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American Bikers Aiming Toward Education**

Basketcase

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***General Meetings
held the 4th Sunday of the month
10 am***

***The American Legion
Post #186***

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The Presidents Page

Thanks to everyone for helping us to keep the chapter going. It's been a long road, but we have come a long way. I am very proud of all the board members and the members who have been getting involved. We still need more help at the Brooksville Bike Rally with parking. Anyone who can please help us out. The next one is on April 21st.

Our next meeting will be back at the American Legion post 186 at 10AM. We will have a few things to talk about so don't forget.

Normally in April we accept the proclamation for May as motorcycle awareness month, but this year it won't be at the courthouse. The county commission has changed the way they present proclamations. They can either come to the meeting or (as I suggested to them) on stage at the bike rally. When I get more information I will let you all know.

We have a lot going on in April. The 6th is a event at Scooter Haven that we have been invited to set up at. Also the Tallahassee state meeting and ride to the Capitol is the 2nd weekend. Anyone who wants to go contact me or Roberta for info.

See you all at the meeting and ride free and safe. RATT

March 24th 2019 Freedom chapter monthly meeting.

Meeting started at 10 at the Brooksville biker rally under our freedom chapter tent. All members present stood for the pledge of allegiance and Roberta gave the opening prayer.

President Ratt - ask for volunteers to go to the Tallahassee State meeting on April 14th, bear volunteered to go. next on the agenda was discussing the party in the pasture and made that we need volunteers, everyone will have to pay their own way of \$10 to come in. The DD-214 foundation will be giving us a spot for our tent and monument during this event over mother's day weekend. May is motorcycle awareness month and rat will be contacting the County commissioners about receiving the proclamation they give Freedom chapter for motorcycle awareness month in May. Our next event will be April 6th the Spring fling at scooterhaven Ratt will be driving his van with our supplies and tent up to it and we need volunteers throughout the day. VP Ron- run discuss the falcon X launch at cape Canaveral on April 7th if anyone was interested in going over to it. Ron and bear will be riding over to watch the launch.

Secretary Roberta- motion to accept February's secretary minutes, had accepted the motion all were in favor.

Treasurer Dan- Absent

Sgt at Arms Bob- beware of those many accident mishaps in the area to be cautious safety first.

Membership Roberta- 113 currant members

PR / Comm Parker- Busy parking motorcycles as the rally is just beginning. Newsletter Pat- I'll be putting out the newsletter the end of the week with everybody sending in their proper reports. anybody can submit something motorcycle related to go in our newsletter.

Website Ron- up to date

Facebook Roberta- 535 likes up 11 from February. With Christy being an administrator to our Facebook page the post that she's been putting on the page have brought our counts extremely high.

Biker lives matter post had 157 shares, 29 likes, bikers riding for a charity post 190 shares 31 likes, a thank you post for coming to the meeting in February had seven likes to comments, 2A vape videos put up by Roberta first video had a 46 views second video head 58 views.

Safely Richie - absent

products- vacant

Legislative Dan- absent

Old business- Ratt presented the \$50 check to the children's burn camp donated by the chapter.

New business- Brooksville biker rally committee meeting March 28 at 7pm at the Morgue.

Motion to adjourn by Ratt at 10:40 am Bob excepted motion all were I agreeance to end meeting.

Roberta Oldread
Freedom chapter of Abate
secretary/membership



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Laws designed to ban or curb drivers' use of cell phones are saving motorcyclists' lives

December 5, 2018, Florida Atlantic University

Laws to ban or curb drivers' use of cell phones and other handheld devices have greatly reduced the rate of fatalities for motorcyclists, according to a new study by faculty at Florida Atlantic University and the University of Miami. The study's findings, recently published in *Social Science & Medicine*, show that states with moderate to strong bans have motorcycle fatality rates that differ by as much as 11 percent compared to states with no bans. "In the case of motorcycles, these laws seem to be effective," said study co-author Gulcin Gumus, Ph.D., an associate professor in health administration in the Department of Management Programs at FAU's College of Business. "While it's not clear that these laws have had an impact on reducing the overall number of traffic fatalities, when we focus specifically on motorcycles, we find that these laws are having a major impact in reducing deaths among motorcycle riders. "Motorcyclists account for a much higher proportion of traffic fatalities relative to the share of motorcycles among all motor vehicles and vehicle miles driven in the U.S. The study's authors obtained annual data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System on total and motorcycle-specific traffic fatalities for all 50 states during the period of 2005-2015. Those data were then merged with state-specific characteristics, texting/handheld device laws, as well as other traffic policies to estimate the effectiveness of strong, moderate and weak bans compared to no bans. While automobile safety has greatly improved over the last several decades, bringing the overall fatality rates down with it, motorcycle fatality rates have not declined. Although research is mixed on the effectiveness of texting/handheld bans for overall traffic fatalities, the study's findings indicate that motorcyclists are at elevated risk of being a victim of distracted driving and thus could greatly benefit from these policies. This result is driven mainly by multiple-vehicle crashes (e.g., car hitting motorcycle) as oppos

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BT's Pub and Liquor Lounge

Would like to Thank our Loyal Customers to whom we consider our family. We here at BT's have recently made some changes. We have made all good and positive additions, but I wanted to explain anyway. From now on we are no longer a club house style bar, with MC's acting like they own the bar. The Bar will remain welcoming to all riders, but

NOT be a BIKER BAR or M.C. Bar...

Instead what we will be focusing on. Besides great service and great prices... will be Bringing back the home town local feel of a whiskey bar, with lots of fun things to do. We want everyone to feel like they are welcome and at home. So, to help us to better serve you, please spread the word, and encourage everyone you know to come and check out the revised version of "BT's Pub and Liquor Lounge"

I say revised for a reason. It's not as much a new beginning, or a fresh start because we have kept everything that you liked, and things that work. Like I said it's all about getting back to that home town bar that we all love... Thank you for your help and understanding 2019 is going

to be a great year

Glen "Buz" Buzze Owner, Melissa and all the staff at BT's

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"Yes, sonny, that's my bike. You can never be too old to be cool."

Tires are pretty important, do ya think? Reprinted with permission from Ken Bingenheimer

Have you ever watched the tread melt off your tire? I have. Not literally turning to liquid and dripping off, but being worn off in a matter of hours.

What you need to understand is that motorcycle tires are an entirely different critter than car tires. With car tires you have a broad, almost flat tread that the car rides on top off all the time. Motorcycle tires have a round profile because when you turn, you are leaning the bike. The round profile ensures that you always have tread in solid contact with the ground.

With only two tires, and those having very small contact areas, it is extremely important that you have good grip. Car tires have a hard rubber tread that will last 35,000 miles and more. In order to get a good grip, motorcycle tires use a very soft rubber. And guess what? That soft rubber wears away a whole lot quicker than hard rubber, generally not lasting much more than 10,000 miles.

Then there's the effect of air pressure in the tires. It's common knowledge that under-inflated tires wear out quicker, on cars as well as bikes. And while under-inflation can ruin a set of car tires in just a few thousand miles, that's nothing compared to the soft rubber on motorcycle tires.



Brooksville Biker Rally

How does ABATE accomplish it's goals—

ABATE OF FLORIDA INC is a non-profit grassroots political corporation composed of local chapters that have been organized by motorcyclists to promote a positive image through local, civic, charitable and benevolent causes, pooling resources for the common benefit of the members and promoting political awareness. ABATE exists to monitor legislation and testifies in your behalf during Senate and House hearings. ABATE collects, processes and exchanges information that may concern you or substantiate our views and places it in your hands through a newsletter or by other means of communication.

Who can Join ABATE and why?

Any individual 18 years or older interested in motorcycle rights, regardless of race sex or club affiliations. It doesn't matter what you ride or if you ride. To join ABATE ensures YOUR opinion on motorcycle laws will be heard.

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As a member of ABATE you may receive discounts on products such as:

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March & April

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April meeting the 4th Sunday the 28th.

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To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights—

To provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. on the State and national level—

To promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators—

To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individuals rights—

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness—

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