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**Bring Them Home ~ All of Them
Some Gave All ~ All Gave Some**

Estero River Chapter will continue to keep the ribbons on our cover until all troops are home, including our MIA and POW troops. Also in tribute to those that gave all. This is the only way we can think of to let our troops know that we will never forget what they are doing for us. We will support our troops until there is no need for the word troops. So all of you out there and the ones that have already done their duty, Estero River thanks you and take our hats off to you. You and your families will remain in our thoughts and prayers. Estero River awaits your safe return God Bless You.

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ABATE of Florida, Inc



WORKING TO KEEP YOU RIDING SAFE AND FREE

- * To publish a newsletter to keep members of ABATE of Florida 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 & 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 motorcycle habits without infringing on the rights of other individuals
- * To educate the public about motorcycle awareness and promote safe driving habits while sharing the road with motorcyclists
- * To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national levels

ABATE of Florida, Inc. has developed and copyrighted the Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Program (MSAP). It is a course that is given to non-motorcyclists to educate them on how to safely share the road with motorcyclists. It is taught in local schools and civic organizations at no charge in the hope of reducing motorcycle accidents through education not legislation

ABATE of Florida, Inc. is a statewide, non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. Our members are carpenters, electricians students, doctors, lawyers, auto mechanics, retirees, teachers and businessmen and women. We promote motorcycle safety, training and awareness. **WE ARE NOT A CLUB OR A GANG.** We fund our work through toy and poker runs, fun rides, camping and other motorcycle related activities. We are your neighbors, co-workers and friends. We work, we pay mortgages and taxes and we are involved with our community. We serve our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights, without infringing on the rights of others.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. was the driving force behind the changes in Florida's helmet law. Florida motorcyclists can now choose whether or not they want to wear a helmet.

ABATE of Florida, Inc. serves on the advisory board for the Motorcycle Riders Training Program. This is the program that oversees the training sites for motorcyclists. These sites are funded only by the motorcyclists, through monies collected by the motorcycle endorsement on your drivers license and the fees collected at the training sites. ABATE is the organization that got the monies returned to that program, when the state of Florida saw fit to use it for non motorcycling purposes. Also put in legislation that effectively keeps the state from seizing the funds in the future. ABATE acts as your watchdog by monitoring how that money is spent and makes suggestions that can improve the Motorcycle Riders Training Program for all motorcyclists.

Any individual 18 or older interested in motorcycle rights, safety or education, regardless of race, sex or club affiliation. It doesn't matter what or even if you ride, joining ABATE ensures your opinion on motorcycle laws are being heard

GRUMPY

The official Newsletter picker upper of
~~NASCAR~~ Estero River

Numerous A-holes Simultaneously Circling Around Rednecks



Ask how you can reach this level!

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Thanks to these individuals who have stepped up to volunteer to become part of the chapter's emergency team. These members and friends will come to you and assist you in transporting your motorcycle, if it breaks down in the area. They have trailers to accommodate you in an emergency situation. If you are interested in volunteering please call the Michelle (239-440-7258) or email erjournal@embarqmail.com, so we can add you to the list. Thank you for your support.

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 Officer Reports - By the Chapter meetings.
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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It's been a very busy month for all of us with the 5 Star Event and the Leadership Seminars held in Deland this past weekend. It has also been a very good month. Working with the new BOD over the last few months has already shown me that we are in for a very successful year. Everyone has stepped up to their positions and they are working very hard to make this year very successful.

The 5 Star Event went really great but we did not bring home the trophy for largest attending chapter. If only another 20 of you had come out to support a very good event we would have a great trophy to show for all of our hard work but alas maybe next year. For those of you who came out and worked a shift or showed up thank you! Yea it was hot but no matter where you were that day you were going to be hot so it should have been at the event. You could have met a lot of your brothers and sister from other chapters and been part of a great day with great music, food, bike games, cold beverages, bike show, just to name a few of the activities. Maybe next year. Your loss. The Presidents and Vice Presidents worked many months to plan this event just for you guys so next year come out and enjoy and support those who work so hard to put these events on for you the members of Abate OF Florida, Inc.

We are going to do something different in September instead of a traditional poker run we are going to bring you a scavenger hunt event. We are going to use as many of our advertisers as possible as they are the money that keeps this newsletter going to print every month. You can work in teams or by yourself. We are going to have awesome prizes for everyone so come out and support not only the chapter but our advertisers.

We are looking for candidates for our Special Family and the holiday season is just around the corner so please call me if you have an ABATE family in mind that we can use for our yearly Give Back to Our Community Event. We do try and keep in the family (ABATE) as we need to take care of our own first.

I want to send out a Special THANK YOU to the TIKI BAR CAFÉ for all of their support since they opened. They have now moved and are now the TIKI TIME.

Cindy is still hosting Bike Nite on Wednesday it has just moved to a new location at the Bonita Fairways off of West Terry Street in Bonita. Stop in and say Hi!!!

I hope you all come out to the August State Meeting on August 8th in Cape Coral and then to Caloosahatchee's Birthday Party right after. They are doing another chapter challenge for a trophy so let's bring this one home huh! Flyer is in the newsletter.

Well till next time,

RIDE SAFE, RIDE Hap, AND RIDE FREE

Tammy Brickley

Hi Gang,

Tammy, Geoff, Sheila and I went to the Seminar meeting in Deland. While there, we found several chapters trying to introduce by laws and amendments simply because they can't get along. Strikes me that we people of an Organization, cannot fight for our freedom if we can't get along.

(A house divided against itself cannot stand ~ Abraham Lincoln)

If there are problems with the new administrators with in the chapter, they should work it out amongst themselves and not involve the state or make it public. I hate to sound "cliché-ish" but can't we all just get along?

There will always be arguments and disputes amongst all different types of people and organizations (we're only human). What separates us from the animals is the ability to reason and negotiate. If the person they can't get along with is a newly elected official, they should keep their mouth shut until next election

Personal note: Although I am a republican, Obama is still the president and I will treat him with respect until I have the chance to vote again. Thank you for your time and ride safe.

"NECK"

8 ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. ESTERO RIVER CHAPTER CHAPTER MEETING

Date: July 8, 2009 Called to Order @ 10:18am Location: S.C.C.C.

President: Tammy Brickley

Welcome new board looking forward to a great year

Michelle Her mom is not well and she is in Pittsburgh

Bike Tickets- Will get more at state meeting in August.

Vice President: Kinsey Winstead

New Members or guests- Welcome everyone looking forward to a great year.

Secretary: Jerilyn Walker

Motion to except the minutes as printed in newsletter. 1 Larry

2nd Marleen

Treasurer: Sheila Bear

1. Motion to except Treasures report. 1st Marleen 2nd Neck

Sgt. @ Arms: Karl Bartling

Thanks for everyones help at 5Star.

Quartermaster: John Reis

1.Storage Units Thank you letter

Asst. Qtr Master: Dave Rimes

Do need chairs- folding or plastic stackable

**State Delegates: Larry Peterson “redneck” & Kinsey Winstead
“neck”**

Next meeting August 8, at VFW in Cape Coral just off Cape
Coral Pkwy.

Alternate State Delegates: Ed Fowler & Lee Fitzsimmons:excused

1.

PR Communications: Geoff Henry

1. New press release for up coming events.

Legislative Representative: Ana Amaro “Cha Cha”

1.Vehicles Register by 9/01/09 after that they double and you can renew for 2 years.

2.Legislative newsletter- Survey for motor cycles

3.Resign up at Abate of Florida.com

Safety Director: Tammy Brickley

1.Going to send out letters to schools and community clubs to give presentation

2. Want to get more chapter members certified if interested see Tammy.

Advertising: Open

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Products: Lynn Dillard

5Star pens only 8 left Ledgendary tshirts 7dallors

Tank Tops and Pocket tshirts

Looking for Koozie holders

Newsletter Editor: Michelle Beaken: excused

1.Newsletter will be late this month

Membership: Michelle Beaken: excused

1.No update today

Webmaster: Robin Hall: excused

1.

Special Events: Shelly Ries

1.Scavanger hunt September 12th one day event 4ppl teams \$20.00 registration at S.C.C.C. from 10am till 12 End at Mollock Creek

2.5Star

a. Awesome day Gator Alley got 1st, We got third

Chapter Historian: Diane Trippany**1. Donate any pictures from 5 Star please****Sunshine Lady: Cindy Fowler- excused****1.Full report of those who were in need of sunshine see her report.****Legendary Party****1.Forming Committee please see Tammy this month.****Old Business:****1.Red White and Blue not as good as expected need more participation.****2.Parade Thank you everyone lost trophy by one point. Change Float next year.****New Business:****Hurricane swap meet.July 25th****Bylaw change vote-NO at state meeting****Good of The Order:****1. Country Store horseshoe tournament next Saturday****Next Board Meeting : August 21st 2009 at J. Walkers 7:00pm****Next Chapter Meeting: August 23rd 2009 at S.C.C.C. at 10:00am****50/50 Dee****T-Shirt Hack****Motion to Adjourn 1st John 2nd Neck****Submitted by: J. Walker****Correction:**

The By-law being presented is July's Newsletter was not put forth by the STATE it was put forth by Palm Beach Chapter., as per Doc

This month I ,Frankie, and Rob from SW Chapter went to see the Vice Superintends of the Lee County Schools. He made it clear to us that we will be able to get the MSAP program in all of Lee County High Schools. This is a major step for us since we have always run into some brick walls getting our program heard. I will need more people to step up and help with the program so if you are interested please give me a call and I will get you ready. I would like to set up the safety booth at more venues so if you know of a community event going on that we could set up let me know.

Make sure to carry your rain suit cuz we are in the rainy season (I think) and make sure you got lots of rubber on your rides boots too cuz without good rubber you won't be able to stop in time to avoid an incident that could either hurt you or kill you.

Keep praying for no Hurricanes we have been so lucky for the last couple of years.

Let's keep it that way.

Till next month,

RIDE SAFE, RIDE HAPPY, and RIDE FREE

Tammy Brickley



Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Fee Schedule

Beginning September 1, 2009, certain fees for driver license and motor vehicle services will be changing. These new base fees were established by the Florida Legislature as part of the state's budget development process. A combination of vehicle information is used to determine registration fees. They are the registration use, license plate type and class code. The class code is determined by the vehicle weight, body type, vehicle type and registration use. To see a sample go to <http://www.flhsmv.gov/DHSMVFees.htm>

Customers will be notified of the new fees that are applicable to them via the renewal reminders that they will receive in the mail or at their local offices. A list of the new fees for the most frequently used motorist services is provided below. For a complete listing of all new motorist services fees, including the amount of the previous fee and the date of the most recent fee change, go to <http://www.flhsmv.gov/DHSMVFees.htm>. To review the Department's most recent Benchmarking Analysis in which Florida's operating costs and related fees were compared to several other participating states, go to <http://www.flhsmv.gov/DHSMVFees.htm>. For a list of frequently asked questions and answers regarding Florida's new fees go to <http://www.flhsmv.gov/DHSMVFees.htm>.

You can call 239-533-6000 if you have any questions.

Here is a survey conducted by the feds on road conditions this survey is open till August 1st. Everyone is encouraged to participate maybe we can provide enough information to them to help them put better and safer condition of roads into practice: here is the article:

FEDS QUESTION BIKERS

The Federal Highway Administration's Motorcyclist Advisory Council is asking riders across the country to help state and federal highway administrators and State Motorcycle Safety Administrators (SMSA) to "better understand and plan for the needs of motorcycle riders."

Motorcycle riders are requested to complete a Motorcycle Road Issues Survey by logging onto <http://tinyurl.com/ovzdou> or http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=KFqLcUVhbcITpAEHTFvwfQ_3d_3d, before August 1st and answering online survey questions that are separated into 3 distinct settings typically experienced by the majority of riders: Urban Areas (city/suburban/frequent intersections/pedestrians); Rural Areas (fewer intersections/higher speed); and Limited Access Areas (freeway/highway/toll road/minimal intersections).

FROM:

Dave "Lockdown" Rich

Asst. State PR/Communications Trustee &
State Webmaster, ABATE of Florida, Inc.

Although I have just received the old database with your email address(es), there is a technical issue preventing it being migrated to our new system. If you received an email from Scribe yesterday asking you to put your information back in the system, disregard this note. If you have not yet had the opportunity to put your information back into our new system, please visit <http://lic.abateflorida.com> and click the "SIGN UP NOW" link in the upper left corner of your screen. Complete the short form and you'll automatically be back in our system.

LET STAY SAFE ON
THE ROADS.

Ana Amaro
Legislative Rep.

IF YOU DON'T



YOU CAN'T B*^H



Do you like deciding for yourself whether to
wear a lid or not?



Are you all for "Hit a Biker ~ Go to Jail"?

Would you like to see our roads safer? Would you like to help Git er done?

If you answered yes to any of these questions

WE NEED YOU! YOU NEED US!

ABATE of Florida, Inc is a non profit organization promoting motorcycle safety and Awareness and fighting for the rights of motorcyclists. We would like you to join the 7000 plus members statewide, fighting for the cause. We come from all walks of lives and join together for you. You don't need to own a bike or even ride to join. For more information contact one of the chapters below:

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President: Tammy Brickley 239-289-2647

Naples Area

GATOR ALLEY CHAPTER

President: Russ Ueeck 239-353-4308

North Ft Myers Area

SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

President: Frankie Kennedy 239-849-9065

Cape Coral Area

CALOOSAHATCHEE CHAPTER

President: Chuck Long 239-994-2186

Port Charlotte Area

PEACE RIVER CHAPTER

President: Larry Smith 941-497-1630



Hello everybody.

A card was sent to Mary and Derris Mitchell, Mary has been sick. We hope that you are feeling better.

A card was sent to Josephine who is gonna have to have surgery soon. Keep your chin up girl, we all care.

Our sympathy goes out to Maureen 'Mo' Wyatt who lost her Mom.



As the "Sunshine" Lady I am glad that this is all I have to write about, because it makes me sad to write so many cards. Don't get me wrong, I love to be able to make people feel better and let them know that we are thinking about them, I just don't like all the bad news. If I forget someone or something please let me know I will make sure I get it done for you.

Everybody have a nice day and keep smiling, it will make you feel good.....Cindy Fowler.

I would like to take this time to explain what we call the

B.I.N. Fund.

This stands for Biker In Need.

The reason we have this and we pass it around at our functions is so everyone will get a chance to help out our fellow members if they are in need. Not everybody has the chance to help as much as they would like and sometimes can't get to our functions and it makes them feel better knowing they were able to do something to help in their own way. Its a donation, not an obligation, and we would like to thank everyone who donates to this fund.

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and we have a few 5 star pins for \$5

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Watch Newsletter for ABATE Blood Drives

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Put it in your head, I already have it memorized. THIS NUMBER COULDS SAVE YOUR LIFE OR THE LIFE OF SOMEONE ELSE! Say it with me 1138. If you have any questions call any Board member. If they don't know the answer, they will get it for you. Numbers are listed on the inside front cover of your newsletter. I have listed the three Blood Centers for Lee County:

Florida's Blood Centers-Cape Coral
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 Cape Coral FL 33990

239-574-3170 ~ Fax 239-574-6955

Hours: Mon Wed Fri 9:00 AM-5:00 PM ~ Tue Thu 11:00 AM-7:00 PM

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 Ft Myers FL 33901

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Hours: Mon Wed Fri 9:00 AM-5:00 PM ~ Tue Thu 11:00 AM-7:00 PM

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Estero River Chapter



HAPPY HOUR All Day Every Day

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Tuesday	ABATE Appreciation Night
Wednesday	Dart Tournament 7:30 PM
Thursday	Pool Tournament
Friday	Live Music 7-11 PM
Saturday	Free Jukebox 6PM-Close
Sunday	Jam Session 3-7 PM
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 7 August 2009

Contact: Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President of Government Relations
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With the House adjourned and the Senate set to do so any day now, your elected officials will be coming home to politic, vacation and interact with voters. The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) recognizes this as a convenient, relaxed, and productive way to meet with your legislators in their home districts. One way that they interact with a lot of voters at once is the traditional town hall meeting. However, becoming more and more popular is the so-called "tele-town hall meeting" where you get a robo call asking you if you want to listen in on the actual meeting that usually took place a few hours earlier. While this new form of communicating can be very informative, it simply does not replace face-to-face interaction with the person you pay to represent you in Washington.

Unfortunately, the House Democratic leadership doesn't feel that way. At this point everyone knows that Washington is urgently working on overhauling our health care system. You may have seen some footage earlier this week of Members of Congress holding town hall meetings and getting skewered by their constituents, who are begging them to not overhaul the entire system so fast or not to spend any more taxpayer money, as well as any other number of hot-button issues. Because this makes the health care overhaul unpopular with some voters, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has asked Members of Congress not to hold actual town hall meetings, but to instead hold only tele-town hall meetings. In a memo leaked to the MRF, House Democrat leadership lays out the reasons why Members should tele-town hall. It is, of course, up to the will of the elected official to hold or not hold traditional town hall meetings.

Now, let's be clear, this is not about donkeys and elephants. This is about you being able to go to a town hall meeting and tell your elected official how you feel on any issue face to face. It's about looking people in the eye and getting an answer, not just merely leaving a voice-mail with your concerns.

So here's your homework in the MRF's view. Contact your two Senators and one Representative, who you pay to come to Washington, and find out when and where the real town hall meeting is; then plan to attend. They may hold more than one, but that's not likely.

The MRF is concerned with a few issues that you should bring up. The first issue is the upcoming Highway Bill. The House Transportation Committee will be working on the bill at the full committee level in September. The current bill expires 9-30-09. US Senator Barbra Boxer, Chairwoman of Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, has already passed the 18-month extension President Obama asked for. The MRF feels that a year and half is unacceptable. At this point some extension is necessary, but a year and half is just too long. Ask your elected officials to focus on the bill and pass it. We haven't seen the entire bill yet, but House Chairman Oberstar has some very promising motorcycle-specific language on the table. The other issue that the MRF feels you should bring up is health care reform. It's not clear if the votes are there to pass a bill, but Democrat leadership is working hard to close the gap. We don't have to demand that they not overhaul the system, we just have to look out for motorcyclists. At this point there are no anti-motorcycle provisions or suggestions.

The MRF's main concern is that it's not unreasonable to think that at some point, someone in the government will suggest not covering motorcycle injuries in a government-run health plan, and that makes the idea of a government-run public plan unacceptable.

Please do not hesitate to contact the MRF DC office should you need any additional information

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 23 July 2009

RIGHT TO REPAIR LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

Congressman Edolphus "Ed" Towns (D-NY), along with Anna Eshoo (D-CA) and George Miller (D-CA), has reintroduced legislation that would make it illegal for vehicle manufacturers to withhold information necessary to diagnose, service or repair motor vehicles. Currently vehicle owners are forced to return to the dealership network to have problems diagnosed that the over-the-counter aftermarket code readers cannot read. HR 2057, the Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act (Right to Repair), has 31 cosponsors to date.

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) strongly supports Right to Repair, and urges Congress to swiftly pass this legislation in order to safeguard individual vehicle ownership rights today and in the future.

"We have formally committed our support to Right to Repair because we believe that consumers are entitled to choose how their motorcycles, cars and other type of vehicles are maintained or upgraded. The MRF encourages all motorcyclists to visit www.righttorepair.org to send a letter to each of their congressional representatives, urging them to support the Right to Repair Act by adding their names to the growing list of co-sponsors.

The point of Right to Repair is to protect the freedom of American consumers to choose how they take care of their vehicles, be it in their driveways or at trusted repair facilities, and to ensure that they have access to all the information required to complete necessary service and repairs," said Jeff Hennie, MRF Vice President of Government Relations.

A recent letter to the editor from the MRF generated hundreds of articles in publications across the country signaling a resounding level of support from the vehicle operating public. "As the economy continues to be sluggish, people are looking at cost cutting, and getting vehicle maintenance at a premium dealership is high on their list of cuts. Also consider the recent forced government closure of dealerships, not to mention the desire to support small business. All these factors point to the need for this legislation," Hennie added.

Vehicles, including motorcycles, are becoming increasingly complex with the addition of more and more computer technology, which will become more and more sophisticated and complex in the future. Ready access to accurate service and repair information from the manufacturers is essential to the safety and well being of the entire American motoring public.

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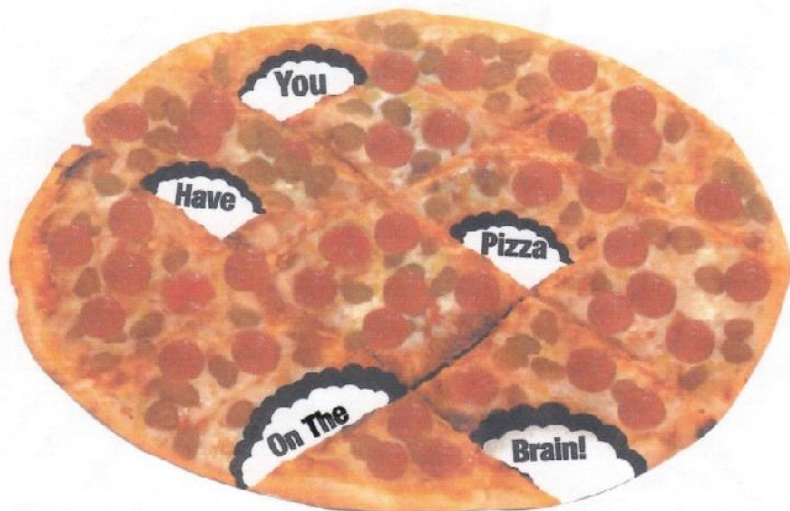
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Dear Fellow ABATE Members,

Commitment to our Motorcycling Organizations
and
Commitment to God

A few months ago, we were sitting in the parking lot of a charitable organization, getting ready to start a benefit run with many other bikers. During the time we were waiting for the run to commence, we had some time to talk with a leader who represented one of our Southwest Florida motorcycling associations. He said (as close as we can remember), "Chaplain Tom, I don't know if you have problems with your Messiah's Messengers. But, the biggest problem our group has is commitment."

We began to think about what he said and decided how much motorcycling would really be promoted, how much motorcycling would be better understood by the cagers, how much legislation our ABATE organization could push through, and how much Messiah's Messengers could accomplish if we had more committed members! We thought about the numbers that wear our organization's t-shirts with our logo and the numbers that were patched. Then, we compared it to the numbers that show their commitment by doing what it takes and the time it takes to move us forward. The sum of the exercise was disappointing.

Commitment in our society seems to be lacking in major areas. Many more students seem to be dropping out of school before graduation takes place. Look at the percentage of marriages ending in divorce... When one of us was teaching school, the numbers of students who made commitments to complete academic projects vs. the numbers that actually completed the projects was terrible. Then, when the student was reminded of the commitment and asked to finish what was started, the student would have the parents call the teacher to offer lame excuses and/or find a way out of doing what was committed to. Sometimes parents would call the school administration to put pressure on the teachers to "back off."

There are people who call us and let us know what wonderful people they are, how much they love motorcycling, and they'd like to consider being Messiah's Messengers. However, when they see the commitment it will take to join our ranks and the commitment to be shown during a probationary period, they soon change their tune and interest quickly wanes.

When we ask people to give their hearts, minds, and souls to God, through His Son, Jesus Christ, we are asking for a real commitment. This commitment is something that should remain and guide you for the rest of your life and something that will carry you into all eternity. Jesus said, in Revelation 3:15-16 (NASB) ***"I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. 'So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.'"*** To us, this scripture is very clear that God is not looking for "fence sitters" and has a distain for those who cannot commit to Him.

Jesus was looking for commitment in Luke 9:57-62. ***57 As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58 Jesus replied,***

"Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." 59 He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61 Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family." 62 Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

It's clear to see in this passage of Luke; everyone had something else to do. They were all into their own thing. They were looking at their situation, all wrapped up in their own small ambitions, instead of looking at the big picture and turning their lives to Christ. They could not make a commitment. What would have happened to the world if our parents had not made commitments to win at all costs, during World War II? What would happen if our current military service members could not make a commitment to fight the current war on terror?

Jesus said, "I stand at the door and knock." How will you answer that door? Can you answer with your commitment to Him? If so...

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2 Corinthians 5:17 says, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"*

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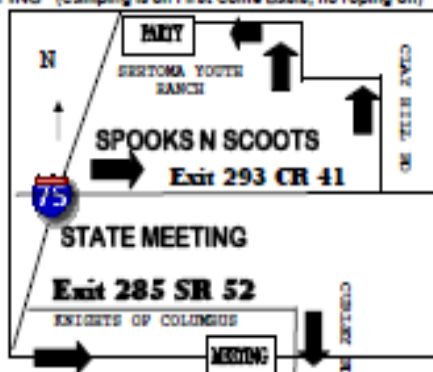
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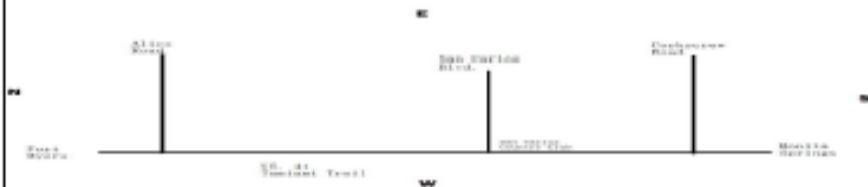
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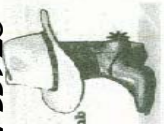
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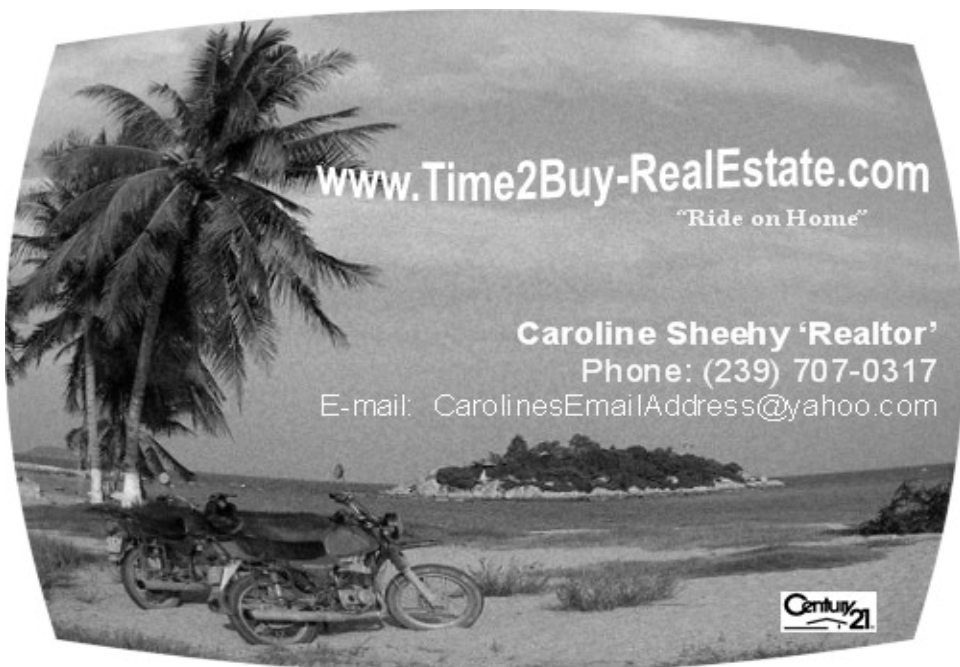
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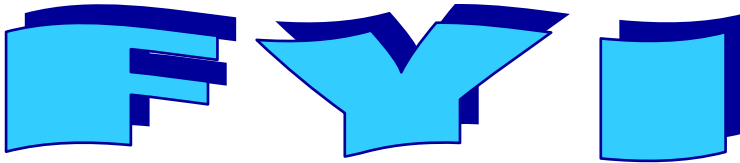
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Relay for Life is April 9th and 10th this year. I believe this is the same time our Rally in Tally takes place.. If this is true, please, please, please go to Tallahassee if you can. If you know someone that is going to be here and be interested in the relay team, please have them call me. We have plenty of time, so I will have a team here without interfering with Ride to the Capitol. Some of you that just go to the Capitol Ride can still do the relay. It ends early Statuary Morning. I would also like to enlist a co-captain for the 2010 Relay, if you are interested please call me.

Gator Alley Members, please have your person that does Naples Relay contact me to talk about participation in both survivor laps and letting Southwest Florida know that Biker's care. Maybe we can even exchange ideas. That's all for Relay for now, check your Newsletter for updates.

The next thing I want to bring up is Bike Tickets. I think everyone on the board has some, but if not call me and I will make sure you get to buy yours. At Bike Week we will give away a **2010 HD FXD Dyna Super Glide**. Motorcycle ready to ride, sales tax, federal withholding tax, tag & title all PAID. Second prize is a leather jacket and third prize is a Harley clock.



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MISSOURI GOVERNOR VETOES HELMET REPEAL BILL As most bikers across America were celebrating Independence Day weekend, riders in Missouri were reeling from their governor's veto of a bill to partially repeal the Show-Me state's 42-year old mandatory helmet law to allow freedom of choice for adult motorcyclists. Despite overwhelming approval from both the State Senate and House earlier this summer, on July 2nd, Gov. Jay Nixon vetoed Senate Bill 202, denying riders 21 and older the right to ride without a helmet. In 30 other states, most adult motorcyclists have the right to make wearing a helmet a personal choice.

The legislation also would have prohibited insurance companies from reducing claims from injured motorcycle riders, deeming them at-fault solely on the basis that a motorcycle is a hazardous vehicle.

In 1999, Freedom of the Road Riders for Missouri (FORR-MO) and other concerned riders and groups succeeded in lobbying a helmet repeal bill through the legislature and onto the desk of then-Gov. Mel Carnahan, who vetoed it. "It's a basic freedom of choice," said FORR-MO chairman Mark Chapman, "Another human being should be not be able to make a choice for someone else."

HIGH COURT TO HEAR CASE AGAINST MYRTLE BEACH Tom McGrath, the Virginia-based AIM Attorney (Aid to Injured Motorcyclists) who is personally representing Myrtle Beach, S.C. residents William and Carol O'Day and 47 other motorcyclists who received tickets for not wearing helmets in protest of the city's new helmet law, told The Sun News that he is awaiting a decision from the state's high court involving their case.

McGrath, on behalf of the O'Days, filed the first constitutional challenge against Myrtle Beach seeking a court order to stop the city from enforcing two of the myriad new ordinances it passed last fall to dissuade bikers from attending the spring and fall rallies held there for decades, including the mandatory helmet requirement and noise law.

But the O'Days were also among 47 others who received tickets during a Feb. 28 protest ride when the new law took effect, so they are now part of the helmet lawsuits the Supreme Court has agreed to hear. McGrath said there might be little point in moving forward with the Circuit Court lawsuit now that the high court is going to issue a ruling.

The South Carolina Supreme Court became involved after attorney Thad Viers, representing his brother Bart in a helmet lawsuit, and the group Business Owners Organized to Support Tourism appealed directly to the state's highest court for a ruling.

The two cases have been combined for the sake of oral arguments before the Supreme Court, and McGrath's and Viers' helmet arguments will be heard at the same time. So far, no court date has been set, but McGrath speculated about a hearing in November.

Another case involving business owners suing the city to stop it from enforcing some rally ordinances, including the helmet law, is still pending in federal court. The lawsuit claims some of the 15 new municipal ordinances are unconstitutional because they are vague, chill freedom of speech or infringe on interstate business rights.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONSIDERS LEGALIZING POKER RUNS Not all of the news coming out of the Palmetto State is as controversial as Myrtle Beach's anti-biker ordinances, and recent actions by the State Senate could eventually legitimize poker runs.

The S.C. Senate Judiciary Committee approved legislation in May that would have revised the state's 207-year-old gambling laws which ban "any game with cards or dice." Although the bill died at the end of the legislative session, bikers were able to educate some legislators that banning all such games is not in the best interest of charities.

Currently, the state's centuries-old gaming laws are enforced at the discretion of the local law enforcement agency and typically only when someone complains. South Carolina's Lions clubs have lost roughly \$500,000 since last year when state law enforcement officers - responding to a complaint - threatened a club that was raffling off a motorcycle.

Traditional motorcycle poker runs, which have historically raised tens of thousands of dollars for local and statewide charities have been severely curtailed as a result of an Attorney General's ruling that the events were illegal under the current State statute.

A separate proposal would ask voters whether the state constitution should be changed to allow nonprofit groups to hold a limited number of raffles yearly. Currently, the only legal raffle is the state lottery.

GOVERNMENT MAY MAKE ANTI-LOCK BRAKES MANDATORY ON MOTORCYCLES

Citing spiraling motorcycle accident statistics, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration may require new safety features on bikes. For example, the federal agency plans to decide by next year whether or not anti-lock brakes should be mandatory equipment on motorcycles.

The government report also mentions an insurance industry study that shows that the rate of fatal crashes are 28% lower for bikes equipped with optional ABS braking systems than for those same motorcycles without them.

Though NHTSA frequently enforces the implementation of safety technology into automobiles, their involvement in motorcycling tends to focus more on helmet usage and the prevention of drunk riding.

Anti-lock brakes are now standard on some Harley-Davidsons and optional across a variety of manufacturers on everything from dual purpose bikes to scooters -- and in many cases, they can be disabled if the rider chooses.

ENGINE REVVING MAY BECOME A CRIME IN ALBUQUERQUE

Revving your engine in downtown Albuquerque, New Mexico, may soon be a crime punishable by a fine of up to \$500, imprisonment and seizure of your bike or car. Mayor Martin Chavez (D) proposed adding a blip of the throttle to the city ordinance listing "nuisances" that the city uses as a justification to seize automobiles. The city council is expected to vote on the idea soon, and may expand ticketing to the entire city.

"It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in exhibition driving in the Downtown Quiet Zone by operating a vehicle in a manner that willfully creates excessive engine noise because of revving the engine to magnify the engine noise," the proposed ordinance states.

At first, Chavez will ask police set up traps to ticket motorcyclists before going after other motorists.

CALIFORNIA SMOG CHECK BILL HELD OVER ABATE of California would like to thank everyone who helped lobby against Senate Bill 435, which would establish biennial emissions testing for motorcycles.

According to Tim Tennimon, ABATE Executive Director, SB 435 is now a two year bill and will be held over until next session....no amendments have been submitted, so it still appears as a smog check bill. "Despite the promise by Senator Pavley to amend the bill to be more about catalytic converter inspections, rather than smog check...there have been no amendments to the bill," explains Tennimon, adding that the bill won't be eligible to be heard again until January 2010. "Stopping this bill for this legislative session is a huge victory for us...and a testament to Jim Lombardo's (ABATE lobbyist) hard work...we really weren't sure we could stop this bill once it hit the Senate floor...but you guys did it!"

However, Tennimon cautions, there are plenty of reasons to be concerned; "The smog debate ended up being a noise debate on the Senate floor...and there was much discussion about loud pipes...and, not coincidentally, the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) has just released a new standard for sound tests on motorcycles which will make it easy and consistent to test bikes...in addition, the MIC has called for a focus more on noise than emissions...all of which means that we will have to look at all new legislation because it is very possible that there will be attempts at new sound standards and emission standards...and they could pop up anywhere...Unfortunately, this is the message you have heard from us for over a decade...we must police ourselves...we know you love the sound...but not everyone feels the same way...and as much as I hate booming cars and loud trucks, etc...we are an easy target and those behaviors are coming back to get us now."

ON THE ROAD TO ROMANCE Motorcycling opens the road to romance, love and sex appeal. Famous faces increase their x-factor when they get onto two wheels on the big screen, and Hollywood has provided us with many cool biking images -- remember Quadrophonia? The Great Escape? Easy Rider? And they've recognized that girls like to ride too, from stylish Audrey Hepburn in Roman Holiday to more recently the modern Charlie's Angels and glamorous Angelina Jolie as Lara Croft.

Plenty of celebrities like to pull on a pair of leathers and enjoy the freedom of riding on two wheels, from actors and musicians to politicians, comedians, and chefs have all joined the growing numbers of people who like to ride.

But at least in Britain, romantic bikers would rather ride with their otherhalf than movie megastars like Kate Winslet, or Tom Cruise. In a Motorcycle Industry Association survey, when asked to name who they would most like to take a fantasy ride with, twice as many bikers nominated their partners than petite pop star Kylie, Star Wars' Ewan McGregor, or Bond's Pierce Brosnan.

So if your partner doesn't already ride, why not get them onto two wheels so you can "Get More Out of Life" together, as promoted during National Motorcycle Week in England, held July 12-18. "More freedom, more fun, more friends, more action and more opportunities."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968) civil rights leader & clergyman

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I wish I'd gotten this yesterday. I feel so stupid.....

Hello Everyone,

As most of you know, the Newsletter is late again because I had to go to PA to be with my Mother. She passed away August 4th, though I will miss her dearly, she is not suffering anymore and I am grateful for that. I want to dedicate this newsletter to her memory. Estero River Chapter loves you, mom. I want to thank those who sent me cards, including this chapter.

Ok, now down to business, thank you for the submissions last month, but I will need more. I know I wasn't available too much in July, SO bring me something to the August Meeting.

Membership. I am disappointed because we did not get any new members. We also lost some members due to not renewing. We did have a member renew as life, so that's great. I will have a full update at the August meeting.

As you have read in Neck's report, there are some chapters that can't get along. We do not want that to happen here. If you see a problem with a board member, talk to Tammy. She will look into it and do her best to rectify it. In the rare event that it is Tammy you have a problem with and don't want to discuss it with her, talk to Neck, that's what he's for. Whatever you do, don't just complain to every one else, that never solves a problem. Only mutates it.

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**If you know where these members are, please remind them they are about to be pulled and have them contact me*

THESE 20 MEMBERS EXPIRE IN AUGUST

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**If you renewed early, your name will still appear italicized and underlined under expirations until your
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THESE 10 MEMBERS EXPIRE IN SEPTEMBER

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JULY LIFE ANNIVERSARIES

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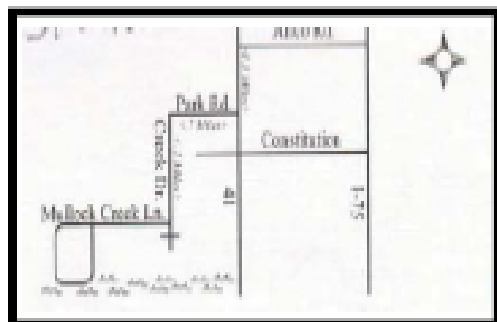
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