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2008 Calendar of Events

- 11/23 Board & Regional Mtg. (Elections)
- 12/6 Christmas Party
- 12/14 Board Mtg. No Regional Mtg.

**Happy
Thanksgiving
to everyone!**



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Hi Everyone,

Well the weather again colder and another great riding season is coming to a close.

We have met with Abate of Ohio twice now and we are not any closer then we were at the beginning. The way I see it is their way or no way, right now I wish I had time to run the state, I would but I don't, so if you know someone that has the time please step up so we don't have to join Abate.

We have couple events coming up like the November Birthday party on Nov 15th

(THIS IS NOT A CMRO SPONSORED EVENT) and on Sunday Nov 16th is the state meeting up in Chardon. We

will be talking about what we need to do to join ABATE of OH with CMRO. Let's not forget our region meeting on the 23rd and one more event that everyone should write down is the Christmas party on December 6th. Hope to see you all at the November birthday party. Until then, see ya,
Edawg



Region 8



Welcome New Members

Happy Birthday to...

**Gari Burd Darla Davis Deb Farr Deb George Mary Green
Dani Joseph Kimberly Reese Joyce Bishop Debbie Scarpino
Sandy Schemansky Gail Schweitzer Linda Beucler Shane Addott
Steve Berner Jeff Byham Jason Jeffery David Longoria
Scott McWilliams Hip Schweitzer Al Simodi Mark Wade**

And anyone else we may have missed.

Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting: 10-19-08 Regional Meeting: 10-19-08

Director- absent

Co-Director- Mark will run the meeting.

County Reps- Nothing from any county.

Sgt of Arms- no problems at the Halloween Party.

Products- Nothing.

Membership- 188 active members from both Region 8 & 11.

Public Relations- see new business.

Legislative- see report.

Old Business- Checking on a hall for Christmas Party. It maybe the final Christmas Party for Region 8 C M R O.

New Business- Abate of Ohio offering us a place to go so we don't have to just fade away. January 1st is when we will know what is going on with the two groups. Can't operate without people on the State level so to keep from folding up we must unite to keep our cause going. The purpose of both groups is to fight motorcycle rights and there is safety in numbers.

Next meeting- Roadside Tavern 11-23-08

Moment of silence

Adjourned.



CMRO Region 8

Christmas Party



When: December 6, 2008

Where: Somerdale Inn

Time: 8:00pm

Come one, Come all, we'll go out with a bang.

This maybe the last!

Nominations for 2009 Region 8 Board:

Director: Eldon Co-Director: OPEN

Legislative: Pudge PR: Hip

Sgt. Of Arms: Chuck Co Sgt: Mark H.

Treasurer: Denise Membership: Denise

Products: Gail Minutes Sec.: Gail

Tusc. Cnty: Mike G. Harrison Cnty: Chuck

Jefferson Cnty: Tim Carroll Cnty: Mike M.

Columbiana: OPEN Stark Cnty: Ed H.

Newsletter: Crew

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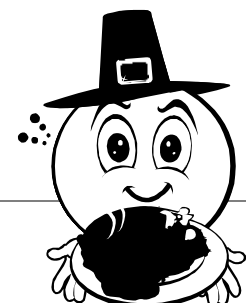
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Legislative Report

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Feds Consider New Helmet Standards

Recently, it was reported by the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) that the US DOT is contemplating some new requirements for motorcycle helmet labels, as well as testing methods and tolerances. The federal government rulemaking process requires that the proposed new rule be made available to the public for a period of time to allow the general public offer comment.

The MRF has submitted comments on the proposed changes to current standards and is encouraging you to do the same. Read the full MRF comments on the internet by visiting www.regulations.gov and search for Docket number NHTSA-2008-0157-0001 or by using this link.

<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=NHTSA-2008-0157> or
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NCOM BIKER NEWS BYTES

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AIM ATTORNEY FIRST TO SUE MYRTLE BEACH OVER ANTI-BIKER LAWS Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) Attorney Tom McGrath filed the first lawsuit against the city of Myrtle Beach, S.C. challenging the constitutionality of two of over a dozen new anti-biker ordinances passed to shut down motorcycle rallies.

The suit filed September 29 in Horry County's 15th Judicial Circuit on behalf of two Myrtle Beach residents and motorcyclists, William and Carol O'Day, challenges the city's new helmet law and noise ordinances. The suit questions whether it's within the city's "home rule" authority to supersede state law in both cases.

Both municipal ordinances, according to the lawsuit, are unconstitutional and in violation of South Carolina state law. "It's pretty simple," said Tom McGrath, whose Motorcycle Law Group based out of Richmond, Virginia, filed the suit. "It's really a question of whether it's constitutional. Does state law prevail?"

"Home Rule doesn't allow a city to pass laws that are inconsistent with state law in areas where the state has already acted," he explained. "and South Carolina already has a helmet law for riders 21 and younger, and they already have a muffler statute in state law."

McGrath is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and is licensed in the State of South Carolina as well as Virginia and Tennessee. As an avid motorcyclist and motorcycle rights activist, Tom founded the Virginia Coalition of Motorcyclists and provides legal counsel to ABATE of Virginia. "We go fight for the rights of people," he added, "that's what we do...that's the kind of firm we are."

Two additional lawsuits, both filed in federal court on behalf of local businesses, have since been filed against Myrtle Beach in response to the city council's unanimous approval of 15 new laws aimed to crack down on a 70-year tradition of motorcycle rallies in the city, which include restricting vendor permits, imposing liability on promoters, limited

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bike parking, more restrictive loitering and public drinking laws, and other regulations designed to dissuade rally-goers.

Among other arguments, the federal lawsuits claim the ordinances are vague, interfere with people's First Amendment rights, do irreparable harm to businesses and interferes with interstate commerce.

Law enforcement began enforcing some of the new laws at roadblocks set up recently during the Fall "Pilgrimage" Bike Rally, prompting many bikers to skirt the city in protest and spent their time and money at other nearby rally locations, such as Myrtle Beach Harley-Davidson, where a sign warned riders that city limits were 200 feet ahead.

Meanwhile, Myrtle Beach is lobbying other local municipalities and the county to enact similar ordinances.

"ABATE of South Carolina abhors these types of totalitarian enactments that remove liberties and freedoms of individuals and eventually, will start eroding individual rights granted to us under our Constitution," said the state motorcycle rights organization in a press release.

"ABATE of South Carolina challenges the council on the grounds that the municipal power is exceeding the entity's corporate powers, acting as if it is above state law."

The Carolina Harley-Davidson Dealers Association Spring Rally has been a fixture in Myrtle Beach for 68 years, and is the oldest, continuous running motorcycle rally in the country, but the city council decided to get rid of all bike rallies following complaints from residents, primarily during the Atlantic Beach BikeFest attended mostly by black urban sportbike riders, after efforts to police the event led to several discrimination lawsuits filed by the NAACP, which were eventually settled out of court.

WEIRD NEWS: NBA PLAYER SUSPENDED OVER MOPED ACCIDENT The Golden State Warriors suspended 22-year old guard Monta Ellis for 30 games without pay for violating his contract after he seriously injured his ankle in a Moped accident and then compounded his mistake by lying about spraining his ankle playing pickup ball. The high-scoring high-paid guard probably never imagined that trouble would cost him about \$3 million - there's no doubt Ellis violated Paragraph 12 of the NBA's uniform player Contract, which prohibits a player from engaging "in any activity that a Reasonable person would recognize as involving or exposing the Participant to a substantial risk of bodily injury," including "driving Or riding a motorcycle or Moped." Ellis, who agreed to a six-year deal worth \$66 million in July, underwent surgery to repair a torn ligament and is unlikely to be healthy enough to return before mid-December anyway, but the suspension means the guard won't be paid during his absence. He was the second-leading scorer for the NBA's highest-scoring team last season, averaging 20.2 points, 5.0 rebounds and 3.4 assists.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "People often say that, in a democracy, decisions are made by a majority of the people. Of course, that is not true. Decisions are made by a majority of those who make themselves heard and who vote - a very different thing." Walter H. Judd (1898-1994) politician, 1981 recipient of Presidential Medal of Freedom

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Regional Meeting

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Board Meeting

Sunday, October 19, 2008
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