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## Coming Up

**Bike Week**  
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**7th Annual  
Legendary  
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May 1-2 2009

## Bike Week Feb 27-March 8 2009



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## 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

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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](mailto:erjournal@embarqmail.com), so we can add you to the list. Thank you for your support.

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Valentine's Day to you all. I hope you all have a sweetie that you can celebrate with. It's that time of year again when things start popping in Tallahassee and Washington so we all need to stay on our toes and get signed up for the State Legislative page so you can stay abreast of everything that is happening. It also time to start making plans for our yearly trek to Tallahassee. I know that the economy sucks and a lot of you are hurting for cash right now but if you really want to go we will make it happen one way or the other. The camping is free so that is one hurdle there.

Also Bike Week is almost here and help is needed at the campground. I would like to see our chapter get some hours in up there helping out. This is the main fundraiser for this organization and it cannot happen without a lot of help. If you work six hours you get a free meal and your camping is free for that night. Can't beat that. Let me know if you need your stuff carried up so you can ride up as I will be taking the truck and an enclosed trailer.

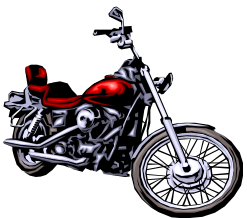
Now for the not so nice stuff. Our member Kathy Duelin passed away this month from her battle with cancer. She will be missed by all. Gator Alley member Bart Beck passed away this past week from lung and kidney issues. If you ever met Bart you would never forget him. He was loud and in your face and one of the greatest people I have ever met. Our condolences go out to his wife Lynn and to Gator Alley. Mash Bash, Spooks, and Flashback will never be the same without Bartman being there. Then there is the Bates issue. As you all know Michael "Bates" Bates was severely injured in a crash with a 16 year old coming up on 5 years ago. He finally got to have his day in the courtroom with her and it didn't turn out well. The judge sided with her and Bates got NOTHING. I don't understand how someone can run a light, run someone over, and walk away scott free. Is it because her family has more money and prestige then us lowly bikers? Is it because the lawyers would let us go to court with him cuz they didn't want the bikers there? It was said the only reason he has brain injury is because he wasn't wearing his helmet. Well the helmet didn't run the light or run him over. Anyways it just plain sucks and he needs our support so if you would like to send him a card up in the great white north call Michelle and she will get you his address. He is pretty down and I just want him to know that we care and we are here. Legendary Party is coming up the end of March so I hope to see you all out there. No rain this year. There will be four bands, bike show, bike rodeo, people games, food, vendors, giveaways, and sooo much more. See the flyer in newsletter for more info.

Guess that's all for now except I want to thank everyone who went on the Special Family Run, worked at the Yard Sale, or came out for the Arm Chair Quarterback Run. We had a GREAT Time at each event and if you didn't make it sorry about your luck. You missed some good ones.

TILL NEXT TIME

RIDE SAFE RIDE FREE AND RIDE HAPPY

*Tammy Brickley*



Can you believe January already over this month went by fast? The armchair Quarter Back run was a success nice to see everyone that came out. Id like to thank all the members and the board for all the work on the last events great job. One of Gator Alley Members has passed away Bartman he will be missed by all of us. Quite a few things coming up State meeting in Pensacola Florida Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> hosted by Gulf Coast Chapter. Bike Week in Daytona Fl. From Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> to March 8<sup>th</sup> Camping at the Volusia County Fairgrounds. The State will need volunteers to work security. Free meal and camping for those who work so come on out and support our chapter. If you get a chance go on the web sight and check the other chapters in our area they have a lot of events coming up if you are looking for something to do. Just go to Abate of Florida and the click on chapters and all are listed. In addition, our newsletter has all the events and things coming up great job Michelle. Id like to say Happy Valentines day to all of our female members hope you get lots of candy and flowers from your sweethearts I know ill be spoiling Sue. A special thanks to Sue for stepping up and taking over the secretary position. Moe had to step down. Don't forget Motorcycle safety is our main goal and also motorcycle awareness the state is working hard for us keeping a eye on our legislators'. Our membership is 338 and counting.

SO KEEP YOUR HAIR IN THE AIR "MOOCH"

## *Please Read*

Please take some time and fill out the application on the back cover, it's the first of the year and I would like to update the database. Some of you moved and though I have your address an update is helpful should I need to go back into hard copies. If you know some one who is not getting any mail or email that they should be, have them send in an update. You can send it in to me at PO Box 366760, Bonita Springs FL 34136-6760, fax it to 239-948-6782, email it to [erjournal@embarqmail.com](mailto:erjournal@embarqmail.com) or bring it to me at a meeting or event. I also will be passing them out at the meeting, so you can do it there to. I ask for your birthday for the calendar and the newsletter. Please include your anniversary if you would like that. Even if I have your info, please fill out all. Again a hard copy is needed for future membership trustees. Since our members are the heart of this chapter, your pertinent information is needed to keep you informed and up to date. So please help me achieve this goal. Thank you all for your time support that makes this chapter a success.~ MB



**Date:** Jan 25, 2009 **Called to order @10:17** **Location:** San Carlos C. C.

**President: Tammy Brickley**

1. Secretary Maureen Wyatt has stepped down do to personal reasons. We need a vote of confidence for Sue Shaffer to take her place until June. Vote of confidence accepted.
2. Bike tickets need to be turned in by next weekend before the State meeting in Feb.
3. Have a new e-mail address Esterolegislativ@yahoo.com

**Vice President: Robert Shaffer "Moochie"**

1. Recognize new members and guests. Kenny
2. Gate sign up sheet for Legendary will be posted on the board at the San Carlos country club

**Secretary:**

1. Motion to accept minutes 1st – Lee Fitzsimmons 2<sup>nd</sup> - Redneck passed

**Treasurer: Shelia Bear**

1. Treasurer's report in detail.
2. Motion to accept treasurer's report 1<sup>st</sup> Pam 2<sup>nd</sup> Lee passed

**Sgt. @ Arms: Kurt Bear**

1. Thanks for the help and support at the Birthday party and Armchair Quarterback.
2. Sign up sheets for the Legendary will be out and need volunteers.

**Quartermaster: John Reis**

1. We have another storage unit and need help to reorganize it on Sunday Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

**State Delegates: Larry Peterson "Redneck & Kinsey Winstead "Neck"**

Vertical Plate amendment trying to repeal.

New By-Law for Safety Director is now an elected position for the state and chapters.

The state needs volunteers for Bike week.

The next State meeting is Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at Pensacola.

**Alternate State Delegates: Ed Fowler & Lee Fitzsimmons**

Nothing to add.

**P R Communications:**

1. Maureen Wyatt has stepped down from this position. Renee Kunkle and Tammy Brickley will take on the responsibilities.
2. Appreciate the help for the Armchair Quarterback.

**Legislative Representative: Ana Amaro "Cha Cha"**

State bill 40A – Use of funds collected was passed.

Bills that were filed are Bill 172 Prohibit cellular phones in a motor vehicle, exception hands free device. Bill 212 Prohibits using electronic devices. Bill 262 Traffic accident blood testing.

Make sure to write your State Representatives and there is a sample letter to follow on the Legislative website on the State.

**Safety Director: Robyn Hall "Alaska"**

1. Will be going to Cypress High for a class. Still working on Estero High, South and others.
2. Going to set up a class for new instructors.
3. Need to have more presentations on Safety in the Community. Read the paper from the State, and Estero will be posting it on our website.

**Advertising Director: Lynn Dillard (excused)**

1. Minors Bar and Grill new Advertiser, Marv's Ship and Pack and Tiki Bar renewed.

**Products: Lynn Dillard (excused)**

1. Working on new products.
2. Have a new printer company.

## Newsletter Editor: Michele Beaken

Need submission from members.

Deadline for reports Wednesday.

## Membership: Michele Beaken

1. We now have 338 members.
2. Recognized and passed out member packets, pins and life cards.
3. New member packets will not be mailed anymore do to the high cost.

## Webmaster: Robert Shaffer "Moochie"

Some new pictures are up and the rest will be up shortly.

Need more Safety items for web and will be posting membership packets.

## Special Events: Renee Kunkel

1. Legendary Party is March 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>
2. Check the board at the San Carlos Country Club for sign up sheets to help out.

## Chapter Historian: Diane Trippany

1. Have a slide show of pictures from the last couple of months on the DVD showing now and albums with all the pictures in them.

## Sunshine Lady: Cindy Fowler (excused)

1. Sent Rick a Get Well Card was in the hospital and also Indian Deb while hospitalized.

## Old Business:

1. Birthday Party was great and had a huge turn out.
2. Yard Sale went well.
3. Armchair Quarter back went well with an okay turn out.

## New Business:

1. Chapter was offered to buy a golf cart. Motion to vote. Voted on and not passed.
2. Bike Week we need go up and work so the Chapter can get hours in.
3. Tallahassee in April and we will have a sign up sheet at March Chapter meeting to see how many are going and to make a arrangements.

## Good of the Order:

1. Relay for Life May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 till May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Noon. We have a team, go online and sign up if interested.
2. Sunday Feb1st SW Chapters Chile Cook Off.
3. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> Harley Davidson is having a Chili Cook Off and have invited us to join.
4. Eric from Minors Bar introduced himself and encourages all bikers to come up and see him.

Next BOD Meeting: @ Kevin and Tammy Brickleys Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00p.m.

Next Chapter Meeting: Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00 a.m. @ San Carlos Country Club

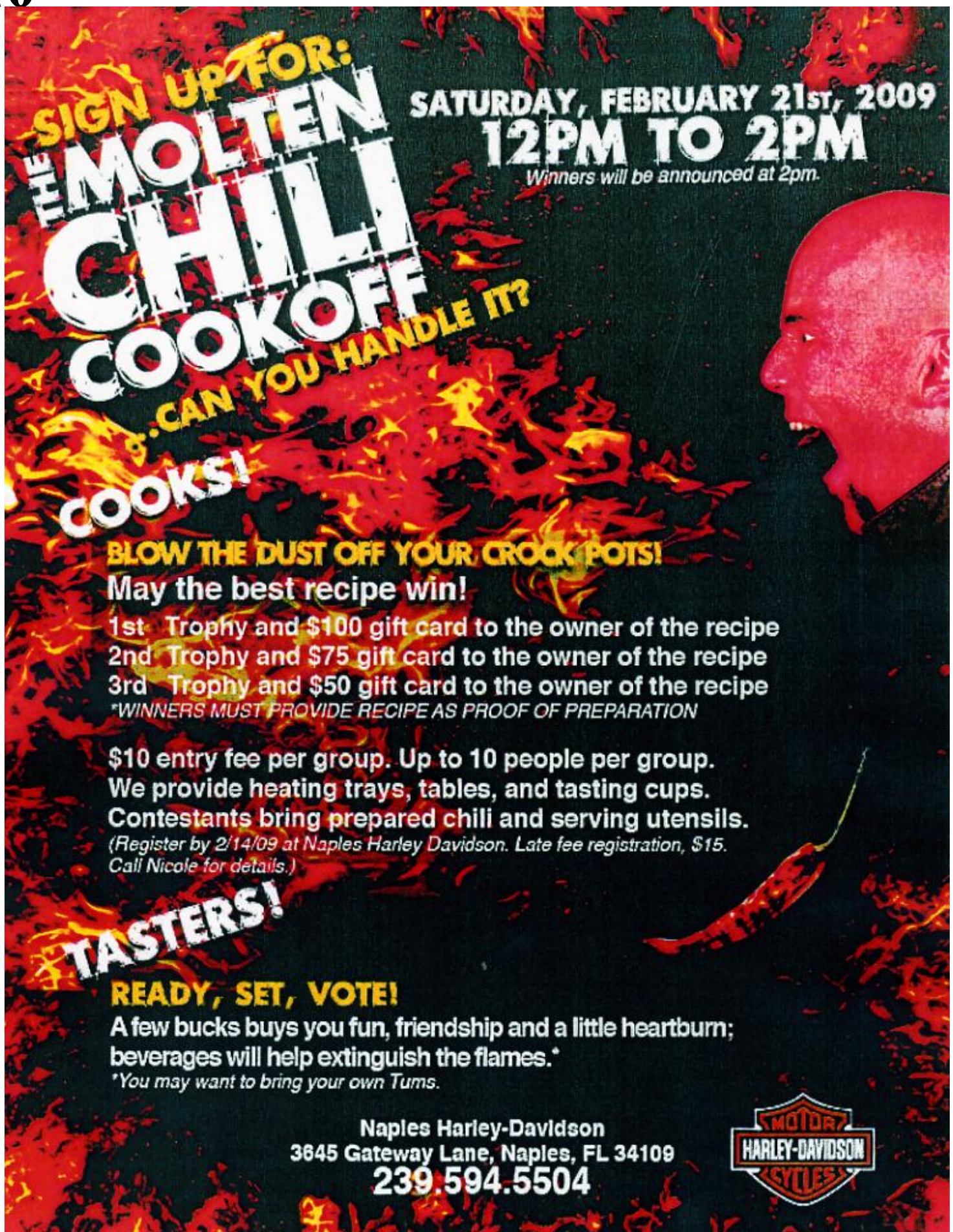
Motion to adjourn @ 11:46

50/50 Henry Grosser

T'Shirt: Pam

Submitted by:

Sue Shaffer - Secretary



**SIGN UP FOR:**  
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**CAN YOU HANDLE IT?**

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May the best recipe win!

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*\*WINNERS MUST PROVIDE RECIPE AS PROOF OF PREPARATION*

\$10 entry fee per group. Up to 10 people per group.  
We provide heating trays, tables, and tasting cups.  
Contestants bring prepared chili and serving utensils.  
(Register by 2/14/09 at Naples Harley Davidson. Late fee registration, \$15.  
Call Nicole for details.)

**TASTERS!**

**READY, SET, VOTE!**  
A few bucks buys you fun, friendship and a little heartburn;  
beverages will help extinguish the flames.\*  
*\*You may want to bring your own Tums.*

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# **San Carlos Country Club**

## **Chili Cook Off!**

**Sunday  
February 22, 2009  
@ 3:00PM**

**\$5.00 Entry Fee  
\$10.00 Entry Fee with T-Shirt**

**50/50 Drawing  
Door Prizes  
Live Music**

**1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Awards**

*Information 267-0500*

# BLOOD BANK

ABATE OF FLORIDA now has a blood bank. Our account is ABATE of Florida #1138. Please remember this, so when you donate blood, you can put it our account. Or if you need blood or someone in your immediate family tell them this account number. 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:

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Cape Coral FL 33990

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Do You want to see "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.

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Hello All. Hope this finds you happy and healthy. We are finally going into the high schools for this semester to teach the MSAP program. I am also planning on scheduling a training class for those interested in becoming a MSAP Instructors soon, so please contact me at 239-826-5637.

I would like to get more presentations going out in the community and need your help in this effort. I have a sample letter for you to send to businesses and organizations which I can email to you or you can download it off our Chapter's web site on the Safety page.

I'm also asking for volunteers to help me at the Safety Booth at our upcoming Legendary Party. Call or email mail me at 239-826-5637 or [shalara\\_wow@yahoo.com](mailto:shalara_wow@yahoo.com).

Until next time, ride safe!



A biker stops by the local Harley Shop to have his bike fixed. They couldn't do it while he waited, so he said he didn't live far and would just walk home. On the way home he stopped at the hardware store and bought a bucket and an anvil. He stopped by the feed store/livestock dealer and picked up a couple of chickens and a goose. However, struggling outside the store he now had a problem: how to carry all of his purchases home.

While he is scratching his head he was approached by a little old lady who told him she was lost. She asked, "Can you tell me how to get to 1603 Mockingbird Lane?" The biker said, "Well, as a matter of fact, I live at 1616 Mockingbird Lane. I would walk you home but I can't carry this lot." The old lady suggested, "Why don't you put the anvil in the bucket, carry the bucket in one hand, put a chicken under each arm and carry the goose in the other hand?" "Why thank you very much," he said and proceeded to walk the old girl home.

On the way he says, "Let's take my shortcut and go down this alley. We'll be there in no time." The little old lady looked him over cautiously then said, "I am a lonely widow without a husband to defend me. How do I know that when we get in the alley you won't hold me up against the wall, pull up my skirt, and ravish me?"

The biker said, "Holy smokes lady! I am carrying a bucket, an anvil, two chickens and a goose. How in the world could I possibly hold you up against the wall and do that?" The lady replied, "Set the goose down, cover him with the bucket, put the anvil on top of the bucket and I'll hold the chickens."

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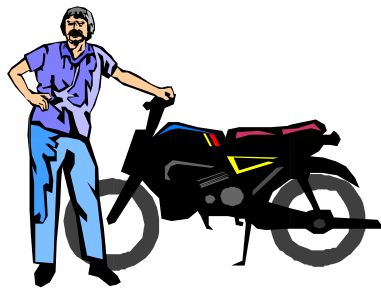
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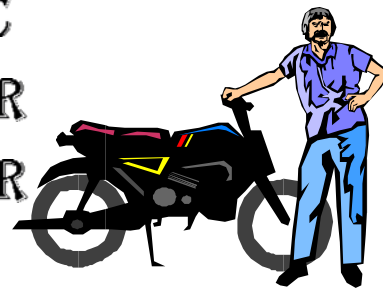
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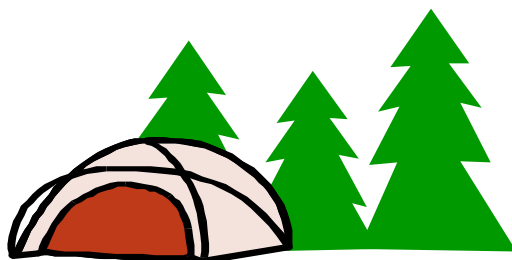
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**CS/SB40a - Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles**  
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**DHSMV for Motorcycle Rider Improvement Programs or other possible**  
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### **SB172 - Heather's Law/Cellular Telephone Use**

**Prohibits the use of a cellular telephone while operating a motor vehi-**  
**cle except when using a headset or hands-free device. Provides ex-**  
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### **SB 112 - Cell Phone Use/Operating Vehicles in School Zones**

**Prohibits the use of a cellular telephone while operating a motor vehi-**  
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**SB 212 - Electronic Wireless Communications/Driving**

Prohibits certain persons from using an electronic wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle. Provides for enforcement and penalties. Provides for a point assessment against the driver's license. 12/03/08 - Bill Filed

**SB 262 - Traffic Accidents/Blood Testing**

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**Current National Issues**

**House Bill 6908 Passed in the House  
September 23rd, 2008**

**Bill Expired & Dead**

**The HIPPA Correction Act is expected to be reintroduced in the future**

**Ride safe!**

**Ana Amaro  
Legislative Rep.**

Dear Fellow ABATE Members,

What are YOU Worth?

Last weekend, we actually had time to view a movie on the television. Most people like action-adventure films and we are no exception. However, in this fictional story, we became somewhat sensitized at the mounting body count the so-called hero was accumulating by beating and shooting people. Some of the shooting and killing made no sense, as it seemed he was doing it to prove some superiority over "lesser" human beings. The next film, which we turned off within a few minutes of the beginning, was going in the same direction. So, we checked the guide for the rest of the evening, and the channel we tuned into, had the same genre in a 24 hour marathon.

In our ministry with bikers and those we encounter at the hospitals, so many people express what they feel as their worthlessness because they have lost their jobs, lost their spouses and or family members, been jailed, lost control of their finances, or have become handicapped in some way. With the way the world views us, the way we have been brought up, and the values of today's society it may seem only natural to have those feelings. You are not alone. We can feel some of your pain.

However, both of what has been described above, as feeling that other people and ourselves have little or no worth is an absolute lie of the devil. Many of us have bought into that lie.

Most people feel that if something is to have worth, it must be purchased, it must have a price, or it must be worked for.

Isaiah tells us in part how we were bought and paid for by someone else. Isaiah 53:4-6 (Amplified Bible): Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy]. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole. All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has made to light upon Him the guilt and iniquity of us all.

John 3:16 (Amplified Bible) says: For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.

You are someone and you have extreme worth according to God. Someone took the most severe beating, suffered the most severe death ever in the history of mankind, and tasted hell because of your worth. He did that for you, personally.

If things seem gloomy right now, then:

Get into your head and heart and, repeat to yourself what God has personally done for you and that you have worth. Read the above scriptures.

Get into your head and heart that, "My God will supply all my needs according to His riches." Philippians 4:19

Get into your head and heart that God will not let you be tempted beyond what you can endure and that what you are going through, you are not alone. 1 Corinthians 10:13

Pray !!!

Please pray this prayer: "Dear God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, my heavenly Father, I confess that I am a sinner and have been separated from You. I ask forgiveness of my sins. I repent and accept this gift of repentance. I confess with my mouth that your son Jesus is my savior and died for me. I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. I receive Jesus into my heart and ask Him to become the center of my life. I ask, in the Name of Jesus. Amen."

If you have prayed this prayer and it came from the heart, then we can truly say, HAPPY NEW YEAR and a HAPPY NEW LIFE! For 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"*

Blessings,

Tom (Estero River and Southwest ABATE Life Member and SW Chapter Chaplain) and Kathy (SW ABATE Life Member)- [www.messiahsmessengers.org](http://www.messiahsmessengers.org) – [tprovenz@comcast.net](mailto:tprovenz@comcast.net) - 239-267-8641

PS. The next Biker Bible Café is set for February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:45 PM in our home. Be there!



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A card was sent to Betty Gardener, her brother-in-law passed away.

Rick Melideo suffered a stroke, he's up and around and doing ok now.

Indian Deb is in the hospital, she has phenmonia, we will see her soon.

Also a card for sister passing away

A special certificate was made for Phillis for her donations for our Special Families for the last two years.

I hope that everyone is doing good and everyone is well.....Be Safe!!!

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



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FEBRUARY BABIES

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National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)*

**NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE CRASH STUDY UNDERWAY**, Southern California motorcyclists who crash their bikes may play an unintentional role in improving motorcycle safety nationwide, as the pilot portion of the federal government's much-anticipated Motorcycle Crash Causation Study kicked off at various locations throughout Los Angeles in December.

Data will be compiled from LAPD accident reports and information recorded by mechanical sensors and cameras placed at intersections until at least 27 accidents have occurred and are documented -- a milestone that will likely be reached by March.

According to Doug Hecox, spokesman for the Federal Highway Administration, the Department of Transportation entity managing the pilot study, the pilot is "purely to test the methodology" that will be applied to the broader Motorcycle Crash Causation Study, which is expected to kick off in about a year in a handful of different states. Final results of which won't be available until at least 2013.

Much has changed since the last such motorcycle accident study, the 1981 Hurt Report; about 11 million street bikes have been sold in the U.S. The average rider's age has increased from 27 to 41, and the overall rider population has grown to roughly 7 million. Traffic mix, driving/riding laws, and more powerful motorcycles are some other variables.

In 2005 Congress authorized over \$2 million to fund a new motorcycle crash causation study under a federal transportation reauthorization bill (a.k.a. SAFETEA-LU), with the caveat that federal funds be matched from a nongovernmental source. Much of the matching funding has come from national motorcycle organizations, some of which hail the report as long overdue and necessary for planning safety countermeasures, while other groups fear yet another typically lopsided anti-motorcycle government report.

**FEDS DECLINE TO INCREASE TARRIFS ON EUROPEAN MOTORCYCLES**, U.S. trade officials have decided not to include motorcycles on their lengthy list of European products that will soon face increased tariffs in retaliation for a European Union ban on imports of hormone-fed beef from America.

In public comments submitted to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative opposing the possible 100% import duties, many motorcycle organizations, industry groups, manufacturers, dealers and others pointed to the extensive economic impact on businesses and jobs affected by such retaliatory tariffs, as well as a hardship for motorcycle enthusiasts. Also, motorcycle usage should be encouraged for fuel efficiency and easing traffic congestion and parking.

U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab noted her office received approximately 600 comments regarding which of more than 100 European goods should be subjected to the tariffs.

"An interagency committee of trade experts and economists reviewed the public comments and provided recommendations to the USTR with respect to modifications that would result in a more effective action, while taking account of effects on the U.S. economy, including consumers," she said regarding the list of European Union products slated for tariff increases beginning March 23; but their beef with the EU will no longer threaten to double the price of imported Euro motorcycles and scooters

**MYRTLE BEACH SAYS NO TO BIKERS**, Myrtle Beach has launched a website and printed brochures advising visitors that from the city's perspective, the May motorcycle rallies are over.

The Website bears a message from Mayor John Rhodes stating that the "Harley-Davidson Dealers Association Spring Rally and the Atlantic Beach Memorial Day Bikefest will not be held in Myrtle Beach", and lists 15 new laws the City Council has passed to discourage bikers from coming to town. Designed by the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce, the top of the site proclaims; "effective 2009, Myrtle Beach, SC will no longer host motorcycle rallies."

To deter bikers, the city implemented stricter noise and muffler rules, will be enforcing a municipal helmet law, require eye protection while riding and a variety of restrictions on vendors, parties and motorcycle parking. The city passed a property tax increase to fund the anti-rally campaign.

But the Myrtle Beach Bike Week website counters this, saying that the rallies have not been cancelled. The Myrtle Beach Harley-Davidson website is still encouraging motorcyclists to come. It states that 90% of the events and most of the businesses that cater to the 500,000 bikers who come to the region during three weeks in May are in Horry County, which has not adopted any new ordinances and welcomes riders to the 69th annual event, scheduled for May 8th - 17th 2009, if the rally goes on.

**MAKING NOISE ABOUT NOISE** Numerous communities around the country are attempting to regulate noise, and specifically loud motorcycle exhausts. Although enforceability is questionable, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania is planning a controversial new ordinance to curtail incessant noise.

Town officials haven't fully explained why the ordinance is necessary, other than to acknowledge that neighboring municipalities have similar regulations, but the borough does not. "We ought to be regulating our noise pollution," said one Councilman.

"How do you pull over 50 motorcycles when one is being loud?" said police chief Joe Dougherty. "It's violating someone's constitutional rights."

When asked if the department owns noise equipment, Dougherty quipped: "I'm sure we do, but I don't know where it's at. If I looked for it, I could find it, but we only have one person trained to use the equipment."

The ordinance is currently being reviewed for legal sufficiency, including enforceability.

Meanwhile, a bill recently introduced in New Hampshire would prohibit motorcycle exhaust modifications, reduce permissible motorcycle noise levels, increase fines for motorcycle noise violations, and requires all motorcycles to have functioning tachometers.

House Bill 95 authorizes fines of up to \$500 for operating a motorcycle that has aftermarket mufflers installed, or does not have a working tach.

A similar law was enacted in Denver that requires motorcycle mufflers to have a factory-issued U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sound-test stamp. But some who have protested the ordinance since it took effect in July 2007 have gone as far as to take the issue to court, arguing that the ordinance is vague and unenforceable.

One "victim" of the ordinance is Jeffrey Lubbert, who was pulled over on his motorcycle in August 2007 when an officer testified that he heard exhaust pipes that were "louder based on my training and experience," according to court documents.

Lubbert fought the citation that he was issued, making it the “test case” for the ordinance, according to his lawyer, Colorado Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.) Attorney Wade H. Eldridge.

Factory-issued pipes come with the EPA stamp and meet the 82-decibel standard. But aftermarket mufflers may not come with the stamp, while still meeting the 82-decibel standard, argues Eldridge. It is nearly impossible to have the pipes certified and officers do not carry decibel readers.

“It’s unreasonable to stop someone and say your pipes are louder than normal when you don’t know what normal is,” argues Eldridge, who specializes in defending bikers. “That just doesn’t cut

**GANGING UP ON BIKERS--** In an ongoing effort to reduce crimes committed by criminal street gangs, many states have passed or are considering anti-gang laws that loosely define “gangs”, violate Constitutional protections and can be used to harass and intimidate motorcycle clubs and mainstream motorcycle groups.

North Carolina recently joined with California and Ohio in enacting tough gang legislation that enhances penalties by adding years onto the sentences for those convicted of a crime who are members of a gang.

The N.C. Street Gang Suppression Act is the state’s first attempt to legally define a street gang, and it makes membership against the law. The law defines gangs as “any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons” that has a primary activity of committing felony acts, has members involved in gang activity and has a common name, identifying sign or symbol.”

It also gives law enforcement and government the authority to seize property associated with gang activity.

Likewise, the Michigan legislature has enacted a set of “Gang Bills” and sent Senate Bill 291 to the governor’s desk on January 6th. Based upon a similar definition of a “gang”, the bill states that “If a person who is an associate or a member of a gang commits a felony or attempts to commit a felony and the person’s association or membership in the gang provides the motive, means, or opportunity to commit the felony, the PERSON is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 20 years.”

In Utah, a newspaper ad for a Toys For Tots event and flyers distributed by the Vagos Motorcycle Club spurred one Garland, UT citizen to form a Neighborhood Watch and spearhead a grassroots effort to toughen state gang laws, resulting in five bills being introduced to toughen punishment for involvement in gang activity and to make associating with or being a member of a criminal street gang illegal in the Beehive State. The latest in a spate of gang legislation, the sponsor of the bills along with gang investigators spent months researching other states’ gang laws to find ideas that may be effective in Utah, such as anti-gang loitering legislation and declaring gang-free zones

**WEIRD NEWS: NIGERIAN RIDERS WEAR FRUIT TO COMPLY WITH NEW HELMET LAW--** As many as 98% of Nigeria’s motorcyclists shunned the new national helmet law when it went into effect January 1st, leading to scores of arrests, near-riots and sometimes violent confrontations with traffic police. Professional motorcycle taxi drivers called Okada have now resorted to wearing fruit shells, pots or pieces of rubber tied to their heads with string to avoid arrest and impoundment of their vehicles.

In the state capital of Kaduna, hundreds of motorcyclists staged protests against the crash helmet directive, storming major roads chanting war songs and causing panic and traffic jams. In Lagos, at least 2,500 violators of the directive have so far been arrested as the Federal Road Safety Commission intensified the enforcement campaign for both riders and passengers. In Osun State, the Nigerian Tribune reported that no fewer than 73 motorcycles have been impounded by the FRSC because their operators failed to abide by the use of crash helmet.

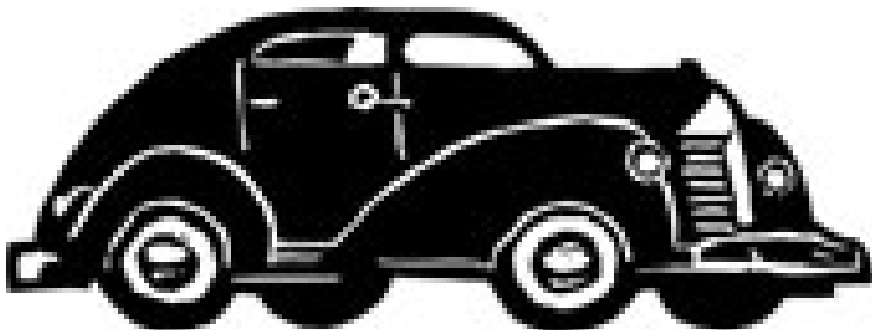
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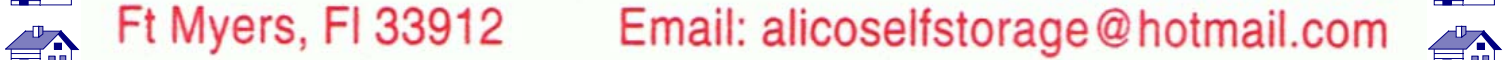
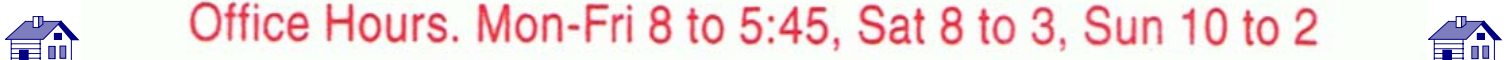
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ABATE of New York Opposes New York City Int. No. 416-A

FROM: Timothy D. Werder, ABATE of New York State President

DATE: January 10, 2009

Following a December 29th meeting with New York City Council Member Alan Gerson (1st District) to discuss proposed Local Law Int. No. 416-A, which he sponsored, ABATE of New York, Inc. reiterates its strong opposition to this legislation, however well intended, that will potentially make unavailable non-stock exhaust systems that conform to current sound level standards, due to cost & availability issues, and production & equipment-related concerns.

There is the severe potential of wide-ranging negative results of this legislation passing.

If a motorcycle owner is fearful that a stock or stock equivalent exhaust will be unavailable in the future, then the owner is more likely to remove and store the stock exhaust for future use. A chosen replacement exhaust may meet legislated sound levels, but not be legal due to stamping requirements.

Also, there are a number of motorcycles for which stock replacement and stock equivalent exhausts are already not available. Owners of many of those motorcycles must seek out exhaust systems from custom manufacturers, many of whom are not large enough to be able to afford EPA certification. Additionally, examples are readily available of current, stock vehicles that do not meet the stamping requirement sitting on showroom floors and in owner's garages. These vehicles have not been modified in any way, meet the current legislated sound levels, and are being legally operated on the highways.

Lastly, ABATE of New York, Inc. vehemently opposes the discriminatory tactic of targeting only motorcyclists when there are numerous other sound-level violators on the streets.

It is far better to enforce the existing sound level requirements across-the-board, than to pass this onerous legislation.

ABATE of New York was established in 1974, and incorporated in 1991 as a 501c4 not-for-profit corporation representing the rights of all New York State motorcyclists.

For further information, contact ABATE of New York, Inc. at the above address, or: Susan Long, Public Relations Officer 585-255-0103 or George Gorman, State Legislative Officer 585-293-2086

20 January 2009

Contact: Jeff Hennie, Vice President of Government Relations (MRF) Email: [jeff@mrf.org](mailto:jeff@mrf.org)

## Washington Update

The National Academies Transportation Research Board (TRB) held its annual meeting in Washington DC recently. The annual meeting is attended by tens of thousands of transportation experts in every field imaginable and the 300-page itinerary is a testament to the robust nature of the meeting and the TRB itself.

Of note to motorcyclists were several sessions aimed at specific areas of motorcycle safety and research as well as a meeting of ANF-30, the Motorcycle and Moped Committee of the TRB. The committee, chaired by Steve Garets from the University of Oregon, had perhaps its most packed agenda of the past few years, and the TRB meeting in general had more motorcycle-specific sessions as well. The current Vice President of Government Relations for the MRF has a seat on the ANF-30 committee.

The first session was a "human factor" workshop aimed at generating research ideas to the scientific and university community. Some topics mentioned were the aging community and motorcycling, eye tracking research, conspicuity, anti-lock brakes and exposure.

The committee meeting was a diverse group with representatives from Canada and as far away as Australia, as well as industry, government agencies and law enforcement. The committee agreed that it makes sense to join up with the roadside barrier committee next year to explore how to make barriers more motorcycle-friendly, considering that motorcyclists make up 42% of all fatal guardrail collisions.

The Motorcycle Industry Council gave a glimpse into the owner survey they conduct every five years and some interesting insights were shared. Some of which are; the median age of a motorcycle owner has risen from 32 in 1990 to 42 in 2008, the average income of motorcycle owners continues to be above the national average, 29% more woman owners than in 2003 and perhaps the most staggering was that women purchased 39% of all new units in 2008. The full report will be available to MIC members shortly.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety gave a brief, but predictable report on their studies that explore ABS systems (they work!) and one that explores the "damageability" of specific motorcycles. Clearly tired of paying expensive repairs for damage that is the same no matter if involve in a high speed motorcycle crash or just tipping while parked. This study will undoubtedly rate motorcycles on their sturdiness so expect to pay more for your insurance depending where your bike rates on this forth-coming list.

Another session of presentations gave some interesting insight into what is happening in Australia, mainly the differences between the US riding community and the Aussies. A quick breakdown of some key categories of fatal crashes: **No Helmet** USA 42% Australia 10% **Speeding** USA 58% Australia 37% **No License** USA 25% Australia 20% **Alcohol** USA 27% Australia 38%

A presentation on the effectiveness of Rider Education proved, well, nothing. The results were inconclusive if rider education was effective. This was not an actual study but rather a review of already published literature. Some interesting points were made, both for rider ed and against it. Some argue that those who take a rider ed course are predetermined to be safer and ride with more caution resulting in less crashes of trained riders. Another view was that those who take rider ed are not as good naturally at motorcycling and therefore will result in more crashed of trained riders.

On another note this was the last meeting of ANF-30 that will be presided over by Steve Garets. Garets has received a promotion of sorts to serve on the TRB's System User Groups Executive Board. Garets will now make his wealth of motorcycle knowledge available to the TRB Executive Board and no longer be confined to the restraints of ANF-30. Congratulations to Steve on this high honor.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration NHTSA held a meeting on the heels of the TRB meeting while the transportation community was in DC. The regularly scheduled meeting was attended by all of the usual suspects : SMSA, MIC, MRF, AMA, and the TRB folks. Some noteworthy news from the meeting about the much anticipated crash study was shared. The pilot study to the full study has begun and has already investigated 12 motorcycle crashes in the first month. The pilot has a charter of 37 crashes or 3 months, whichever comes first. The pilot study is crucial because it will give a sense of the cost to investigate each crash which will be used to determine the cost of the full study. Some say that the full study could come with a price tag of \$9 million - that is \$6 million more than originally estimated. The pilot is being run by NHTSA and the full study will be run by FHWA.

#### Recall alerts

NHTSA has launched a new website where you can subscribe to vehicle specific recall alerts. You can subscribe to the motorcycle alerts and every time a recall is issued, the Feds will email you. Visit [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov) for more info.

#### Fair Trade

You may recall reading in a previous report that the United States Trade Representative (USTR) was considering doubling the price of European motorcycles imported into the USA in order to retaliate against the European Communities ban on importing US beef products. The MRF is pleased to announce that the office of the USTR has dropped motorcycles from the items subject to the price hike.

21 January 2009

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#### MRF ASKS FOR SUPPORT OF RAY LAHOOD

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation would like to encourage its members, the motorcycling community and all concerned Americans to join us in support of Ray LaHood, the designated nominee for Secretary of Transportation. We ask that you join us in our efforts of supporting this nomination by calling your own United States Senator and ask them to vote YES to confirm the nomination of Mr. LaHood.

Ray LaHood served in the Congress from 1995 until 2008 as the representative from the 18th District of Illinois. His record on motorcycle issues during his tenure was outstanding. ABATE of Illinois considered him to be one of their best friends and allies in Congress. He has even been named a MRF Champion of Motorcycle Rights & Safety in the past.

He has consistently supported legislation that would close the HIPAA insurance discrimination loophole that could deny motorcyclists insurance payments. He stood fast against efforts that would punish states for keeping helmet use voluntary. While serving on the House Committee of Transportation and Infrastructure, he was key in seeing that language allowing motorcycle access to all highways that were constructed or maintained using federal funds was included in the interstate funding act.

When calling you Senators it may be worth mentioning that Ray LaHood:

- \* Consistently worked in a bi-partisan manner while serving in congress.
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- \* Transportation and Infrastructure committee during the authorization of TEA21).
- \* Has good relations with both organized labor and the business community.
- \* Having served a diverse congressional district, Mr. LaHood understand the transportation concerns of Americans living in urban, sub-urban, small and medium sized town and rural areas.

Please call (or e-mail) your United States Senators today and ask them to confirm Ray LaHood as Secretary of Transportation. A vote on his confirmation by the Senate will imminent in the coming days following his confirmation hearing today with Commerce Committee.

You can find Senate contact information on the web at: [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) or by calling (202) 224-3121.

30 January, 2009

The Motorcycle Riders Foundation reports on the jurisdiction, agenda and member makeup of the US House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

This Committee has many scopes of interest including waterways and marine affairs, postal buildings, and the US Capitol grounds and building, but most importantly to motorcyclists are the areas listed below.

1. Constructions or maintenance of roads and post roads;
2. Related transportation regulatory agencies (except the Transportation Security Administration);
3. Roads and the safety thereof; how does this differ from #1? Could be clearer.
4. Transportation, including civil aviation, railroads, water transportation, transportation safety (except automobile safety and transportation security functions of the Department of Homeland Security), transportation infrastructure, transportation labor, and railroad retirement and unemployment (except revenue measures related thereto).

Also of great importance is that this is the committee that will draft the next version of the highway bill. This is the bill that has fueled motorcycle safety funding, the creation of the Federal Highway Motorcycle Advisory Council and the NHTSA lobby ban. On the other side, this bill has also been used as a vehicle for mandatory state helmet laws by withholding highway construction funds where states did not have mandatory helmet laws in place.

The current (111th) Congress will begin to address this massive piece of legislation, and it is imperative that the Motorcycle Riders Foundation have the support of the State Motorcycle Rights Organizations and their members as we begin to work with the Congress. Below is a list of current committee members; should you see someone on this list from your state, expect to be contacted by the MRF as we move forward working with the Congress on creating a motorcyclist friendly highway bill.

James L. Oberstar, Minnesota, Chairman  
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\* Corrine Brown, Florida

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\* John L. Mica, Florida, Ranking Republican Member

\* Mario Diaz-Balart, Florida

\* Connie Mack, Florida

\* Vern Buchanan, Florida

Corrections:

In a previous release Steve Garets was incorrectly identified as a faculty member of the University of Oregon. Garets is a staff member of Oregon State. Our apologies for confusing the OSU Beavers with the U of O Ducks.

In the same release the NHTSA quarterly meeting was summarized. In that summary was a list of meeting attendees. Mistakenly left off that list was ASMI or Accident Scene Management Inc., who has been sending a representative to the quarterly motorcycle safety meeting. To learn more about them visit <http://www.accidentscene.org/>

09 February 2009

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New York City Noise Law Update

As previously reported by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation, the New York City (NYC) Council is considering a new motorcycle-specific noise law. Several iterations of the proposed law (previously referred to as Introduction 416-A) have been floated by the primary proponent, council member Alan Gerson. The motorcyclists of NYC, however, have voiced strong opposition to these proposals.

As of now, Introduction 416-A is not any more agreeable, but some conditions have been compromised. The original form of the bill called for the ticketing and towing of any motorcycle "parked, stopped, or standing on the streets of NYC not displaying an EPA-approved label on the exhaust system". After the motorcycle activists of NYC contacted Councilmember Gerson, the bill was pulled and a redraft is now underway.

This new version of 416-A removes the immediate towing upon first infraction, but leaves in the \$500.00 – \$1000.00 fines. The second infraction would carry a \$1500.00 fine and possible confiscation (the legislation is unclear here), and the third infraction would call for a \$2500.00 fine and confiscation of the motorcycle.

Nancy Ortiz, a community motorcycle activist and constituent of Councilmember Gerson, had this to say about the current proposals, "This proposed legislation is egregious and out-of-step with current state law. The fines are above what are currently in place for all four-wheeled vehicles." She went on to add "We would like to see something along the lines of the California law that gives vehicle owners a grace period to bring the vehicle into compliance before the fine is issued."

Nancy Ortiz is the founder of a motorcycle ride that benefits Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). More info can be found at [www.myspace.com/run4aiden](http://www.myspace.com/run4aiden).

Currently, the NYC motorcyclists are organizing meetings with NYC and NY state legislative leadership, in which they have invited ABATE of NY and the MRF to participate. At this point, the legislation is tentatively slated to be heard on February 25, 2009.

A meeting with the state senate majority leader and house majority leader is also in the planning stages. This meeting will be attended by MRF, AMA, ABATE of NY, and many NYC motorcycle activists. The meeting is to address motorcycling issues affecting Empire State motorcyclists such as (but not limited to) rider education funding, the roadside "safety" inspections of motorcyclists, and the use of HOV lanes by motorcyclists.

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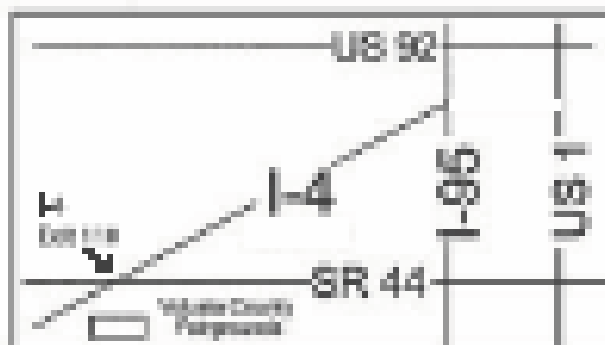
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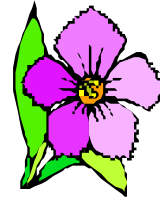
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News & Notes is a monthly publication compiled and edited by the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) Government Relations Department. Designed to inform motorcyclists of 'rights'-related issues and events around the world, News and Notes welcomes your input. Suggestions and contributions can be sent to Sheila Andrews, AMA Legislative Assistant, by e-mail at [sandrews@ama-cycle.org](mailto:sandrews@ama-cycle.org).

**Omnibus Public Lands Bill:** The U.S. House of Representatives could vote as early as next week on a wide-ranging bill that could shut off-highway motorcyclists and all-terrain vehicle riders out of more than 2 million acres of public land. The measure, Senate Bill 22, also known as the Omnibus Public Lands Bill, is actually a package of more than 160 bills that were melded together to create a single bill of more than 1,300 pages in length.

Every AMA member, off-highway motorcyclist, ATV rider and everyone who supports responsible outdoor recreation is urged to immediately contact their Congressional representative and ask them to reject this bill. The measure should be defeated because it unreasonably bans motorized recreation on 2.1 million acres of public land and inappropriately designates it as Wilderness. Also the procedure used for fast-tracking this bill through the U.S. Senate and House violates the spirit of open and democratic government. For the full release and a link to a rapid response letter on this issue go to: <http://www.amadirectlink.com/news/story.asp?id=592>

**An interview series with the AMA's President and CEO Rob Dingman** has been posted to the AMA's website. In it he discusses the challenges, and opportunities, that lie ahead for the motorcycling community. In the first of the three-part series, Dingman discusses how the AMA and the AMA's sister organization the ATVA (All-Terrain Vehicle Association) are fighting to preserve OHV (off-highway vehicle) access to America's public lands. Part two discusses the challenge of excessive sound, and part three (to be released Feb. 11) explains the AMA's comprehensive approach to rider safety, helmet laws and rider education. To see the full text of the interviews, go to: [www.AmericanMotorcyclist.com](http://www.AmericanMotorcyclist.com) and select News

**Motorcycle tariff taken off table in beef trade dispute.** The U.S. trade representative has decided against imposing any tariffs on certain motorcycles imported from Europe in a trade dispute over beef. The AMA, its members, the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC), individual manufacturers, dealers, and others had contacted the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative opposing the idea of possibly imposing a 100 percent import duty on certain European goods -- including motorcycles with engine displacements between 51cc and 500cc.

The proposal was put together in retaliation to the 27-member European Union's continuing import ban on American beef treated with growth hormones. EU officials haven't lifted that 20-year-old ban despite a World Trade Organization order to end it. *Source:*

<http://www.amadirectlink.com/news/story.asp?id=564>

**The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)** is soliciting funds from state departments of transportation to help fuel the Motorcycle Crash Causation Study. The Transportation Pooled Fund Program is an opportunity to augment federal initiatives by requesting additional monies from states that may have a surplus in certain budget areas. A request is made to the program when researchers find themselves unable to undertake a study because of financial restrictions.

The FHWA is requesting states to contribute a minimum of \$15,000 per year for three years with the desired level of funding at \$50,000 per year for three years. The total required commitment from states is \$1.5 million. New York and Texas have already promised a total of \$225,000, but the solicitation closes March 31, 2009.

In an effort to support this initiative, the AMA is asking individuals to request that their local and state transportation officials contribute to the pooled fund. The solicitation details and a description of the Motorcycle Crash Causation Study can be found at [www.pooledfund.org](http://www.pooledfund.org), solicitation number 1221

**New York and Pennsylvania recently announced** that the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) has been awarded the contract to run these state's motorcycle safety programs. The MSF programs, which deliver training to more than 100,000 students annually, are also used by the Armed Services to train military personnel worldwide. The MSF is a not-for-profit organization sponsored by BMW, BRP, Ducati, Harley-Davidson, Honda, Kawasaki, KTM, Piaggio, Suzuki, Triumph, Victory and Yamaha. For RiderCourseSM locations, call 800.446.9227 or visit [www.msf-usa.org](http://www.msf-usa.org)

**Stimulus Bill to include tax incentive to purchase electric motorcycles?** An effort is underway to include a tax credit for purchasers of electric vehicles. To comment on the provisions and let legislators know whether or not you believe it's a good idea go to [http://action.pluginamerica.org/p/dia/action/public/?action\\_KEY=516](http://action.pluginamerica.org/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=516) to send a letter to your representative

**The AMA recently wrote to the New Hampshire** House Transportation Committee in opposition to the proposed on-highway motorcycle exhaust system legislation, House Bill 95. A update on the legislature's website indicates that the bill is "inexpedient to legislate." Quoting from the February 6 House Record: "This bill would create an economic hardship on motorcycle riders and also on the State of New Hampshire with loss of millions on this summer event in the Lakes Region. Also, the bill prohibits adding after market equipment in one place and in another place it mandates adding the after market equipment." The Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) also weighed in and requested the proposal be delayed until early spring when a new stationary sound test procedure for on-highway motorcycles will be available. This test procedure, SAE J2825, is currently being finalized and will provide a quick, easy, economical, and science-based tool for accurately identifying motorcycles with excessively loud exhaust systems. Source: [http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/caljourns/calendars/2009/houcal2009\\_11.html](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/caljourns/calendars/2009/houcal2009_11.html)

**Saint Paul, MN: Trail-based recreation enthusiasts** welcomed a recent court decision rejecting the Sierra Club's challenge to the 2004 Revised Superior National Forest Plan. The All Terrain Vehicle Association of Minnesota (ATVAM), along with the BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC), both recreation advocacy groups, intervened in the case on the side of the Forest Service. The lawsuit included challenges to the analysis of potential impacts to the Boundary Waters Canoe Wilderness Area, as well as the accuracy of the road and trail inventory used by the Forest Service. The decision ruled in favor of the Forest Service and concluded that the agency had not acted arbitrarily or capriciously in adopting the broad prescriptions of the Revised Forest Plan. Source: <http://www.sharetrails.org/releases/media/?story=629>

**The National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Volume 22: A Guide for Addressing Collisions Involving Motorcycles**, has been published by the Transportation Research Board. This guide is part of Report 500- Guidance for Implementation of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Strategic Highway Safety Plan. AASHTO's goal is to move away from independent activities of engineers, law enforcement, educators, judges and highway safety specialists and toward a more coordinated effort. An electronic version can be found at: [http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/nchrp\\_rpt\\_500v22.pdf](http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/nchrp_rpt_500v22.pdf)

**County sues to ensure Camp Rock Road access.** San Bernardino County is suing the federal government in hopes of establishing its right-of-way on a road crossing federal land between Lucerne Valley and Daggett. The county is seeking to officially establish its ownership of Camp Rock Road, a county-maintained road that covers about 42 miles between Lucerne Valley and Daggett. In April 2003 the county filed an application with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a "recordable disclaimer," which would establish its right-of-way on the road and give the county a legal record of its ownership. The application has never been processed, so the county is now asking for a court order that would force the BLM to proceed. Source: [http://www.desertdispatch.com/news/county\\_5313\\_article.html/road\\_federal.html](http://www.desertdispatch.com/news/county_5313_article.html/road_federal.html)

**Americans for Responsible Recreational Access (ARRA)** recently joined with 25 other recreation groups including the AMA in urging House and Senate leaders to support including \$300 million in funding for local trail projects through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) in the economic-stimulus package being considered for action in early 2009. The additional funding would be separate from and in addition to regular funding authorized for the program.

To view the ARRA letter, go to: [http://www.arra-access.com/arra/economic\\_stimulus\\_letter.html](http://www.arra-access.com/arra/economic_stimulus_letter.html). RTP projects are ideal for economic stimulus as a distribution system for the funds is already in place. Many are ready for construction immediately. They are typically small scale (\$50,000 or less). The RTP leverages federal funds with state, local, private and in-kind matches. To send your own letter, visit [http://www.arra-access.com/campaign/advocacy\\_rtp\\_stimulus](http://www.arra-access.com/campaign/advocacy_rtp_stimulus)

**Powersports Industry is greatly troubled** by the new Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) lead levels requirements for children's products. The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), scheduled to take effect February 10, was intended to apply to children's toys but will also apply to smaller ATV's and motorcycles unless a specific exemption for these products is granted. View the AMA letter outlining its concerns to the CPSC at <http://www.amadirectlink.com/news/story.asp?id=595>. The agency has a number of rulemaking proposals under way intended to provide guidance on the new lead limit requirements. However, the comment deadline occurs after the Act's effective date. Visit the CPSC website at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov) for more information.

**The Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO)** is trying to improve its website so that residents can access information more easily. The RCO creates and maintains opportunities for recreation (motorized and non-motorized) statewide, protects the best of the state's wild lands, and contributes to the state's efforts to recover threatened salmon populations. During the 2005-2007 biennium, the office managed the award of more than \$305 million in grants for more than 1,000 projects. Go to [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=SLIz4panYgZN\\_2bIG9DAJygA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=SLIz4panYgZN_2bIG9DAJygA_3d_3d) to take the survey.

**Trail riders are encouraged by a recent decision** on the Mississippi National Forest. Motorcyclists and other off-highway-vehicle users are optimistic their voices will be more clearly heard in the on-going development of a U.S. Forest Service plan that outlines the future use of the Mississippi National Forest. In response to an administrative appeal filed by the Memphis Motorcycle Club (MMC) and the BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC) with the support of the AMA, the Forest Service has withdrawn a Travel Management Plan for the Mississippi National Forest. In a statement, the Forest Service said the move would allow the "consideration of additional analysis to be documented in the project record."

The Forest Service sought to implement the direction of the national 2005 Travel Management Rule, which requires units of the National Forest System to transition to a managed system of vehicle use on designated roads, trails and areas. The September 2008 Mississippi Forests travel plan decision designated approximately 127 miles of roads for off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, as well as approximately 144 miles of motorized trails, but refused to even consider for official designation the hundreds of miles of trails that have previously been created and traveled under prior "open" forest management but never included in the forests' formal transportation system. *Full release:* <http://www.amadirectlink.com/news/story.asp?id=587>

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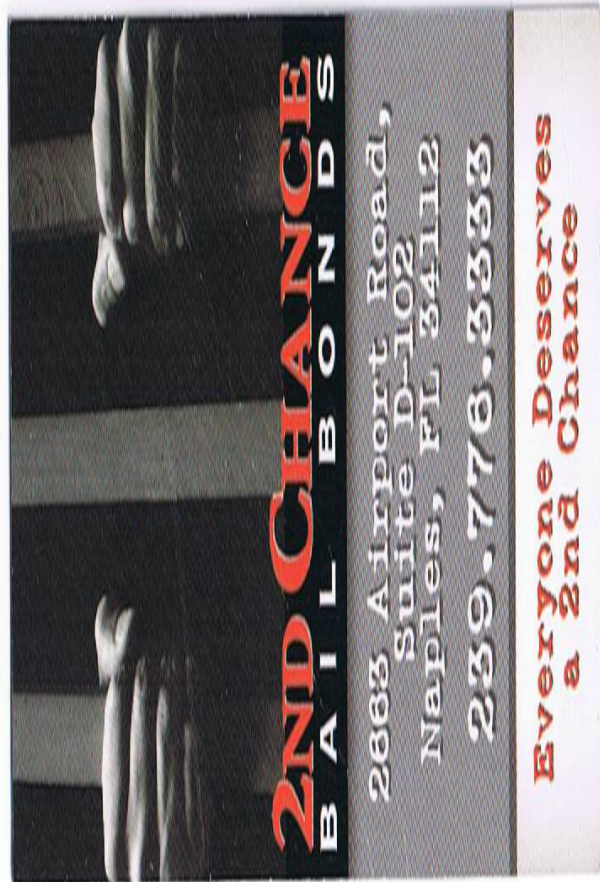
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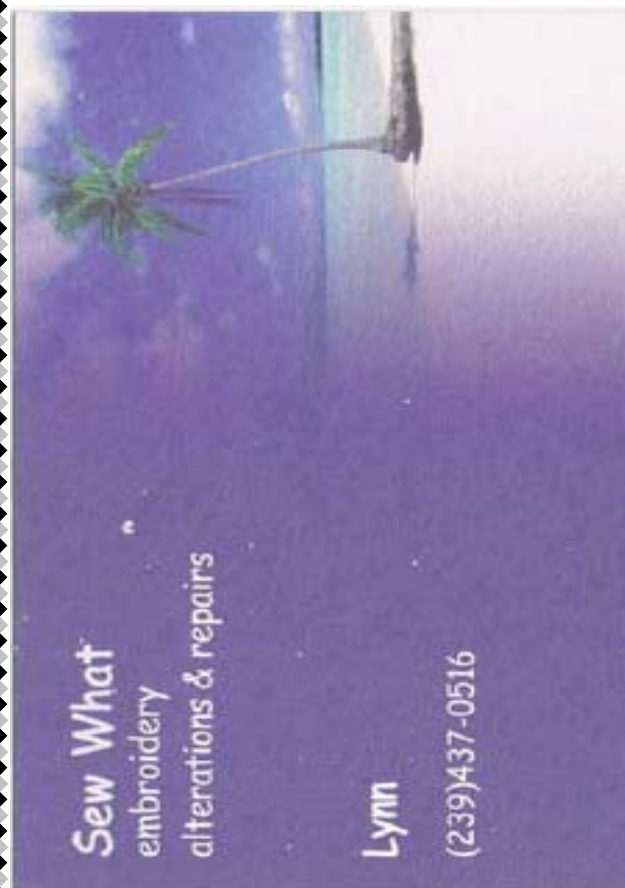


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Hello Everyone,

First let me apologize that this Newsletter is late. My computer has been very sluggish. Boomhauer is gona blow the dust as soon as I finish this Newsletter.  
(anyone gotta good computer they don't want (LOL))

What do you think about revealing the names for the membership drive this year? Let me know.

I have some catching up to do on the newsletter, so any submissions would be great. I am going to put expiration dates on every ad. I am going to start the guess the member back up. I would like to have letter to Editor section. I tried this one other time but that 200 members ago. So start sending some letters to me. That 's all for this month. Gotta save room for my Steelers! You guys Rock and so does Estero River

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## Membership Drive Update 2009

members since this contest started 11

If you are in the contest and want a list of who I have you as signing up.  
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First Place has 2

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## ESTERO RIVER WELCOMES OUR 4 NEW LIFE MEMBERS

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Diane "Dee" Trippany-1 Laurie Jackson-3, Gary Smith-3, Glen Luethje-14, Ella Mae Leuthje-14,  
Karen Martin-6, Bob Osterhoudt-6 and Bob Mims-1

## THESE 14 MEMBERS ARE DELINQUENT

Geno Rumluk-2, Bob Mims-1, Chris Huffine-1, Donna Kelley-1, Kenneth "Clutch" Opliger-1,  
James Heighton-1, EB Kwanler-1, Jim Boling-1, Fred Retterer-3, Terry Moore-1,  
Kenneth R Kelley-4, Matt Schmitt-1 and Kirk Richards-2

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

## THESE 26 MEMBERS EXPIRE IN FEBRUARY

Robert J Jackson-1, Richard P Lundberg-2, Richard Thompson-1, Paul Audet-1, Victoria Gunn-1,  
Rick Loy-1, Collette Hackworth-1, Josephine Steele-1, Ken Wiggins-1, Michelle Wiggins-1,  
Robert S Gleason-1, Tracy Condelucci-1, Danny Owen-1, Gordon Landey-1, Mary Viniski-1,  
Randy Gettinger-1, Rowan Thompson-4, Wayne Thompson-4, Dean Hinderman-1, Leon T Young-1,  
Leonard A Audette-1, James Schworer-1, Dave King-1, Frank Trippany-1, Stanley Rigby-1  
and Michael Fagin-1

## THESE 22 MEMBERS EXPIRE IN MARCH

Robin "Alaska" Hall-1, Marilyn Campbell-1, Jim Maines-1, Donna peacock-1, Violet Miller-1,  
Carl "Mickey" Komar-2, Michael "Moochie" Shafer-4, Sue Shafer-4, Jim Ison-1, Ronald Van Neel-1,  
Russ Ueek-1, Diane Wiseman-1, Kenton Gunn-1, Nicholas Kieft-1, Timothy Murphy-1,  
Andrea "Kat" Stramara-1, Aldo Veteese-1, Kathy Carlson-1, Les Harvey-1, Adam Shaw-1,  
Dorothy "Crazy" Bowman-1 and Scott Aly-1

*\*If you renewed early, your name will still appear italicized and underlined under expirations until your  
renewal month, but rest assured you are renewed*

## 11 JANUARY & FEBRUARY LIFE ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas Ebrite Jan-3, Jerry "Grumpy" Carlson Jan-1, Tammy Brickley Jan-10, Tom Provenzano Jan-4,  
Ben Schwartzberg Jan-4, Randy Slaton Jan-5, Mike Kaluf Jan-4, Robert "Zeebo" Moctezuma Jan-5,  
Jama Shaw-Wyatt Feb-4, Karl Bartling Feb-9, Michelle Beaken Feb-8, Hugh "Boomhauer" Galyon Feb-8,  
William Groth Feb-7,

*If you are owed a pin, come see me or give me a call. Exception is 1 year pin, see products, also if you lost  
a pin see products, that's Lynn for those of you who don't know.*

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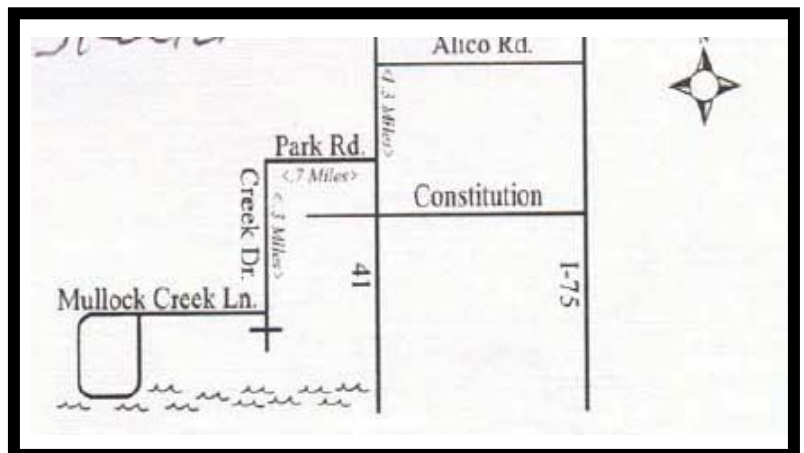
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