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J.O. & Suzi

Congratulations to the Beautiful Suzi and DD-214's own J.O. Batten who are engaged to be married! They make a great couple and we wish them many years of happiness. I consider them both very close friends and I am honored that I was able to introduce them to each other! (I am such a Match Maker!) We will give you more information on the ceremony in a future issue.

I want to Thank Marilyn Menendez from Full Throttle Magazine for supporting Cruise for Kids and the great picture we took for our Follow Up report on the Benefit (page 15 June). Thank you also to HD Gene and Don V. from ScooterGoods who were supporters of The Ole School Rodeo, Party In The Pasture. (They were pictured on page 30 in our June Issue.)

One of the other Publications Editors remarked that my picture was in the June issue 28 times! This was done intentionally to show our reading audience that I am out there at events and on the street with you. I do not make my staff "volunteer" to stand in a vendor booth at events. We all shoot and write and work and play because we enjoy being out there with YOU! Thank you so much for allowing us to do what we do! Thank you to the other Editors for reading Rider Now Magazine. I never feel that my picture does me justice...I am thinner and prettier (and younger) in person! LOL Ride Safe and Give to Others!

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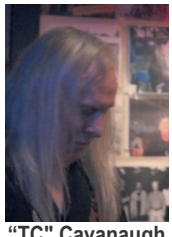

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The teacher had noticed that when the child returned to school each morning his backpack was filthy and covered with dirt. She asked him how his backpack became so dirty. His reply was, " Cause I crawl under my house to eat my food after school so my Momma won't sell it for drugs (crack)." Every time I tell this story I cry. It's sad to think that in this day and age we have hungry children.

Every crew member of Rider Now Magazine has taken an oath to abide by our Mission Statement: ***"...To give of ourselves for the betterment of others and to help the less fortunate while leading by example."*** Bikers have always been giving souls. If you are in a position to help others, the School Food Program is a great way to start. Contact our office and let us help you to help others. We are Blessed, this is why we do what we do.

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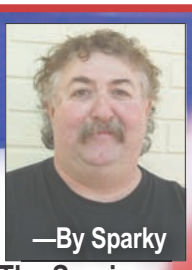

—By Sparky

Memorial Day

The National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum, the "Birth Place of the Frogman" held their First Annual Memorial Day Service on Monday 31 May 2010 at 10:00 am. The Service took place in front of the New Seal Memorial Wall.

There were many in attendance along with Guest Speakers; Rear Admiral Gardner Howe (Seal), Jack Ouellette - Father of Seal Brian Ouellette (killed in action) Afghanistan and Retired Navy Chaplain Rev. Dr. Bob Bedingfield Conducting the Service. All of our Great Service Men and Women (Killed) serving this Great Country of Ours were Honored with a Wreath Ceremony, Bag Piper and The Treasure Coast AFROTC Color Guard.

Renowned Artist, Roy Shifrin from Vermont, who's Unique Sculpture of the Frogman compliments the Wall of our Fallen Navy UDT-SEALS, was in attendance and recognized. Thank you to all who helped make all this possible. God Bless Our Great Men and Women Serving this Great Country of Ours.

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Myrtle Beach Helmet Law Ruled Invalid

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Myrtle Beach helmet law is ruled invalid.
By Lorena Anderson The (Myrtle Beach) Sun News
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The South Carolina Supreme Court today unanimously ruled Myrtle Beach's motorcycle helmet law is invalid because it is superseded by state law. But also, the court said it found the city impliedly repealed the law itself when it repealed its own administrative court ordinance after the court's chief justices opined that it was unconstitutional. The decision was posted moments ago on the court's website. The court ruled that all the ordinances -- 2008-61-67 -- were affected by the repeal of the administrative court hearing, but since 61 and 65, the rules about parking trailers on city streets and partying in parking lots, were made into misdemeanors, those are not invalidated. 2008-62, 63, 64 and 66, however, appear to be invalid along with the helmet law, said city attorney Tom Ellenburg. He said the helmet law's repeal takes effect immediately, and he will issue an order that the municipal court dismiss all pending helmet tickets, that all records be expunged for those who have received tickets and paid fines, and that all fines paid be returned to the people who paid them.

Myrtle Beach passed the helmet law in 2008 as part of a package of ordinances designed to gain control over the May motorcycle rallies, which had drawn about 500,000 people to the area in peak years. The helmet law has been by far the most controversial ordinance the city passed, and generated lawsuits by people who said the law cannot stand because it supersedes state law. The state law says people younger than 21 must wear helmets, but has no such requirement for people older than 21. The city's goal was to push the rallies outside city limits after years of listening to residents complain about noise, trash and lewd behavior on city streets.

Last year, the rallies attendance was far below peak years, though rally organizers have acknowledged that attendance was slowly declining anyway. In its ruling, the court invalidates the city's helmet law, and said there is a need to statewide uniformity in the rules on helmets and eyewear across the state. "Local authorities might enact ordinances imposing additional and even conflicting equipment requirements. Such burdens would unduly limit a citizen's freedom of movement throughout the state," the court wrote.

The Myrtle Beach City Council is philosophical about the loss. "It's not going to change much," Mayor John Rhodes said. "We've already made it clear we don't support rallies and won't support rallies. We're very pleased that we had very few accidents and no deaths within the city this year during the rallies, and our residents were able to sleep and teachers were able to teach. "And the bikers who did stay in the city and patronize our businesses respected our laws, our residents and our business community," he said. "That's all we've ever asked."

Councilman Phil Render said the city's primary responsibility is to protect residents and visitors. "I take comfort in the fact that we had no motorcycle fatalities in Myrtle Beach in the last two years while our ordinance was in place," he said.

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As I stated above, we have steadily grown in size of participation all the way around, therefore we have needed to grow in parking space as well. Also, many of you have asked for a chance to bring your families and your children along to enjoy the festival and music; thus bringing us to find a place more child appropriate than past venues allowed, therefore landing our Music Fest this year here at the Dixieland Music Park!! And, oh boy are we delighted to be here—AREN'T YOU!! I hope all of our families, friends, and EVERYONE enjoy themselves.

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