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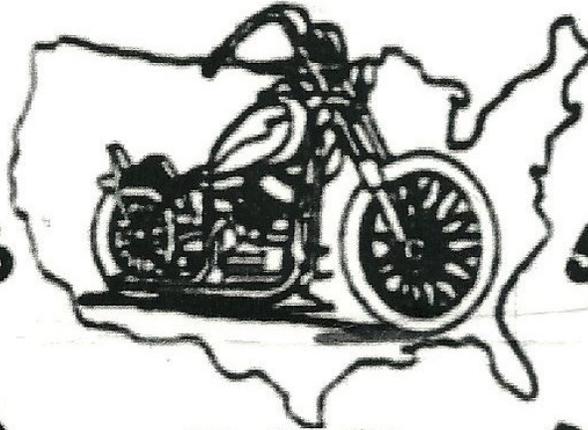
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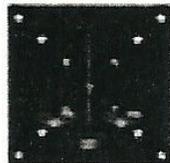
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To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.  
To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms.  
To motivate the bikers to write letters to legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.  
To furnish a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to upcoming legislation.

## MEMBERSHIP

When you become a member of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. you are helping make a difference in the ongoing mission to protect your right to ride and enjoy the motorcycle of your choice, your choice of riding apparel, and when and where you can ride a motorcycle. These are issues that are real and present in today's "protect yourself from yourself" political environment. This holds true for all levels of government. There will always be those who see our love for motorcycling as a negative and will try any means to control and if possible prohibit motorcycle use.

On the local level our members get out the vote and support candidates who are sympathetic to our issues. We also will endeavor to lobby local governments whenever there are issues that need to be addressed, affecting local motorcycle use, ownership, and any discrimination that may result from said use of ownership.

At the state level we have a paid registered lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital in Tallahassee to lobby our legislators on the issues concerning the motorcycling public in Florida. He also finds reliable House and Senate sponsors for the bills we support. On the national level we are aligned with Motorcycle Riders Foundations (MRF), and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), along with several other international motorcycle rights organizations (MRO's).

As one can see we have our ear to the ground and our resolve tempered like steel. As Americans we have had it demonstrated to us time and again the vigilance is armor of free men and women. We shall not let the armor rust or weaken. With your support we can re-enforce and strengthen the armor for now and generations to come. What else do you get with your membership? All members receive with their paid membership, the *Masterlink* Newsletter, Membership Card, Event Discounts and Updates, Voting Privileges, Free *Masterlink* Classified Advertisements, a Chapter Newsletter, and a free \$4,000 Accidental Death or Dismemberment Insurance Policy from the American Income Life Insurance Company.

Memberships are open to anyone 18 years of age or older, no matter what type of motorcycle you ride, if any at all! We welcome all riders—in clubs, associations, independents, and sport riders to join us.

# President's Message "Nighthawk"

Well another Daytona Bike Week has come and gone. This year's Bike Week was once again an awesome time. I went up for both weekends and stayed at the ABATE campground in Deland. The first weekend we had a small group of us there. The first weekend is also Deland Bikefest in downtown Deland, which we attended and Charlie and Hamish set up the ABATE safety table. The first weekend of Bike Week wasn't overly packed and was easy to get around at the main stops. It was also a light turnout at the campground.

On the second weekend of Bike Week we had a scenic ride up to the campground on country highways and back roads on Friday. This route ran around and avoided all the population areas. We had over a dozen bikes make that ride and everyone enjoyed the 6 hours with stops it took us to get there. That night at the campground we partied until 4 a.m.! We had 20 people from our chapter stay at the campground the second weekend. That was the biggest turnout that our chapter has ever had at the campground. On Saturday we had a group fun ride that left from the campground where we attended the Cabbage Patch, Destination Daytona, Iron Horse and all the craziness there, then went on to Main Street.

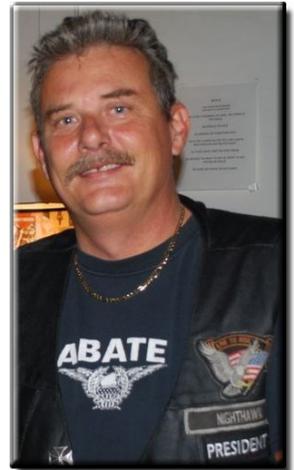
Now even though our chapter had its biggest turnout yet, overall attendance at the campground was down a little more than last year. This has been a continuing trend that ABATE OF Florida needs to turn around. I personally think it's due to the lack of national advertising they used to do in the past and the overall decline at the events since the economy took a dump a few years back. When our chapter has its biggest turnout yet, we can say we stepped up our game and the other chapters need to do the same. Remember that it may not be as comfortable as a hotel but, it is a good time that's vital to the financial health of ABATE!

This month will be Leesburg Bikefest and the Lake County Chapter will once again have the campground set up at the Eagles Lodge. This weekend is a blast and dare I say an even better party at the campground. Once again I hope our Chapter has a big turnout and a fun time. On Saturday during the day I'll be planning a scenic group ride going to Devil's Den State Park to see the caves. That evening of course I'm planning on attending all the fun in downtown Leesburg. This year Jackyl will be the headliner on Saturday night. I hope you are making your plans to come along. As always there will be people to take your gear up for you so you can enjoy the ride.

We got a few other things happening like the ABATE PBC trailer is ready. Bill and Charlie will be going to pick it up in Georgia and it may make an appearance in Leesburg if all goes well. Once again special thanks to Zim and Fred who will be paying for the graphics. A special thanks goes to C.B. for his donation and everyone at March's chapter meeting that gave to pay for the gas to go pick it up and a few other goodies. Between C.B. and the chapter we raised \$465. That day! Another thing is it's once again time for elections and nominations have started. We can always use more help so if you'd like to help out, don't hesitate!

As usual, make sure you're on the email and text alert systems to know what's happening. Well until next month, ride safe and watch your asses out there.

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# UPCOMING Group Fun Rides/Event Schedule

**April 5 Saturday Black Pistons Annual** Group Fun Ride ABATE PBC Safety and Info Table. Being held at AOA WPB Clubhouse 3-7pm. Meet spot is Hess gas station Southeast corner of Okeechobee and Jog 2:45pm KU 3pm

**April 12-14 ABATE of FLORIDA 18th Annual Freedom Rights Rally and Ride to the Capitol!**

**April 13 Sunday Poker for Chris Mansell** (Injured in a motorcycle accident) First stop is DELI INN. Military Trail one block North of Forest Hill first bike out is 10:30am. Meet for breakfast at 9:30 am. Last stop is Boonies on 14555 Southern Blvd.

**April 19 SATURDAY ABATE PBC Chapter Meeting**

VFW post 4143 located at 2404 Broadway, Riviera Beach 561-844-5718. From I 95 exit Blue Heron Blvd. go east to Broadway (Federal Hwy., US- 1) turn right, go south 1 block the V.F.W. is on the east side.

**April 19 Saturday Outcast MC Annual** UBCPBC Council Ride Group Fun Ride After Meeting

**April 20 Sunday Easter 420 Party AOA WPB** Group Fun Ride meet spot is Deli Inn Military Trail one block North of Forest Hill at 12:30pm KU 12:45. OR come for Breakfast at 10:45am

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You get 1 point for Riding your bike or working safety table, ½ point for Caging or Riding back seat. 2 points for riding in the rain. Designated Group Fun Rides only and you must wear an ABATE patch or shirt. If your name is not on this list and you're not a board member YOU need to make some rides and show you care about your chapter!

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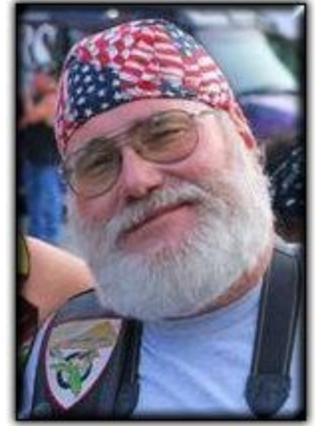
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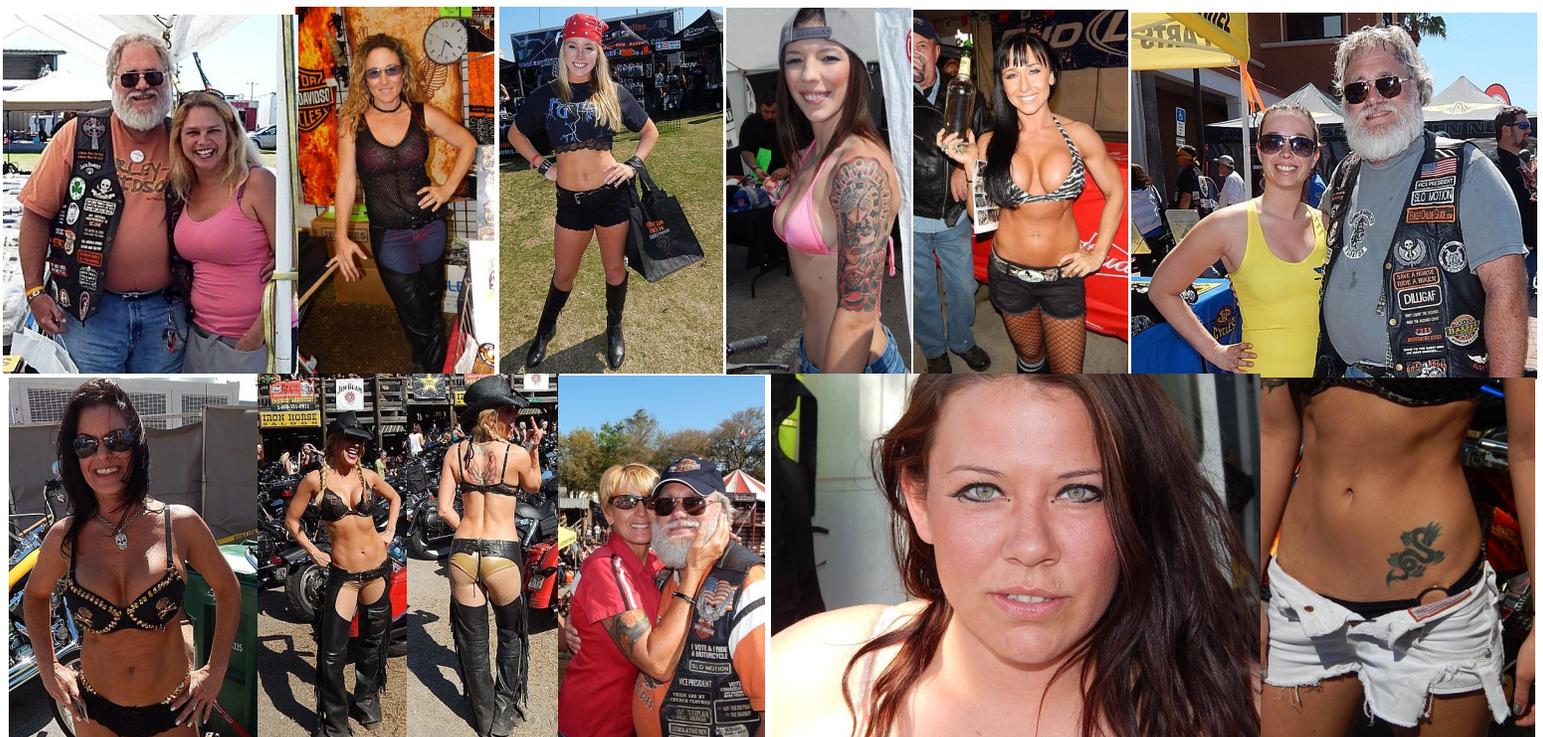
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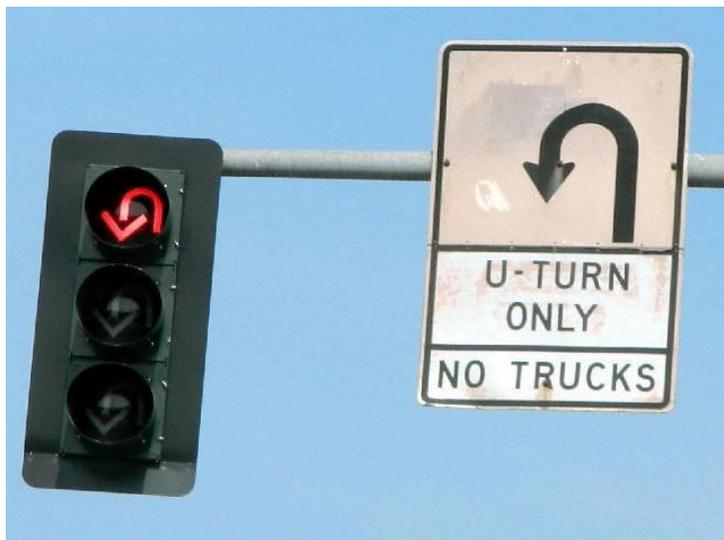
We did have a good time at the campground for Bikeweek. The first weekend the nights were cold. After replacing my battery, my bike failed to get out of Palm Beach County. I had to stop as my vest kept opening, then my starter died. After being towed to Harley and getting a ride home, I had a very late start as I caged it to Daytona. It was late and cold so I decided to just sleep in the car. In the morning as the Wengers and the Blacks went to Deland to set up the Safety table for that Bikefest, I drove to the Eustis Swap Meet - free entrance and I do find the strangest things there. Ran into Hog Swipe as he has moved into the Leesburg area. I rode back to Deland Bikefest and it was made an "Official Biker Event" by "Saddletime Mike" criteria. After that I checked out the Cabbage Patch. Sunday morning I drove to Destination Daytona before heading home. I did some shopping at J&P Cycles, see my helmet story on page

So by the time I got home Harley had replaced my starter so I could ride the second weekend. I started out on the Group Ride but lost the group when traffic prevented me from running red light. I passed by where they claim to have waited but did not see them. I ended up at I95 in Vero so just headed to Destination Daytona to get my windshield. So when I got to the campground I heard my tent had gotten blown down but the crew reset it for me. My thanks go to my brothers for that. Saturday after the drawing results I completed my work for my Safety Instructor certificate. Since everyone else had gone, I rode myself to Ormand Beach US1. I was disappointed as the east side was half of normal and the Broken Spoke missing. The Iron Horse was hopping and I saw several people I knew. I was too early to join the toast to Mongo, a former member who passed away. So I continued south on 1 stopping at the Last Resort, then Pub 44 for dinner before heading back to campground. Sunday Snooze and I headed home but the wind was too much for my old body and I left to take US1 home. That was a good ride as I stopped at Malabar Moe's and saw more Palm Beach riders. I rode with Chopper Mindy to Ft Pierce, took A1A to Stuart then home. I spent a lot at Daytona T-shirtFest ( I got 8, a couple free) and did a lot on my own, photos throughout newsletter and all on my BikerOnlineGuide.

So enjoy my VICE of the month:



# Motorcycle U-Turns On Red



*U-Turn arrows do exist, but they are exceptionally rare.*

It never ceases to amaze me how few people actually seem to know the rules of the road. If you ask a bunch of people what the law says you are supposed to do at a red light, most of them would probably say "stop". And they would be wrong – sort of.

Before I go any further, I will say that I am not an attorney, but I did consult with one before writing this article. You don't need to be an attorney to be able to read the law, and Florida Statutes 316.075 (1)(c)1 spell out in detail what you must do at a red light.



"Vehicular traffic facing a **steady red signal shall stop before entering the crosswalk** on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until a green indication is shown;"

Although it does use the word stop, it uses it in the context "prevent your vehicle from entering the intersection". Therefore, a red light actually means that entering the intersection is currently prohibited. So if you can do your business without actually entering the intersection, then you don't have to wait for the light.

For example, some intersections have right turn bypass lanes such that you can go right on red without ever stopping or even slowing down. This is because the bypass lane goes around, not through, the intersection.

You might be thinking that this is splitting hairs over nothing, but read on.

Let's say you are first in line in the left turn lane. You have a **RED** left arrow. You want to make a U-turn. Do you wait for the left **green** arrow, or do you just wait for traffic to clear and go?

It turns out, unless there is a sign prohibiting U-turns, a motorcycle can make a U-turn on either **red** or **green** after yielding to ALL other traffic. The reason for this is that motorcycles are able to make a U-turn without entering the intersection or crosswalk. As such, when making a U-turn, they are governed by the U-turn statute and not the traffic signal statute. The rule about U-turns is in Florida Statutes 316.1515 which reads:



*A special sign like this one is an exception and means that the signal does govern U-turns. Without it, this signal would only govern left turns. But does it actually give you the right of way to make a U-Turn???*

"Limitations on turning around.—The driver of any vehicle shall not turn the vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any street unless such movement can be made in safety and without interfering with other traffic and unless such movement is not prohibited by posted traffic control signs..."

Sometimes a cager can also make a legal U-turn on red provided that there is enough room for him to do so without entering the crosswalk or intersection. A motorcycle can make a legal U-turn on red at nearly all intersections where it isn't expressly prohibited.

If someone insisted on waiting for a traffic light to authorize a U-turn, they would be waiting forever in most cases. While many traffic lights have left turn arrows, most do not have U-turn arrows. U-turn arrows are, in fact, quite rare.

Some cagers erroneously believe that you should wait for the left arrow to turn green and that is what authorizes a U-turn. It does not. A U-turn is not the same thing as a left turn. A green left arrow gives you the right of way to make a left turn. It does not give you the right of way to make a U-turn. In fact, except in very rare instances, **nothing will give you the right of way to make a U-turn** and people making U-turns must yield to ALL other traffic – no exceptions.

Now here's the rub. Because some cagers believe that they have the right of way to make a U-turn because they have a **green** arrow, these are the same people that will make their U-turns right in front of you when you are turning right on a **green right** arrow. Still others think they have the right of way to make a U-turn on a solid green light. These people are very dangerous to bikers. A lot of bikers are killed or injured when cagers make U-turns without yielding.

As I have said before, always watch their wheels. If a cager's front wheels are cocked a little too far, they are getting ready to make a U-turn. The question is whether or not they will wait for you to go by first.

The other issue is safety. It cannot be denied that waiting for the green arrow is safer because you don't have to worry as much about the traffic over your right shoulder. Remember, when you have a red light at an intersection, traffic can suddenly come at you from ANY direction. This reminds me of the inscription on a pedestrian's tombstone which read: "I had the right of way". So **if you do make legal U-turns on red, do so with extreme caution.**

In conclusion, I need to say that there are cops out there that don't know the law and think you have to wait for a left arrow to turn green before you can make a U-turn at an intersection. According to an article in the May 6, 2007 Sun Sentinel "You risk ticket by making U-turn on red", some cops will give you a ticket for this, but most judges will dismiss it if you can show that you were able to make the U-turn without entering the intersection or crosswalk. In practice, if you know there is a cop watching, its probably best not to chance that he actually knows the law and just wait for the green arrow. Just because you are right doesn't mean that going to court to get the ticket dismissed won't be a hassle.

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This State Meeting is THE most important one with the Ride to Capital and visiting the legislators. The meeting is on Sunday so that gives us all Saturday to make the long journey to Monticello. We all will be trailering our bikes so we have them for the Ride to the Capital steps. There is a KOA campground there to stay we Kenny and I have a hotel room as it could get cold. Monday is the ride in with the presentation rally on the steps then we visit the offices. We will return on Tuesday so not exhausted and pushing it to get home. If we have the chapter trailer maybe others can go beside Kenny, Charlie, Debbie and myself. It is really something to have a police escort and seeing the Capital building on the hill as we ride in and park on the steps. I wish all chapter members could make this ride.

We will return with the final nominations for the State Board elections so that our chapter can decide on who to vote for at the June State Meeting.

# A Good Choice for a Helmet If You Want to Wear One

ABATE of Florida, Inc. found for are Right wither to wear a helmet or not. Personally I want to wear one but I found it almost impossible to find one that was comfortable for me. The majority of companies do not make them larger than 2XL and those are too tight for me so wearing one that doesn't fit well is more of a distraction to me. While at Destination Daytona the first weekend I visited J&P Cycles to check out the windshields I was looking for my bike. I did find a great backrest pack by Saddleman that is small but roomy with ease of access for carrying many newsletters. A great price too! I visited the Bell booth there as had several interesting helmets including one that had drop down shades behind the full shield. This was something I really liked when I saw one at AIMExpo in Orlando. But I did not like the \$600 price. Both it and the Bell (only \$180) only went to 2XL so an uncomfortable snug fit for me. The Bell guy told me to check out inside as they had another brand like it inside in larger sizes. This was the Zox below and it cost only \$125 WITH TAX. It is made in 3XL to 5XL but limited to only gloss black. Of course the store was out of the 3XL but insured me they had at the booth at the raceway. So after going around Destination Daytona I stopped at the raceway and they did have one and it fit! So I got to try in out especially on the ride up for the second weekend. The shield and shades worked well. While the sides covered the ears, still some air was there to prevent overheating. There are two top vents and one back that seemed to keep head comfortable. I think in cold weather my face hood would work to keep warm even more. So this helmet passed the strict Slo Motion requirements even when I was doing 80. I recommend this helmet especially liking the sunglass option.



Sierra SVS Glossy Titanium



**Sizing**

|     |          |
|-----|----------|
| XS  | 88-30791 |
| S   | 88-30792 |
| M   | 88-30793 |
| L   | 88-30794 |
| XL  | 88-30795 |
| 2XL | 88-30796 |

**MSRP**

\$119.99 USD  
\$119.99 CDN

Sierra SVS Glossy Silver



**Sizing**

|     |          |
|-----|----------|
| XS  | 88-30781 |
| S   | 88-30782 |
| M   | 88-30783 |
| L   | 88-30784 |
| XL  | 88-30785 |
| 2XL | 88-30786 |

Sierra SVS Solid  
Matte Black

**Sizing**

|     |          |
|-----|----------|
| XS  | 88-30771 |
| S   | 88-30772 |
| M   | 88-30773 |
| L   | 88-30774 |
| XL  | 88-30775 |
| 2XL | 88-30776 |

- Shell made from injected thermoplastic resin
  - 2 Shell size, 3 EPS
  - Deluxe ear pockets for comfort and communication ready
  - Ultra comfortable removable and washable interior
  - Air Flow directed by integrated ducts and advanced flow through EPS
  - Rear air extractors Venturi-effect
  - Comfort padding Hydrostatic and antibacterial treated interiors optimized removable and washable
  - Quick release chin strap
  - External high safety anti-scratch visor
  - Quick-release visor fastening system
  - SVS retractable with several replacement color options
  - Net weight: 1500g +/-50g (3.4lbs)
  - Meets or exceeds DOT FMVSS-218 and ECE 22.05
- Note: Peak and shield cannot be used at the same time.



Sierra SVS Solid Glossy Black

**Sizing**

|     |          |
|-----|----------|
| XS  | 88-30761 |
| S   | 88-30762 |
| M   | 88-30763 |
| L   | 88-30764 |
| XL  | 88-30765 |
| 2XL | 88-30766 |
| 3XL | 88-30767 |
| 4XL | 88-30768 |
| 5XL | 88-30769 |

**MSRP**

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**23RD CHILI COOK OFF**  
**11-5 \* RAIN OR SHINE**



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**Stop 2** Rhum & Shok  
 Lake Worth  
**Stop 3** WPB  
**Stop 4** TIKI  
 Riviera Bch  
**Stop 5** HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTOR CYCLES  
 PALM BEACH

\$150 1st / \$100 2nd / \$50 3rd \$10 per Hand 3 for \$20 Extra Cards \$2

**U.S. Military Vets M/C**  
**Jensen Beach**



**Annual**

**Sunday April 6th 2014**  
**12:00 pm**

**American Legion Post 126**  
**3195 NE Savanna Rd.**  
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- ☛ Drink Specials
- ☛ Swap Meet
- ☛ Vendors
- ☛ 50/50
- ☛ Food



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BLOOMING WITH AUTISM 1ST ANNUAL

# POKER RUN

APRIL 13, 2014 \$10 PER PERSON EXCLUDING CHILDREN  
REGISTRATION: 10 AM - 11 AM | FIRST BIKE OUT: 10:15 AM

**NORTH RUN**

- JUNIORS BARBER SHOP
- BUDDY'S SINGER ISLAND PUB
- HARLEY DAVIDSON PALM BEACH
- CONNOLLY'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL
- PALM BEACH ALE HOUSE

Last bike in at 3:00 pm

**SOUTH RUN**

- BLACK ROSE TATTOO
- BEDNER'S
- ALABAMA JOES
- CONNOLLY'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL
- PALM BEACH ALE HOUSE

Last bike in at 3:00 pm

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Judging by: **NO LIMIT** PUB POKER TOUR

For more information, contact: Sunshine 561-523-9240

## POKER RUN FOR CHRIS MANSELL

Contact: 561-768-3516 or 628-4130



**Sunday April 13th**  
First Bike out 10:30 AM  
Last Bike in 2:00 PM  
\$10.00 per Hand or 3 for \$20.00

buttermilk's southern cafe

Last Stop and Dinner at **Boonie's Restaurant and Lounge!**  
Last Stop and Party at **Boonie's Restaurant and Lounge!**

Tippy's pizza Renegades BOONIE'S Ink Link Deli Inn

Poker Run for Chris who was injured in a Motorcycle Accident on Feb. 16th when a "cager" turned left into his path. Please help!!! Chris has a Baby and needs help with the hospital bills. The insurance policy won't come close to covering the surgeries he already had, and the surgeries he will need...

50/50 - Raffles - Bucket specials - Live Music

Amazing Breakfast at Deli Inn!!!  
Available, Cash Only

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2014

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APRIL 25, 26 & 27 2014

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75 CONCERTS  
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# WEEKLY EVENTS

**Mon** Jam Night at Turn 3 with Stet & T3JB

**Mon** Mob of Brothers MC Open House

**Tues** Lone Legion MC Brotherhood Open House

**Wed** Island Jack's Bike Night

**Wed** States MC Lake Worth Open House 8pm

**Wed** Chit Chat's bike nite 7pm Free BBQ, music

**1st Thurs** Renegades Bike Night

**3rd Thurs** H-D Palm Bch Bike Nite 5-10PM

**Thurs** Dinner 6:30 States MC Pompano Clubhouse

**Thurs** Black Pistons MC WPB Open House

**Fri** Outlaws MC WPB Open House at 7PM

**1st Fri** Soldiers for Jesus Open House 7-10PM

**1st Fri** Enforcers MC Party

**Sat** Fly-In Wheels MC WPB open house

**Sat** FREE hot dogs soda's H-D Palm Bch, 10-2

**Sun** Flossie's Famous Tiki Hut Biker Sunday

**3rd Sun** USMVMC Palm Bch Open House

West Boca's Best Entertainment!



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**FUN**

In Memory of Brent 

**MUSIC & FUN SCHEDULE**

*Come out to the BEST Jam night in North Broward...*

*Monday Jam Night hosted by Stet Blancett, T3JB (Turn3 jam band)*

*Sunday, Karaoke with "Michelle"*

*Every Tuesday - 8-Ball pool tournament*

*Every Wed, Texas Hold Em with Dealer Dave & Karaoke with "Michelle"*

*Every Thursday, Dart Grab Bag*

**APR. FRI & SAT. LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE:**

**4 & 5 Double Standard**

**11 & 12 Spin Dizzy**

**18 & 19 Top Priority**

**25 & 26 Rare Form**

**May 2 & 3 Velvet Sun**

**Draft Beer Happy Hr**

11am to 7pm

\$7.50 pitchers

\$1.75 pints

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Everything Else HH 4 til 7



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### What's the right height windshield for me?

When seated in your normal riding position, the top of the windshield should be level with the tip of your nose. When you ride in the rain, you will still have an unobstructed view of the road, and the windshield will still be tall enough to deflect air over and around your head.

## United Bikers Council of Palm Beach Co. Events

### MARCH

### APRIL

06 Sun. Black Pistons Annual  
19 Sat. Outcast MC Annual UBCPB Council Ride  
20 Sun. Easter 420 Party AOA WPB  
25 through 27 Leesburg Bikefest

### MAY

17 Sat. U.S. Military Vets MC Annual

### JUNE

28 Sat. ABATE PBC EVENT

### JULY

06 Sun. AOA WPB Annual  
27 Sun. Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual

### AUGUST

10 Sun. AOA South Event UBCPB Council Ride

### SEPTEMBER

19-21 Petersons Key West Poker Run

### OCTOBER

16 through 19 Daytona Biketoberfest

26 Sun. Alternative MC Annual

### DECEMBER

09 2014 UBCPB Christmas Party

13 Outcast Event

20 Annual Sportsbike End of Year Black and White Party

### APRIL

6th STATES MC - ANNUAL  
12th MYSTIC SEVEN MC - PARTY  
13th AOA PAULY 1%er MEMORIAL  
19th OUTCAST MC - ANNUAL  
20th CMA - EASTER SERVICE  
25th-27th LEESBURG BIKEFEST

### MAY

4th SOUTHERN MC - ANNUAL  
18 WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - ANNUAL  
25 SE. ABATE - MEMORIAL DAY EVENT

### JUNE

8th NEW ATTITUDES MC - PARTY  
14th AOA JERRY, ROGER, AND KENNY 1%er MEMORIAL  
22 WINGS OF GOLD MC LAUD. ANNUAL  
29th USMV MC S. BROWARD - ANNUAL

### JULY

12th ALTERNATIVE MC - PARTY  
19th WHEELS OF MAN MC CHILI COOK-OFF

### AUGUST

2nd WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI PARTY  
4-10 74th STURGIS MOTORCYCLE RALLY  
8-10 SOUTH FLORIDA TATTOO CONVENTION  
10 AOA FT. LAUD. ANNIVERSARY PARTY

### SEPTEMBER

7th SOUTHERN MC - TEDDY BEAR RUN  
13th OUTCAST MC - PARTY  
14th STATES MC - KEY WEST TUNE UP PARTY  
19th-21st PETERSONS KEY WEST POKER RUN  
28th KELTS MC - PARTY

### OCTOBER

4th MYSTIC SEVEN - ANNUAL  
11th NEW ATTITUDES MC - ANNUAL  
12th S.E. ABATE - ANNUAL  
16th-19th DAYTONA BIKETOBERFEST  
25 WHEELS OF MAN MC HALLOWEEN PARTY

### NOVEMBER

8th USMV MC CHAP 1 ANNUAL  
9th CMA - MEMORIAL EVENT  
15th HEATHENS MC - ANNUAL

### DECEMBER

7th SFPC TOYS IN THE SUN RUN  
13th PETERSONS TOY RUN BIKE DRAWING  
13th HERMANDAD MC - ALFREDO MEMORIAL AND TOY RUN  
14th WINGS OF GOLD MC MIAMI - TOY RUN  
20th SFLCOC - CHRISTMAS PARTY  
21 CALVARY CHAPEL - CHRISTMAS SERVICE

## ABATE PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEETINGS

**3rd SATURDAY April 19**

3rd Sunday May 18

**4th SUNDAY June 22**

3rd Sunday July 20

3rd Sunday August 17

**2ND SUNDAY Sept. 14**

**4TH SUNDAY Oct. 26**

3rd Sunday Nov. 16

3rd Sunday Dec. 21

**CHANGES BOLD & CAPITALS**

# April 2014

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

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|  <p><i>Open House Every Thursday</i><br/>1170 Highview - Lantana, FL<br/>8:00 pm till Midnight<br/><i>Join us for Food, Music, Beverages and Brotherhood</i><br/>No Guns, No Drugs, No Attitudes, No Chummies</p> |   | <p><b>1</b><br/>Lone Legion MC<br/>Open House</p>  | <p><b>2</b><br/>Island Jack's<br/>Bike Night<br/>States LW MC<br/>Open House</p>  | <p><b>3</b><br/>Renegades Bike<br/>Night<br/>Black Pistons<br/>MC Open House<br/>Dinner States</p>                    | <p><b>4</b><br/>AOA WPB Open<br/>House<br/>Soldiers for<br/>Jesus MC Open<br/>House</p>               | <p><b>5</b><br/>Fly-In Wheels<br/>MC Open House<br/>Black Pistons<br/>Annual</p>  |
| <p><b>6</b><br/>PB Harley Chili<br/>Cook Off<br/>States Pompano<br/>Annual</p>   | <p><b>7</b><br/>Turn 3 Jam Night<br/>with Stet&amp;T3JB<br/>Mob of Brothers<br/>MC Open House</p>   | <p><b>8</b><br/>Lone Legion MC<br/>Open House</p>  | <p><b>9</b><br/>Island Jack's<br/>Bike Night<br/>States LW MC<br/>Open House</p>  | <p><b>10</b><br/>Black Pistons<br/>MC Open House<br/>Dinner States</p>  | <p><b>11</b><br/>AOA WPB MC<br/>Open House<br/>Pizza States<br/>Pompano</p>                           | <p><b>12</b><br/>Fly-In Wheels<br/>MC Open House<br/>Mystic Seven<br/>MC Party<br/>Bikefest<br/>Okeechobee</p>                      |
| <p><b>13</b><br/><b>ABATE State<br/>Meeting</b><br/>AOA Pauly 1%er<br/>Memorial</p>  | <p><b>14</b><br/><b>Ride to the<br/>Capital Rally</b><br/>Turn 3 Jam Night<br/>with Stet&amp;T3JB<br/>Mob of Brothers<br/>MC Open House</p> | <p><b>15</b><br/>Lone Legion MC<br/>Open House</p> | <p><b>16</b><br/>Island Jack's<br/>Bike Night<br/>States LW MC<br/>Open House</p> | <p><b>17</b><br/>Harley Palm Bch<br/>Bike Night<br/>Black Pistons<br/>MC Open House<br/>Dinner States<br/>Pompano</p> | <p><b>18</b><br/>AOA WPB MC<br/>Open House<br/>Pizza States<br/>Pompano</p>                           | <p><b>19</b><br/><b>ABATE Palm<br/>Beach Chapter<br/>Meeting</b><br/>Fly-In Wheels<br/>MC Open House<br/>Outcasts MC<br/>Annual</p> |
| <p><b>20</b><br/>CMA Easter</p>  | <p><b>21</b><br/>Turn 3 Jam Night<br/>with Stet&amp;T3JB<br/>Mob of Brothers<br/>MC Open House</p>  | <p><b>22</b><br/>Lone Legion MC<br/>Open House</p> | <p><b>23</b><br/>Island Jack's<br/>Bike Night<br/>States LW MC<br/>Open House</p> | <p><b>24</b><br/>Turboz/Ralphs<br/>Bike Night<br/>Black Pistons<br/>Open House</p>                                    | <p><b>25</b><br/>AOA WPB MC<br/>Open House<br/>Pizza States<br/>Pompano<br/>LEESBURG<br/>BIKEFEST</p> | <p><b>26</b><br/>Fly-In Wheels<br/>MC Open House<br/>LEESBURG<br/>BIKEFEST</p>  |
| <p><b>27</b><br/>LEESBURG<br/>BIKEFEST</p>   | <p><b>28</b><br/>Turn 3 Jam Night<br/>with Stet&amp;T3JB<br/>Mob of Brothers<br/>MC Open House</p>  | <p><b>29</b><br/>Lone Legion MC<br/>Open House</p> | <p><b>30</b><br/>Island Jack's<br/>Bike Night<br/>States LW MC<br/>Open House</p> |  <p><b>BIKE NITE</b></p>         |   |   |

# May 2014

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|  |  |  |  |   | <b>1</b><br>Renegades Bike Night<br>Black Pistons<br>MC Open House<br>Dinner States                | <b>2</b><br>AOA WPB Open House<br>Soldiers for Jesus MC Open House                                   | <b>3</b><br>Fly-In Wheels<br>MC Open House |
| <b>4</b><br>Southern MC Annual   | <b>5</b><br>Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet&T3JB<br>Mob of Brothers<br>MC Open House                  | <b>6</b><br>Lone Legion MC Open House   | <b>7</b><br>Island Jack's Bike Night<br>States LW MC Open House  | <b>8</b><br>Black Pistons<br>MC Open House<br>Dinner States<br>NCOM Convention              | <b>9</b><br>AOA WPB MC Open House<br>Pizza States<br>Pompano<br>Brooksville Old School Biker Rodeo | <b>10</b><br>Fly-In Wheels<br>MC Open House<br>Brooksville Old School Biker Rodeo<br>NCOM Convention |  |
| <b>11</b><br>Brooksville Old School Biker Rodeo<br>NCOM Convention         | <b>12</b><br>Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet&T3JB<br>Mob of Brothers<br>MC Open House                 | <b>13</b><br>Lone Legion MC Open House  | <b>14</b><br>Island Jack's Bike Night<br>States LW MC Open House | <b>15</b><br>Black Pistons<br>MC Open House<br>Dinner States                                | <b>16</b><br>AOA WPB MC Open House<br>Pizza States<br>Pompano<br>Riding Into History Bike Show     | <b>17</b><br>Fly-In Wheels<br>MC Open House<br>USVMC Annual<br>Riding Into History Bike Show         |  |
| <b>18</b><br><b>ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting</b><br>Rock n Roll Sunday | <b>19</b><br>Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet&T3JB<br>Mob of Brothers<br>MC Open House                 | <b>20</b><br>Lone Legion MC Open House  | <b>21</b><br>Island Jack's Bike Night<br>States LW MC Open House | <b>22</b><br>Black Pistons<br>MC Open House<br>Dinner States<br>Cycle Gear PB<br>Bike Night | <b>23</b><br>AOA WPB MC Open House<br>Pizza States<br>Pompano<br>TattooMania                       | <b>24</b><br>Fly-In Wheels<br>MC Open House<br>TattooMania   |  |
| <b>25</b><br>ABATE SE Memorial Day Event<br>TattooMania                    | <b>26</b><br>Memorial Day<br>Turn 3 Jam Night with Stet&T3JB<br>Mob of Brothers<br>MC Open House | <b>27</b><br>Lone Legion MC Open House  | <b>28</b><br>Island Jack's Bike Night<br>States LW MC Open House | <b>29</b><br>Turboz/Ralphs Bike Night<br>Black Pistons<br>Open House                        | <b>30</b><br>AOA WPB MC Open House<br>Pizza States<br>Pompano                                      | <b>31</b><br>Fly-In Wheels<br>MC Open House  |  |

Go to the Events page of [ABATEpalmbeach.com](http://ABATEpalmbeach.com) and use the calendar towards the bottom to get more information on these events and you can download the event to your own calendar.

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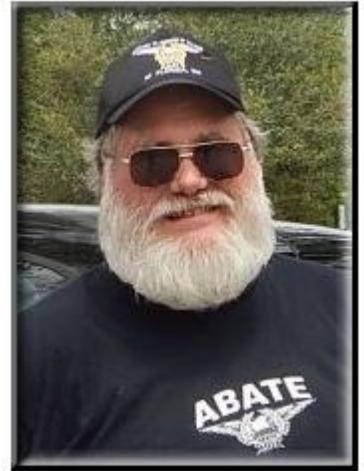
District 91

Irving Slosberg

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

## DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

.Not much local to talk about now, we will be visiting the offices in Tallahassee of the county legislators. While they may n in session, we will make contact with their aids and staff. In the following news feeds from "Scribe" he asks us to contact our legislators to support HB1159/SB1312 the bills to increase penalties on moving violations that are dangers to us bikers.



## Tally news capsules

March 26

### SENATE SEEKS TO CRACK DOWN ON HIT AND RUN DRIVERS

In a bill named after a bicyclist killed in Miami, the Florida Senate on Wednesday unanimously approved a proposal (SB 102) that would toughen penalties for hit-and-run drivers in serious accidents. Sponsor Miguel Diaz de la Portilla, R-Miami, said the bill, in part, creates a four-year minimum mandatory sentence for drivers who leave the scenes of accidents involving deaths. Under current law, which does not include such a minimum-mandatory requirement, Diaz de la Portilla said drivers sometimes can have incentives to leave accident scenes. The bill is named after Aaron Cohen, a 36-year-old bicyclist who was killed in a 2012 hit-and-run accident on the Rickenbacker Causeway in Miami-Dade County. The driver involved in the crash was eventually sentenced to 21 months in jail, according to a Senate staff analysis. The House version (HB 183) of the bill has been unanimously approved by three committees.

### MOTOR VEHICLE FEE CUTS TEED UP FOR SCOTT

The largest portion of Gov. Rick Scott's proposed \$500 million in tax and fee cuts is on the way to Scott's signature. The House and Senate formally sent a reduction in vehicle registration fees (SB 156) to Scott's office Wednesday, giving him a week to sign or veto the bill. Scott is certain to sign the measure, which he has touted for months. The bill, which takes effect Sept. 1, would reduce the fees by a total of \$309 million in the budget year that begins July 1 and \$395 million the following year. The savings for each vehicle will vary by type, but many motorists will see the fees drop by \$20 to \$25.

### FOUR SALES TAX HOLIDAYS IN HOUSE PACKAGE

The House Finance and Tax Subcommittee rolled out a wide-ranging economic development package on Wednesday that would give shoppers four sales tax-free holidays in the next year. When tied to the already-approved elimination of the 2009 vehicle registration fee hike, the House plan reaches Gov. Rick Scott's election-year request for \$500 million in cuts to taxes and fees. The committee measure (PCB 14-05) would establish a 12-day sales tax holiday in June for certain hurricane preparedness supplies and provide three days for a back-to-school sales tax-free period in August. Under the proposal, sales taxes during certain periods in September would be lifted on the first \$1,500 of select energy- and water-efficient appliances as well as on physical-fitness facility memberships. The back-to-school discount would be offered on clothes that cost up to \$100, school supplies worth up to \$15 and the first \$750 of the price of computers and certain accessories. The plan also includes a permanent sales tax exemption for car seats and bicycle helmets for kids; an increase in the corporate income tax exemption from \$50,000 to

\$75,000, requested by Scott; \$20 million for loans to television production companies; and an expansion of the New Markets Tax Credit program for investments in low-income communities, from \$178.8 million to \$227.55 million. The House bill also incorporates Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam's plan to reduce the sales taxes businesses pay for electricity, a move expected to shift about \$188 million to school construction and maintenance. The package is much broader than the Senate proposal backed by Finance and Tax Committee Chairwoman Dorothy Hukill, R-Port Orange. Hukill's package is limited to a three-day back-to-school sales tax holiday (SB 792) and a measure that would scale back the communications services tax (SB 266) imposed on cable and phone services. The vehicle registration fee roll-back (SB 156) is on its way to Scott, who has said he will sign it. The bill, which would go into effect on Sept. 1, is expected to save motorists a total of \$309 million during the upcoming 2014-15 budget year by reducing individual vehicle registration fees by \$20 to \$25, depending upon the size of the vehicle.

#### SENATE PUTS BRAKES ON RED-LIGHT CAMERA REPEAL

Red-light cameras won't be turned off in Florida this year. Without enough votes lined up, Senate Transportation Chairman Jeff Brandes put the brakes on a bill (SB 144) that focused on repealing the state's red-light camera law. Instead, he proposed changes to increase regulations on the use of the devices. But Brandes' Transportation Committee on Wednesday didn't act on the proposed changes, deciding to postpone a vote on his rewritten bill. "That shows you the power of this (red light camera) industry," said Brandes who maintained his opposition to the Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Act of 2010, the state's red-light camera law, after the postponement.

March 25

#### SENATE BILL WOULD MOVE UP SESSION IN 2016 ONLY

The 2016 legislative session would begin the second Tuesday in January under a measure (SB 72) that was scaled back by a Senate committee Tuesday. The bill initially proposed moving up the start of the 60-day session from March in all even-numbered years. The Republican-controlled Senate Judiciary Committee, in a 5-3 party-line vote, approved an amendment that limited the change to 2016. Miami Republican Sen. Anitere Flores, the sponsor of the bill, said the change would allow future lawmakers to decide "what is best for them." The Legislature is required to start the session in March in odd-numbered years and has the option to alter the start in even-numbered years. The amendment separates the Senate bill from a House proposal (HB 9), which calls for an early start in all even-numbered years. That bill could go before the full House as early as Wednesday.

#### FASANO URGES CAUTION ON REGISTERING VEHICLES

Florida lawmakers last week gave Gov. Rick Scott one of his top priorities of the session --- a rollback of vehicle-registration fees that were increased in 2009. But the reductions won't take effect until Sept. 1. As a result, former lawmaker Mike Fasano, now the Pasco County tax collector, is urging motorists to be cautious if they have to renew registrations before September. Fasano issued a news release Tuesday advising motorists to only renew their registrations this summer for one year, because savings will not be available to people who pay for two-year renewals. "It is imperative that those who decide to renew their auto registration between now and the end of August strongly consider not renewing for two years," Fasano said. "If you do you will not be eligible to receive the benefits those who renew for one year starting September 1 will receive." Motorists who don't heed Fasano's advice wouldn't be able to receive any savings from the new legislation (SB 156) until renewal time in 2016. The actual savings vary depending on vehicle type, but they will total \$20 to \$25 for many motorists

March 22

#### DEMS HELP GOP SPEAKER ATTAIN 'DREAMERS' DREAM

Weatherford, a Republican from Wesley Chapel, has made a priority of giving in-state tuition rates to students who lack authorization to be in the United States., sometimes called "Dreamers" after the congressional "Dream Act." Thursday evening, Weatherford's chamber made his dream a reality. But the GOP speaker wouldn't have reached his goal without the help of Democrats.

The House passed the measure with an 81-33 vote, with just one of the 33 Republicans who voted against the bill speaking out during an emotional floor debate.

Nearly half of Weatherford's GOP caucus voted against the bill, which allows undocumented immigrants to pay cheaper, in-state tuition rates if they attend Florida middle and high schools for at least four straight years before going to college.

In-state tuition for "Dreamers" has been a priority of the Hispanic caucus for a decade.

Weatherford played down the fact that 33 of the 74 Republicans who voted on the bill opposed it.

"If you'd have told me six months ago that over 80 members of the Florida House would vote for a bill to give in-state tuition for the children of undocumented immigrants, I would not have believed you. ... I think it was a historic victory for the children of this state that are waiting for that opportunity for that chance to have upward mobility," he told reporters.

But some critics accuse Weatherford of pandering to Hispanics --- a powerful and growing voting bloc courted by national GOP leaders --- with the issue.

And despite bipartisan support in the House, the bill could struggle in the Senate, an unusual dilemma in the historically more moderate upper chamber.

Senate President Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, opposes the proposal, and the counterpart (SB 1400) to the House bill narrowly escaped the Senate Education Committee with a 5-4 vote after most of the panel's Republicans voted against it.

Both the House and Senate proposals include a sweetener for Scott, who campaigned on an Arizona-style immigration law during his first time on the stump four years ago.

The House version passed Thursday would lower from 15 percent to 6 percent the annual tuition increases that universities can impose without legislative approval.

But the Senate version, sponsored by Clearwater Republican Jack Latvala, would abolish the "tuition differential" altogether, something Weatherford opposes but which Scott supports.

After the House vote Thursday night, Scott --- without mentioning the undocumented student aspect of the bill --- told reporters, "I like the Senate bill."

Gaetz could not say when --- or if --- the Senate would take a final vote on the measure.

"We still have plenty of time left for the bill to make it to the floor," he said before the House vote. "I don't know if the bill will make it through all of its committees. I don't know if it will make it through its committees in its current form. So it's kind of hard to know if and when it will get to the floor."

### March 20 AFTER FIERY DEBATE, 'WARNING SHOT' BILL PASSES HOUSE

After a nearly two-hour debate that focused on Florida's controversial "stand your ground" law, the state House on Thursday easily passed a bill that would expand the self-defense law to include threatened use of force --- including showing a gun or firing a warning shot. The measure (HB 89) by Rep. Neil Combee, R-Polk City, would extend immunity to people who threaten to use force in self-defense --- the same immunity already in law for those who actually shoot people in response to perceived threats. It passed in a 93-24 vote after a floor debate filled with the names of people associated with gun-related crimes that sparked public outrage in Florida, especially Marissa Alexander, a Jacksonville woman who faces the possibility of 60 years in prison for firing a shot into the wall during a domestic dispute. The proposal has become known as the "warning shot" bill, although Combee said Thursday that people who call it that "do a terrible disservice to the general public if they put the notion out that this bill somehow or other authorizes or encourages warning shots, because it does not. We specifically did not put 'warning shot' in the bill." The omission of those words bothered Rep. Kionne McGhee, D-Miami, who questioned how HB 89 would have helped Alexander. Most of the debate Thursday, however, centered on an amendment by House Minority Leader Perry Thursday, D-Fort Lauderdale, that sought to repeal the "stand your ground" law. While Democrats and Republicans went back and forth about the law, few of the arguments were new. "I thought we had this settled," said Rep. Dennis Baxley, an Ocala Republican who sponsored the House version of "stand your ground" in 2005. The House Criminal Justice Subcommittee in November rejected a bill (HB 4003) by Rep. Alan Williams to repeal "stand your ground."

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### SENATE TARGETS INSURERS IN GUN BILL

The Senate voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to approve a bill that seeks to prevent insurers from discriminating against customers because of gun ownership. After little discussion, senators voted 36-3 to approve the measure (SB 424), sponsored by Sen. Tom Lee, R-Brandon. The dissenters were Senate Minority Leader Chris Smith, D-Fort Lauderdale, Sen. Arthenia Joyner, D-Tampa, and Sen. Geraldine Thompson, D-Orlando. While the issue of insurance and gun ownership is already addressed in one part of state law, the bill would put into law that it is "unfair discrimination" for property or auto insurers to refuse to issue policies, cancel policies or charge discriminatory rates based on customers' legal ownership of guns or ammunition. The House version (HB 255) has been approved by committees and is ready to go before the full House.

### CONTROVERSY SWIRLS AROUND PROGRAM TO KEEP DRUNKS OFF ROAD

The Florida program aimed at keeping impaired drivers off the road is ensnarled in legal challenges, a bidding war and criticism from vendors who say the state isn't doing what it should to keep drunks from getting behind the wheel. Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Executive Director Julie Jones insists the state's DUI program, which includes a voluntary, intensive abstinence-based program, is a model for the nation. But one vendor who wants to expand the use of devices that keep vehicles from starting when a driver has been drinking contends that the state's efforts are a dismal failure. More than 10,000 of the devices are now in use by Florida drivers, most of whom have been convicted of driving under the influence at least twice. State law requires ignition interlock devices, or IIDs, for first-time offenders whose blood-alcohol level is .15 --- about twice the legal limit --- or who had a child in the car when arrested. Second- and third-time offenders are also required to have the devices installed, and judges can also order the devices to be used. Vendors have reaped more than \$100 million from the equipment since Florida first mandated the devices a decade ago, and it's no surprise that a lucrative contract awarded by Jones' department to a new vendor last year was challenged. But in January, an administrative law judge decided that the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles never had the authority to contract with the ignition interlock device vendors. The agency used "unbridled discretion" in awarding the contracts this time around, as it did 10 years ago, without the legislative authority to do so, Administrative Law Judge Robert E. Meale wrote in a 98-page order issued Jan. 10. DHSMV is appealing the ruling.

### SENATE SNUFFS OUT E-CIGARETTE SALES TO MINORS

Amid concerns about youths getting hooked on nicotine or tobacco, the Florida Senate on Tuesday voted 40-0 to ban the sale of electronic cigarettes to minors. The proposal (SB 224), sponsored by Majority Leader Lizbeth Benacquisto, R-Fort Myers, quickly moved through the Senate, and a similar measure (HB 169) has been approved by two House subcommittees. The increasingly popular electronic cigarettes are seen by some people as more acceptable than smoking, with the process involving a vaporizer to inhale nicotine that is often enhanced with flavors. But critics have raised questions about whether the devices could serve as a gateway to nicotine addiction.

March 12

**HB 1159 The Vulnerable Road Users Bill** has been assigned to it's House committees. The first stop is our old friend the Transportation and Highway Safety Subcommittee. After that it will travel to the Economic Affairs Committee, Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, and the Criminal Justice Subcommittee.

Traffic Offenses: Provides criminal penalties for person who commits moving violation that causes serious bodily injury or causes death of vulnerable road user; defines term "vulnerable road user"; provides requirements for reinstatement of driving privilege.

Just as we did with the Senate Bill, please contact these Representatives and ask them to add HB 1159 to the next agenda and vote to pass this Bill.

Here is an example of what you can say:

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If any of these legislators are in your area, Please use your influence to encourage them to help us get the Bill on the agenda and to pass this very important Bill.

March 11

## SCHOOL GUNS PROPOSAL GETS HOUSE OK

With some lawmakers saying schools can be easy targets for deranged shooters, a House panel Wednesday approved a bill (HB 753) that would allow designated employees or volunteers to carry concealed weapons on school grounds. Backers said the bill, sponsored by Rep. Greg Steube, R-Sarasota, could help prevent repeats of incidents such as the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. "To do nothing is inexcusable as policymakers when we know we have a problem," said Rep. Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala. "They (schools) are still sterile targets today." But Rep. Gwyn Clarke-Reed, D-Deerfield Beach, said the state should look to school-resource officers to be responsible for school safety, rather than allowing other people to be armed on campuses. The House K-12 Subcommittee voted 9-4 to support the measure, which is the House version of a bill that passed a Senate committee this week. The people designated to carry concealed weapons would have to meet criteria, such as having military or law-enforcement backgrounds and taking school-safety and weapons training. Also under the bill, school districts would not be required to allow such people to carry guns on campus.

## GAETZ TOPS \$400K --- FOR 2016 RACE

Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fort Walton Beach, plans to run for the Senate in 2016 to try to succeed his father, Senate President Don Gaetz, R-Niceville. But while the race is still more than two years away, the younger Gaetz has already raised \$417,485 for his campaign account, according to newly filed finance reports. Matt Gaetz collected \$18,400 during February for the race in Senate District 1, which includes Bay, Holmes, Jackson, Walton, Washington counties and part of Okaloosa counties. Gaetz also is running this year for a final term in House District 4. Unopposed, he has raised a total of \$40,200 for that race.

## HOUSE TO VOTE ON BUDGET APRIL 3

The House will offer its first draft of the 2014-15 budget March 21 and expects to approve a proposed spending plan April 3, according to a schedule released Wednesday. The Appropriations Committee will release an initial budget proposal March 21 and meet to amend and debate the proposal March 26. The revised budget will go to the House floor on April 2, before getting approved a day later. The House and Senate will then negotiate and approve a final budget before the annual legislative session ends May 2.

## REVENUE FORECAST INCREASES SLIGHTLY

Economists modestly upgraded the amount of tax revenue the state is expected to take in during the budget year that begins July 1, giving lawmakers extra breathing room as they move closer to considering a spending plan. At a meeting Wednesday, forecasters boosted their projections by \$150 million over the next 16 months, with \$26 million of that increase coming before July 1. Under the latest estimates, the state is expected to take in \$1.4 billion in the next budget year more than in the current year. Sales taxes are growing modestly as consumer spending recovers, said Amy Baker, the Legislature's chief economist. At the same time, revenue forecasters shaved some money off expected rebounds in real estate-related taxes as interest rates begin to inch up and federal programs targeted at homeowners with "underwater" mortgages taper off. "Pretty much everyone who was going to refinance has now refinanced," Baker said. Because of extra money carried forward from the current budget and the extra expenses that the state will face --- like growth in school enrollment --- lawmakers will likely have a surplus of somewhere around \$1.2 billion as they sit down to write their budgets. Some of that money is already earmarked, however. Gov. Rick Scott and legislative leaders have pledged to reduce taxes by \$500 million during the election-year session. "It's going to allow us to continue to look for ways to reduce the tax burden on the citizens of the state, invest in things like education and hopefully have a very productive session," said House Speaker Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, who left little doubt where he saw much of the extra money headed. "Obviously, a lot of it's going to be spent on tax cuts," he said. At the same time, lawmakers said Wednesday's modest increase would not radically alter what they do. "It's a little bit more, but I don't know that if that substantially changes the game," said House Appropriations Chairman Seth McKeel, R-Lakeland.

## CRACKDOWN ON SEXUAL PREDATORS SAILS THROUGH HOUSE

Pointing to examples of children being raped and murdered, the Florida House on Wednesday unanimously passed four bills to crack down on sexually violent predators, preparing the measures for Gov. Rick Scott's signature. Scott has already said he looks forward to signing the bills, which were approved last week by the Senate. "I think people could argue about recidivism data 'til they were blue in the face, but we know one certain fact: No one has ever raped a child while sitting in a state prison," said House Criminal Justice Chairman Matt Gaetz, R-Fort Walton Beach. "And so if we can keep folks in prison longer, we can keep our streets safer."

Gaetz sponsored the House version of one of the bills (SB 526), which would increase the penalties for sexual battery and lewd or lascivious offenses against children. That and the other bills are designed to close the loopholes in a 1999 law aimed at putting sexually violent predators in civil confinement after they serve their prison terms. The march toward the bills' passage began in August, when the South Florida Sun Sentinel reported that the commitment of sexually violent predators under the state's Jimmy Ryce Act had slowed to a crawl. Since 1999, nearly 600 sexual predators had been released only to be convicted of new sex offenses --- including more than 460 child molestations, 121 rapes and 14 murders. The push for change was heightened when legislative committees held hearings last fall and learned that Donald Smith, who was charged with kidnapping, raping and murdering 8-year-old Cherish Perrywinkle in Jacksonville in June, was a recently-released sex offender.

March 7

**SB 1312 "The Vulnerable Road Users" Bill** has been assigned to its committees. The first stop is in the Transportation Committee. I have listed the members of the committee, district counties, and Tally phone numbers.

Traffic Offenses: Providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or causes the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring that the person pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring that the court revoke the person's driver license for a minimum specified period; providing that the act does not prohibit the person from being charged with, convicted of, or punished for any other violation of law, etc.

Please call Sen. Brandes and ask him to add SB 1312 to the next agenda. Pass this to all members and have them call to ask to have SB 1312 placed on the next Transportation Committee agenda. This is when we need everyone's help.

Here is an example of what to say...

"Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, I am a member of ABATE of Florida, \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, We support SB 1312 and encourage the Senator to please place it on the next agenda for the Transportation Committee. Thank you.."

Committee on Transportation

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March 6

'POP-TART' BILL READY FOR HOUSE FLOOR

The so-called "Pop-Tart bill" is headed to the House floor after the Education Committee unanimously approved the legislation Thursday morning. The proposal (HB 7029) would prevent children from being disciplined for simulating guns while playing or wearing clothes that depict firearms. It draws its nickname from a widely reported news story about a Maryland 7-year-old who was suspended from school last year for chewing his breakfast pastry into the shape of a gun. It has attracted bipartisan support in the House from Democrats, who are often critical of "zero tolerance" school discipline policies, and from gun-friendly Republicans. But a companion measure (SB 1060) passed the Senate Criminal Justice Committee on a party-line vote. The legislation still has two committee stops to go in the Senate.

RALLY TO TAKE AIM AT 'STAND YOUR GROUND'

Civil-rights activist Al Sharpton is expected to lead a march and rally Monday in Tallahassee to protest Florida's "stand your ground" self-defense law. The march will start at 9:30 a.m. at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center and end at the Capitol for the rally. The National Action Network, a group founded by Sharpton, says on its website that the event is also expected to include the parents of Trayvon Martin and Jordan Davis, two teens who were shot to death in cases that helped spur a national debate about "stand your ground" laws. Republican lawmakers and Gov. Rick Scott are not expected to change Florida's law, which allows people to use deadly force when they feel their lives are in danger.

BILL COULD ALLOW HIGHER SPEED LIMITS:

The House Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 761), filed by Rep. Matt Caldwell, R-Lehigh Acres, that would allow speed limits to be increased to as high as 75 mph on some highways. The proposal would allow the Department of Transportation to set higher speed limits after determining what is reasonable and safe. Also, the Senate Community Affairs Committee is scheduled Wednesday to hear the Senate version (SB 392) of the bill. (Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol. HB 761 was opposed by the auto-club AAA. The House Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee voted 13-1 to support the measure which would direct the state Department of Transportation to determine the safe minimum and maximum speed limits on all divided highways that have least four lanes. Senate Transportation Chairman Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, who along with Sen. Jeff Clemens, D-Lake Worth, is sponsoring the Senate companion (SB 392), told the panel that the bill doesn't raise the posted limits but gives engineers from the state agency more leeway in setting speeds.

March 4

### BILL WOULD SLOW MOTORISTS FOR UTILITY VEHICLES

Drivers would be required to slow down or move over a lane when approaching a clearly identified utility vehicle parked on the side of a road, under a bill (HB 469) that received its first House committee backing Tuesday. The Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee unanimously supported the Move Over Act for utility vehicles by Rep. Holly Raschein, R-Key Largo. The bill requires motorists to move over a lane, or slow down to a speed that is 20 mph less than the posted speed limit, when a clearly identified work-crew vehicle is parked and crews are working on electric, natural gas, water, wastewater, cable, telephone or other communications services. The bill is modeled after Florida's 11-year-old "Move Over" law for motorists as they approach emergency vehicles parked on roadsides, a law that Raschein, a former legislative aide, said she worked on while a student at Florida State University. The House proposal must still get through the Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee and the Economic Affairs Committee. The Senate version (SB 478) by Sen. Greg Evers, R-Baker, has yet to make a committee appearance.

### FLORIDA GI BILL MARCHES UNOPPOSED THROUGH HOUSE

A proposal that envisions Florida marching point in a state version of the post-World War II GI Bill sped through the House on the opening day of the annual legislative session. The Florida GI Bill (HB 7015), a priority of House Speaker Will Weatherford and Senate President Don Gaetz, was approved unanimously Tuesday in the House. The issue now will move to the Senate, where it also is expected pass easily. The bill would increase educational aid for veterans and National Guard members, increase funding to upgrade the state's National Guard facilities and buy land around U.S. military bases. Also, it would set up a non-profit to attract more veterans to Florida.

### PANEL TAKES UP SIMULATED GUNS BILL:

The Senate Criminal Justice Committee will consider a bill (SB 1060), filed by Chairman Greg Evers, R-Baker, that would tweak school zero-tolerance laws. Under the National Rifle Association-backed bill, children could not be disciplined for simulating guns while playing or for wearing clothes that depict firearms.



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# HB 1159 - Traffic Offenses General Bill by Dudley

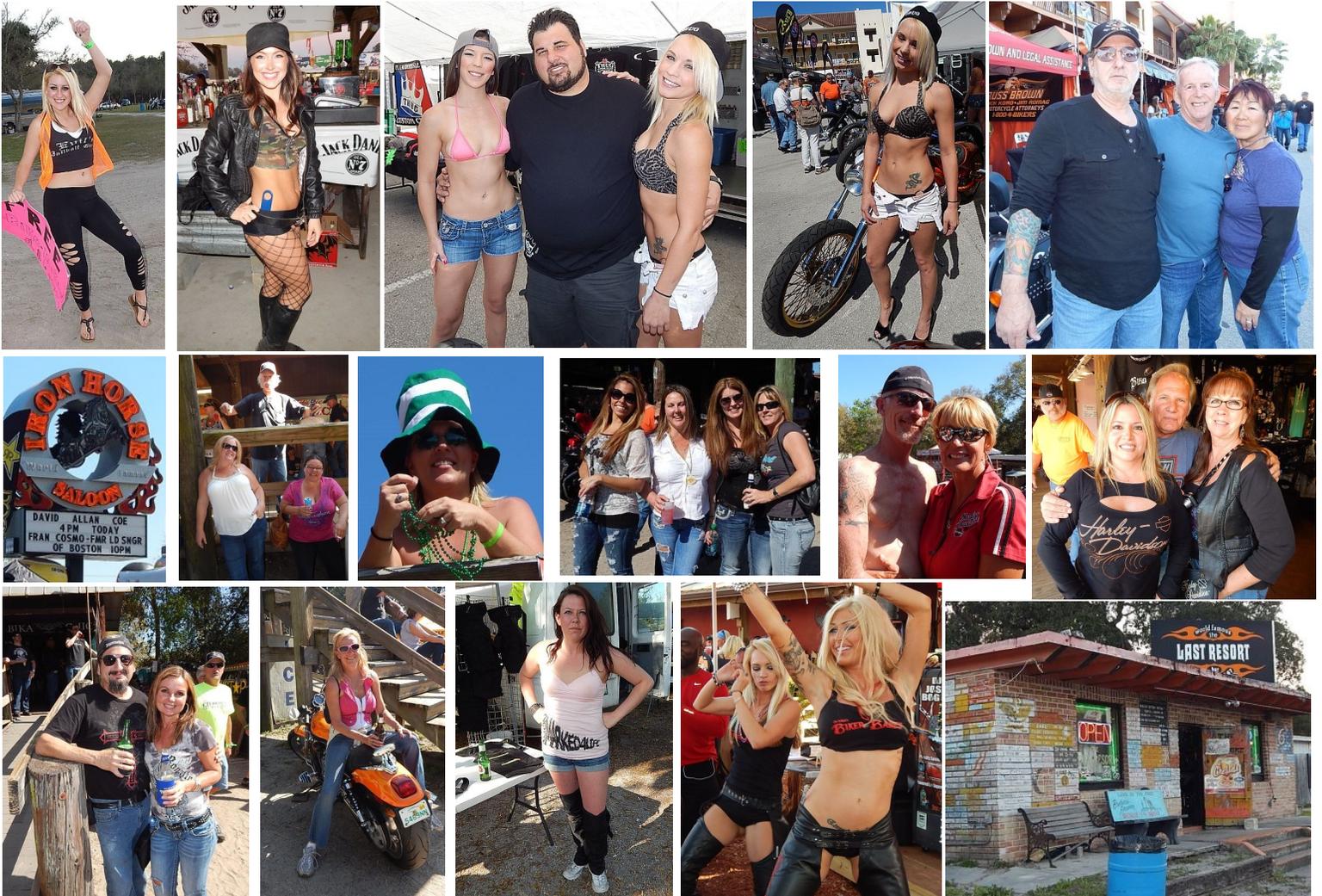
Traffic Offenses: Provides criminal penalties for person who commits moving violation that causes serious bodily injury or causes death of vulnerable road user; defines term "vulnerable road user"; provides requirements for reinstatement of driving privilege.

In my opinion, this is the best Bill because it defines the term "Vulnerable Road User". the term "vulnerable road user" means:

- (a) A pedestrian, including a person actually engaged in work upon a highway, or in work upon utility facilities along a highway, or engaged in the provision of emergency services within the right-of-way;
- (b) A person operating a bicycle, motorcycle, scooter, or moped lawfully on the roadway;
- (c) A person riding an animal; or
- (d) A person lawfully operating any of the following on a public right-of-way, crosswalk, or shoulder of the roadway:
  1. A farm tractor or similar vehicle designed primarily for farm use;
  2. A skateboard, roller skates, or in-line skates;
  3. A horse-drawn carriage;
  4. An electric personal assistive mobility device; or
  5. A wheelchair.

Just look at how many other people this bill protects.

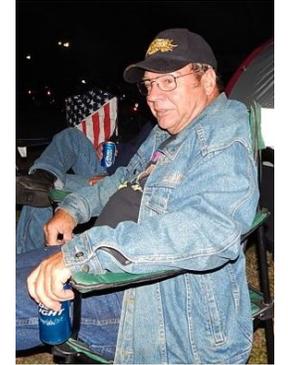
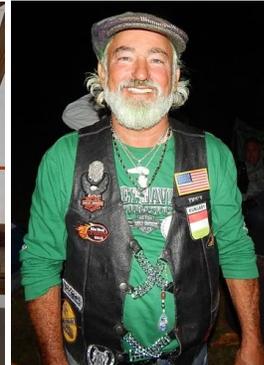
Darrin "Scribe" Brooks, State Legislative Trustee, ABATE of Florida, Inc.

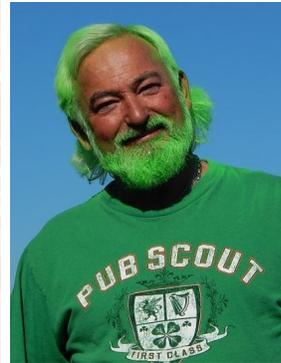


# BIKEWEEK 2014 'THE FIRST' WEEKEND



## BIKEWEEK SECOND WEEKEND





# ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes

## March 23, 2014

The gavel came down loudly upon its strikeplate and President of the Chapter brought the meeting to order at 11:38am. There were 26 members present. The Chapter recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and observed brief time of reverent silence.

**President Ed "Nighthawk" Lattari** – Secretary Debbie "Foxybabe" Wenger and Safety Director Charlie "Niblick" Wenger will not be present, and are excused. Appreciative thanks were given to everyone who attended the ABATE campground during Bike Week. Nighthawk went on to mention that the group ride, on back roads to the campground, was very enjoyable. A reminder was given that Leesburg Bikefest is April 24-27, and everyone was encouraged to stay at the ABATE campground located at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie in Leesburg. Nighthawk informed the Chapter that nominations for Chapter Officers and Trustees will begin today. A presentation was given, regarding the Chapter's new trailer, followed by brief discussion. The trailer is complete and ready for pickup. Niblick and Hamish will be traveling to receive and tow the trailer back from the manufacturer.

**Vice President Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson** – Slo Motion reports that the ABATE campground was good. Slo Motion's opinion is there has been a decline in Daytona attendance. May is Motorcycle Month.

**Secretary Charles "CB" Barcellona** - There will be a matching donation challenge to cover any unbudgeted trailer expenses. The Chapter's Board of Directors and Trustees nominations for 2014-2015 will begin today.

**Treasurer Debbie "Foxybabe" Wenger** – Nighthawk presented a brief summary financial report. The Chapter is solvent, and will remain fully solvent even after the payment of the new trailer.

**Membership Trustee Debbie "Foxybabe" Wenger** – no report

**Sgt. at Arms Pete "Petee" Carroll** – Petee reports that with the closing of several venues, the Chapter needs additional distribution points for the newsletter. Nighthawk added that a distribution list is needed, detailing locations and number of copies to be dropped off, in order to limit costs and have the information on record in case there is an absence of a volunteer.

**State Delegates Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson and Ken "Snooze" Gerecke** – The Tallahassee ride to the State Capitol is in April. A printed t-shirt was offered in exchange for donation.

**Products Trustee (position open)** - No report

**Newsletter Trustee Dan "Slo Motion Henderson** – Slo Motion informed the Chapter that more advertisers always sought. A reminder was made that member's classifieds are free.

**Safety Trustee Charlie "Niblick" Wenger** – Absent, excused.

**Webmaster Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson** - Slo Motion reports that there were more website tweaks. Slo-Motion will be taking on the duties of the ABATE state webmaster.

**Old Business** - A total of \$465 was donated to the Chapter for trailer expenses, through the generosity of all members present at the meeting.

**New Business** – Nominations were made for Chapter Officers and Trustees

**Good of the Order** – Local events were announced. Nighthawk has stickers for the United Bikers Counsel of Palm Beach County for sale. There are also stickers available for the South Florida Confederation of Clubs.

The motion to adjourn carried at 12:25pm and the meeting was ended.

This concludes the minutes of the March 23rd, 2014 ABATE Palm Beach Chapter meeting.



**Island Jacks**  
Public Bar & Grill

# BIKE NIGHT

**THE PLACE TO BE... 6 to 10pm WEDNESDAY NIGHT!!**  
**"Where Locals Catch... A Bite & Brew"**  
**Live Classic Rock Bands-Cold Beer & Hot Wings**  
 Sponsored By Gorilla Motors

**25¢** Raffles & Giveaways Vendors Welcome **\$250** BOTTLES  
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# WHY JOIN ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.?

ABATE of Florida Inc is a non-profit Motorcycle Rights Organization whose cause is to EDUCATE the government, motorcyclists and the general public on freedom, rights and road safety.

**REQUIREMENTS**—must be at least 18 years of age. It does not matter what you or even if you ride. You can be an independent or member of a club or association. All are welcome at meetings.

**Join for the cause.** Everything is voluntary, we understand work and family comes first. We hope you can help in any small way, vote and spread the word. \$20 for Year or \$150 Life which is split between chapter and state.

**BENEFITS** Your money is used to provide a lobbyist to the state and federal government to watch for our rights and freedom. You get a State *MasterLink* newsletter every 2 months. The chapter newsletter is available online [abatepalmbeach.com](http://abatepalmbeach.com) so is in color and with Internet links. We print black and white copies for the general public to be informed available at various establishments. Members get free classified and reduced ad rates.

**INSURANCE** As an active member in good standing you have a \$4,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy from American Income Life. You will get a card in the mail from state office to register your beneficiary for ADD insurance. Do NOT mail it, just be sure your family knows about the policy. If you send it in and they try to meet to sell you more, contact State Office to have it stopped. You can mail to the office as Registered letter to have it done when you family notifies. be sure to renew in time so are always covered! It does not have to be a motorcycle accident.

**PRIVACY** Your email, address and phone are never given out to anyone except State and Chapter executive members. You We have stopped listing the expiring members in newsletter, you do get letters letting you know. No full names will appear in newsletter nor website without your permission. Photos are included to help promote Brotherhood.

## CLASSIFIEDS

These ads are free to members so send in your items to sell or things you are looking for.





## 16th Annual ROCK 'N ROLL SUNDAY

PRESENTED BY: THE NAMKNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB OF AMERICA

### SUNDAY, MAY 18TH

### GREENACRES COMMUNITY PARK

Just off Jog Road, 1 block north of 10th Ave in Greenacres.

Welcome to the 16th Annual Nam Knights Rock'n Roll Sunday being held on the 18th of May, 2014. Starting at noon - 6:00pm! at the Greenacres Community Park

Bring the whole family, a great day of fun, food, entertainment and music for everone.

Classic Car Show .... Motorcycle Show ... Nam Knights Skills Run

The Nam Knights Motorcycle Club would like to thank all the vendors and the people that supported or attended this event last year! With your assistance we were able to make significant donations to our Veteran related causes.

Thank you, please [click here](#) to see our 2013 donations. Without the support of our vendors, community, sponsors, the hard working members of the Nam Knights Motorcycle Club of Palm Beach County and our supporters this could not happen year after year..



# ABATE OF FLORIDA INC. PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



**Membership Dues: \$20 per person for 1 year or \$150 for Life Membership**

Fill out form, print, sign attach your check or money order and mail to:

**ABATE — Palm Beach Chapter  
P.O. Box 32215  
West Palm Beach, FL 33420-2215**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY Will Palm Beach be your HOME. Voting chapter? \_\_\_\_\_  
 NEW \_\_\_\_: Year \_\_\_\_ or Life \_\_\_\_ Renew: \_\_\_\_ Transfer: \_\_\_\_ Address Change: \_\_\_\_

First : \_\_\_\_\_ Last : \_\_\_\_\_ Road : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip (full): \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Voter? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ State House: \_\_\_\_ State Senate: \_\_\_\_ US Dist: \_\_\_\_

How can you best help ABATE? Time, Labor, Money, Other \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

State newsletter, *MasterLink* Mailed every other month \_\_\_ or online \_\_\_ [abateflorida.com](http://abateflorida.com)  
 Chapter newsletter *The Chrome Chronicles* is online at start of month in color with active Links. If you do not have Internet, printed copies can be gotten at the meeting or various distribution points. If you need mailed check here \_\_\_. It costs over \$18 to mail, so donations are appreciated \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 You may also order Patches at this time **MEMBERSHIPS FEE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Large Chapter Patch 10" by 10.5" \$35 each # \_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Small Chapter Patch 5" by 5.5" \$10 each # \_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Total of membership, patches, etc. Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP CARD / PATCHES CAN BE GOTTEN AT CHAPTER MEETING (on the third Sunday of Month) OR MAILED WITHIN 30 DAYS . LIFE CARD MAY TAKE LONGER AS PICKED UP AT STATE MEETINGS EVERY OTHER MONTH



## **Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting VFW POST 4143**

**3RD SATURDAY April 19, 2014 11:30 am due to Easter**

**Directions:** 2404 Broadway (US1), Riviera Beach - Exit I-95 at Blue Heron Blvd, go east to Broadway (US1) turn south and is 1 block on east side. **Bike Parking is on south side of building.**

Come early, enjoy a good breakfast deal and socialize with other members.

### **GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE**

**To** print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.

**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 individual rights.

**To** educate the public about motorcycle awareness.