feeling that the publicly-funded garage should be allowing motorcycles in. There were two more Commissioners and the Mayor that still needed convincing. Although Harriss is a motorcyclist himself, his position does not hold a binding vote with the Commission.

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Many felt modifying the existing gates were the least expensive and seemed to be the most logical method to correct the discrimination. The additional revenue from the motorcycles would pay off the modifications in short time, and then help the city by providing new income.

The problem at hand was accurately summed up by Long; "If they can't use common sense, then we have to use the law". ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s Legal Council, Larry Crow of Tampa, was already preparing a case should the City Commissioners vote to continue the ban.

On January 11, 2010, members from ABATE of Florida's Vintage, Duval County, Black Creek & Putnam County Chapters, as well as members of other motorcycle organizations, filled the St. Augustine City Commissioner's meeting chamber to show their discontent with the four-year-old discriminatory ban on motorcycles.

Thanks to the dedication of the ABATE of Florida members for calling this problem to light, and then following through by standing up and fighting to stop the discrimination against bikers. The St. Augustine City Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of removing the ban and establishing a dedicated entrance to the garage and a shortened gate at the existing manned exit so that motorcyclists may now park their bikes safely in downtown St. Augustine. Chief Operations Officer John Regan suggested in *The St. Augustine Report* that the city's advertising should now begin promoting St. Augustine as being a motorcycle-friendly city.

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65 Roses Poker Run	One Time Saturday, March 06, 2010	NAPLES - Paradise Chapter Ladies of Harley in Naples invite you to come out and be a part of their 65 Roses Poker Run to benefit Cystic Fibrosis. More info see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com e-mail recipients Click Here
Daytona Bike Week Wraps up	One Time Saturday, March 06, 2010	DAYTONA - This is your last weekend to come up and enjoy Bike Week 2010 in Daytona. Things will start to wind down and it will end on Sunday March 7th, so for all you last minute guys it's not to late jump on the scoot and go up and enjoy the last weekend.
Araba Shriners Motor Escort Poker Run	One Time Sunday, March 07, 2010	CAPE CORAL - The ARABA Shriners invite you to come out and participate in their 7th Annual Fundraiser and poker run. Sign up and registration will begin at Cape Coral Shrine Club. Full breakfast will be offered at 8 am for a \$5 donation with kickstands going up at 9:30 am and last bikes out at 11. Cost is \$20 per rider \$10 for the passenger. For more info contact little870@comcast.net or see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com e-mail recipients Click Here
Fun Time Poker Run	One Time Sunday, March 07, 2010	PORT CHARLOTTE - The Disctrict 24 Moose Riders and Lakeview Restaurant invite you to come out on Sunday, March 7th to participate in their Fun Time Poker Run which will benefit Mosse Charities. The cost is \$10.00 per hand (Free Hors d'oeuvre') Registration begins @ 11:30 at Moose Lodge 2121, 3462 Loveland Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL. Last bike out @ 12:30pm. Surprise Stops to be given out at registration, ENDS AT: Lake View Restaurant, 5605 South Mccall Road, Port Charlotte, 33981 FEATURING: LIVE MUSIC 4pm to 7pm, 50/50 DRAWINGS, RAFFLES, VENDERS Special Beer and Food Prices, CALL 941-697-9200 FOR MORE INFORMATION.
MOTORCYCLE ICE RACING	One Time Sunday, March 07, 2010	ESTERO - Come one come all to one of the wildest events you will see on two wheels on Sunday, March 7th at the Germain Arena. It's the 6th Round of the Bully Dog North American Ice Racing Championships. See all of the two wheel and ATV excitement you would expect as these guys put it all on the line for an ice race you will never forget! The event starts at 2 pm with the tickets on sale now at the Germain Box Office. Call and get your tickets today at (239) 948-7825 oh and if you are feeling a little "frisky" come run your bike on the ice prior to the event! Amatures are welcome to come run their bikes on the ice starting at 10:30 up to race time! Cya there.
Bike Night at the Dog Track	One Time Thursday, March 11, 2010	BONITA SPRINGS - Harley Davidson and the Naples Fort Myers greyhound Track invite you to come out for a NEW Bike Night at the Naples Fort Myers Greyhound Track on Thursday, March 11th between 6 and 10 pm. It is sure to be an evening of fun, with live entertainment by Deb and the Dynamics, Chicken and Rib dinners for \$5, and special prize opportunities for the first 200 bikers to get there! For more information call Jessica at 239-275-4647 or see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com e-mail recipients Click Here
Downtown Fort Myers Bike Night	One Time Saturday, March 13, 2010	FORT MYERS - Come out and join us in Downtown Fort Myers for Bike Night. It will be held down in the business district. There will be entertainment, food and vendors and of course all your friends will be there so make a few calls and come join us in downtown Fort Myers. For more information see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com e-mail recipients Click Here
Meeting of the Minds	One Time Saturday, March 13, 2010	FORT MYERS - Meeting of the Minds will be held at Harley Davidson of Fort Myers starting at noon. This is your opportunity to get the word out to other groups about your up coming events and plaans, so bring your flyers and find out whats happening, when, and where!

Bikers Bearing Bears	One Time Sunday, March 14, 2010	PORT CHARLOTTE - Bikers Alley invites you to come out and be a part of their Bikers Bearing Bears Run to the Childrens Hospital located at the Healthpark in Fort Myers. We will be meeting at Bikers Alley located at 2395 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte at 11:30 with kickstands up at noon. For more information see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com e-mail recipients Click Here
Crusin' for a Cure	One Time Sunday, March 14, 2010	BONITA SPRINGS - Come out and join us for a nice ride while you help make a difference in searching for a cure. Sign up and registration starts at Sneaky Pete's at 10 am with the last bikes out at 11. Cost is \$10 a hand, plus \$5 if you would like a meal. There's going to be a lot going on so to find out more details call Michelle at 239-440-7258 or see the flyer on our Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com to view the flyer Click Here
For Footed Friends Poker Run	One Time Sunday, March 14, 2010	NAPLES - Come out and join us for the 2nd Annual Dog Poker Run on Sunday, March 14th. The run will start at For Footed Friends, located at 13020 Livingston Road #7 in Naples. Registration is \$15, \$5 extra for a 2nd hand. Proceeds to benefit Domestic Animal Services and the Collier Spay and Neuter Clinic. For more info call 239-431-7661 or see the flyer on our Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com to view the flyer Click Here
Hooters and Scooters Poker Run	One Time Sunday, March 14, 2010	The Chrome Divas invite you to come out and be a part of their 2nd Annual Hooters and Scooters Poker Run and Fund Raiser. For more info see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com e-mail recipients Click Here
Saint Patty's Day Poker Run	One Time Sunday, March 14, 2010	SARASOTA - The Sarasota HOG Chapter invites you to come out and be a part of their 11th Annual Poker Run to benefit the Humane Society of Sarasota. Registration will be at the Humeane Society located at 2331 15th Street in Sarasota from 11 til noon. For more info contact Donna at doozerdona@verizon.net or see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com e-mail recipients Click Here
Naples HD Bike Night	One Time Friday, March 19, 2010	NAPLES - Come join all your friends at Harley Davidson of Naples Friday evening between 6 and 10 pm. There will be live entertainment, vendors and food For more information More info see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com e-mail recipients Click Here
Free Lunch	3rd Saturday of Every Month Saturday, March 20, 2010	NAPLES - That's right, you read it correct! This coming Saturday, Everglades Motorcycles would like to buy you a free lunch. What's the catch???? There is none, just come on by their showroom on the 3rd Saturday of each month between 11 and 2 p.m. and enjoy a free lunch in appreciation for all of your support and business! For more information, call Michelle or Lynn at 239-649-4362 or visit their website at www.evergladesmc.com

American Legion Riders Legacy Poker Run	One Time Saturday, March 20, 2010	FORT MYERS - The American Legion Riders invite you to come out and participate in their Legacy Poker Run on Saturday, March 20th. The run starts at Harley Davidson of Fort Myers at 9:30 am, with the first bikes out at 10. There will be raffles, 50/50, Vendors, and live entertainment. For more information call 757-373-3443 or see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com e-mail recipients Click Here
Miners Bar and Grill Spring Fling	One Time Saturday, March 20, 2010	FORT MYERS - Come on out and support The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation on Saturday, March 20th. Signup and Registration begins at Miners Plaza at 9am. There will be a poker run, games, bowling, darts, raffles, live entertainment, and a hog roast. For more information call 239-433-2205
Shriners Bike and Car Show	One Time Saturday, March 20, 2010	FORT MYERS - Ok all you Bike Show people here's your chance to be in a great show and support a good cause all at the same time. The Shriners of Fort Myers, Keystone Kops Unit are doing a car, truck and bike show on Saturday, March 20th from 8 til 3 pm at the Arabe Shrine Temples located at 2010 Hanson Street in Fort Myers. You can preregister using the flyer on the website for \$15 or it costs \$20 the day of the show. For more information call Bill at 239-671-7329 or see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com e-mail recipients Click Here
Spring into Spring Car and Bike Wash	One Time Saturday, March 20, 2010	SAN CARLOS - Help raise money for Cancer Reasearch on Saturday, March 20th as we do our Spring into Spring with a clean ride Car and Bike Wash. The benekit will be held at the San Carlos Country Club between 10 and pm. For more information call 239-267-0500 or see the flyer on our Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com to view the flyer Click Here
The Brotherhood Poker Run	One Time Saturday, March 20, 2010	NAPLES - The North Naples Fire Department invites you to come out and be a part of their Brotherhood Poker Run on Saturday, March 20th. Sign up and registration starts at 10 am at Harley Davidson of Naples and will end at the Iron Rhino. For more information see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com e-mail recipients Click Here
Chained Eagle Run	One Time Sunday, March 21, 2010	FORT MYERS - Rolling Thunder Chapter 2 invites you to come out and be a part of their Annual Chained Eagle Run on Sunday, March 21st. More info t.b.a. For more info contact Dan Hurley at 239-823-4249
Estero River ABATE Legendary Party	One Time Friday, March 26, 2010	ESTERO - This is an over night party you don't want to miss Keep your weekend open! For more information call Tammy at 239-289-2647 or see the flyer on our Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com to view the flyer Click Here
Paws in Paradise	One Time Saturday, March 27, 2010	CAPE CORAL - The Calendar Girls invite you to come out and be a part of their Paws in Paradise event on Saturday, March 27th. This will be an all you can eat Pig Roast and Party to benefit the "Paws for Patriots" There will be raffles, door prizes, live entertainment and special guest appearances. Come out and help give freedom back to those who lost their eye sight defending our freedom. For more information call 239-878-6583 or see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com e-mail recipients Click Here

Pete Renner Poker Run and Car Show	One Time Saturday, March 27, 2010	FORT MYERS - Tim Renner invites you to come out and participate in the Seventh Annual Pete Renner Poker Run and Car show for a 2 day event packed full of things to do. More info t.b.a For more info contact Tim Renner at illfixem@msn.com
Bad to the Bone Bike Fest	One Time Sunday, March 28, 2010	PORT CHARLOTTE - Come join us for the 3rd Annual Bad to the Bone Event being held at the Lakeview Restaurant located at 5605 S. McCall Road (Rt. 776). This is one wild ADULT party you don't want to miss! For more information call Nikki at 941-697-9200 or see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com e-mail recipients Click Here
Vietnam Veterans Day	One Time Monday, March 29, 2010	A special Thank-you to all the Vietnam Veterans from the members of Splittin' the Breeze and Warriors Watch Riders On February 26th, 1974, President Nixon issued Presidential Proclamation 4270 establishing March 29th as Vietnam Veterans Day. The date selected was the one-year anniversary of the departure of the last American combat soldier from South Vietnam. "I urge all citizens of every age to participate in the events of this day as one means of honoring those men and women who served their country faithfully and courageously during the Vietnam conflict." Richard Nixon

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HD Fort Myers Bike Night	One Time Friday, April 02, 2010	FORT MYERS - more info t.b.a.
7th Annual Easter Bunny Toy Run	One Time Saturday, April 03, 2010	FORT MYERS - Come on out and participate in the 7th Annual Easter Bunny Toy Run on Saturday, April 3rd. Sign up and registration will begin at Harley Davidson of Fort Myers at 9 am til 10:45. The police escorted 17 mile ride will start at 11, and return to the dealership for lunch, live entertainment and other fun activities. For more information contact Ron at 239-209-7968 or see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com e-mail recipients Click Here
Easter	One Time Sunday, April 04, 2010	Have a safe and Happy Easter
American Legion Riders Post 130 Poker Run	One Time Saturday, April 10, 2010	LABELLE - Come out and be a part of the 7th Annual American Legion Riders Poker Run on Saturday, April 10th. Sign up and registration will be at the Post located at 699 W Hickpochee Ave (SR 80). There will be bike games, vendors, live entertainment, food raffles and a whole bunch more. For more information call 561-801-5822 or see the flyer on our Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com to view the flyer Click Here
Cape Coral Downtown Bike Night	One Time Saturday, April 10, 2010	CAPE CORAL - More info T.B.A.
Patriots Rally	One Time Saturday, April 10, 2010	NAPLES - more info t.b.a. see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com e-mail recipients Click Here
Rally Across America	One Time Saturday, April 10, 2010	VENICE - Come join us Saturday, April 10th at the Nokomis Elks Lodge, located at 1021 Discovery Way, in Venice. Cost is \$15 per hand, with food and beverages available. We will have live entertainment, vendors, demonstrations and raffles. This is an Elks fundraiser that began 7 years ago in New Jersey, this year the New Jersey Elks motorcycle riders have extended an invitation to all Elks Lodges in the country to participate. To date, 17 states have accepted. All funds raised in Florida will be donated to The Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services & The Florida State Children's Harry-Ana Trust Fund. You do not have to be an Elks' member or motorcycle rider to participate but just imagine the impact of so many people across the country participating in the same event on the same day for the same cause. Get involved, have fun, & help the kids!! For more info contact: Linda @ 941-234-7001 or see the flyer on our Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com to view the flyer Click Here
SOWF 6th Anniversary Fund Raiser	One Time Saturday, April 10, 2010	FORT MYERS - The Special Forces Motorcycle Club invites you to come out and support their 6th Annual Special Operations Warrior Foundation's Fund Raiser. The cost is \$20 and includes an event patch, t-shirt, lunch, beverages, dice walk, raffles, silent auction 50/50, a pasta dinner and live entertainment. Bottom line, a full day of things to do. For more information contact Bo at 239-994-7584 or see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com for the flyer and directions Click Here

Southern Cruisers Riding Club State Rally	One Time Thursday, April 15, 2010	LAKE CITY - Come join us April 15th thru the 18th in Lake City for our Annual Rally. More info t.b.a.
15th Annual Freedom Rights Rally	One Time Friday, April 16, 2010	MONTICELLO - You like to ride in Florida? Come on out and show the Legislators in FL that BIKERS HAVE RIGHTS TOO! This rally's high-point is an escorted ride RIGHT ONTO THE ROTUNDA AT THE FLORIDA STATE CAPITOL IN TALLAHASSEE! Be a part and bring the Bikers' fight to the Capitol! Free tent camping too! For more info call 386-943-9610 or see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com e-mail recipients Click Here
Relay for Life Escorted Run	One Time Friday, April 16, 2010	NAPLES - Come out and participate in this Annual escorted ride to benefit Relay for Life. Hog members are requested to meet at the Harley Davidson at 6 pm on Pine Ridge Road. ABATE members are requested to meet in the Dillard's parking lot at 6 pm. All others are to meet at the Naples City Police Department Parking lot at 6 pm. For more info, see the flyer on our Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com to view the flyer Click Here
Free Lunch	3rd Saturday of Every Month Saturday, April 17, 2010	NAPLES - That's right, you read it correct! This coming Saturday, Everglades Motorcycles would like to buy you a free lunch. What's the catch???? There is none, just come on by their showroom on the 3rd Saturday of each month between 11 and 2 p.m. and enjoy a free lunch in appreciation for all of your support and business! For more information, call Michelle or Lynn at 239-649-4362 or visit their website at www.evergladesmc.com
2nd Annual Thunder Run	One Time Sunday, April 18, 2010	NAPLES - Rolling Thunder Chapter 10 invites you to the 2nd Annual Thunder Run on Sunday, April 18th. Sign-up and registrations will be at Harley Davidson of Naples at 10 am. For more information call Dan at 239-398-8383 or see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com for the flyer and directions Click Here
Emerald Coast Bike Fest	One Time Friday, April 23, 2010	HOLT - If you are a motorcycle drag race fan, and love to camp out and enjoy a FULL weekend of ADULT entertainment, then this is one Annual Event you don't want to miss. It's time once again for the Emerald Coast Bikefest. To see a complete list of the "Activities" click on the link http://www.emeraldcoastbikefest.com/
Leesburg Bike Fest	One Time Friday, April 23, 2010	LEESBURG - Bikefest more info t.b.a.
Stay Alive Just Drive Safety Event	One Time Sunday, April 25, 2010	FORT MYERS - SunSports Cycle and Watercraft invites you to come out and participate in their Public Safety Rib Cook-Off on Sunday April 25th. There will be music by the Cracker Blues and other activities going on. Entry fee to compete is \$100 per team, with a cash prize of \$500 for 1st place, \$300 for second, and \$200 for 3rd. So come on all you BBQ experts, get your team together and come out and support the Stay Alive and Just Drive Program and get bragging rights for the year!
Mash Bash	One Time Friday, April 30, 2010	NAPLES - Come on out and spend the weekend with us at Mash Bash. There is plenty of room for camping, with a full weekend of entertainment. For more information see the Flyers, Updates, and more section at www.splittinthebreeze.com e-mail recipients Click Here

**Motorcycle Related Bills
filed for the 2010 Session as of 2-6-10
ABATE of Florida, Inc.**

*Updates are in **Red***

HB 41 Use of an Electronic Wireless Communications 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.

Last Event: Thursday, October 01, 2009 - Now in Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee

HB 71 Department 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.

Last Event: Thursday, October 01, 2009 - Now in Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Committee

HB 97 Street Racing Creates "Luis Rivera Ortega Street Racing Act"; revises penalties for violating provisions prohibiting certain speed competitions & exhibitions.

Last Event: **Wednesday, January 13, 2010 – Now in Roads, Bridges, and Ports Policy Committee.**

HB 99 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Same as HB 71

Last Event: Monday, October 12, 2009 - Now in Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Committee

HB 137 Motor Vehicles Revises penalties for unlawful operation of soundmaking device in motor vehicle; provides that such operation is moving violation which includes assessment of points against driver's license; provides increased penalties for repeat violations within certain time period.

Last Event: Monday, October 12, 2009 - Now in Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee

SB 244 Heather's Law/Cellular Telephone Use in Vehicles Prohibits the use of a cellular telephone while operating a motor vehicle except when using a headset or hands-free device. Provides for enforcement only as a secondary offense, etc.

Last Event: **Wednesday, December 09, 2009 – Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations.**

HB 247 Driving or Boating Under the Influence Authorizes law enforcement officer to arrest person without warrant when there is probable cause to believe person has committed any of specified driving or boating under influence violations.

Last Event: **February 03, 2010 – Withdrawn prior to introduction.**

CS/HB 297 Vehicle Crashes Involving Death Requires that defendant arrested for leaving scene of crash involving death must be held in custody until brought before judge for admittance to bail.

Last Event: Thursday, **February 05, 2010 - Favorable by Policy Committee.**

SB 298 Motor Vehicles/Sound making Devices Revises penalties for unlawful operation of a sound making device in a motor vehicle. Provides that such operation is a moving violation, which includes the assessment of points against the driver's license. Provides increased penalties for repeat violations within a certain time period.

Last Event: **Wednesday, December 09, 2009 – Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means.**

SB 324 Motor Vehicle Operators/Text Messaging Prohibits a person from writing or sending a text message on an electronic communications device while operating a motor vehicle. Provides for enforcement. Provides exceptions. Provides penalties.

Last Event: **Wednesday, December 09, 2009 – Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations.**

SB 328 State Uniform Traffic Control/Texting Prohibited Prohibits the use of an electronic communication device to send or receive text-based communications while operating a motor vehicle. Defines the term "text-based communication." Provides exceptions and for enforcement.

Last Event: **Wednesday, December 09, 2009 – Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations.**

SB 374 State Uniform Traffic Control/Prohibits Texting Prohibits the use of electronic communication devices to send or receive text-based communications while operating a motor vehicle. Provides exceptions. Provides a penalty.

Last Event: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 – Referred to Transportation; Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations.

SB 482 Highway Safety Act [CPSC]: Provides legislative intent relating to road rage and aggressive careless driving. Requires an operator of a motor vehicle to yield the left lane when being overtaken on a multilane highway. Revises the number of specified acts necessary to qualify as an aggressive careless driver. Provides that a second or subsequent infraction as said driver requires attendance at a mandatory hearing, etc.

Last Event: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 – Referred to Transportation; Health Regulation; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means.

HB 875 Traffic Offenses: Provides criminal penalties for person who commits moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes or contributes to death of, person operating or riding in motor vehicle or operating or riding on motorcycle; requires that person pay specified fine, serve minimum period of incarceration, & attend driver improvement course; requires court to revoke person's driver's license for specified period; provides that act does not prohibit person from being charged with, convicted of, or punished for any other violation of law.

Last Event: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 – Filed

SB 1578 Parental Authority: Provides that a motorsport liability release signed by a minor is valid if the release is also signed by the minor's parent or guardian. Authorizes natural guardians to waive and release, in advance, any claim or cause of action that would accrue to any of their minor children to the same extent that any adult may do so on his or her own behalf, etc.

Last Event: Friday, January 29, 2010 - Filed

Non-Motorcycle Related Bills filed for the 2010 Session as of 2-6-10

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.

Last Event: Thursday, October 01, 2009 - Now in Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council

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.

Last Event: Thursday, October 01, 2009 - Now in Civil Justice & Courts Policy Committee

HJR 37 Health Care 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.

Last Event: Thursday, October 01, 2009 - Now in Health Care Regulation Policy Committee

SM 96 Exercise of Federal Power Exercise of Federal Power [SPSC]: Urges the Congress of the United States to honor the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and United States Supreme Court case law which limit the scope and exercise of federal power.

Last Event: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 – Now in Rules

SB 98 Regulation of Firearms Regulation of Firearms: Creates the Florida Firearms Freedom Act. Provides that specified firearms, firearm accessories, and ammunition for personal use manufactured in the state are not subject to federal law or regulation. Provides that certain basic materials are not subject to federal regulation of firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition under interstate commerce, etc.

Last Event: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 – Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules

SM 178 Tenth Amendment/Constitution of the United States: Urges the Congress of the United States to cease and desist from certain mandates that are prohibited by the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Demands that certain federal legislation be prohibited or repealed.

Last Event: Friday, November 06, 2009 - 11/06/09 S Withdrawn prior to introduction

These “non-motorcycle” Bills are just one that Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, ABATE of Florida, Inc.'s State Legislative Trustee is interested in watching and thought there might be others that would be interested in their progress.

These “non-motorcycle” Bills ARE NOT “Official” ABATE of Florida, Inc. Bill of interest. You may do with them as you wish.



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Southwest Chapter Meeting Schedule

March 28th, 2010
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